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LLEW O'BRIEN CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS TO REGIONAL EDUCATION REVIEW

Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien today invited community members to have their say in a landmark review into regional, rural and remote education initiated by the Coalition Government.

Mr O'Brien said today the review marked an important milestone of the independent review, with the release of a discussion paper and launch of an online platform for public submissions.

The discussion paper, prepared by the reviewer Emeritus Professor John Halsey, identifies the key issues and challenges faced by rural students and poses areas of focus to stimulate ideas about possible solutions.

"I encourage Wide Bay educators, families, employers and members of the community to consider the discussion paper, and take this opportunity to share their ideas on how best we can support local students to succeed in school and beyond," Mr O'Brien said.

"The Coalition Government is listening closely to regional communities like Wide Bay, in our efforts to improve the education and preparation of young people from the country to develop into their best selves and ensure they can fully participate in the 21st century economy."

Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce said the Halsey Review was part of the Coalition's efforts to ensure regional, rural and remote students not only achieve success at school, but go on to further study, training and employment.

"Students living outside our major cities face unique challenges compared to their city cousins which can cause significant disparities between their education outcomes," Minister Joyce said.

"And the difference starts early. We know regional, rural and remote students are more likely to have developmental vulnerabilities when they start school, such as lower language and cognitive skills. Their NAPLAN results are generally lower and they go on to be under-represented in higher education.

Minister Birmingham said the public submissions would highlight issues to be further explored by the review through face-to-face consultations from July to October.

"Having now delivered a true model of needs-based funding for Australian schools - which results in an average annual rate of per student funding growth for students in regional and remote areas of 4.9 per cent compared with 4.1 per cent for all students - we are determined to ensure schools are armed with the best information to put this record funding to the most effective use possible," Minister Birmingham said.

"The inquiry is particularly keen to hear from members of the education community, families, employers, government agencies and the philanthropic sector about how best we can support regional, rural and remote students to succeed in school and beyond."

The final report and recommendations of the independent review will be provided to Government by the end of this year.

Submissions will close at 5pm, AEST 29 August 2017. For more information visit: https://www.education.gov.au/independent-review-regional-rural-and-remote-education

NATIONAL SENIORS

The Coach Tour on the 21st September is to the Sunshine Coast,Includes Q'ld Zoo,Lunch at Woombye & on to Eumundi town walk Cost $80 , Leaving Murgon at 6am & on to Kingaroy.

The next meeting at the Murgon Bowls Club is on the 19th October after morning tea 9.30am. Photo competition is Lake / Dam

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SEASONAL WORK INCENTIVES OFFER FRESH APPROACH FOR WIDE BAY

The Coalition Government's Seasonal Work Incentives Trial offers a range of incentives for unemployed people to undertake seasonal horticultural work to help them gain experience and improve their skills.

Federal Member for Wide Bay, Llew O'Brien today said the trial will support those looking for work and businesses keen to give workers a start.

"This is a win-win for local job seekers and growers in the horticultural industry, as growers are often are in need of short-term labour during peak times," Mr O'Brien said.

"Horticultural work offers excellent practical opportunities for people keen to build their skills and gain work experience."

The Seasonal Work Incentives Trial offers financial incentives to support unemployed people to take up work opportunities for up to six weeks. The $27.5 million trial will commence from 1 July 2017 for two years and is capped at 7,600 participants.

"The best form of welfare is a job and the Seasonal Work Incentives Trial is targeted to assist 7,600 unemployed people undertake seasonal horticultural work, such as fruit picking, to get work experience and build their skills," Mr O'Brien said.

The trial's incentives are available to eligible Newstart and Youth Allowance (Other) recipients who have been receiving those payments continuously for at least three months and are participating in jobactive, Transition to Work or Disability Employment Services.

The incentives include:

- Participants being able to earn up to $5,000 each year from qualifying seasonal horticultural work without it being assessed under the social security income test.
- Eligibility for a Seasonal Work Living Away and Travel Allowance of up to $300 each year, if they undertake qualifying seasonal horticultural work more than 120 kilometres from their home.
- Employment service providers will receive a Provider Seasonal Work Incentive Payment of $100 per week for up to six weeks a year for each eligible person that they place with eligible farmers.

For further information about the trial, please visit www.employment.gov.au.

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Welcome to the West Burnett!!

This section of the South Burnett is home to at least 15 major sites including Heritage locations, major agricultural enterprises, recreation facilities and prototype developments. Many of these have no counterparts in the South Burnett. Can you name some or all of them?

If you did not visit the "Unlock Proston" heritage display arranged and monitored by members of the Proston Round Table then you missed a unique chance to revisit the history of this small town. Spoken mainly in photographs and backed up by written memoirs and memorabilia it gave an evocative testimony to the efforts of our district's pioneers and the families who have endured to the present day.

It is the hope of Round Table that a way can be found to house a permanent museum display in safe and easily accessible premises. And it is a reminder that current items such as dockets, diaries and photos which seem to be mundane in the present time will one day in the distant future be treasured momentos.

The first Heritage Trail walk was enjoyed thoroughly by all who took part, and more are planned for Saturday 19th August and Saturday 30th September. The latter date will coincide with some planned activities for the South Burnett – Cherbourg on Show celebrations in Proston.

Plans to have a centre for meditation built in the Railway Park are coming to fruition with the approval of funds to construct a Labrynth.

This will have a unique "take" on a traditional design, with the use of a shady tree as the centre point.

Proston is soon to have a defibrulator unit installed in one of the main street business houses. The purchase of this unit was made possible with funding from Proston Lions, Rewardle bonuses from participating businesses and community donations. Our local Ambulance officer "Jonesy" has been diligent in making sure that all our community groups have regular training in CPR techniques.

"Proston": an Aboriginal name meaning 'Bottle Tree', do you have a story to tell regarding your business or organization which you would like to see on this page?

Please contact me on 4168 9297 or email nelyoung@bigpond.com Photo: The Old Proston Bakery.

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KINGAROY GIRL RETURNS FOR HOME TOWN EXHIBITION

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Returning to her roots, ex-Kingaroy girl, Michele Retschlag (nee Heading), is taking over two galleries at the Kingaroy Art Gallery for her watercolour exhibition “Memories and Moments”.

Michele grew up in Kingaroy and went to Kingaroy State High. Her father Alf Heading started the South Burnett Radiator and Tinning Works in 1948 and worked there until his retirement in 1976 at which point the family moved to Mooloolaba.

After graduating from the Queensland College of Art, Michele worked as an illustrator in the Zoology Department at the University of Queensland. In 1986 Michele established a school of Watercolour and has tutored regularly for the Watercolour Society of Queensland. Over a 20-year period Michele has tutored with many organisations including the McGregor Winter School, Camp Creative Summer School, and many regional galleries throughout Queensland.

In support of her exhibition Michelle will be holding a Watercolour workshop at the Gallery on August 30th all the details can be found on the Kingaroy Art Gallery’s web page. www.kingaroyart.com.au

Wondai artist Jan Sody takes over Gallery Two in August for her colour inspired exhibition – “The Bright Side”. Widely travelled around Australia, and having lived in colour soaked places such as Darwin, Alice Springs and Perth has given Jan plenty of inspiration for her subject matters. However, Art Deco and Art Nouveau are her favourite art periods. She sees herself as a decorative artist, tending towards designs and occasionally straying into the whimsy.

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GET STARTED VOUCHERS

'Get Started Vouchers' is one of the funding programs developed as part of the Queensland Government's Get in the Game initiative to support sport and active recreation at the grassroots level.

'Get Started Vouchers' assist children and young people who can least afford, or may otherwise benefit from, joining a sport or active recreation club. Eligible children and young people can apply for a voucher valued up to $150, which can be redeemed at any sport or recreation club that is registered for 'Get Started Vouchers'.

Eligible applicants are Qld children and young people aged from 5 to 17 who either hold or whose parents, carer or guardian hold a valid centrelink health care card or pensioner concession card with the child's name on it, or are identified by a registered referral agent.

The funding will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. Once the allocation for the round is exhausted, the program will close and no further vouchers will be offered.

Applications for Round 10 of the 'Get Started Vouchers' open on 12 July 2017 and usually go within the first week.

"I encourage South Burnett residents to get in quick and register as these vouchers are snapped up very quickly", Cr Frohloff said.

For more information visit the Queensland Government website at https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/getstarted/ or contact them on 13 QGOV (13 74 68).

TOWARDS 2025: BOOSTING AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION

The Minister for Employment and Minister for Women, Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash, said the Towards 2025 strategy incorporates many of the important initiatives outlined in the 2017–18 Budget, that will deliver significant outcomes for Australian women and the economy.

"The Government's historic investment of an additional $2.5 billion in child care and $430 million to support universal access to pre-school for all four year olds will encourage more than 230,000 families to return to work or increase their paid employment," Minister Cash said.

An additional $263 million over the next four years will expand the ParentsNext pre-employment program, which helps parents of young children to plan and prepare for work by connecting them with services in their local community.

The Government also committed $10 million over the next three years to the new Launch into Work program, which is due to begin later this year.

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STRONGER COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME ROUND 3 HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2017.

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien is calling for expressions of interest for funding from Round 3 of the Federal Coalition Government's Stronger Communities Programme (SCP).

"Up to $150,000 is available to support small capital projects to benefit local communities in Wide Bay" Mr O'Brien said.

"Eligible organisations, including councils and incorporated not for profit community service and sporting groups, can apply for grants of between $2,500 and $20,000 from the Government, supported by matching cash or in-kind contributions from other sources for the project.

"The SCP is a great opportunity for councils and community service and sporting organisations to seek funding for projects to help them improve their facilities and strengthen their communities."

