



MURGON MOMENTS



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

BRIDGE GETS A NEW NAME



Photo: L-R rear, Peter Enkelmann, Lance Ray, Brett Enkelmann, Paul Pratt and Candice Pratt
front, Leo Geraghty, Janelle Smith, Cr Kathy Duff, Stacey Pratt and Marg Enkelmann *Con't page 2*



WONDAI Christmas Eve Carnival – Saturday 24th December

Coronation Park from 5.00pm

- Tasty BBQ
- Other food stalls
- Coffee & drinks
- Ham & Goods Wheels
- Amusements
- Town Band

Wheels start spinning after 6.00pm –
lots of Christmas goodies, hams &
bacon to be won!

Santa arrives 7.30pm with free
iceblocks for the children

Money raised on the night helps run the Wondaï Show

Campbells Road Bridge at Silverleaf will have a new name soon ... and locals who use it every day couldn't be happier. At Wednesday's Council meeting, Councillors voted to accept a request from the Murgon Business and Development Association (MBDA) to name the bridge in honour of the person most responsible for getting it built: Deputy Mayor Kathy Duff.

The \$1 million concrete bridge, which replaced an old wooden bridge across Barambah Creek, opened in May this year. But the saga of the bridge's replacement really began in 2013 when a routine inspection by Council officers led to the bridge having a 10-tonne load limit placed on it.

Then it was closed completely in January 2015 after another structural inspection found it had deteriorated to the point where it was unsafe to bear any loads at all.

The closure of the bridge meant its main users – local farmers – had to take a long detour to get their farm machinery across Barambah Creek.

So Cr Duff immediately began a campaign to have the bridge replaced. But Council engineers, who had several other wooden bridges to replace at that time, ruled out any immediate action on the problem until funds

became available. However Cr Duff refused to let the matter drop and began exploring alternatives, including the idea of installing a temporary Bailey bridge across the creek until the Council's budget situation improved.

And in August 2015 she got her wish when the Council put three bridges (including Campbells Road Bridge) out to tender and received a price that was almost \$500,000 below their original estimates.

That deal – which effectively gave the Council three bridges for the price of two – led to the demolition of the old bridge and the construction of the newer, wider concrete one.

At the meeting which accepted the tender, former Mayor Wayne Kratzmann paid special tribute to Cr Duff, who had been “relentless” in campaigning to have the Campbells Road bridge replaced.

He was seconded by Cr Barry Green, who said he admired the way Cr Duff had pushed to have every possible option explored in her efforts to see the Silverleaf bridge re-opened.

Last December the Murgon Business and Development Association (MBDA) came up with the idea of seeing the bridge named in Cr Duff's honour, but kept it a secret from her. Instead, MBDA members contacted local farmers around the bridge to get their views about the idea, and to check if anyone had a prior claim on the bridge's name. It turned out the old bridge had never been named after anybody, and the farmers were so pleased with Cr Duff's efforts to get their bridge back they supported the MBDA's idea, too. So did Cr Duff's fellow Councillors, who kept any knowledge of the MBDA's request from her until it turned up on Wednesday's Council agenda papers.

Cr Duff was visibly moved by the unanimous support for a motion to rename Campbells Road Bridge to Kathy Duff Bridge, but also surprised. “You usually have to die to have a bridge named after you,” she joked. “But it's a very great honour, completely unexpected, and I really do appreciate it.”

Later on Wednesday afternoon, MBDA representatives and local farmers gathered at the bridge to congratulate Cr Duff.

Photo and media release courtesy South Burnett Online.

MURGON GOLF CLUB

The Committee of the Murgon Golf Club has received notice that our visiting Professional Matt Victorsen has been appointed Professional at the Emerald Golf Club effective January 2017. We wish Matt, Lauren and their family well and thank Matt for his input into golf in the South Burnett over the years. We are delighted to announce the appointment of Gympie Professional Patrick Jones as our visiting Professional effective immediately. Patrick has an association with Murgon from the past and is keen to get Juniors Clinics up and running. Personal lessons and equipment requirements are also available. Please contact Patrick on 0414 227 730 if you are interested



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\$20,000 Back to Work “Youth Boost” kicks off in regional Queensland

Employers in regional Queensland now have an extra incentive to hire a young jobseeker with the commencement of the Palaszczuk Government’s \$20,000 Back to Work ‘Youth Boost’ initiative.

Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk said the additional incentive, starting today, was part of the state government’s \$100 million Back to Work regional jobs package.

“The Back to Work ‘Youth Boost’ is a powerful regional jobs incentive for the festive season,” Ms Palaszczuk said.

“It’s been strategically timed to coincide with the end of the senior school year, when many school leavers are looking for work.

“The ‘Youth Boost’ gives regional employers support payments of \$20,000 per worker for hiring a jobseeker aged 15-24.

“It’s exclusive to regional Queensland and is only available to the end of February 2017.”

Employment Minister Grace Grace said the existing Back to Work support payments remained in place and would continue to be available all year round.

“More than 1,000 regional Queensland employers had received or applied for Back to Work support payments since the program kicked off in late July,” Ms Grace said.

“The number of applications is growing every day and we expect this two-year program, which is backed by \$100 million, to support up to 8000 jobs.

“If you’re a regional employer thinking of hiring a jobseeker, get in touch with our Back to Work teams.”

Back to Work

Provides employer support payments for eligible employers who hire an unemployed worker

\$10,000 for an unemployed worker

\$15,000 for a long term unemployed worker (out of work for 12 months or more)

\$20,000 for hiring a young jobseeker aged 15-24 (from 1 December 2016 to 28 February 2017)

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Renee burns for the FIRE



Murgon & District Cricketer Renee Irvine has been selected to play for the Qld FIRE Open Women's cricket team.

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Lead light in some of the windows, high ceilings, French doors, Timber Flooring. Separate Dining room and large built-in dine-in Kitchen. Shower is over the bath and toilet is separate. Underneath the Home is the Laundry, Workshop, powered, storage, with room for 1 vehicle. Front wooden fenced. Town and tank water to the house. \$160,000



2 homes - both with 3 bedrooms. The main home is tastefully appointed with split level living and eat in modern kitchen. There is a small office off the kitchen area. Patio doors lead out to spacious entertaining decks. The 2nd home is a long term rental. There are plenty of workshops and lockable sheds plus car garages for both homes. \$399,000



Spacious home that has been partially renovated to include a new kitchen. Some paintwork and floor coverings will make this a comfortable home. 3 good sized bedrooms, living area. Big fully enclosed entertaining area. Town and tank water to the house. Fully and well fenced. Very affordable at \$122,500



There are 3 bedrooms 2 with built in robes plus a large sleep out in addition to a full length front sun room. Spacious modern built in eat in kitchen with wood fire and electric oven and cook top. Separate dining and Separate lounge. New Paintwork inside and outside. New Floor coverings throughout. New Roof & Gutters. Fully and well fenced. 2 Rain tanks 10,000 gallons plus 2,000 gallons. Double lock up colorbond garage with power. Fully enclosed under the house provides great storage. Single timber workshed. Fresh, clean and very affordable. \$190,000

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IAN HEALY VISITS MURGON



During September, Secretary of the Murgon & District Cricket Club Leanne Sippel was contacted by a representative of the Commonwealth Bank who was looking for a story to use to promote Grassroots cricket. Leanne told them about our club and then promptly forgot about the call.

On the 8th of October the representative phoned to say that Murgon District CC was chosen as one of the Cricket Club's to have Ian Healy visit. There was minimal chance for promotion, with the visit happening just 7 days later.

On Saturday the 15th of October 5 vehicles descended on Murgon, 2 filled with equipment. It was an interesting 3 hours watching the filming take place. Apart from the chance to meet Ian Healy, those who came to watch got the chance to see a drone in action!

We were very grateful for the opportunity to share our story with Australians who watched the 1st Test in Perth.

Sincere thanks must go to the Commonwealth Bank, whose Portfolio Manager chose our Club. We were very grateful to be given a donation of \$5000 by Commonwealth Bank. At the start of this cricket season we were also honoured to have received a Grassroots Cricket Grant from the Commonwealth Bank which will see us receive a total of \$4000 in 2 instalments over the next 2 years.

Our thanks must also go to the 10 people who came to visit and produced such a wonderful piece on Murgon & District Cricket Club. For those who came down to watch, meet Ian and get an autograph, we thank you.

Our Club is also desperately seeking an assistant to help prepare our pitches. It really is quite easy. There are a couple of basic principles, but mostly we need someone who is prepared to turn water on and off at certain times, and roll pitches for a few hours each week. It will be under the direction of one of our players.

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Calendars can also be purchased separately for \$5 each by email, Facebook message or calling the BIEDO office on 0741695456 J

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support this year and wish you a very happy and safe Christmas.

Look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Kristy Frahm, Chief Executive Officer, Ph: 07 41695456, Mob: 0429 683 121

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I would like to encourage the community and anyone with an interest in the Jimna Fire Tower to provide their feedback on the Tower's future. The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries has recently held public meetings in Jimna and is still welcoming submissions. The consultation phase is in response to a detailed report prepared by 'Wood Research and Development' based in Caboolture to help guide future decisions about the tower.

Unfortunately, the overall assessment found the Jimna Fire Tower is in poor condition and is not structurally sound, with a danger of the Tower collapsing under even moderate force winds. There are areas of advanced decay, especially in the lower sections as well as the connectors. The assessors have provided several options in regards to either complete remediation or removal. To make the fit for public use without cables or anchors would require a substantial financial input of more than \$1million.

I would encourage residents from Jimna, Kilcoy and other local areas to contact the Department of Agriculture and Forestry by email @ jimnatower@daf.qld.gov.au and provide feedback on what is the right option for the community.

Deb Frecklington, Member for Nanango

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 open 25 January 2017 and close 29 March 2017 or earlier if fully allocated.

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

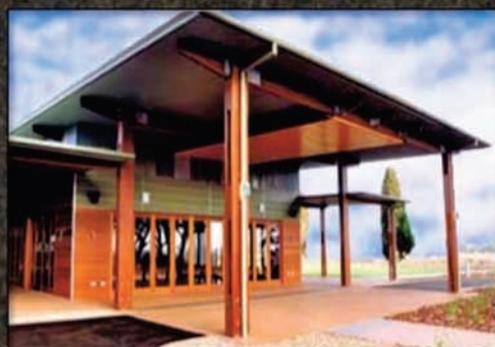
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OUR LOCAL FISHING REPORT WITH MATTHEW LANGFORD

Hot, Stormy weather brings on the hot bite!

We're well into our hot, stormy months. The hot weather and afternoon storm buildups, bring on some awesome opportunities for big bass and yellowbelly. If you're an avid troller, from now through to February is the best time to dust off the deep divers and head to the South Burnett's dams to get amongst some great native trolling action.



Boondooma

The water temps on Boondooma have been rising since the onset of the warmer weather. When its hot, the yellowbelly and bass like to sit in a zone called the Thermocline, or comfortable water, which is generally a depth of 15 to 25 feet. If I'm out chasing bass the first places I'll look are the deep water off any prominent points. I'll use my sounder to sound the fish sitting in that optimal depth.

The timbered arms are holding good numbers of bass and yellow belly. In the arms they are holding very close to structure and you'll need to get your lures in as close as you can to get a bite. Look for spindly timber, or big trees out in the middle of the arms. Lures of choice for this scenario are, 5/8 or 3/8 Bassman

Spinner baits, 1/2 ounce jig head rigged with a 3" soft plastic and any sinking lipless Crank bait. Give your lure up to 5 seconds to sink down and start a slow wind. It's important to make sure that you have a lure retriever with you as you will get snagged on the trees occasionally. Leader sizes are important in these scenarios because it's the difference between a fish of a lifetime or a broken heart.

Get right in amongst the timber if you're casting spinnerbaits and be ready for that aggressive bite.

Trollers are picking up some great bass and yellow belly trolling around the deeper sections of the dam. Make sure to have plenty of deep divers handy, and some 5/8 Bassman Spinnerbaits or any lures that dive 15 to 20 feet will be the ones that get you onto consistent fish. Bait fisherman are consistently getting amongst a mixed bag of fish up in the timbered arms of the dam using worms and fresh shrimp.



Red claw numbers are also starting to pick up with the hot weather.

Lake Barambah

With a similar pattern to that of Boondooma, Lake Barambah is producing some great fishing as well. The fish are sitting in that 15 to 20 foot range. The Bass are responding well to 3" soft plastics, 1/4 blades and 3/8 and 5/8 spinnerbaits. Some likely areas to target is the large flat area in front of the main dam wall, the Quarry and wide off Bass point. Some big yellowbelly are being caught at BP particularly around structure. Trolling is a great way to catch plenty of bass this time of year.

Annette Montebello with a Cracking bass caught on a slow trolled 5/8 Bassman Spinnerbait.

Bait fisherman are consistently catching good numbers of yellow belly and bass, fishing in the trees at the top of the dam. Best baits have

been fresh shrimp and worms. Remember to tie up to the trees along the edge of the old creek bed and you're sure to get amongst some fish.

Red claw are patchy but I have heard of some good numbers coming from the dam.

Park News

The fish stocking for both dams is still very much alive and well with another massive stock of bass put into Bjelke-Petersen dam this weekend. 52,000 Australian bass and 70,000 Yellow Belly were released into BP dam. 20,000 Silver perch will follow when fingerlings become available.

Until next time, tight lines and bent rods, Matthew Langford



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would like to extend their gratitude and thanks to all our dedicated Volunteers for their help with our many programs. Your time, effort and hard work is invaluable and appreciated. We look forward to your help in 2017. More Volunteers needed. Call our Transport Department on 41695040.

Graham House Christmas Closure Information:

Graham House will be closed for the Christmas break **24th December 2016 - 2nd January 2017.**

Committee, Management and Staff would like to wish you and your loved ones peace, health, happiness and prosperity for Christmas and the coming New Year. A Safe Joyous Merry Christmas to all.

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It's that time again... Summer Reading Club time!

Be the Hero. Be the Villain. Unleash your imagination at South Burnett Libraries this summer!

South Burnett Libraries invites children and families to discover heroes, villains, sidekicks and more by participating in the Summer Reading Club this school holidays.

The Summer Reading Club is a free online and in-library holiday program, run in partnership with State Library of Queensland, the Australian Library and Information Association, and the Australian Public Library Alliance.

This year, the Summer Reading Club is all about exploring the themes and conventions associated with super and everyday heroes, and their villainous counterparts.

Children can pick up their Summer Reading Club activity pack from any of the South Burnett Libraries branches. This year's pack includes an activity booklet, reading log and other SRC goodies. Preparations for Hero and Villain themed activities in each branch are well under way, please check the library website or ask at your local branch for dates, times and event locations. Summer Reading Club runs for the duration of the school holidays, so be quick to grab your pack and begin logging your holiday reading.

There are plenty of opportunities to keep young readers inspired throughout the holidays, and with great prizes up for grabs online at www.summerreadingclub.org.au. Blog with Australian Children's Laureate, Leigh Hobbs and popular children's author, Deborah Abela, search for answers to Encyclopaedia Britannica's sponsored quiz, craft a "What Happens Next" story ending to Mick Elliot's story starter, share your book raves and artwork, and lots more.

Last year over 48,000 Australian children registered for the Summer Reading Club and collectively read more than 333,000 books.

For more information, please contact your local library.

MANY THANKS YOU WONDERFUL PEOPLE

Recently I was hospitalized and needed special care and I would like to thank the staff and nurses of the Wondai Hospital for the way they gave that special care to me and to those who rebuilt my wheelie walker. When I eventually arrived back home in Murgon the Business houses of Murgon that I deal with, extended the most courteous service to me for which I am so grateful. I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and a prosperous New Year. It was a pleasure to relay this to Leo of the Murgon Business Association, regards A.

JEFF SEENEY MP
Member for Callide

Merry Christmas

All about country towns and country people

**As 2016 draws to a close, I would like to wish you
a very Merry Christmas and a
happy, healthy and prosperous New Year**

**I hope you enjoy time with your family over the holiday break and
that 2017 meets your aspirations for the future**

**The office will be closed from Monday, 19 December 2016 and will
re-open on Tuesday, 17 January 2017**

What a fun Night Graham House Annual Fund Raiser Featuring OUTAWAK Variety Show

Congratulations, I have never laughed so much for a long time, could be heard all night.



Rob Rosenlund, Tony Jeffrey and Davo Mitchell – Were fantastic as they Sang, Dressed and Entertained at the annual Graham House Community Centre “Big Night Out” at the Murgon Town Hall





Photo L-R: Rob Rosenlund Keyboard, Linda O'Hare Co-ordinator of Graham House, Tony Jeffrey Singer & Entertainer, Iris Ferguson (Community Access & Development Worker), Davo Mitchell (Comedian), Col Sippel Vice President of Graham House Community Centre.



Dickinson Park was the place to be on Saturday 3rd December where the Goomeri Lions held their annual Christmas In The Park. Many excited children had their faces painted and played on the jumping castle while their carers tried their luck on the ham and Xmas cake wheel. Great music was provided by Leon Smith and his group plus the Wondai and District Band. Hungry patrons lined up for chips, drinks, sausages and burgers provided by the Goomeri Lions. There was great excitement when Santa arrived in a Police car with a sack full of presents for the patient children.

Just as the festivities ended a fierce storm descended which sent people scurrying home. Many thanks, Sue Schierning (Publicity Officer Goomeri Lions Club)

MENTORSHIP

for School leavers and people interested in developing their careers in the visual arts and pre university study.



The South Burnett has a wealth of visual artists and many students from both Murgon and Cherbourg who are considering further education or developing a career in the visual arts.

The visual arts is a growing part of community life “With around 11 million visitors a year, galleries are now more highly attended than Australia’s most popular spectator sport, Australian Rules Football, which had 10 million attendances in 2009-10” <http://artfacts.australiacouncil.gov.au/visual-arts/>

There has never been a program that links the business sector with artists, the community and visitors in a region, while providing the necessary skills for budding artists to choose and develop a career.

The Mentoring program will provide the necessary research information (as a pilot program) to help develop and define future study programs for the visual arts.

Duration: 1 Year Starting mid January 2017

Location: Murgon

Aims:

Promote the visual arts in Murgon and Cherbourg by tutoring 6 students/artists to create art works for monthly exhibition at business locations around the Murgon and Cherbourg regions.

To increase the levels of self esteem and of self-confidence in the ability to successfully undertake study in a tertiary education program.

Assist artists to manage their own learning and establish their own future goals through a process of self development.

To increase the probability that artists make an adequately informed career choice in their chosen field of visual arts.

Engage the community in the visual arts and expose the students to the public views on their work.

Engage the business community to participate and gain more exposure to their own products.

Utilise the exhibitions and program for marketing and tourism exposure.

Use the program as a study case for Lee’s Masters/PhD studies. Focus: “Engaging the public in the visual arts”.

Strategies:

Choose 6 (or more) students/artists through an interview and portfolio presentation.

Students will be exposed to a wide range of visual art methods and develop discipline and research skills to accomplish set goals each month. Students will be required to attend Mentoring/Tutoring 1 day a week.

Keep a Face Book page on the progress of the artists as they research and create work for monthly exhibitions.

Allow businesses to choose a theme to represent their products, i.e. “Still life” for a fruit and vegetable store, “Animals” for a veterinary, Livestock or farming for Rural product stores, Wine for wineries, Dairy for the Dairy Museum, etc. Six or more art works can be hung at the store each month and open for public comment or sale. The store may also take a commission on sale works.

Promote on community radio and send out media releases to promote the monthly exhibitions, program and development of the artists. Potential to showcase a student/artist per month.

Utilise the internet to attract interest and attention to the artists, locations, businesses, attractions and program.

Benefits:

Students/artists will have the benefit of gaining a year of pre university training and discipline to prepare them for the duration of the course.

Students/artists will be exposed to public reaction to their work which will assist them to develop their own styles and views.

The public can keep informed through a Face Book page with regular updates and photo’s of student

development each month.

Businesses can showcase products to their chosen theme and attract more customers.

Businesses can become involved in the visual arts and utilise the program as a marketing tool.

Lee will share study results with the businesses to assist in making informed marketing and community decisions in the future.

Lee Porter Mentor/Consultant Outline

4 to 8 hours contact with students per week

Teaching/tutoring practical applications for the visual arts (materials, grounds, supports, paints, etc)

Teaching/tutoring theoretical studies to prepare students for University papers that include referencing and bibliographies.

Assisting in the creative progress to develop the skills and understanding of each student's style.

Recording progressive data on students performances

Recording community impact through marketing and media activities and attendance at exhibitions.

Recording the impact on businesses utilising the program as a marketing tool.

Managing internet sites and collecting material and information.

Writing student profiles and media information on the program and progress each month.