Organisations should consult the SCP guidelines and the frequently asked questions on the website www.business.gov.au/assistance/stronger-communities-programme to determine eligibility.

"I encourage organisations interested in bringing forward SCP project proposals to contact my electorate office on telephone 4121 2936, or the Sunshine Coast or Wide Bay Burnett Regional Development Australia Committees through the website www.rda.gov.au for further information," Mr O'Brien said.

"Applications will be prioritised by a local Stronger Communities Programme committee and assessed against the SCP guidelines to ensure that project proposals offer value for money."

SCP project proposals should be submitted by email to Llew.OBrien.MP@aph.gov.au by 11th August 2017.

Previous rounds of the SCP delivered funding to a range of organisations in Wide Bay, assisting with:

- playground equipment at Murgon's Rotary Youth Park;

  a new kitchen for Maryborough's St Vincent de Paul shop

  car parking at Murgon's Castra
- lighting at Noosa Dolphins Rugby Club;

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July 31st saw 14 members gather at ***Dimitie's Cottage***, Wondai for a social morning tea. Host and owner Graham provided us with a tasty array of delicacies(buffet style) which included home baked scones and jam,caramel slice, ham sandwiches and fruit platter etc. Three different slices were creatively presented on a tiered plate in bite sized pieces and these were quickly devoured. A ***white Christmas*** slice which was included was in keeping with the ***Christmas In July*** event which was in its final day. ***Dimitie's Cottage has this event yearly and it runs for one month. The cottage was still decorated with Christmas trees, Christmas o***rnaments, Christmas floral works etc which provided the appropriate atmosphere. Thanks to Graham for catering for our group at a busy time for him. There was much chatter at morning tea on a variety of topics from the benefits of vinegar to how everyone was going. The two hours just flew by.

Try ***Dimitie's Cottage*** for your social event **07 4168 5744**.

This month's lucky prizes were kindly donated by Lyn Reynolds of Proston and included two beautifully knitted sensory mitts. Carmen and Merrilyn were excited to be the winners and there was much discussion on what they would be using them for.

AUGUST 28 will see us meet back at ***Castra Aged Care Facility*** for a special guest speaker from ***Angel Flight***. We are hoping for a good turnout and members of the public are invited to attend. To reserve a seat phone Darry**l 4168 3116** or Carmen **5486 1268** as numbers may be limited. Our group is friendly and fun - come along to see for yourself.

Photo: Carmen Emery-Strathdee and Merrilyn Calvert-Robinson with their lucky prizes.

NEW PRINCIPAL ANNOUNCED

Brisbane Catholic Education announced the appointment of Mrs Tracey Gerrard as the Principal of St Joseph's Primary School, Murgon. On behalf of the Murgon community we extend a warm welcome to Tracey.

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Moffatdale Ridge Winery 2017 ITALIAN FESTIVAL

Saturday 9th of September 2017

Well it's here again the third annual Moffatdale Ridge Italian Festival, come and enjoy a celebration of all things Italian. Another Wonderful day filled with traditional Italian Wine, Food and Music, whether it's some creamy sun dried tomato Gnocchi from our own D'Vine restaurant, or some authentic Sicilian Sausages, maybe mouth-watering chocolate Cannoli from Mario and Francis, always a crowd favourite and this year we have a pop up restaurant from My Kitchen rules winner "EAT @ Dan and Steph's" who will prepare a porchetta panino and local fresh salad on a crusty Baguette, or even a wood fired Pizza and that's just the start.. Wash that down with our award winning, estate grown wines or enjoy an icy cold Peroni beer.

That's just to get you in the mood for our main stage entertainment, with headline act, and Italian entertainment sensation "Fortunato Isgro and his Let's Dance Band" band, plus "Meg Kiddle" one of Queensland's leading Operatic Sopranos, 12 Pce Big Band "Soul Good", Oz Sax Legend Tom Mc Kenzie and lot's more.

And for those who are feeling just a little bit hungry after all that Dancing, we have our third annual Pasta Eating competition. Throw in Roberta from Saucy Fork, with a cooking demonstration, a game of Bocce and a double scoop of Gelato. Mama Mia what a day.

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"Annastacia Palaszczuk has been caught out ripping off every man, woman and child in Queensland.

"ACCC boss Rod Sims has told ABC radio recently that Labor's decisions under Peter Beattie, Anna Bligh and now Annastacia Palaszczuk had led to Queenslanders paying though the nose for electricity.*

"Mr Sims said it was not only households that were being affected by Labor's unabashed cash-grab - small businesses and manufacturers are also feeling the pinch.

"We have already seen some of the state's biggest manufacturers, Sun Metals in Townsville, Boyne Smelters in Gladstone and now today, Rio Tinto, either sack workers or earmark future job losses because of soaring electricity prices under Labor.

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SOUTH BURNETT UP IN LIGHTS

The South Burnett showcase at Regional Flavours event is expanding year on year. Social media is abuzz with the appearance of Discover South Burnett's regional food ambassador Chef Jason Ford appearing on digital billboards across Brisbane.

Experience Queensland on a plate at the states premiere free food and wine festival held in Brisbane's picturesque South Bank Parklands on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 July. The event features free entertainment from celebrity chefs and industry experts, with Chef Jason Ford serving up the South Burnett on the Queensland Taste stage. This year Chef Ford will be showcasing the versatile avocado and, thanks to Barry and Michelle Trousdell of Mt Binga Orchards, event goers will be able to sample a little of what the South Burnett avocado industry is renowned for. Jason will also make an appearance on the main stage at the Piazza alongside Gary Mehigan from MasterChef and Miguel Maestre from The Living Room to spruik local South Burnett produce and the region as a travel destination.

Billboard Promotion around Brisbane - Crispy Salmon with Avocado Mousse on tomato and caper salsa

The South Burnett has a strong brand presence at Regional Flavours with producers delivering the same message – we're not far from Brisbane and would love to see you in the South Burnett! Regular supporting stallholders include Clovely Estate, Crane Wines, Kingsley Grove Estate, Bunya Red Farm, Taste South Burnett, The Peanut Van, Chinchilli and the new comer for 2017 is Edenvale Milling Canary Meal. The South Burnett will also deliver a pop up food stall with the South Burnett sticky pork belly wrap that is getting quite a name for itself – full of local produce offerings it is essentially South Burnett on a plate...or in a wrap. Another offering is the ever popular Bunya Nut Fudge, a great conversation starter about the spectacular Bunya Mountains, a special place in our region.

RECORD SINCE 1979 BROKEN AT MURGON STATE SCHOOL

Danny Young broke the 12years boys 100 metre record in a time of 13:48. He beat the record previously held by Chris Draheim since 1979 by 0.02 of a second.

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Covering The South Burnett

South Burnett Regional Council adopts the 2017-2018 Budget

At this Special Budget Meeting, Mayor Keith Campbell presented his budget for the coming 2017-2018 year for implementation as of 1 July.

"The preparation for this Budget has probably been one of the most difficult I have been involved with. A number of factors have combined this year to place enormous pressure on our ability to maintain a balanced budget while maintaining a rate increase of only 2.5%." Mayor Campbell said.

The main priority of this budget was to maintain the sound financial position which has been achieved over the last 9 years and to continue to improve our sustainability in both the short and long term.

I believe we have achieved a budget that delivers the appropriate mix of financial restraint along with a works program that will progress economic growth and sustainability. Roads, in particular our rural road network remain a key priority. Accordingly $24.58m has been provided for the design, maintenance and renewal of our road network, including $3.3m for gravel maintenance,

$4.1m on pavement rehabilitation and widening and $2.7m on reseals.

Some key highlights of the Budget are:

- Community Assistance Grants will continue in a new format, with $246,500 being allocated across the various categories.
- The $200 rebate off rates for all eligible pensioners has been maintained and when combined with the State Government rebate pensioner's receive $400 off their rate bill.
- Approximately $12M has been allocated towards the operations and maintenance of our water and waste water networks including $5.12m towards renewals or upgrades to the network.
- The development of a Sport & Recreation Plan in conjunction with North Burnett Regional Council and Cherbourg Aboriginal Council with $100,000 being funded by the Department of Sport & Recreation with the remaining $30,000 being funded by the Councils
- $2.58m for the maintenance of Council's building infrastructure and $3m for parks maintenance
- Planning will commence this year on developing concepts, undertaking community consultation and some design work towards a project for the revitalisation of Kingaroy CBD.
- The South Burnett Rail Trail will be completed by July with an official opening to be held in conjunction with South Burnett Cherbourg On Show weekend in October.
- A new Strategic Plan is being developed for Economic Development in the region.
- Development of a new Corporate Plan during 2017/18.

Ratepayers money is allocated to a wide range of services for interest the following is a breakdown of net expenditure per every $1,000 of general rates.

- Roads & Drainage $419
- Parks & Recreation Reserves $112
- Building & Property Maintenance $63
- Corporate Performance, Finance & Human Resources $59
- Libraries & Halls $50
- Swimming Pools $50
- Economic Development & Tourism $40
- Environmental Health Services $35
- Cemeteries & Public Conveniences $33
- Council Depots & Store Facilities $29
- Information & Communication Technology $29
- Community Support, Heritage & Arts $22
- Planning, Building and Plumbing Services $20
- Rural Services (pest management & saleyards etc) $19
- Customer Service Centres & Administration Offices $17
- Other Activities $3

For a full summary of the 2017-18 budget please go to Council's website www.southburnett.qld.gov.au

NEW APEX MEMBERS INDUCTED IN MURGON

Reka Rozumberski, Jo Allotta and Jeanette Brown were the new Murgon APEX members who were welcomed to APEX at their Annual Dinner recently.

Incoming President Trent Wrayford was congratulated by life member and former Murgon resident police officer Steve Schultz who now resides in Bundaberg and was accompanied by wife Tracey.

Other Murgon APEX Life Members who attended the dinner were Jim and Evelyn Kingston, Ashley Rewald and Bruce and Veronica Sommerfeld.

Outgoing Presidents Report

It has been an absolute honour to be the President of the Murgon APEX Club for the past three years. There was a low time when it came down to 3-4 members and the future of the club wasn't looking good.

We gained a couple of members and things were looking good, then we lost 3 members as they moved out due to work.

We also sadly said goodbye to a very well loved senior active member and my father in law AJ, Allan Peter Jensen, his presence is missed often especially at things like this. Rest in Peace Dad.

Thankfully we gained more new members as of tonight we have Phil, Joe, Reka, Trent, Netty and myself and also Trent's partner Rachel as a new member to come and of course Daryl who is a senior active but helps out a lot.

We also have 3 young men that also always help out with the markets and water meter reading, they are Zac Hetherington, Tristan Waldock and Sheldon Brown. Without all these people we would not be here tonight, so thank you.

After a recent trip to Biggenden for an area meeting it came to our attention that the Biggenden club has 13 members, the Fraser Coast APEX Club has 4 members and the Bundaberg Club which had 20 plus members is down to just 5, I know its not a competition but it is a great feeling knowing that we are not the smallest club and not the only club struggling to get new members.

II would like to thank everyone from over the past three years that have been here to help keep this awesome club active and on its own feet with many more great years ahead. Yours in APEX.

Aaron Waldock.

Service Report

Monthly Markets

Reading Water Meters assisted by other clubs

Hiring out of our Coldroom

Happy hour at Southern Cross Care Castra

BBQ Lunch for Angela Blakie at the Murgon Golf Club

Raffles at the Murgon RSL for Jennifer Perry who walked unaided and by herself from Mount Perry to Toowoomba to raise awareness and raise money for Brain Cancer which she herself had and has beaten.

Donation to Care Flight

Lastly we made a donation at a "Come Dine at Mine" special dinner near Booie for a special little boy who had brain cancer, money went to Camp Quality and the Brain Cancer Foundation at the Children's Hospital.

Incoming Presisents Report

Welcome to you all at this 2017 Murgon APEX changeover

Firstly, thank you to Aaron Waldock for his Presidency and the outgoing executive team.

A little about myself, My name is Trent Wrayford, I am 33 years of age and grew up in a little town called Peachester, on the Sunshine Coast hinterland, on my grandparents dairy farm. I trained as a Enrolled Nurse prior to being accepted into the Queensland Ambulance Service as a student Paramedic in 2005. I commenced my training at Spring Hill station in Brisbane CBD and qualified as an Advanced Care Paramedic in 2007. I worked at Spring Hill station for 9 years before doing relief work at Dirranbandi station for 12 months, then moved to Murgon, where I am currently stationed in 2015. At present however, I am transferring my career back to nursing due to a visual disability which resulted in the loss of my drivers licence, and have commenced further study at University to complete my Registered Nursing Degree.

I joined Murgon APEX in 2015, which allowed me to meet a great bunch of locals who made me feel welcome to the group and into the Murgon community. With the community in mind, and wanting to set down roots in this area with my partner Rachel Beutel, I purchased a small acreage property at Moffatdale, stepped up into the role of Treasurer for the Murgon Show Society, and assisted in the establishment of the new South Burnett First Aid Volunteers group now residing in the old Girl Guides Hut IN Macalister Street. All in all I enjoy helping people and the community in which ever way I can.

Murgon APEX like all small community organizations at times struggles with its member numbers. However, we have a strong team, enjoy each other's company, and get the job done. This year we will continue with our normal endeavours of water meter readings and monthly market BBQs. Looking into the future, in conjunction with APEX Camps, we are hoping to send two children and possibly their families from the community to attend a camp at one of the venues. This is just another way we can assist and support community families in need. Another big push is to organize more social events for our group and with other APEX groups like Biggenden, Fraser Coast and Bundaberg. I hope that I can support my members and continue to show a strong APEX presence within our local community. I look forward to the challenges ahead and the continuing friendship of my fellow members.

To the future and moving forward, Trent Wrayford, Murgon APEX President.

APEX meetings are held on a fortnightly basis every Thursday night. Info Ph 0412411911.

Murgon APEX is always welcoming new members. Next meeting 10th August.

Editors comment: I was so taken by the above reports of a small club with young people involved that I believed we should share this with the whole community. Murgon APEX has been responsible for many great accomplishments and achievements over the years by its former members and we wish you well.

My badge read Football, Meat Pies and Holden Cars whilst another member had Bomb Disposablist.

MURGON ANNUAL BOOKFEST

Quota has handed the baton onto Murgon Red Cross who will be hosting the Bookfest in Murgon this year in the first week of September, 4th – 8th in partnership with Murgon Men's Shed. Open from 9.00am to 4.00pm each day at 118 Lamb Street, the Country Credits building. Come & browse tables laden with fiction, romance, travel, craft, cooking, children's books, magazines. At bargain prices.

If you would like to offload your unwanted books, magazines, comics for someone else to enjoy, please drop them off at the Murgon Men's Shed any Wednesday, Thursday or Saturday morning. Or if you would like them picked up, please contact David or Linda on 4168 5912

MOFFATDALE STATE SCHOOL

Moffatdale State School welcomes prospective students and families to join us for our Prep to Year 6 Open Day on Wednesday 9th August 2017. 9AM – 11AM

Join us for our "Mid Term Mini Rewards Morning" and help us celebrate "Book Week" by coming dressed as your favourite story book character.

There will be games and storytelling from 9:00am, with a sausage sizzle and fresh fruit platters to share and conclude the morning at 11am.

Moffatdale State School staff and students look forward to showing you why Moffatdale State School students

love to learn!

Have a great day and for further information please contact our Principal Aaron Jones on 4168 4724.

Caron Granger, Small Schools BSM, Moffatdale State School, 892 Barambah Rd, Moffatdale Q 4605.

A soldier in a distant jungle listening post, avid for company of any sort, finally caught a brilliantly coloured parrot, and painstakingly taught it to make what posed for conversation.

One evening the parrot vanished briefly then came winging back in wild excitement, "A woman!" he screeched, "And what a woman!'

The ecstatic soldier grabbed his trusty rifle and plunged into the underbrush after the parrot. Every time he slowed down, the parrot urged him on with "Oh boss! What a face! What a figure!" Finally the parrot stopped, pointed and exhulted, "There she is, boss!"

"What the heck are you trying to pull", roared the soldier, "That's a parrot!"

Welcome to the new Nanango Electorate!

NEW HOSPITAL FOR KINGAROY FINALLY ON THE CARDS

Five years of lobbying and perseverance has paid off with the South Burnett finally securing part funding for a refurbished public hospital in Kingaroy. This has been my number one priority since becoming the local State Member. So many people have worked extremely hard to make this a reality, and I'd particularly like to thank everyone who signed petitions, filled out my surveys and shared their stories about the Hospital. I would also like to thank the hard working staff of the hospital who work in the current less than ideal conditions. We must remember that the 2017/18 funding commitment is only $8million (13%) of the total $62 million needed, so I'll be pushing to ensure the remainder of the funds are delivered.

During June I visited some new parts of the Nanango Electorate, including Goomeri, Kilkivan and Woolooga. Member for Gympie, Tony Perrett showed me around and it was a great opportunity to hear about local issues and meet the community. I look forward to spending more time in this new part of my Electorate.

The recent State Budget shows only 2% of the funding for the entire Wide Bay Burnett's State Road Network has been set aside for the South Burnett. The figures are buried in the Wide Bay/Burnett Qld Transport Roads Investment Program document which outlines funding for our state roads. When you dig into the detail, there is just $1 million budgeted for the whole South Burnett region for the next three years.

Get Involved - Grants, Prizes and Awards

Qld Landcare Awards - Nominate a Landcare group or individual. Closes 4 Sept.

Draft QPC Manufacturing Report - Make a submission about manufacturing in Qld. Closes 6 Sept

Get Playing Places and Spaces - Applications open 19 June for sporting groups.

Sport and Recreation Portal - New Grant Registration Portal for Sport and Rec grants

Community Sustainability Action Grants - Up to $50,000 for environmental projects. Closes 15 Aug

Turning the Screws on Crime - Have one way screws installed on your number plates. 22 July in Kingaroy

New JP Handbook - Download free.

No Excuse for Elder Abuse - Recognise the signs and support elders in our community

Celebrating Multicultural Qld Grants - Funding for events celebrating multiculturalism. Closes 29 August.

2017 Qld Community Achievement Awards - Nominations now open. Recognise a great organisation or individual

School holiday change during Commonwealth Games 2018 - Date Claimer! Add an extra day to school holidays to your calendar during Commonwealth Games next year.

TMR E-reminder service - Sign up to receive your rego renewals and reminders electronically

Eating for Heart Health - Heart Foundation Free Webinar, 8th August. Register your interest.

Deb Frecklington, Member for Nanango

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South Burnett Regional Councillors at the NAIDOC celebrations at Cherbourg

Photo L-R: Mayor Cr Keith Campbell, Cr Roz Frohloff, Cr Roz Heit, Cr Danita Potter, Deputy Mayor Cr Kathy Duff, Cr Gavin Jones.

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SOUTH BURNETT PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

In June, we welcomed John Anderson from the Hervey Bay office of ***Carer's Qld*** as our guest speaker. John had travelled for 2.5 hours to attend and we thank him for his efforts. John gave a comprehensive talk on the programs and services provided by his organisation.