STUDENT/ARTIST COURSE OUTLINE

Practical

Materials and preparation

Research and visualising ideas

Choosing mediums to suit your ideas and how to use them

Techniques to suit your ideas, material exploration

Expressing yourself

Create at least one work per month based on a chosen theme for exhibition.

Participate in co-operative design by designing and painting a mural.

Theoretical

Research methods and analysing topics

Referencing methods and bibliography recording

How to write an Essay

3 x Essays 1,000 1,500 2,000 words (Topics chosen by Tutor)

Job Identification

Choose a job monthly that interests you. Either one available on-line or research your own type of job at a particular company (hypothetically) and list what interests you about the position, what skills you could bring to the position and what you think you still need to learn. This will help to define the type of visual arts course for future tertiary education and skills for employment.

Business Participation Outline (Proposed)

Business decides on a theme for the month

Business can determine the number of art works to be exhibited at their chosen premise (min. Of 6)

Business to allow access for student research, questions and photographs.

Business can have a launch night and promote a particular product/s.

Business to assist where possible with media information/releases and photo's for Face Book page.

Business may chose to do their own in-house promotions at own expense.

Available - 8 x 1 month exhibitions

1 x 2 month mural

The Mural may be painted on the inside or the outside of a building, the business is to supply materials (paints and brushes and insurance for the students to work on the premises).

Council may wish to install a giant bill board at the "gateway" to two towns, for the students to design and paint a Cherbourg/Murgon theme. This could be changed each year should the course prove to be successful.

Photo: Murgon artist Lee Porter ... a finalist in the 2015 Gallipoli Art Prize



Feeder Steers \$3.54 c/kg (at 2nd Last sale for 2016)



800 head of cattle were yarded in Murgon on Tuesday 6th December with the market for all descriptions fully firm on the previous sale. There was an improvement in the values of most weaners, both steers & heifers.

560 kg Droughtmaster steers a/c K & M Armstrong Manyung sold for \$3.05 c/kg for a \$1700.00 return. **Heavy Charolais Cows** from Manumbar sold to \$2.45 c/kg for \$1765.00. Cows over 500 kg averaged \$2.33 c/kg. 400 – 500 kg Cows sold to \$2.40 c/kg, averaging \$2.22 c/kg. **Lighter Cows** under 400 kg sold to \$1.70 c/kg. Few heavy Bulls were yarded, the tops selling to \$2.48 c/kg and \$1820.00. **Export heifers** topped at \$2.98 c/kg and \$1320.00. **428 kg Charolais**

cross steers from B Knight Manumbar sold for \$3.40 c/kg for \$1458.00. 410 kg Droughtmaster steers sold to \$1365.00 at \$3.35 c/kg. S & J Hodgson Redgate sold 320 kg Charolais cross steers for \$1136.00 at \$3.54 c/kg. 375 kg Santa cross steers from A & K Zerner Murgon sold for \$1290.00 and \$3.44 c/kg. G & C Julian sold 380 kg Charolais steers for \$3.40 c/kg to return \$1290.00. L & R Newton sold 352 kg Charbray steers for \$1202. and \$3.41 c/kg. **Droughtmaster weaner steers** from J Webber Cloyna sold for \$902.00 and \$3.98 c/kg. Brangus weaner steers a/c R & D Warren Hivesville sold for \$810.00 at \$3.96 c/kg. R Randle Johnstown also sold Brangus weaner steers for \$814.00 at \$3.91 c/kg. 238 kg Droughtmaster cross weaner steers from B & A Gannon Gayndah sold for \$922.00 at \$3.87 c/kg. P & A Dingle Mt Perry sold Brahman cross weaner steers for \$881.00 at \$3.68 c/kg. **378 kg Charolais cross heifers** sold for \$1253.00 at \$3.31 c/kg. M & C Ward Murgon sold 340 kg Belmont Red cross heifers for \$3.30 c/kg for \$1122.00. Brangus weaner heifers from Hivesville sold for \$3.59 c/kg for \$784.00. Murray Grey weaner heifers from Goomeri sold to \$3.43 c/kg for \$772.00. 211 kg Santa weaner heifers from Paradise Dam Coringa sold for \$711.00 at \$3.36 c/kg.

Market Strong at Last Sale

Agents yarded just short of 300 for the last sale of 2016. Though numbers were short in supply, all descriptions sold to solid rates with all the regular buyers in attendance. Cattle were consigned from Eidsvold, Mundubbera, Gayndah, Mt Perry, Kingaroy, Kilkivan & locally.

Export steers sold to \$3.00 c/kg returning \$1587.00. **Heavy cows** sold to \$2.39 c/kg and \$1110.00. Lighter cows under 400 kg sold to \$2.20 c/kg averaging \$1.98 c/kg. The best of the **heavy Bulls** yarded was \$2.46 c/kg and \$1665.00. **440 kg 2 tooth steers** a/c M & C Ward Murgon sold for \$1404.00 at \$3.19 c/kg. Charbray steers from A Mellers Mundubbera sold for \$3.38 c/kg returning \$1048.00. B Alcock Murgon sold **276 kg Charbray steers** for \$982.00 at \$3.55 c/kg. R & F Nichol Eidsvold sold Charbray weaner steers for \$807.00 at \$3.89 c/kg. Santa **weaner steers** a/c J & M Zillman Gayndah sold to \$833.00 at \$3.66 c/kg. **Brahman cross heifers** from M Atkinson Redgate sold to \$2.93 c/kg and \$1251.00. James Heading Pastoral Cloyna sold **Santa heifers** for \$1055.00 (3.35) & \$932.00 (3.46). They also sold 261 kg Angus heifers for \$903.00 also at \$3.46 c/kg. 229 kg **Santa weaner heifers** form Gayndah sold for \$3.40 c/kg returning \$780.00. 207 kg Charbray weaner heifers sold to \$3.58 c/kg for \$741.00. Most weaner heifers sold from \$3.20 c/kg to \$3.40 c/kg.



Hereford Cows & Calves from Kingaroy sold to \$1610.00.

The first sale for 2017 will be on Tuesday the 10th of January at 8.00 am.

The agents would like to thank all the buyers, producers and sale yard staff for their continued support and wish you a very happy and safe Christmas and look forward to catching up with you again in January 2017.

SOUTH BURNETT NASHO'S

On the 19th November, 47 Members of the South Burnett Nasho's travelled to Murgon and had a great day out at the B P Dam to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the S B National Servicemen's Association, They enjoyed lots of fun and jokes from years ago when these friendships started,

Before lunch there was some Rifle drill and Dress inspection and short arm inspection performed by six Nasho's with Mervin Sokoll as Parade Marshal

It was great to catch up with members who travelled from Bowen, Beaudesert, Roma ,Hervey Bay, Brisbane and Chinchilla.

5 years, maybe, was the general consensus about the next gathering.

Photo: Cutting the celebration cake are, Colin Bell state Member, Warren Cockburn S B President, and Jim Kingston S B Treasurer.



NATIONAL SENIORS

The Itinerary for 2017 Coach Tours is Available. The January trip is on Thursday 20th to Dayboro. Cost\$56

P/P departing Murgon 6.30 am, pick up through to Yarraman.

If you are having a transport problem coming on our coach trips or attending meetings please mention same when making a booking with Paula.

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Nerida Bowers and Marvin Brown chose the Murgon Museum Chapel for their wedding recently.

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM LLEW O'BRIEN



The festive season is a time of peace and goodwill, and I would like to extend my best wishes to everyone in the Wide Bay for a very merry Christmas.

This is an opportunity for us to celebrate with our loved ones, reflect on the year gone by, and think ahead to the coming year.

We also reflect on the meaning of Christmas – the birth of Jesus Christ, who brought love, salvation and the message of peace to all.

In the true spirit of the season, it is important that we are willing to extend a helping hand and offer a caring heart to those who are less fortunate than ourselves - the homeless, the jobless, the sick, and those spending Christmas alone.

We must ask ourselves what we can do to make their festive season a little brighter.

We remember also those who work this Christmas to keep our communities healthy, safe and secure – nurses, doctors, carers for the aged and disabled, emergency workers and police who keep our services running and roads open.

Throughout my policing career, road safety has been something I care deeply about.

It is particularly important to take care on the roads at Christmas time when there is more traffic than usual. The roads will be hazardous, especially if the weather is wet.

Please stay sober if driving, pay special attention and be cautious and courteous on the roads to ensure everyone has a safe and happy Christmas.

While there is far more to Christmas than the gifts, we should also be mindful of where our presents come from. One of the best ways we can support our producers in these difficult times is to buy locally wherever possible.

May everyone stay safe, and enjoy this time of giving and sharing with their loved ones, family and friends.

LLEW O'BRIEN MP, Federal Member for Wide Bay

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This is a great entry level home that would later renovate into something special. Call Dianne 0407 097 109 for further information, **\$140,000**



3 BRM HOME PLUS OFFICE AND ENTERTAIN AREA

This freshly painted timber home has 3 good sized bedrooms complete with built-ins plus an office. The Kitchen and Bathroom have been tastefully renovated. A large combined lounge and dining room with a wood heater perfect for those chilly nights. Out the back is a paved, under roof entertainment area and a large carport able to accommodate 4 cars plus a shed. The property is well positioned, close to shops and the school and on a 1012 sqm block.

Contact Tracey 0418 784 493 **\$198,000**



COMFORTABLE WELL MAINTAINED HOME

This 3 BRM timber home has been well maintained inside and out. There are 2 double sized rooms with built ins and a single room all with carpet. The Retro style kitchen and fully tiled bathroom with large shower include plenty of storage. The combined lounge/dining is airconditioned for comfort. Closed in verandah, double lock up garage, water tank and landscaped easy care gardens make this property a must see. Call Dianne 0407 097 109 **\$175,000**



PERFECT WEEKENDER TODAY – LIVE LATER

This 7863 sqm (nearly 2 acres) block is set up for weekend camping with a large 5 bay shed with concrete floor, power, solar panels and rain water tank. The shed will accommodate a motor home or large caravan and is close to Bjelke Petersen Dam. A peaceful view over the surrounding farm land from the prepared house site is perfect to unwind and relax. The block is fully fenced, has bitumen road access and as a bonus is close to the wineries and school.

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Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd 2016 Christmas Lights Winners Announced



Photos supplied

After many hours, thousands of lights and hundreds of kilometres travelled by our judges, it is finally time to announce the Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd Christmas Lights Winners for 2016.

Taking out the South Burnett Champion prize this year is Nanango couple Ken and Dianne Lawes from 102 Muir Drive Nanango who have won a trip to Singapore for 2 adults and 2 children valued at \$15,000.

South Burnett Champion Runner Up was Malcolm and Cassandra Bayntun from 79 Douglas Street North Murgon who have also won a trip to Singapore for 2 adults and 2 children valued at \$10,000.

Mayor Keith Campbell visited both major prize winners last night to advise them of their win and said they were overwhelmed with their win.

“Both winning families have been putting up a Christmas lights display for many years simply because they love the pleasure it brings them in preparation and then the joy from the faces of children as they come to visit,” said Mayor Campbell.

A big congratulation goes out to not just our winners but to everyone who entered the competition this year.

The many sparkling displays will make for a very merry Christmas.

All prizes have been generously donated by Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd.

PLACE	NAME	ADDRESS	TOWN
SB Champion	Ken & Dianne Lawes	102 Muir Drive	Nanango
SB Champion Runner Up	Malcolm & Cassandra Bayntun	79 Douglas Street North	Murgon
1st Nanango Urban	Alan & Rosemary Strugnell	10 Grey Street	Nanango
2nd Nanango Urban	R Webb	112 Brisbane Street	Nanango
1st Nanango Rural	Cheryl Ashdown	106 Lanigan Road	Nanango
2nd Nanango Rural	D & S Hancock	111 Burnett Highway	Nanango
1st Murgon Urban	Monica Dennis	Cnr Jefferies & Nutt Street	Murgon
2nd Murgon Urban	Le Du Family	5 Black Street	Murgon
1st Murgon Rural	Louise and Wayne Thomas	298 Louttits Road	Glenrock
2nd Murgon Rural	Tim & Kahlia Huddleston	5 Holz Court	Murgon
1st Wondai Urban	Krystle & Michael Rose	52 Pring Street	Wondai
2nd Wondai Urban	Andrew & Renita Olsen	119 Pring Street	Wondai
1st Wondai Rural	K Kennedy	40 Amaroo Drive	Wondai
2nd Wondai Rural	D & M Bartlett-Kennedy	30 Amaroo Drive	Wondai
1st Blackbutt Urban	Dale Gersekowski	39 Fern Street	Blackbutt
2nd Blackbutt Urban	Stephen & Annette Heit	103 Coulson Street	Blackbutt
1st Blackbutt Rural	Patty Skilton	944 Old Esk Road	Benarkin
1st Kingaroy Urban	Geoff & Veronica Hartwig	97 Ivy Street	Kingaroy
2nd Kingaroy Urban (tie)	Lisa Coutts & John McCullough	11 Venman Street	Kingaroy
2nd Kingaroy Urban (tie)	David & Linda Marskell	14 Cowie Drive	Kingaroy
1st Kingaroy Rural	Lucas Family	3 Booie Crawford Road	Kingaroy
2nd Kingaroy Rural	Tony Wilson	43 Benair Road	Benair, Kumbia
1st Business	Southern Cross Care Murgon Castra	2 Cooper Street	Murgon
2nd Business	Copper Country Motor Inn & Restaurant (Trish Davey)	14354 D'Aguiar Highway	Nanango



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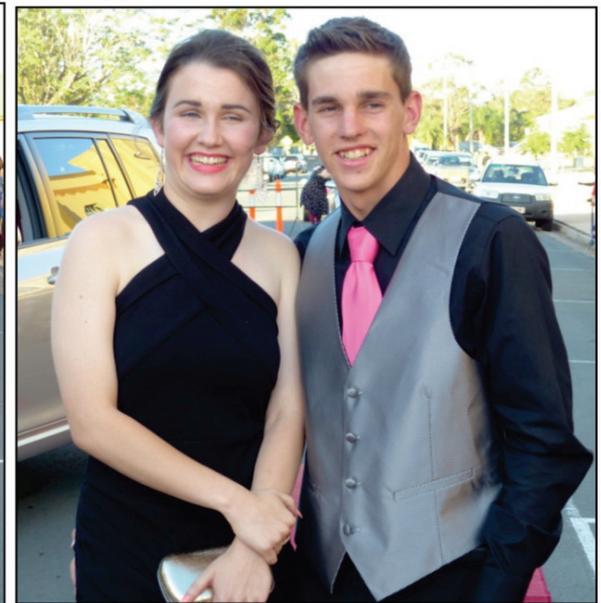
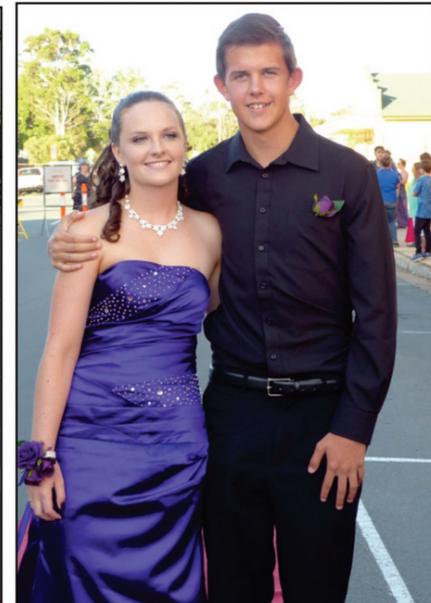
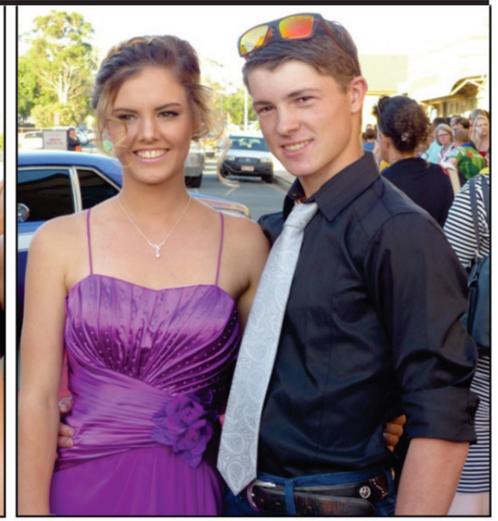
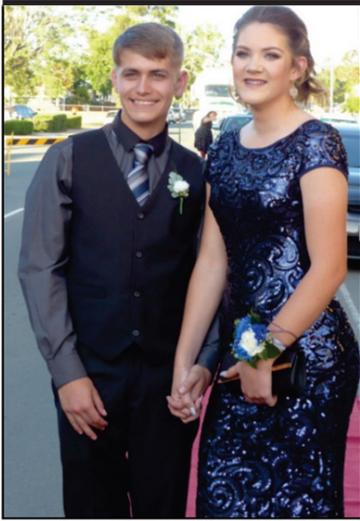


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Murgon State High School Graduation 2016

BMA Church Christmas Service Times 2016

New Horizons- 9:30am on Christmas Day, 15292 Bunya Hwy Murgon 4605

Murgon Uniting- 7pm on Christmas Eve. None on Christmas day. 55 Gore Street Murgon 4605, Proston No service

Wondai Baptist- 8am on Christmas Day, 48 Cadell Street Wondai 4606

Murgon Church of Christ- 8am on Christmas Day, 20 Thorn Street Murgon 4605

Murgon Baptist- 8am on Christmas Day, Cnr Macalister & Stephens Street East Murgon 4605

Catholic Church Barambah- 21st Dec Cherbourg 5:30pm followed by a BBQ

24th Dec Goomeri 4pm

24th Dec Wondai 6pm

24th Dec Murgon 7:30pm, 24 Angel Avenue Murgon 4605

24th Dec Durong 10pm

25th Dec Proston 8am

Love Harvest- No Service

AIM Church Cherbourg- 10am on Christmas Day, 48 Barambah Avenue Cherbourg 4604

Anglican Parish of Barmabah- 9pm on Christmas Eve with Holy Communion in Wondai, Cnr Baynes & Bramston Sts Wondai 4606

Lutheran Parish of Barambah- 8am in Wondai and 9am in Murgon Christmas Day, 15 Thorn Street Murgon 4605



GOOMERI & DISTRICT SHOW SOCIETY INC

2016 Goomeri New Year's Eve Rodeo

Looking for something to do this New Year's Eve?

Rodeo action kicking off at 8am with the Junior Rodeo followed by Pre-Performance at 1pm and Main Events from 5pm



Wondai Regional Art Gallery presents its December 2016 / January 2017 Exhibition



"Nature in the Raw Wildlife Exhibition"

In 2000, the Nature in the Raw Group was formed with ten artists. From that beginning the group has had many Australian exhibitions and one International Wildlife Exhibition. By presenting their wonderful wildlife art, the artists of the Nature in the Raw International Wildlife Artists Group wishes to enrich humanity's relationship with nature.

The artists aim is to bring forth the beauty of our Australian and International wildlife.

The exhibition is a story of nature: An exciting blend of artistic talents, keen powers of observation and genuine love and concern for wildlife subjects. Nature's relationship with man is often a dramatic one and through our art we hope to take you on a journey of beauty.

Kids Korner Wondai State School

*The exhibition will remain in the Gallery throughout December 2016 and part of January 2017. The exhibition will close on **Thursday 12th January 2017.***

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

Telephone: 07 4168 5926 or email wondaiartgallery@southburnett.qld.gov.au

Christmas Holiday Activities

Libraries across the region will be full of Christmas cheer during the school holidays with a variety of craft sessions to get your young one into the Christmas spirit. Session times are as follows:

- Blackbutt:** 18 December 2016 from 11.00am Special Christmas Storytime
- Kingaroy:** 15 December 2016 from 9.30am Christmas Tree Challenge
20 December 2016 from 9.30am Christmas Minute to Win It
- Murgon:** 13 December 2016 from 10.00am Christmas Tree Challenge
- Nanango:** 13 December 2016 from 10.00am Create a Christmas calendar
20 December 2016 from 10.00am Reindeer Craft
- Proston:** 15 December 2016 from 10.00am Santa & Angel Craft
- Wondai:** 14 December 2016 from 10.00am Christmas flag decorating and Christmas baskets



To book, please contact your local Library.



It's that time again... Summer Reading Club time!

Be the Hero! Be the Villain! Unleash your imagination at South Burnett Libraries this summer!

Children and families are invited to discover heroes, villains, sidekicks and more by participating in the Summer Reading Club this school holidays.

The Summer Reading Club is a free national online and in-library holiday program, run in partnership with State Library of Queensland, the Australian Library and Information Association, and the Australian Public Library Alliance.

This year, it is all about exploring the themes and conventions associated with super and everyday heroes, and their villainous counterparts.