Some services which he referred to were the ***Carer Advisory Service***, the ***No Interest Loan Scheme*** and general counselling services. Counselling is free to members and can be conducted face to face, via email, by mobile phone or landline.

Membership to ***Carers Qld*** is an affordable $15 per year.

For carer information call **1800 242 636**.

Other guests included Iris, Linda, Peg. Carol and Tricia from Graham House and member Peg's brother Rob, who was visiting from Lakes Entrance.

Our **BLUE** prizes this month went to Leif, Gary L., Lyn, Trevor and Charles.Charles won two little **blue** containers for the most useful little **blue** piece (a CHUX). Winners were selected by Iris and John.

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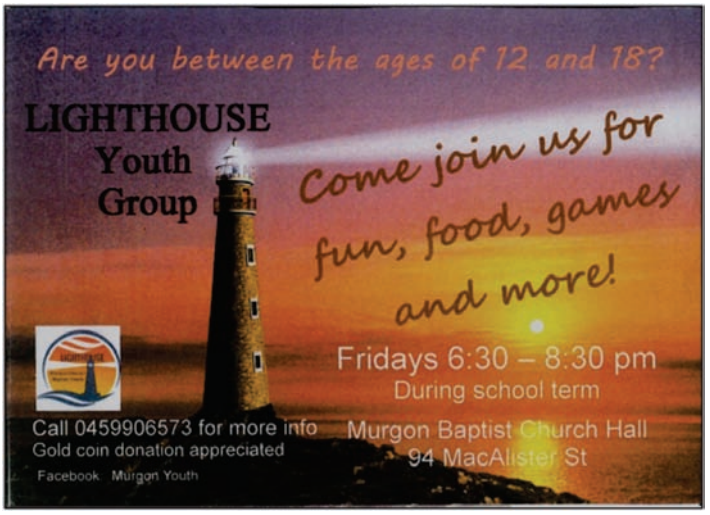

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On the outskirts of Wondai on a 1 hectare block fully fenced. Full length front verandah, 2 bay carport. large games/entertainment area with double sliding glass doors and security screens. Timber kitchen with plenty of cupboard space, vinyl floors into the dining room area. Large L shaped lounge room with a corner brick bar area and a fireplace. The main bathroom features a timber vanity, bathtub and separate shower. There is an entertainment area at the back. Price has been reduced and well worth an inspection. **$295,000 NEG**

UNDER REPLACEMENT VALUE
1100sqm block in the quiet 'Parkside Estate' in Wondai, value for money. Attractive 3 B/R brick home, only 7 years old, immaculate condition. All b/rm's have built in robes. 2 way bathroom, separate shower & bath. 2 separate toilets laundry with large storage cupboard. The kitchen boasts quality cabinetry, self closes, glass display, large pantry. Fully tiled throughout. Fully screened outdoor area, with kitchenette and TV. 3.6m wide garage, automatic door, built in cupboards plus a double bay colorbond shed at the back. Walls and ceiling have insulation. Mceuen State Forest at the rear. Don't miss out on this one. **$289,000**

BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED 3 BRM HOME
This home is a beauty - well maintained, well appointed. Three spacious bedrooms all with built-ins, ceiling fans and quality carpet. The main bedroom and living area are air-cond. The home has a modern, open plan, colonel style kitchen including a dish washer. The bathroom is spacious with separate toilet. Full length front verandah. Large double carport. Two 5,000 gal water tanks. Nothing to do - just move in and enjoy. **$279,000.**

SIMPLY MOVE IN AND ENJOY
Set on a 1012 sqm block, Impeccably presented, 3 B/R brick home requires nothing. A queen size main B/R with air-con, double 2nd B/R and single 3rd B/R with luxury carpet. The kitchen, dining and lounge area is open plan and air-cond. Modern kitchen, dishwasher, large pantry, breakfast bar/servery. separate toilet. Large linen cupboard, ramp access to clothesline. Back verandah & BBQ area. The gardens are a feature. 2 garden sheds. Long carport. 2kw Solar system and 2 rain water tanks. Fully fenced Colorbond fence on 3 sides. **$270,000**

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South Burnett Libraries

Rocket to Reading Update

Since the launch of South Burnett Libraries' Rocket to Reading program in April, over 150 children have registered to be a part of this "out of this world" loyalty program. A third of these registrations are linked to new junior memberships. This program is designed to encourage children not only to use and visit the library, but also to be comfortable and confident in asking staff for help and support when needed.

Children's Book Week

19-26 August 2017

A highlight of the South Burnett Libraries' calendar each August is Children's Book Week, with this year's theme being **"Escape to Everywhere"**. Events have been planned in all our libraries including special school and kindy visits with the aim to further promote community engagement with literature.

Nanango Library

Author Talk - Janice Gallen

Janice will be visiting the Nanango Library on 25 August 2017 at 10.00am to introduce her audience to her "cozy" mysteries: 'Dark Visions', 'Scent of Evil' and 'Brink of the Blue'. "Cozy mysteries" or "cozies", are a subgenre of crime fiction where the emphasis is in the puzzle or who-done-it of the story rather than the salacious details. The crime and detection usually take place in a small, socially intimate community.

To book for this event, please contact the Nanango Library on ☎4189 9438.

Kingaroy Library

Author Talk - Janice Gallen

On Thursday 13 July 2017, local residents and visitors to the Kingaroy Library took a trip down memory lane, enthralled by the stories shared by author Janice Gallen from her novel, 'A Woman's Place'. Janice spoke about life back in the 1950s, shared photos and quotes from her novel.

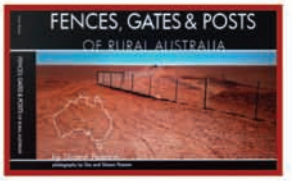
Adult Learners' Week

1-8 September 2017

Adult Learners' Week is celebrated each year at the beginning of Spring with hundreds of events and activities designed to promote the benefits of learning. The Kingaroy Library will be celebrating this event in a big way... keep an eye out the next time you visit for more information.

Book Launch - 'Fences, Gates & Posts of Rural Australia' - Sharon Pearson

Join local author Sharon Pearson at 10.00am on Thursday 17 August as she launches her first book 'Fences, gates and posts of rural Australia' which is a collection of historic, unusual and at times quirky images of the diversity of fences, gates and posts across Australia. Photographed during a trip around Australia with her husband, the images capture the unique stations and places they visited. Sharon will be discussing the book and sharing stories from her travels.



To book for this event, please contact the Kingaroy Library on ☎4189 9256.

Discover the Magic... @ your library

SOUTH BURNETT
REGIONAL COUNCIL

The Murgon Men's Shed are making a concerted effort to create something beautiful from the very much worn out carriage they have inherited and make it a very special exhibit for those using the rail trail, so lets join the Murgon Men's Shed and get behind this project.

MURGON DAIRY & HERITAGE MUSEUM

Well presented, neat and tidy, interesting displays. These were just a few of the comments made by a group of senior citizens who visited the Museum on June 22nd. The group from Toowoomba were on a mystery day tour and were most impressed. They enjoyed a Barbeque lunch prepared by the volunteers, a butter making display and a guided tour. They did not realize that the Museum was here and said that they would be sure to advertise it back in Toowoomba. An enjoyable day with perfect June weather.

The Murgon C&K Kindy recently used the Museum grounds as a venue for family photos. Photos were taken at different locations within the grounds, for example Trinity Homstead and the dairy. The dairy shed was donated by the Koy family Manyung, and is similar to many dairies in the region at that time. A lifesize cow with calf add to the display. On Heritage Day we are fortunate to have a real cow and calf on display which always proves to be an attraction, particularly for children who may not have the opportunity to experience farm life.

Trinity Homestead is an original slab home which was built in 1893 by the Maudsley family. It was relocated to the Museum grounds from Tansey. Trinity is furnished with items from that era and is a true example of what life was like back then. One of the comments we often get from our visitors is the way the buildings and surrounds have been displayed to depict the different periods in time.

Heritage Day this year will be held on Saturday 30th September. What to expect on the day? Once again we have the Animal Nursery, which is always popular with the children. As well for children we will have a Jumping Castle, face painting, games, lucky dips and of course our real life cow and calf. The sulky rides proved popular last year and this year will be there to take you for a ride back in time. The spinners and weavers will be on the verandah of Trinity demonstrating their talents and as well we will have leather making, a blacksmith and displays from Goomeri Chrome Bumpers, antique engines and vintage cars.

Our canteen will be operating and of course our traditional damper and syrup. The museum will also have a stall with homemade cakes, jams, plants etc. The Pincott Family Country Music will be there to keep you entertained. Gates open at 9a.m., entry $5 adults, $3 students and children under 3 free. See you there.

The Museum held a raffle in July and we would like to thank everyone who supported us.

We had 5 prizes and the winners were-

1st. Voucher for 2 to a Tuscon Feast at Moffatdale Ridge- Mick Kapernick

2nd. $50 voucher at Pratt Agencies- Heather Beddows

3rd. Bottle of wine and 2 glasses from Moffatdale Ridge- Erin Schulz

4th. Set of 2 ceramic cannisters- Paula Woods

5th. Set of 3 glass cannisters- Barry Pratt

Once again thank you to all who supported us.

The Museum is situated off Gayndah Road opposite the Murgon Saleyards and is open from 9.30am-12.30p.m., 7 days a week except for some Public holidays.

Joy Fennell

3 Years In A Row!!

South Burnett Business Continues Winning Streak at Industry Awards

James Giles Plumbing has won the Queensland Gas Association Type B Gas Installation of the Year award at the 2017 Plumbing and Gas Industry Awards, held on Friday night at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Brisbane.

This is the third consecutive year that James Giles Plumbing have taken out a top gas installation award.