The fun starts on Saturday 10 December 2016 and runs for the duration of the Christmas School Holidays, so be quick to pick up your activity pack from any of our libraries and begin logging your holiday reading.



Check the library website or ask at your local branch for dates, times and event locations for our Hero and Villain themed activities.

As a club member there are plenty of activities, prizes to win, you can blog with author Leigh Hobbs and Deborah Abela, share your book raves and art work, take part in Encyclopaedia Britannica's sponsored Quiz and so much more!

You can also meet 21 new Australian authors and illustrators online, read their helpful creative hints and tips and preview their newly released titles.

For more information, please contact your local library.

SUMMER READING CLUB

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Christmas Closure

All branches of South Burnett Libraries will close early on Friday 23 December and will reopen on Tuesday 3 January 2017.

Staff from each of our libraries would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful customers for their patronage over the past year.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season!

Discover the Magic... @ your library



SOUTH BURNETT
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Merry Christmas from the Staff, Volunteers and Committee of the PCYC South Burnett.

It is that time again when I wish to thank the community of the South Burnett for their support during the year. With further plans continuing for 2017, we aim to provide a greater service to our communities, of the likes that is unique and superior within our region.

Wishing you a safe Christmas.

Boxing now in Murgon, Welcome to a new Instructor – Shane Doolan

Our newest addition to PCYC South Burnett is Shane. Shane comes to us as a Master Trainer with a Certificate IV in Exercise Physiology. Shane will be taking boxing classes on Thursday afternoons with the emphasis of fitness and coordination. This follows on from the Boxing Program initiated in Cherbourg with an average current attendance of 44 youth.

Unlike the Cherbourg Program that strongly focuses on community and lifestyle, this Activity is here for those looking to compete on some level, even if it is you competing against you.

MOBILE TINY TOTS PROGRAM

2016 saw the successful obtaining of a \$5,000 grant from the South Burnett Regional Council's Mayor's Community Benefit Fund. This program will sporadically bring our well known Tiny Tots Program from Murgon out to various towns within the South Burnett.

This program works on joining like-minded families into being involved with their children 0-5 years to help build relationships of young and old, incorporating similar social areas, also improving children's fine motor skills, coordination, and increase learning and problem solving, whilst in a fun and friendly environment.

At this time we are currently looking for places to run this program outside of Murgon, which may also be used in conjunction with Prep Level children at schools. This mobile program means that we come to you with qualified staff. If you have any interest in having this Program come to you, please contact us on **(07) 4168-1889** or email southburnett@pcyc.org.au

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS



School Age Vacation Care will be running a five week program for the December 16 – January 17 school holiday period. This service is based in Kingaroy and is available to all school age children, further details may be obtained from Coordinator Michelle Phillips on **0428 227 057** or on email taabingasac@pcyc.org.au

Murgon section of PCYC South Burnett will be running a three week program, which details will be published on South Burnett PCYC Facebook page once finalised.

Our closure dates for the Christmas Period will be – closing on Saturday **24 December 2016** and reopening on Tuesday **3 January 2017**.

With no Friday Night Live scheduled for January 2017.

MURGON MEN'S SHED

Our membership is growing with three new members joining the shed in the past two months. We welcome Spike Butler, Willie Moses and Denis Kember. Hope you enjoy working around the shed. This brings our membership up to fifty four.

To all the men at the shed I wish you a

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR for 2017



Safe travels if you are on the road

The Shed will be closed between Christmas and New Year, back on 4th January 2017.
From Pres, JIM

FEBRUARY 2017 BOONDOOMA DAM FISHING COMPETITION



Boonooma Dam Yellowbelly Fishing Competition spokesman Terry Allwood says that with the lake fishing extremely well the 2017 event should set new records in both the long standing gilled and gutted section, as well as in the catch and release component. Cash and other prizes will be presented at the end of each of the three sessions as well as overall competition winners at the conclusion of the event.

Profits from the event are used to supplement fishing permit funds from the Queensland Government and to date approximately 5 million fingerlings have been stocked into Lake Boonooma.

The catch and release category targeting Australian Bass and Yellowbelly is open to all anglers who nominate. This category has been made possible by the generous sponsorship of Stanwell and Swickers bacon factory.

The annual competition will be held on 11 and 12 February 2017. Entry costs for the February event will be \$20 for adults and \$5 for juniors aged 16 years and under.

The ongoing support of our many generous sponsors will ensure that a wide range of prizes and lucky draws are available for all competitors including a Boat, Motor, Trailer package. Lucky draws are held at the end of each fishing session and at the Friday night briefing. All presentations and lucky draws are conducted at the event headquarters at the stocking association clubhouse.

Food and drinks stalls will be provided by local community groups over the weekend and the great camping facilities provided by the South Burnett Regional Council will be available for campers staying at the lake.

The cost of camping fees and details of accommodation options at the lake can be found at website www.southburnett.qld.gov.au or by ringing the Lake Boonooma Kiosk on (07) 4168 9694.

Additional information on the local area and past fishing competitions can be found on the Proston Online website, www.prostononline.info

Please join us at Lake Boonooma for a family weekend of fishing and camping. For additional information please contact Terry Allwood on mobile 0400 860122.



The Rotary Club of Murgon has just donated the second of two defibrillators to South Burnett First Aid Volunteers Incorporated for use across our area. Pictured are Mark Quinn, Valerie Hodson and Lily Marinovic from the Rotary Club with first aid volunteers Grant Geddes and Trent Wrayford holding the defibrillators.

South Burnett First Aid Volunteers Incorporated is a recently formed group of concerned individuals with expertise in the medical field. The group was formed recently to provide volunteer first aid provisions at community events.

It is an excellent new service for our community and equipment donated will be kept in our local community, which takes in all of the South Burnett Regional Council area. The group is a registered not for profit charity.



Volunteers Christmas Party celebrating 15 years of the Murgon VIC, presenting service certificates & enjoying a wonderful Raj luncheon!!



A great Rotary night when DG Alan Stephens presented Kathy Duff, Glenn Kapernick and Dennis Wolter with Paul Harris Fellows in recognition of long term and continuing community service.

A group of students at medical school were struggling with a physics lecture and let the professor know of their disquiet. One student rudely interrupted the lecture to ask: Why do we have to learn this stuff?

To save lives, replied the professor.

How does physics save lives? The student persisted sarcastically.

The professor shot back: It keeps idiots like you from graduating medical school.

**PERFECT WEATHER SAW RECORD CROWDS
attend
THE MURGON CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL**





Great entertainment, lots of fun for all the family, perfect weather, record crowds, hot food stalls, ice cream van, hot chips, rides for all ages, with late night shopping made this Christmas Carnival one of our best. Many thanks to all our volunteers and Entertainers, have a safe Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



Renowned Poet returns home, The Mundubbera Magpie (Formerly Margaret Street of Murgon) entertaining at the Murgon Rotary Music Muster breakfast.



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Spike butler from Hivesville at the South Burnett Country Fair



Buddy Thompson and Deputy Mayor Kathy Duff at Boondooma Homestead Remembrance Day

LIKE HOME EARLY LEARNING CENTRE'S RENOVATION RUMBLE

Exciting news from the team at Like Home Early Learning Centre – it's time to renovate and make room for our new Nursery!!! Renovations are about to begin and will be completed in the coming weeks. This will create three play rooms for our friends with a Nursery which will accommodate children from 6 weeks to 2 years, our Toddler room catering for 2 to 3 year old's and our subsidised Queensland Kindergarten Approved Program where our 3 to 5 year old's learn all the skills to help the move into prep. Children who are enrolled in our Kindergarten program 15 hours per week in 2017, may have little or no out of pocket fees.



We are taking enrolments now for all three rooms. Please call 4168 3907, find us on Facebook at Like Home Early Learning Centre or drop in and visit us at 38 Palmer Street East, Murgon.



Like Home Early Learning Centre, open Monday to Friday, 6:30am to 6:00pm, 52 weeks per year. <http://likehomeelc.wixsite.com/murgon>

COALITION GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS MURGON'S MEN'S SHED

Federal Member for Wide Bay, Llew O'Brien today announced Murgon's Men's Shed will receive \$9,272 from the Coalition Government for tools and equipment.

"The funds will be used to purchase welding equipment, a bench grinder and contribute towards the cost of security fencing.

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TAABINGA STATE SCHOOL

7AM - 6PM WEEKDAYS

JANUARY 2017

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL !!

**Monday 2nd
January**

CLOSED

New Years Day
Public Holiday

**Tuesday 3rd
January**

Technology Day
Bring your technology
from home - with your
parents permission or
you can use ours!!

**Wednesday 4th
January**

Messy Play Day
Get messy with slime,
playdough, shaving
cream and other
kinds of messy play!!

**Thursday 5th
January**

Board Game Day
Bring your favourite
board game from
home and share with
the group!

**Friday 6th
January**

Incurion
Wet Friday - water
play under the
sprinklers - water
balloons - buckets
and sponges - bring a
towel and a change of
clothes
additional cost

**Monday 9th
January**

Fitness Boot Camp -
Basketball, Zumba,
Boxing, Dancing and
much more - lets get
physical

**Tuesday 10th
January**

Incurion
Wet Tuesday - water
play under the
sprinklers - water
balloons - buckets
and sponges - bring a
towel and a change of
clothes
additional cost

**Wednesday 11th
January**

Excursion
Going to the movies
in Kingaroy
movie to be advised
additional cost

**Thursday 12th
January**

Dress up in your
favourite character -
princess, prince,
ghost and we will play
some imaginative
games

**Friday 13th
January**

Excursion
Kingaroy Pool for pool
games and having fun
- bring a towel and
change of clothes
additional cost

**Monday 16th
January**

Incurion
Wet Monday - water
play under the
sprinklers - water
balloons - buckets
and sponges - bring a
towel and a change of
clothes
additional cost

**Tuesday 17th
January**

Excursion
Yoga for kids - we will
enjoy learning the
basics of Yoga with a
instructor
additional cost

**Wednesday 18th
January**

Excursion
Gymnastics in
Murgon
Lets bend and stretch
and reach for the
stars
additional cost

**Thursday 19th
January**

Sports Day
Soccer, Basketball,
Football, Volleyball
and much more

**Friday 20th
January**

Break up Day
Water play, baking,
movies, dancing
singing and lots more
- end of Vac Care
break up party
additional cost

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Monday 9th January  No School	Tuesday 10th January Murgon Drop In Pool Knock Out Comp 	Wednesday 11th January Kingarcy Movies Movie TBA \$20 includes Drink and Popcorn 	Thursday 12th January 	Friday 13th January Murgon Drop In Table Tennis Knock Out Comp 
Monday 16th January Murgon Drop In Nutritional Cooking Class \$5 	Tuesday 17th January Murgon Drop In 3 on 3 Touch Knock Out Comp 	Wednesday 18th January Gymnastics 9am-12pm \$10 	Thursday 19th January 	Friday 20th January Murgon Drop In Xbox, PS, Pool, Ping Pong 

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IT ALL STARTS HERE,



STEM Classes for boys and girls Grade 4-11 (January)

Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths, Imagineering, creating a vision for the future, thinking outside the square, Blinking lights, buzzers, doodads and gadgets are alive and well in Murgon these holidays.

- When: Grade 4-6 **Jan 9 and Jan 12**, Grade 7-9 **Jan 10 and Jan 14**, Grade 10-11 **Jan 11 and Jan 14**
Plus for farmers, house holders, etc Free Glimpse into the brave new world. Frid 20th Jan 2017

Murgon Uniting Church Outreach program provides an excellent opportunity for farmers, house holders, etc. to build their own applications. These projects are based on advanced Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. An experienced teacher is able to put these concepts well into your grasp. You will be introduced to building and programming your desired project.



Farmers: Suppose that you are in town and need to turn off or on that pump or feeder or whatever, on the farm 100 km away, using your mobile phone. Maybe, firstly, you need to check the operation before making that decision, call it and ask for the status of the operation before turning the item off. Manage conditions for animals in your shed or feedlot, etc. Check feeders, temperature, turn on fans heaters, cooling sprays, blinds for shade, water troughs, etc. Build it yourself or we will teach your smart kids to do it for you. Equipment runs at 5Volts so it is very safe. On-line help will be available if you need it.

Free Information Night Friday January 20 2017

Murgon Uniting Church Hall (bookings are essential, by email please.)

55 Taylor Street West, Murgon 4605

All questions to email address: doug_johnson@tpg.com.au or Tel# 04 669 744 83

Email: include email address, tel#, full name and number in your party,



At the Goomeri State School P-10 Awards Night, Principal, Mr Leon Doorackers announced the 2017 School Captains, Tyler Mills and Myles Clark and Vice Captains, Julia Walsh and Sophie Pellinkhof.



PHOTO: Mr David Pitstock with Myles Clark who received the Senior Citizenship Award & Harry Wardell who was the recipient of the Junior Citizenship Award.



Leo Geraghty on behalf of Flight Life accepted a cheque for \$1,200 that had been raised during the year by the Holden family at their Annual BGA Goomeri Christmas party.

COUNCIL ADOPTS THE 2015/16 ANNUAL REPORT



At a special meeting held on Wednesday, 9 November, the 2015/16 South Burnett Regional Council Annual Report was presented and adopted.

Council is required to prepare an Annual Report which contains an assessment of Council's performance in implementing its Corporate and Operational Plans, audited financial statements, and other statutory information as required by legislation.

The Annual Report is Council's report to its community and stakeholders on its performance and achievements, and its planned outcomes. It reveals Council's strategic and financial positions, and it details Council's performance in meeting the strategic priorities outlined

in our Corporate Plan. A printed copy of the report is available at all Customer Service Centres, Libraries and an electronic copy is available on Council's website.

Photograph: Mayor Keith Campbell & Deputy Mayor Kathy Duff

BETTY RIEDY



Betty was born Betty Wright to her parents, Bob and Lizzie, of Mondure on 29/6/1927 at Sister Kids Maternity Hospital. She was the eldest daughter in a family of six. (Tommy deceased, Sydney deceased, Myrtle, Daphne and Ken).

Betty grew up on a farm at Mondure, now owned by Clive and Beth Weier, with her parents and grandparents. She attended Mondure State School and later as she grew older travelled from Mondure to Murgon once a week on the rail motor to rural school where she learnt cooking and sowing. Betty finished school at 14 years of age but used her schooling to be a champion cook all her life.

After leaving school Betty started her working career in the Mondure stores and on the local telephone exchange.

It was here that she met the love of her life – George Riedy, a young Wooroonden farmer who delivered the mail, papers and meat from the store. The customers sent sugar bags to the store for Betty to pack their supplies in and George would then deliver these around the district three days a week in his horse and sulky.

After a short time, romance between George and Betty blossomed, and they shared many a date at the pictures at the Hivesville hall with George's sister Mary and her husband Jim McInnes.

George and Betty were married at the Catholic Church in Wondai on the 23/04/1949 and Betty then settled into married life at Wooroon, working tirelessly alongside George, on his parents farm, milking cows, feeding pigs, growing potatoes and pumpkins and making her own bread and butter. George and Betty were paid 20 pound a month and a half share of the pigs, and later half shares of the income of the whole property.

In 1950 George and Betty were blessed with the arrival of their first child, daughter Sharon Lynell (Sharon Kratzmann) followed by Narelle Maree (Narelle Fryer) in 1953.

Sunday was a day out for Mass and Cricket and they established many friends over the years.

At a Stonelands School picnic Betty was successful in a broom throwing competition and George's best mate Mick Boisen fearing for George's life, saying I hope she doesn't aim it at you mate!

Life wasn't easy and they bought a Chev Ute and Betty was the only one who could drive it. She worked very hard chopping down bottle trees so that cattle could drink the water from inside the trees during the drought. Washing was done in a copper of boiling water, stirring the clothes with a stick to get them clean.

Ironing was done with a mother pots iron heated on the wood stove then later with a newer petrol iron.

The petrol iron was thrown out the window when it went up in flames giving Betty a heck of a fright.

Betty never missed a milking, either by hand or by machine, milking about 80 Illawarra cows twice a day every day. A32 volt lighting plant was the main source of power in those days and the motor driving the generator had to be switched off every night before bedtime.

Like in many homes if only the old kitchen table could talk, so many friends, so many visitors, school teachers, priests, nuns, neighbours and friends, even the local burr inspector. Betty would put on the kettle and bring out her baking tins. Many nights were spent around that table, in front of the wood stove with the kerosene lamp glowing, playing cards and telling yarns.

George bought Betty a beautiful big white Brahman cow whose photo in later years adorned her room door at Castra,

Betty found it hard to part with her beloved cow even though the brahman only had 6 calves over the 18 years it was on the farm.

George and Betty's girls grew up and married and gave them six wonderful grandchildren (Paul, Danny and Adam Kratzmann, Tammy Kerkow, David and Luke Fryer) and eleven great grandchildren who also enjoyed visiting and staying at the farm.

George had open heart surgery in 1973 and Brian and Sharon bought a half share in the farm. In 1993 Betty was devastated when she lost her soul mate George to cancer but her family surrounded her with their everlasting love which continued to her passing on the 9th November 2016.

In 2001 Betty helped Sharon, Brian and Bullet Bradley organize a Back to Wooroonden .

What was to have been a come along and have a chat for about 150 people, saw 500 plus people walk through the doors of the Wondai RSL.

In 2002 the family farm was sold and Betty moved to Hervey Bay to live with Sharon and Brian and she loved life at the bay becoming Nana to many more.

Life was now seriously changing for Betty and in 2005 Betty had open heart surgery (6 bypasses) and in 2011 lost her left breast from cancer, and had hip and knee replacements, never one to complain, Betty took it all in her stride.

July 2014 Betty moved to her lovely new home at Castra Murgon where she made many new friends and rekindled old friendships. Her care here was exceptional and she loved them all, staff and residents alike.

Betty lived a very humble life, was a true Christian who loved God and her faith and always practiced being a very good person.

We pay tribute to this beautiful lady, the matriarch of our family, words can't do her justice. Her life and legacy will live in our hearts forever and what a privilege it has been to know and love this truly humble inspiring lady. The most beautiful girl in the world, we love you Nana.

Betty was buried in the Wondai Cemetary next to her soul mate George.

Obituary and Eulogy supplied by family members.

Murgon Judo Club Inc

Once again Murgon Judo Club Inc., were proud to present the Murgon Judo Club Inc. Mini Modified Ne-waza Tournament/Training event on Saturday 5th November 2016.



A great day was had by all with playing for our shield. This year, Kyushin Judo Club won the shield. Unfortunately, we are waiting for Gin Gin Judo club to return the shield, so it can be passed on to the winning club

A great thank you to Kyushin Judo Club, who travelled from Brisbane to compete with us! Just like our club, many of their judokas were young, and this was their first Tournament/Training event.

The concept of this Tournament /Training event was and always will be Grass Roots Judo, just like what we used to do with Active After School Community Judo.

The weather was quite hot! However, the young Judokas played well and there were a few very close matches. Overall, the day was a complete success, with plenty of matches and plenty of games and water breaks.



Many thanks to Fiona for the big clean up the Wednesday before the Tournament /Training, and to Nikki for taking over from me with the Steamer on the mats; they turned out looking great!

And of course, we could not have had this event without the support of our club members - Toni with the canteen, Amanda with her camera, and Nikki for inviting us to Yarrakool Caravan Park and providing our B-B-Q party. And thanks to all the people who brought salads. And let's not forget our Cooks Toni and Dan everyone loved the B-B-Q.

Thanks to all the adults for supervising the Children in the Pool.

Thanks to Wim for his donation of all the Bottle Water which was much needed.

Thanks to Gum Nutt Place for printing all the Certificates for the day, and to Westpac & Bendigo Bank for Water bottles, Sensei Stan and Ian for fixing the Table and getting our banners up and looking good.

WONDAI CHRISTMAS EVE CARNIVAL

Saturday 24th December 2016



The Wondai A P & I (Show) Society are once again holding their much loved and anticipated Christmas Eve Carnival. Now in its 70th year, this longstanding, traditional start to the Christmas break is a wonderful chance to spend time with family and friends and celebrate the joys of the season.

Held on Christmas Eve (SATURDAY 24th December this year) in Coronation Park in the middle of town, from 5pm onwards, there is something for everyone at the Carnival. The BBQ will be firing up with a sizzle; soft drinks, coffee and other snacks will also be available for purchase. There will be amusements for the little ones. Wondai Town and District Band will entertain with a selection of Christmas favourites.

From about 6o'clock, the Wheels will start spinning! The Goods Wheel, still only 50 cents a ticket, will have many great items to be won, including goodies for Christmas Day and those last minute gifts. Kevin Perkins, the Show Society Patron, will be doing his legendary best on the Ham Wheel. Tickets there start at \$1, plus listen out for the great Super Draws, and you could be bringing home the bacon this Christmas!