James Giles Plumbing are currently in the process of undertaking a large major industrial Natural Gas project for the German based plaster board manufacturer, Knauf Plaster Board Pty Ltd in Burnett Heads.

This project includes developing, installing and commissioning the proposed Type B gas appliances, the gas feed and pipe work systems and the design of the 11mw gas pressure reduction station into the large board line dryer.

James Giles Plumbing are also developing and completing a gas safety management plan, Type B gas safety submissions and hazardous area report for the gas system.

This award was toughly fought and runners up, Qld Industrial Gasfitting Services Pty Ltd (QIGS) have received a special commendation for their work on the development of a new facility for G-James at Eagle Farm and their commitment to the Gas Industry in Queensland. QIGS should be congratulated on being Queensland's runner-up in this award category for 2017.

Hosted by the Master Plumbers' Association of Queensland and with the Event Sponsor Tradelink, the Plumbing and Gas Industry Awards aim to highlight the hard work and dedication invested into the industry by apprentices, plumbers, gasfitters, hydraulic consultants and other industry individuals.

This year the awards recognised individuals and companies in 19 categories and hosted VIPs including the Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Sport, the Hon. Mick de Brenni MP, Shadow Minister for Housing and Public Works, Stephen Bennett, the Shadow Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply, Michael Hart, Shadow Assistant Minister for Preventing Family Violence, Terri Butler, State Secretary of the Plumbing and Pipe Trades Employees Union Qld, Gary O'Halloran and Commissioner of the Queensland Building and Construction Commission, Brett Bassett.

South Burnett and Cherbourg On Show

Queensland Dairy and Heritage Museum. Murgon.

Saturday 30th September - Long Weekend

9.00am to 2.00pm

Full Working Displays:

Heritage Singer, Butter Making, Children's Entertainment, Jumping Castle, Pony Rides, Dairy Milking by hand, Blacksmith, Billy Tea and Damper, Cheese Maker, Animal Nursery, Face painting, Games, Lucky dips, Sulky rides, Spinners and Weavers, Grain Grinder, Bush Poet, Leather Working, and displays from Goomeri Chrome Bumpers, Antique engines and Vintage cars. Homemade cakes, jams, plants etc. The Pincott Family Country Music. Museum buildings, (only open for set periods during the day).

Tourists and locals will be able to step back in time and participate in a full working display of heritage equipment as part of 'South Burnett and Cherbourg on Show'. Plus Hot & Cold Light Refreshments.

SATURDAY 30th SEPTEMBER

South Burnett and Cherbourg On Show

October Long Weekend

ALL ABOARD!

MURGON RAIL TRAIL

OPENING

- Billy Cart Races
- Strong Man Competition
- Best Period Costume
- Rides , Jumping Castles, Face painting
- Heritage Displays
- Artists Displays
- Market Stalls
- Food, entertainment & more

Location: Murgon Rail Station
(opposite Murgon Post Office)
Time: 8.30am to 3pm

SOUTH BURNETT Rail Trail

SUNDAY, 1ST OCTOBER

Presentation of the Neal Duff Memorial Race L to R: Kath Duff, John Duff, Patrick & Cedric Duff

Launch of the Unlock Proston exhibition

WONDAI STATE SCHOOL

Prep to year 6 students, from Wondai State School, recently participated in a program called 'World of Maths'.

This program gave students an insight into where maths is used in everyday situations in the world around us.

Teams of students solved challenging problems and worked together rotating around different scenarios.

Murgon State School Athletics Day Friday, 21 July .
Winning Sports House the Awesome Possums.

Age Champions :

Photo top row : Lucy Dyson, Michael Kemp, Evania Fisher, Ziggy Pigeon
Second row : Mia Sandow, Kevin Langton, Samantha Cobbo and Danny Young.

Supporters of the Hivesville Markets at their Committee AGM.

A large gathering of senior citizens attended the “Lunch Learn Laughter” organized by Iris Ferguson from Graham House Community Centre and held at the Murgon Golf Club recently. Margot Ludke, Home Care Services Manager from Orana Community Care in Kingaroy was the guest speaker who spoke on Health and Well Being.

Wide Bay’s sporting champions recognised by Llew O’Brien

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O’Brien today announced the latest round of successful applicants from the Coalition Government’s popular Local Sporting Champions program.

“I’m pleased to congratulate sporting champions in Wide Bay who have been awarded $500 each,” Mr O’Brien said.

“Wide Bay’s sporting champions come from all communities in the electorate, they participate in a diverse range of sports, and they distinguish themselves in state, national and international competitions.

The Federal Government’s Local Sporting Champions program supports young sportsmen and women between the ages of 12 and 18, by providing grants of $500 to help meet the costs of participating in sporting events, including travel, equipment, uniforms and accommodation.

Local recipients were:

Dominique Sandow	State Rugby League Carnival	Cherbourg
Alfred Watcho	School Boys Rugby League Championship	Cherbourg
Selwyn Cobbo	School Boys Rugby League Championship	Cherbourg
Traevonnah Fisher	State Rugby League Junior Carnival	Cherbourg

Combined Proston and Hivesville QCWA AGM

Opening of the South Burnett First Aid Building in Macalister Street Murgon (old girls guide hut)

New executive Murgon Show Society
L-R: Allen Trim (Treasurer), Joan Adams (President), Leisa Bauer (Secretary)

St. George Queensland Reds unveil Indigenous Round jersey designed by Murgon High School Student

The St. George Queensland Reds recently unveiled their Indigenous Round jersey, designed by program participant Janita Langton from Murgon State High School.

Langton, 15, has been a member of Queensland Rugby Union's 'Future Indigenous Leaders Program' for five years and will shortly transition into the 'Reds Generation Next' program.

Langton is from Cherbourg and is a proud Ewamian woman. She is currently in Year 11 at Murgon State High School.

"I've been part of the Reds program since I was in Year 7 at Cherbourg State School," Langton said.

"I was part of the jersey presentation to the Reds last year and it inspired me to want to design this year's jersey. I'm really proud of what I achieved. I'm speechless to be able to design a jersey that I'll see the Reds play in. I'm just really happy. "For the jersey design, I used Torres Strait, Aboriginal and Australian colours to represent all of us as we all come together.

"The five big circles represent us all gathering as a family. The red circle represents the genes of us people, the reddish-brown dots on the outside represents the earth we are standing on and the blue represents the sea."

As part of her involvement in the program and in recognition of her artwork, Langton has also received a bursary from the Office of the Commonwealth Games.

Acting Minister for Education and Minister for Tourism, Major Events and the Commonwealth Games said the Queensland Government was extremely proud of its involvement in the Queensland Reds Indigenous Bursary Program and the talent it fosters, like this year's winner, Langton.

Langton recently took injured Reds captain James Slipper on a tour of Cherbourg, to show him the good work being done in the community as part of the Reds Indigenous Program.

"I was really nervous to take him on a tour but it was a lot of fun to show him my community," she said.

The Indigenous Round match coincided with NAIDOC Week, an opportunity to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements. It is also a chance to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.

Image: Murgon State High School Student Janita Langton and James Slipper on his trip to Cherbourg.

Notice on FaceBook from C.... B...

I was just given this beautiful bunch of flowers as I walked past a shop called "All about you Flowers and Gifts" in Murgon QLD. A lovely young lady came out of the shop and said "These are for you just because...." I always stop in this little town whenever I pass by. What a wonderful town.....

D... B.... C..... commented,

So lovely, makes me think that we should make a document of the businesses that go above & beyond for reference during travels.

And also from another : That sounds like Murgon, great place to stop, even for blokes.

Murgon Men's Shed

2017 Executive and committee members President Jim Rook, Vice President Nev Dennien, Secretary Terry Lear, Assistant Secretary Allen Mitchell, Treasurer John Armstrong, Grants and funding Coordinator Glen Vonhoff, with Committee members being Kieth Hatchett, David Mollenhauer, John Eustace, Tom Mckenzie. Nev French.

Declaration of Membership Fees for 2017/2018: $27.50 inc GST,

A MOMENT – with Murgon Local Ambulance Committee (LAC)

There have been several "memorable" moments recently for Murgon Local Ambulance Committee.

We were delighted to meet several people at the Wondai Country Festival and demonstrate how to use an AED (automatic external defibrillator); and we hope to meet many more people when the Rail Trail is officially opened in August. We will be there!

CPR Awareness sessions have been conducted at both the Anglican and Uniting Churches at Wondai recently. Thirty-two people participated in the training. Our sincere thanks go to Linda, Winston and Margaret, and all who helped arrange these training sessions. If your group or organisation would like to host a CPR Awareness session, please contact the Secretary, 4169 0909.

Four LAC members attended the Darling Downs Area LAC Forum at Dalby, where Queensland Ambulance Service staff provided updates on various aspects of local and State planning and operations. Assistant Commissioner, Rod Sheather, who announced his retirement, was farewelled. Highlight of an extremely interesting display of emergency medicine training resources was a demonstration of how a hi-tech. child-sized manikin could be programmed to present rapidly-changing symptoms of illness or accident trauma.

Murgon LAC is very grateful for two substantial donations received recently. Thank you, Murgon National Seniors and Daphne (Joy) Olesen! These donations will be allocated to providing recently-requested equipment, including the acquisition of a hi-tech. training resource.

Completed REMI forms have been trickling in – but many more were distributed! Rural property owners/ managers - especially those of you with properties that are not easily or quickly accessible using GPS - please complete and return the forms ASAP! We thank Pratt Agencies, BGA and Norco Rural, Murgon, along with BIEDO and others with email, for assisting us with the distribution of these forms; and South Burnett Regional Council Customer Centres at Murgon and Wondai for collecting completed forms. REMINDER: Forms are still available. For further information, contact murgonlac@outlook.com

Two major events in August will be:

Annual General Meeting, to be held at Murgon RSL on Tuesday, 22nd August, commencing at 7 pm. All community members in areas serviced by Murgon Ambulance are cordially invited to attend. Annual reports will be presented and the new committee elected.

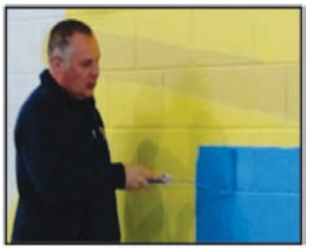
LAC State Conference, to be held at Hervey Bay, from 25th to 27th August. Three delegates from Murgon LAC will attend. Stay safe and be happy! From Murgon Local Ambulance Committee.

UP TO $100K GRANTS OPEN FOR COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING PROJECTS

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien encourages local community groups, organisations and individuals to start their own tree planting projects by applying for grants under Grant Round Three of the 20 Million Trees Program.

Up to $6 million is now available for grants between $20,000 and $100,000 for tree planting projects that will put back threatened bushland and support threatened species, under the Coalition Government's 20 Million Trees Program which will see 20 million trees planted across Australia by 2020. The 20 Million Trees Grant Guidelines: Round Three are also now available and applications close on 15 August 2017.

PCYC South Burnett Youth Mural Project 2017



On Saturday 22 July PCYC South Burnet coordinated a free mural workshop with Toowoomba based Artist Bronte' Naylor of Kontraband Studios

Project Coordinator, Olivia Everitt, put together the workshop to address youth participation in the Arts. The purpose being that not all youth are inclined to use sports as an outlet, and that similar expressions, or even more so could be released through visual learning and art based expressions.

Fifteen South Burnett Youths were invited to the workshop, to learn new skills, connect with like-minded peers and express themselves creatively.

This project was a one day workshop supported by the Queensland Government Arts Queensland fund. A second project is now being planned for the Town of Murgon, involving a 5 day workshop in 2018.

Photo L-R: Kane Brunjes, Project Coordinator Olivia Everitt and Artist Bronte' Naylor

As part of the Australian Government's initiative to help our school children participate in active sports the Australian Sports Commission has provided the Sporting Schools program to assist schools in funding a range of activities that broaden school children's abilities and knowledge base of different sports.

Such sport is Launchpad, a program of Gymnastics Australia that enables schools to participate in a gymnastics program delivered by qualified instructors. Part of the Launchpad program is the interaction of gymnastics, providing students with a small gift and the ability to redeem a free trial at their local club. Part of the gift includes details to enter the competition to win an iPad from Gymnastics Australia. As per the involvement of Tingoora State School in the beginning of the year, local student Izabella Lytton-Hitchins was presented with the iPad by PCYC South Burnett Branch Manager, Rod Gelderblom and Head Gymnastics Coach, Pam Jones at a special assembly in front of the school.

Sgt Gelderblom said, "The introduction of Sporting Schools has enabled local sporting organisations to reach out to students and showcase sports that may not have been before accessible to our school students. Launchpad in particular gives the experience of gymnastics, which has been well taken up and provided to a few of our local schools now and provides our youth with the skills that were normally not available away from the centre."

Launchpad can be delivered at the SB PCYC or directly at the school giving our local youth the best opportunities that are usually only found in larger areas.

Photo's L-R: Sergeant Rod Gelderblom of PCYC South Burnet presents Izabella Lytton-Hitchens of Tingoora State School with an iPad won through her entry through the Launchpad Program. SB PCYC Head Gymnastic Coach Pam Jones congratulating Isabella Lytton-Hitchins from Tingoora School.

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Message from the Manager

After a busy start to the year Graham House Community Centre as always,will endeavour to support and empower the South Burnett community through our wide variety of high quality services and programs.

Graham House offers Parenting Programs, A Domestic Violence Men's Behaviour Change Program, Family Support Services, Broadband For Seniors, Community Kitchen and Emergency Relief just to name a few.

We also have our Family to Family area that holds donated clothing and household items that are available to any community member needing these items.

Graham House can now also provide support to farming community members experiencing drought-related financial hardship as a result of funding provided through the Queensland Government Department of

Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services. If you, or someone you know, needs help please don't hesitate to call myself or Sharon Dowden on 4169 8400. We can meet and discuss support options with you at our Community Centre or even at your home or a venue of your choice. All enquiries are kept strictly confidential. Linda O'Hare, Manager

By popular demand we have invited "Outtawak" back to entertain the residents of the South Burnett Community. The Event will be held at the Murgon Town Hall on Friday18th August , 2017.

Doors will open at 7pm. Tickets will be available at Graham House Reception 21 Taylor Street and Graham House Transport ,Murgon.

For more information contact Graham House on 41698400 or Iris on 0447 683 492 or email

cadw@grahamhouse.org.au

BOOK NOW! A SHOW NOT TO BE MISSED

The lady behind the success of the fantastic Wondai Country Festival, Elaine Madill.

RED HOT BITE IN THE SOUTH BURNETT! GREAT MONTH FOR FISHING IN THE SOUTH BURNETT

Since the onset of winter the fishing hasn't changed considerably in the South Burnett Region, with some cracking catches of our native fish being recorded. No matter what type of angler you are, you're sure to hook up with a few fish at Boondooma and Barambah over the coming weeks.

Boondooma

Over the past few months the fish have moved up somewhat shallow. If you're an avid lure fisherman like me, this is where I would start and end the day. The secret has been throwing 3/8 spinnerbaits up as tight as you can to the weed edge and rolling it back with a slow wind retrieve. I like to use the 3/8 Carls compact Bassman spinnerbait with one small Colorado blade, as this stops any weed becoming entangled in the blade assembly and stopping the spinnerbait from working. Remember early morning and late afternoon is the best time to target the weed as the fish are up in there ready to ambush any offering that is thrown their way. The other option that has been working is using suspending jerk baits to the weed, use the same method as I described above and make sure you add plenty of pauses to your retrieve.

Later in the day when the sun is high and the breeze picks up, I like to move out deeper around the flats and target schooling fish with, Nories tail spinners, soft vibes and VX blades. Pelican point, Barbour's pole and Death Valley are good spots to start looking for schools. Please check in with the kiosk if you're unsure of the names of places around the dam. The secret is using your sounder to slowly move around until you've located the fish sitting close to the bottom, once located, start to throw your baits with long casts and keep the lure as close to the bottom as you can. I like to use a very slow retrieve or a hooping retrieve to induce a strike. It's also a good idea to move around a bit as the fish work out very quickly that you're there, native fish don't respond well to pressure or noise.

Bill Schloss and Lloyd Brown with some great fish from the flats at Boondooma

Bait fisherman have been getting good catches of yellow belly in the Boyne arm of the dam fishing close to trees and the Boyne rocks. Most have been using saltwater yabbies, shrimps and worms. It's a good idea to use smaller sinkers as the bite is hard to detect if you're using huge ball sinkers. Simply tie up to a tree drop your bait to the bottom and slowly move the bait up and down off the bottom. It won't be long until you get a bite.

Trollers have also been doing quite well on the yellow belly in the Boyne and Stuart arms in the timber with smaller deep diving hard bodies. Make sure you take a tackle retriever with you as you're bound to get a snag or two whilst trolling.

Redclaw in pretty good numbers around the shallow rocky edges, soft fruits and vegetables the best bait.

Lake Barambah

The Author and Nick Anderson with some nice bass from the edge at BP.

Typically, in winter, BP dam's fish move in closer to the edge and can be caught using a few methods. Lately the best edge fishing methods have been Eco gear ZX blades and Jerk baits cast up shallow. Slower moving baits like the ones suggested are dynamite in winter the key is small hops off the bottom near the edge with the ZX blades and long pauses near the edge with the jerkbaits.

The deeper flats have also been producing lots of fish be it bass or yellow belly. Jigging blades has been the best method. Most anglers have been sounding fish in about 20ft and sitting on top of them, Eco gear

ZX blades have been the real standout as they have two small stinger hooks attached. Drop them down to the bottom and hop them with small sharp hops, a fish only needs to touch them and the stinger hooks will grab them very quickly. Best spots have been the big flat out from the main dam wall.

It's Valuable to remember that most fish in the dam are gorging themselves on small bony bream so it's a great idea to throw anything that looks like a small bait fish. Look for steeper banks that hold some timber or rocks as this is a likely place that fish will be looking for bait up shallow.

Bait fisherman have been getting a ton of nice fish from BP dam. Most have been tying off to trees and fishing saltwater yabbies and shrimps vertical with small hops. I witnessed a couple catch their bag limit in under an hour just recently, I was very impressed and almost switched to bait.

Redclaw have gone very quiet and should start popping back up as the water gets warmer.

Dam news

If you'd like to become a member of the local fish stocking associations please don't hesitate in contacting Terry Allwood, Secretary/Treasurer of the Boondooma fish stocking association on 0400860122 or Matthew Langford president of the BP fish stocking association on 0408658592. New members are always welcome. Until next time, tight line and bent rods. Matthew Langford.

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Congratulations to Murgon resident Br Julian Quinlan

The Dempsey Medal for outstanding service in the Archdiocese of Sydney was awarded in St Mary's Cathedral Sunday, 16 July 2017, to 20 recipients. Br Julian Quinlan was one of these recipients. He was awarded the Dempsey Medal for his lengthy work in the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine' a group of some 1,800 volunteer catechists who give weekly religion lessons to Catholic children attending State Schools in the Archdiocese.

Family and friends were present with him when the Medal was presented by Archbishop Anthony Fisher during the 10:30 am Mass.