And the night wouldn't be complete without Santa arriving at 7.30 pm, with free Ice blocks for the children.

This Carnival is the major fundraiser for the annual Wondai Show. Secretary of the Show Society, Noreen Brier, invites all South Burnett residents and visiting friends and family to, "join us on this special evening, catch up with old friends, relax and enjoy yourself."

Rise Up, Be Yourself: RUBY

NOT NOW, NOT EVER

RUBY (Rise Up, Be Yourself) is a free physical fitness program for women who are, have been, or likely to be experiencing Domestic and Family Violence (DFV).

Held weekly at a number of PCYC branches across Queensland, RUBY is designed to empower women by building physical strength and contributing to general well-being, emotional resilience, self-esteem and confidence through physical exercise in a violence free and safe environment.

RUBY is a unique program allowing participants a different outlet and tools to combat the domestic violence cycle by fostering connected relationships with other women in a safe group environment.

Each session is facilitated by a qualified, female group fitness instructor and a female member of the Queensland Police Service will also attend and participate weekly. RUBY can also link participants into existing local services for support, information, referrals and resources. RUBY is for participants age 18 and up, or for those 16 and up who are living independently.

Interested in RUBY for yourself, a family member, friend or client? Please contact the Coordinator at your closest PCYC branch: PCYC South Burnett – Jodie Jones Phone: (07) 4168 1889



Helpers at the 2016 Farmers Christmas night at Tablelands



Stressbusters night in Murgon with Margaret Enkelmann as the Guest Speaker
Photo: L to R Heather Castle, Margaret Enkelmann & Joan Adams



Paul & Marilyn Huddleston with 17 Youth Mission students who attended the Christmas Carols at New Horizons while visiting Murgon.



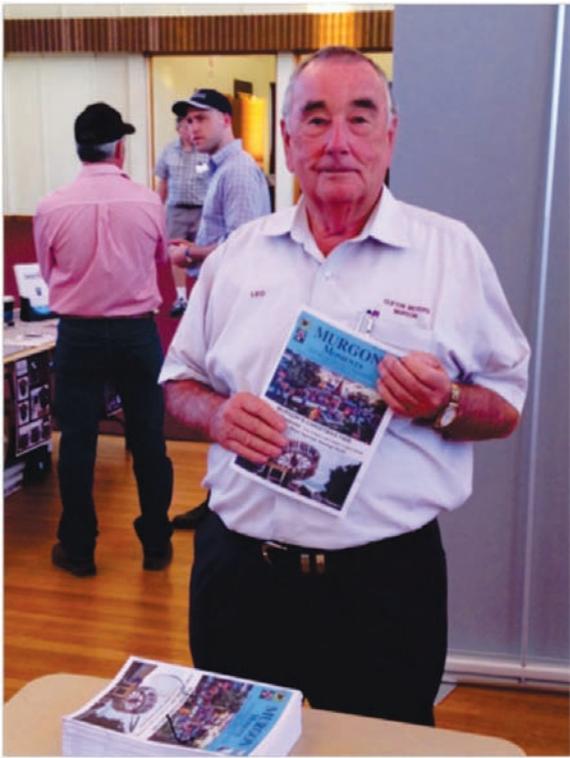
South Burnett Regional Councillors in Murgon on a bus trip inspecting Council facilities recently called on Mark Smith of Mark Smiths Menswear to check out the condition of the footpaths in the Murgon CBD

THE SOUTH BURNETT BUSINESS EXPO

The South Burnett Business Expo held on Monday 21st November 2016 at the Kingaroy Town Hall was fantastic to have many Murgon businesses and organisations represented at the Expo,

BIEDO partnered with AusIndustry to present the Expo which was a great opportunity for individuals, businesses and organisations to come together and share information. Feedback received was really encouraging and has given us some great suggestions for various business related activities in 2017. We would like to thank our generous supporters Stanwell and the South Burnett Times for their contributions towards the event.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for supporting BIEDO this year and wish you all a very Merry Christmas. Let's hope Santa brings our communities some much-needed rain! We look forward to seeing you at a BIEDO event in the New Year!



Kristy Frahm, Chief Executive Officer, Ph: 07 41695456, Mob: 0429 683 121

Burnett Inland Economic Development Organisation (BIEDO)
Supporting Rural Business and Community



MURGON STATE SCHOOL

(by kind permission Murgon State School Newsletter)

What a great year 2016 has been for Murgon State School. The school has undergone significant change this year from curriculum and pedagogy to the presentation of the grounds and classrooms. I would like to personally thank the entire Murgon State School staff for their dedication and commitment to ensure that **Every Day in every Classroom Every Child is Learning**. Well Done! I am proud and honoured to lead such a great group of staff and can't wait to get into 2017.

In 2017 there will be changes to the HPE curriculum as Murgon State School aligns its program to the Australian Curriculum. Most notably, students will be required to undertake theoretical study during HPE lessons. The content covered relates to healthy eating, personal growth and development, relationships and some social and emotional wellbeing. This implementation of the HPE Australian Curriculum is an important step in ensuring that our kids are receiving the same opportunities and education as other students around the nation.

Report cards will be posted home to all parents on the last day of school. Within this envelope parents will also receive a copy of the booklist for 2017 as well as a welcome letter to their class for 2017. This letter will contain the class your child is in as well as a picture of the teacher. The room the class is in will also be on this letter so students and parents know where to go on the first day.

The Academic Success Commitment Program will commence in 2017. This Program is an attendance based program that will entitle students who attend school 95% of the time and greater, access to additional support, extension programs, online learning, resources and teacher aide time to support their learning. The Program will run in 5 week cycles. This is an exciting opportunity which will be through invitation only. Information sessions will be held at the commencement of 2017 to give parents greater detail about the Program.

Congratulations to our Students Leaders for 2017:

SCHOOL CAPTAINS: Sienna Cluff and Zachary Smith

VICE CAPTAINS: Katie Langton and Damon Zelinski

KANGAROO CAPTAINS: Ashlee Beddows and Jorja Hall

KOALA CAPTAINS: Destinie Bradley and Jemma Vanderkolk

PLATYPUS CAPTAINS: Keturah Murray and Lily Waldron

POSSUM CAPTAINS: Sienna Cluff and Krystle Rattey

Finally, please have a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing everyone back in 2017.

Yours in Education, Daniel Bishop

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Aussie World Rewards Trip: I am excited to report that over 80 children have earned their place at our Aussie World Rewards Trip. They have shown continuing commitment to Attendance, Behaviour and Curriculum.

Leadership Camp: As out school captains and vice captains for 2016, Zac, Sienna, Damon and Katie have spent three adventurous days at Barambah Environmental Education Centre this week. They joined with other prospective leaders from cluster schools to complete challenges to help them build confidence for their roles in 2017.

Year 6 Transition to High School: The school was extra quiet recently as our Year 6's were at Murgon State High School for their transition day. The children rotated through classes in Science, ITD (Manual Arts), Art and Music as well as a session with the Principal, Mr Ware.

Volunteers: Our school community appreciates the families who have assisted in classrooms with groups or in the Tuckshop or with sporting activities or at P&C functions. You have made a difference and helped us to strive for great things.

As the 2016 school year draws to a close, I wish all the members of our school community a restful and joyous holiday celebrating with friends and family.

Libby Meikle, Deputy Principal.

Editors Footnote: Congratulations to all the families and teachers now using the new safer parking bays and walkways that was a project highly recommended by the Murgon Business & Development Assoc Inc in conjunction with the South Burnett Regional Council in lieu of updating the Murgon CBD footpaths.



Congratulations to Constable Cory Lubbock who regularly attends our local Murgon Neighbourhood Watch Meetings and has been a great asset to our community giving lectures and guidance on security, drugs and safety.

Photo: A very proud Constable Cory Lubbock with his award for Neighbourhood Watch Queensland Liaison Officer of the Year.

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REPORT 34TH BARAMBAH SHED MEN NIGHT



58 men turned up for the 34th Shed Men night held at the Murgon Men's Shed on Saturday 3rd December. Robert Marshall from Coalstoun Lakes gave an hour long demonstration of making a toasting fork and repairing a rake in the old blacksmith tradition. Robert then told of about his life as a farmer, his love for blacksmithing which led him to learn the trade, and his battle with a brain tumor. The severe headaches led him to his doctor and the tumor being diagnosed which resulted in an operation followed by radiation and chemotherapy treatment. He said that sometimes he felt like dying and he almost did a couple of times. It changed his outlook on life and made him realize what things really are important while he is alive and now he has a renewed appreciation for life in general and his own in particular. Thank you Robert for sharing your blacksmith skills and your life story with us.

Our guest speaker was Bill Hogan from Nanango and Brisbane. Bill shared about his upbringing, when his Christmas present was usually his school clothes for next year, and his birthday present might well be new sheets for his bed! Shoes were only worn for special occasions – barefoot was the norm. He recounted several physical events which left some scars on him – literally. One day, he walked underneath a windmill just as a worker up on the platform cut a piece of wood off – the wound on his head took a while to heal! Once, his hand got caught in the 'wringer' of his mother's washing machine, and pulled a considerable amount of skin off. His leg bears testament to the effects of barbed wire scraping up his shin! Normal stuff for a young man in the bush! Bill later spent the best part of his life as an insurance salesman, selling insurance against natural disasters such as cyclones, fires, floods, etc. He spoke of his experiences, mentioning cyclones which devastated Darwin and Townsville, the Grantham Floods and other disasters. Bill mentioned about how events tend to have an effect on each of us



and how they shape our lives. Although Bill never sold these policies, he also talked about Life Assurance, which is insurance against one's own death in an accident or perhaps from illness. Not too many years ago, Bill felt called into Christian ministry, and ended up as the Pastor at the Nanango Baptist Church, where he still is today. In some ways, his ministry has similarities with selling insurance – he often deal with disasters in people's lives. And now he is involved with life assurance but in a different way – as he said, to know Jesus as one's saviour is the best life assurance anyone can have and the only assurance we need for eternity. Life Assurance worth taking out!

Thanks Bill for sharing your life and hope with us.

David Mollenhauer and I wish everyone a blessed, safe and happy Christmas. Till next year.

Glen Vonhoff

COOKBOOK SALE

Graham House Community Centre would like to share with you the Collection of tasty Recipes put together this year.

The Community Kitchen is a free program open to like-minded individuals who come together on a regular basis to socialize and learn how to cook nutritious meals on a budget.