Julian explains: "This is quite an honour! It relates to my work with catechists during the time I was living at Westmead and working in the parish of Fairfield and later when I was living at St Helens Park. The four people who nominated me all work in the head office of CCD; they were there all the time I was working with catechists and they are still there. When I was working with catechists in Fairfield, I regularly visited their classes, and came to realise that they needed some visual aids for the telling of stories, so I prepared something for every lesson from Kindy to Year 6. I ended up taking these to head office and printing enough copies for all the parishes in Sydney. I subsequently put them all onto CD. I used to run in-services for catechists all around Sydney on story-telling in general, and on the use of my materials. I would also run ecumenical Easter and Christmas sessions in various schools".

The Dempsey Medal is awarded annually by the Archbishop of Sydney to members of the Catholic clergy and

laity. This Honour is named in recognition of a lay Catholic pioneer from Sydney's early European settlement. James Dempsey was transported to Sydney in 1802 for his involvement in the Vinegar Hill rebellion in Co. Wexford.

The home of this Carmelite tertiary was used to preserve the Blessed Sacrament and became a gathering place for Catholics with recitations of the Rosary each weekday and Vespers on Sundays during the period when the colony was without priests for almost a decade from 1810.

Dempsey was an Irish stonemason who oversaw the building of the first bridge across the Tank Stream, the military barracks, the Rum Hospital, and the original St Mary's Cathedral.

The Dempsey Medal seeks to encourage and to recognise outstanding contributions and service by members of the Sydney Archdiocesan community to the local Catholic Church or the wider society.

Although the Dempsey Medal is awarded for outstanding service or witness to parish, diocese or community, it is primarily intended to recognise those who have made an outstanding contribution in the context of their local parish. At the discretion of the Archbishop, the Dempsey Medal may be awarded to a non-Catholic in recognition of outstanding collaboration in, support for, or contribution to works of the Archdiocese or its parishes.

Nominations for the Dempsey Medal are assessed in the same way as nominations for Papal Honours but the decision to make the award rests solely with the Archbishop of Sydney rather than the Holy See.

Editors comment: Br Julian Quinlan is a very qualified pianist and often plays the Piano at Castra and The Murgon Men's Shed.

SHED HAPPENS!!!!
South Burnett Shed Men

Nev Jorgensen invites all men & young blokes to our 53rd Meeting.

Date: Saturday 19th August 2017 at 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm.

Venue: Steve Hood's shed at 313 Barkers Creek Rd. Take Haly St. past The Peanut Silos and Swickers - turn left at the second drive way

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The Queensland Police-Citizens Youth Welfare Association (QPCYWA) is a community-based organisation concerned with the development of youth through the provision of sporting and recreational activities. The QPCYWA has established 54 Police-Citizens Youth Clubs (PCYCs) throughout the State and now has an active membership in excess of 73,000 members state-wide. As a registered, not-for-profit, charitable organisation, the QPCYWA relies upon income from activity attendances, fund raising, community support, grants and subsidies in order to operate. Its affiliation with the Queensland Police Service provides a unique link between Queensland Police and our supporting communities.

PCYC South Burnett is currently looking for a motivated OSHC Educator to join us in providing high quality OSHC programs at our Taabinga Outside School Hours Care Services.

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JOKE FOR THE MONTH

Wow, only in the Redlands . I went into the servo to get some petrol while I was out that way, I noticed two police officers in front of the store watching a woman who was smoking while pumping petrol. I saw her and thought, "you gotta be kidding me." With the cops right there and all.

Shaking my head, I went inside to pay for my fuel and as I was standing at the counter I heard someone screaming. I looked out the window and the woman's arm was on fire! She was swinging her arm & running around going crazy! I ran outside and the officers had put her on the ground and were putting the fire out with their coffee!!!

Then they put handcuffs on her and threw her in the police car. I'm like what the hell??.... So being kind of nosy, I proceeded to ask the officers what they were arresting her for. One of the cops looked me square in the eyes and said ... "WAVING A FIREARM!".

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RED CROSS HANDCRAFT DISPLAY

Despite the inclement weather, there was a good turnout to view the Red Cross sponsored Handcraft Display held in the Murgon Uniting Church on Friday 7th July. Local crafters contributed a variety of Glory Box vintage family treasures as well as contemporary items proudly displaying crochet, knitting, embroidery, doll-making, quilting & appliqué skills & craftsmanship attracting much admiration. Thanks to Red Cross member, Joy Baker, who organized the collection & setting up of the various items. Morning tea/brunch snacks & refreshments were on offer for ladies who happily spent the morning catching up. Murgon Red Cross was delighted that locals enjoyed the social occasion, as well as supporting a fundraising event that enables the services of providing Trauma Teddies & Emergency Toiletry Bags to local hospitals to continue. From the proceeds, it was also decided to send a donation to Red Cross' East Africa Food Crisis Appeal. First prize in the raffle was a crocheted rug won by Ev Kingston. Second prize of a set of washers & hand towels was won by Cynthia Smith.

MURGON MEN'S SHED

Wednesday 9.8.17 we are having a visit from Dr Chester Wilson who will be giving a talk on Men's health. Dr Wilson had a medical practice in Charleville for a very long time before retiring to Tingoora. He now does part time relieving around the district as well as helping in the local hospitals. I am told he is a very good speaker. So we of the committee ask as many of you attend on Wednesday to hear Dr Wilson after Smoko.

Regards, John Armstrong.

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Kathy's Comments

Signage for Murgon

Congratulations to Leo Geraghty and Margaret Long for the amazing new signs for Murgon with the first one going up on the wall at the free camping grounds. These signs have taken a long time but they are certainly spectacular and will be a great asset to Murgon enticing visitors to check out the amazing attractions we have in our area.

NAIDOC Celebrations

NAIDOC week celebrations were bigger than ever before this year with extra celebrations around the region including the first Council organised event in Kingaroy. I attended a number of very well organised events that were a great tribute to our indigenous culture and heritage.

Rotary & Youth Park Opening

I had the great pleasure of being the master of ceremonies for the park opening. It was fantastic to see hundreds of school children assemble to be part of the celebrations. The Murgon Rotary and Youth Park was officially opened on the 18th of July 2017 with representatives from the schools cutting the ribbon and declaring it open. Thank you to the Murgon Rotary Club for allowing Council to move the Rotary Park to this new spot and for donating some funds towards the play equipment. A big thank you to Greg Griffiths for his work designing the park and helping to make it happen. Thanks to the schools for supporting the day and to all the young people of Murgon for the way that you have looked after this area and kept it as a great place for young people to enjoy now and into the future.

Visit South Burnett

I am incredibly excited to see a local tourism organisation back up and running again. This is long overdue. Everyone needs to get behind the new group called Visit South Burnett. They have representation from right across our region and from a variety of tourism sectors. Jason Kinsella has been a driving force behind this new local tourism group and I am keen to ensure that they get as much support as possible to drive tourism for our region.

Accolades for Murgon Hospital

I have had some very positive feedback about the service and staff at the Murgon Hospital. I wanted to share this with the whole community. We have some dedicated and hardworking staff at our local hospital and we should all be extremely grateful to have this facility in Murgon.

Unlock Proston Project

Proston is preparing for the towns centenary and as part of the preparation there has been a call out for photos and memorabilia from the past. The response has been overwhelming and I was honoured to cut the ribbon and launch the exhibition. Congratulations to Will Barrett, Linda Rea, Kristy Frahm and Kathy Crane for the work in putting this together. Margaret Westermann also needs to be mentioned for her contribution over a number of years collecting photos and preserving this history during her time as the much loved Proston librarian.

Lots of things to do and places to go

There are some major events coming up in our community that we need to put in our calendars. The Boondooma Homestead Scots in the Bush is on the 3rd weekend in August. The 100 years of the Wondai Show is on the 1st weekend in September. The South Burnett & Cherbourg on Show long weekend in October has numerous events but in particular the Working Heritage Day on the Saturday and the opening of the Rail Trail on the Sunday. Please support Graham House for the Wickety Wack concert this month and the Rotary Club Murgon Music Muster on the first week in November. There are lots of other events and plenty to see and do in our own community.

Council Grant Opportunities

August is the month to apply for Council Grants. Community organisations that received annualised funding will now have to apply for that same funding. There is Community Events Sponsorship of up to $3000 as well as regionally significant event sponsorship of up to $10,000 in the first year. There is a community hall public liability insurance grant of up to $1000, a healthy communities sponsorship of up to $3000 and one off sponsorship for a project or program of up to $3000. Applications are available at the Council Office, online or for more information contact Kimberley Donohue on 41899100.

W4Q funding a great bonus

There has been another round of State Government money which will help to get some additional projects happening in our communities. I am excited to say that some of the funding will go towards stage one of the Murgon town CBD footpath. There is also funding for gravel resheeting and a new footpath between the CWA & the hall in Proston.

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

Cr Kathy Duff (Division 5) South Burnett Regional Council

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We sadly mourn the loss of :

HOLZNAGEL, William "BILL" Late of Murgon sadly passed away Tuesday, 17th January, 2017. Aged 99 Years (my apology for this late notice, Editor)

HARM, Norman Victor (Norm), Late of Murgon.

BOND, Amy, Late of Castra Residential Care Facility, Murgon

ABOUD, Catherine Mary (Cathy) nee Gumley, Formerly of Murgon & Kingaroy and late of Rockhampton.

NAUMANN, Hellen May (formerly Krause), Late of Mondure, formerly of Brisbane and Toowoomba,

SANEWSKI, Barry James, Late of Goomeri,

KOWALD, Susan Mary, Late of Wondai

PERRETT, Douglas Frederick, Late of Edens Landing, formerly of Nanango & Goomeri

PERGER, Edwin Francis (Skip), Late of The Tablelands, Brother & Brother in Law of Muriel & Jeff Schultz, Uncle and Great Uncle to their families.

SCHAFFERIUS, Stanley Keith (Stan), Late of Wondai

NATIONAL ENERGY SUMMIT

On Wednesday, 12 July, Mayor Keith Campbell and Councillor Terry Fleischfresser attended the inaugural National Energy Summit that was held in Toowoomba over two (2) days.

The Summit debated the issues being faced around generating energy for the country that is reliable, affordable and sustainable as they relate to energy policy development and to chart a roadmap for the future of sustainable energy in Australian.

The South Burnett currently epitomises this debate of reliable, affordable and sustainable energy with Tarong Power Station and Meandu Mine, both of which have had a long and positive economic effect in the South Burnett, and the recent approval of AGL's Coopers Gap Wind Farm.

In 2016 an economic impact study recognised that Stanwell's operation in the South Burnett showed:

- An estimated total impact of over $180 million.
- Over 1500 (direct and indirect) FTE employment positions.
- Estimated direct contribution to GRP of over $46 million.
- Estimated total value added impact of over $86 million, representing a contribution of over 5% to the GRP for the South Burnett LGA.

AGL's Coopers Gap Wind Farm further diversifies the region's major energy assets, recognising the vital role regional Queensland plays in securing a clean energy future.

"The South Burnett is well positioned as the energy landscape continues to change" said Mayor Keith Campbell

IN MURGON THIS MONTH

Particulars available at the Visitor Information Centre

Wednesday	9	Bowls, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Rotary,
Thursday	10	St Joseph's Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Golf, The classic way to dance, Ambulance meet, MBDA Meet, APEX,
Friday	11	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Night Bowls, Barambah Garden Club,
Saturday	12	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Burnett Flyers Fly In, Catholic Mass, Nanango Stamp Club,
Sunday	13	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Murgon Markets,
Monday	14	SES, SB Parkinson Support Group, Show Holiday,
Tuesday	15	Squash, Creative Friendships,
Wednesday	16	Bowls, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Rotary, Hospital Auxilary, Steps,
Thursday	17	St Joseph's Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Golf, The classic way to dance, Mainly Music, National Seniors, PCYC Meet, Spinners & Weavers,
Friday	18	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Night Bowls, OUTTAWAK CONCERT,
Saturday	19	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Museum Meeting, Shed Men, Ladies Night Out, PROSTON GOLDEN SPURS POST RIP & FAMILY DAY,
Sunday	20	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Catholic Mass,
Monday	21	SES, Neighbourhood Watch
Tuesday	22	Squash, Cattle Sale, Creative Friendships, Diabetes Support Group, Lions, Uniting Church Friendship Group, Local Ambulance AGM,
Wednesday	23	Bowls, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Rotary, Burnett Bird Keepers,
Thursday	24	St Joseph's Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Golf, The classic way to dance, APEX,
Friday	25	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Night Bowls, Goomeri &Dist Garden Club, Murgon Moments deadline,
Saturday	26	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Catholic Mass,
Sunday	27	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Camera Club, Hivesville Markets,
Monday	28	SES, Murgon Parkinson Support Group,
Tuesday	29	Squash, Creative Friendships,
Wednesday	30	Bowls, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Rotary,
Thursday	31	St Joseph's Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Golf, The classic way to dance, Mainly Music,
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Friday	1	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Night Bowls, St Joseph's Fete, Wondai Show,
Saturday	2	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Wondai Show,
Sunday	3	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Catholic Mass,
Monday	4	SES, QUOTA, Bookfest in Murgon Week,
Tuesday	5	Squash, Queensland Rural Womens Network Inc, Creative Friendships, Cattle Sale,
Wednesday	6	Bowls, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Rotary,
Thursday	7	St Joseph's Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Golf, The classic way to dance, Mainly Music, Nursing Mothers, South Burnett Cake Decorators, Spinners & Weavers, APEX,
Friday	8	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Night Bowls, Barambah Garden Club, Friday Night Live,
Saturday	9	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Catholic Mass, Nanango Stamp Club, Moffatdale Ridge Italian Festival,
Sunday	10	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Murgon Markets,
Monday	11	SES, SB Parkinson Support Group
Tuesday	12	Squash, Creative Friendships, Lions, Murgon Show Society meet,

NEW TRADING NAME FOR LOCAL DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICE

A new trading name that better reflects what we are about was announced on Friday 23rd June 2017 by Darrel Richter, chairman of local disability support service provider Town and Country Community Options Ltd (TCCO).

Mr Richter said the decision to add a trading name to TCCO's business name was not made lightly.

"It came about while the Board were reviewing TCCO's Strategic Plan and reading through its Mission Statement. The words Life Choice stood out. Offering people who live with a disability Life Choice has been our mission since the first day TCCO was founded. Life Choice is our most important goal."

Mr Richter said the words Life Choice were first brought into the conversation with staff at recent staff meetings and the staff response was warm and positive

"I believe that we all understand how important our own Life Choice is to us."

Mr Richter said Town and Country Community Options would now trade as Life Choice Wide Bay Burnett. He said nothing else would change.

"Nothing will change with the way TCCO does things, conducts itself, provides services with respect for everyone, and how we strive to achieve Life Choice for those we support. Our logo remains the same so the only difference anyone will notice is in our name and our signage."

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Murgon Market Report from 25//07/2017

800 FOR Fortnightly Sale

The 800 sold in Murgon Tuesday mostly sold to firm rates with some descriptions easing back slightly. Heavy cows were firm on the previous with some lighter Cows easing. Better quality weaner steers & heifers sold strongly. Plainer quality heifers were slightly cheaper than a fortnight ago. Cattle were consigned from Gayndah, Mt Perry, Coringa, Durong, Kingaroy, Nanango & local areas. No heavier Bullocks were yarded.

Heavy Cows over 500 kg sold to $2.38 c/kg averaging $2.22 c/kg. **Cows 400 – 500** kg averaged $2.18 c/kg topping at $2.30 c/kg. **Lighter Cows** under 400 sold to $2.13 c/kg for a $1.85 average. **Heavy Bulls** sold to $2.65 c/kg and $2377.00. **Charbray** steers from Nanango sold to $1243.00 at $2.89 c/kg. 366 kg 2 & 4 tooth Droughtmaster cross steers from Murgon sold for $1026.00 at $2.80 c/kg. D & D Gscheidle Manyung sold 337 kg Santa cross steers for $3.20 c/kg for $1080.00. G & T Campbell Paradise Dam sold **260 kg Santa weaner steers** for $855.00 and $3.29 c/kg. R Schmidt Stallworth sold Santa cross weaner steers for $884.00 and $3.415 c/kg. B & A Gannon Gayndah sold 2 pens of Droughtmaster weaner steers for $938.00 (3.41) & $780.00 (3.50). 2 pens of Santa weaner steers a/c J Rickards Proston sold for $870.00 at $3.58 c/kg & $617.00 and $3.63 c/kg. Tony Wessling Murgon sold Santa weaner steers for $3.51 c/kg returning $801.00. Santa weaner steers from T McLennan Mt Perry sold for $790.00 at $3.49 c/kg. **350 kg Droughtmaster cross heifers** from Murgon sold for $979.00 at $2.79 c/kg. 336 kg Charolais cross heifers from Mondure sold for $2.380 c/kg returning $943.00. A draft of 30 **Santa weaner heifers** a/c G & T Campbell sold for an average of $805.00 for a $3.00 c/kg average. 220 kg Droughtmaster heifers from M Young Stuart River sold for $660.00 at $3.00 c/kg. A line of 46 Santa weaner heifers from J Rickards Proston sold for $3.10 c/kg averaging $607.00 and 195kg.

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A drunk at the local show shooting gallery manages, though the barrels weaving about, to bang off ten ducks, so the stall holder presents him with a live turtle as a prize. Next night back he comes, more sloshed than ever, Bang! Bang! Ten ducks down again. H e gets another turtle his efforts. Third night he's back again, and even though hs's boozed out of his brain, he bags 20 ducks without a pause. The stall holder says good on you mate. Here, take this big box of chocolates!"

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This being said, more and more residents and visitors to our region can rest assured that through the generous support of communities throughout Australia, and especially our region, we are able to access this life saving service.

RACQ LifeFlight is one of Australia's largest aeromedical charities providing rapid response medical care to thousands of people each year and because of this service, many people from the South Burnett are still alive today to add their thanks and gratitude to the many thousands whose lives have been saved.

"Since 2010, Council in recognition and to ensure ongoing support of this vital service for our region, adopted a fee to be levied equally on all rateable properties within the Council area for the purpose of sponsoring the airborne emergency rescue & evacuation transport providers that service the South Burnett Region", **Mayor Keith Campbell said. "I am pleased to advise that recently I presented a cheque to RACQ Lifeflight of $31,294.50 being the levied amount received from the ratepayers for 2016/17."**

Our local Crisis committee representatives in Murgon are Raelene Dennis, Shirley Sak and Leo Geraghty with help from Clarissa Beddows and Rachel Cooper.

An aircraft manufacturing company was having trouble with it's latest plane – the wings kept falling off after as little as 100 flying hours. Not wanting to scrap the otherwise very good model they put up a suggestion box in the hope that some member of the staff would provide a solution.

Several suggestions were tried with no success. Finally they came to one which said to "put a row of holes along the wing where it joins the fuselage". To the amazement of the experts, this worked. The management had some trouble tracking down this "Mr. John Brown" who had provided the idea, but eventually they found him among the cleaning staff.

Tell me my man", said the managing director, "how is it that you were able to solve our problem when you know nothing about aeronautics."

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