Cookbook is for sale for \$5.00

Proceeds go towards keeping the program going.

We have joyously created simple but delicious food.

For purchase contact Graham House on 41698400



GOOMERI PUMPKIN FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Goomeri Pumpkin Festival Committee held its 20th Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 18th October at the Pam Brunjes Pavilion, Goomeri Showgrounds



This meeting witnessed a huge milestone with long standing committee members retiring. They were Tricia McArthur, Geoff Stumm and Faye Stumm who were a big part of the team that started the Festival 20 years ago. Margaret Angel from the Goomeri Loins Club spoke with huge accolades of the three, this was acknowledged with applause from all attendants. The other long term retiree was Daryl Harch.

Photo L-R: Geoff Stumm, Daryl Harch, Faye Stumm, Front- Paula Hanwright, Tricia McArthur

The new committee was voted in, and comprises of some young and some old, but new faces to the Goomeri area, who along with the outstanding community support hope to continue the iconic and rewarding work that has come before them. (pictured below). The committee will be looking for ongoing guidance and knowledge from the retiring members to ensure the Pumpkin Festival continues as the Icon for the district that it has been for the last 20 years. Volunteers play a huge part in the success of the festival and the new committee would like to thank all those people who have given their time freely over the past 20 years and hope that they will continue to give their ongoing support.

The Pumpkin Festival holds its monthly meetings on the 1st Tuesday of every month (except January), further details can be obtained by contacting Kim Boyter, 0408778733 or Jenny Breitreutz, 0437910257

Thank you to all once again for the support and commitment and we look forward to another great festival year.



Photo New Committee L-R: Jennifer Pointon (Treasurer) Kim Boyter (President/Co-ordinator) Carol Baker, Jenny Breitreutz (Secretary) Erin Lawless.

GET OUT, GET WET, GET MOVING



Wondai Swimming Pool has some new additions to their workout programs on offer. Council was successful in receiving funding from the *Get Out, Get Active* Program to purchase five (5) Aqua Bike Professionals!!

These exercise bikes are a unique aquatic stationary bike made of stainless steel. This allows participants to pedal while immersed in the water taking advantage of the many benefits of exercising in the pool. There are three (3) resistance levels and the bikes can be adjusted to your individual needs.

Adrian Niemann, Manager of the Wondai Swimming Pool has nine (9) programs on offer that incorporate the Aqua Bike. The programs on offer includes *Leg Work, Smash n Grab, Minute Man, Build It, 4 minute Tabata, Lets Have Fun, Pool Tri Plan and Old School Workout*. With so many programs, there is something for everyone.

The Wondai Swimming Pool will be offering these programs on Wednesdays starting in January 2017 at 8.00am and 6.00pm. If you want to try out these Aqua Bikes they will be available for individuals to hire. You will be offered one of the nine (9) programs to try which is included in the hire of the bike.

Cr Ros Heit met up with Adrian last week and trialed one of the bikes in the pool. "It certainly gives you a high intensity, low impact workout, with the comfort of staying cool in the pool." said Cr Ros Heit.

During the winter months, the bikes will take up residence at the South Burnett Aquatic Centre in Nanango.

The *Get Out, Get Active* Program is funding provided by Queensland's Department of National Parks, Sport & Racing and provides funding for projects that will deliver community-based sport and recreation activities that increase opportunities for participation by women and girls who are either currently inactive, or would otherwise benefit from further participation.

"It's an 'outside the box' way to take part in a low impact exercise. They will allow people from many age groups and fitness levels to take part in the programs on offer or even try it out on their own" said Cr Keith Campbell.

Adrian trialed the bikes at a HydroRider Class training session on Thursday night with positive feedback all round.

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JOKE FOR THE MONTH

A lady is trotting down the road in her horse and buggy when she is pulled over by the sheriff.

"Ma'am, I have to warn you, you have a broken stake on your wheel," says the sheriff.

"Oh dear. I'll let my husband, Jacob know as soon as I get home," she replies.

"That's fine," he continues. "Another thing, ma'am. I don't like the way that one rein loops across the horse's back and around one of his " Boy Bits ". I consider that terrible cruelty to the animal. Have your husband take care of that right away!"

Later that day, the lady is home telling her husband about her encounter with the sheriff. "Well, dear, what exactly did he say?" asked the husband. "He said a stake is broken," replied the lady. "I can fix that in a heartbeat. What else?" asked the husband.

The wife replied: "I'm not sure, Jacob - something to do with the emergency brake."

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MURGON MUSIC MUSTER 2016

The Rotary Club of Murgon wishes to thank all the many sponsors, supporters, artists and volunteers of our annual Music Muster. Your generosity enables us to continue to hold this event, which brings more than a hundred caravans and motorhomes to Murgon and district for up to a week. The Club collects as many shopping dockets as possible from these visitors, and we know they spend many thousands of dollars in Murgon and the surrounding district, so we trust that this injection of cash into our community helps all businesses, whether directly or indirectly.

Your generosity, plus the attendance of locals who come to our wonderful Muster, also enables the Club to be able to donate money to worthy recipients. This year we are able to support beyondblue, Lifelight, South Burnett First Aid Volunteers Inc., Cystic Fibrosis Qld, the Rotary Foundation and Rotary's Polio Eradication campaign.

Comments from visitors and locals who attended, plus the artists, were "It was wonderful. We'll be back next year." "We really enjoyed it.

The sound was great". And yes, the sound was great - thanks to the grant obtained through Llew O'Brien, MP and the assistance of Deputy Mayor, Kathy Duff in organising it in time to purchase the new acoustic curtains for the PCYC.

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Kathy's Comments

The strength in our Region

The way the community pulled together after the recent fire at Swickers made me proud to be part of the South Burnett. This was a major disaster for our region with almost 600 people employed at Swickers. The State Emergency Services did an amazing job to contain the fire. The Management of Swicker's staff was simply incredible with everybody retaining their jobs and although some being temporary relocated all being compensated for any inconvenience. Council worked closely with Swickers and the EPA on disposal of fire damaged carcasses at our Wondai waste facility. Progress on the rail trail is being held up until possibly May next year to allow the contractor on the trail to assist with the Swicker's recovery. The State Government funded a BBQ lunch as part of the South Burnett Country Fair to say thank you to all involved. I was pleased to help out at the Fair which was a great success and raised money for the South Burnett Pantry to help to support the struggling and disadvantaged in our region.

Successful Farmer's Nights

Thanks to the Cloyna, Tablelands and Mondure Hall Committees for organising some very successful and well attended Drought Recovery nights that were funded by the Department of Communities and supported by Council.

Special Remembrance Day Service at Boondooma Homestead

I was pleased to attend the special service at Boondooma Homestead on Remembrance Day where plaques of 15 soldiers who left from Boondooma Station to go to the First World War were unveiled. This project was jointly funded by State Government and Boondooma Homestead with Buddy Thomson doing the research assisted by Lynne Bennett and Keith and Judy Brandt.

BIEDO doing a Great Job

Kristy Frahm as the new CEO of BIEDO has done an amazing job hosting numerous events around our region as well as in the North Burnett. The Business Expo, the Girl's Day Out and the Wellness Days are just a few of the events that were an outstanding success for this year. I am pleased to have just joined the Board and look forward to working with the team into the future.

Success for Murgon Tennis Club

Council has contributed some funds and worked closely with the Murgon Tennis Club on a grant through Sport and Rec Qld for upgrades to the courts. I was extremely pleased to hear of the success of this application. Congratulations to everyone involved and I look forward to seeing the new upgrades.

Thanks for the Privilege and Honour of Serving You

I was extremely honoured recently to stand alongside Glenn Kapernick and Dennis Wolter to receive a Murgon Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellow. I was also honoured to be asked to be Patron of the Proston Men's Shed and the Hivesville Market Committee recently.

Transport Reference Group

This is a new Council Committee with stakeholders from around our region who are keen to get better movement for heavy vehicles in and out and around our region. The group will work closely with the National Heavy Vehicle Regulators, Council and Main Roads to get additional funding and more flexible permit systems for priority roads where we need heavy vehicle access to support our agricultural industries.

Independent Drought Declarations

We have been lobbying to have our region drought declared but the feedback is this won't happen at least until after the storm season has passed. Individual properties can apply and receive the same benefits. The contact is Damien O'Sullivan from DAF on 41600717



or email damien.o'sullivan@daf.qld.gov.au.

School Breakups and end of year Celebrations

I would like to wish all of the students who are moving on this year from our schools all of the very best for the future. Congratulations to those who received awards, to those who are taking on leadership roles for next year and best wishes for everything that you do in 2017. I had the privilege of attending many of the Awards ceremonies and know that we are in good hands into the future with the outstanding talent we have in our young people.

Australia Day Awards

It was fantastic to receive over 90 entries this year for the Australia Day Awards. The South Burnett Award night will be in Nanango next year on the 25th of January on the eve of Australia Day. Don't forget the Australia Day ceremonies around the region. The Murgon celebration will be a breakfast at the Qld Dairy & Heritage Museum. Proston will have afternoon tea hosted by the Scouts and Boondooma Homestead will have an evening celebration.

Season's Greetings

I would like to thank everyone for their support this year. You are a great community to work for and I wish you all a Happy, Holy and Safe Christmas and all of the very best in 2017!!

Contact Details and Meeting Opportunities

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 to meet at your place or at the Murgon Council Office.

Cr Kathy Duff (Division 5) South Burnett Regional Council
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We sadly mourn the loss of :

R U T H E N B E R G, Max, Better known as the Rawleigh's man, Late of Wondai

S T R E T T O N, Jennifer Joyce, Late of Manyung

C O O P E R, Owen William Late of Kingaroy (Formerly of Murgon and Roma).

WIDE BAY IN PICTURES SCHOOL COMPETITION #lovewidebay

Federal Member for Wide Bay, Llew O'Brien has launched a Wide Bay in Pictures competition for local schools, a selection of which will be printed on canvas and put on display in his Parliament House and Electorate Offices.

Mr O'Brien is inviting local school students to send him copies of their photographic and artistic pictures which highlight the diversity and beauty of Wide Bay.

"The walls of my Parliament House and Electorate offices are a perfect place to showcase the scenery and sights of Wide Bay - and help to promote the region to visitors and tourists," Mr O'Brien said.

All school students in Wide Bay are invited to participate in the competition. Eight pictures will be selected, two pictures from each of the Council areas in Wide Bay*.

A cash prize of \$200 will be donated to the school's Parents & Citizens Committee for any selected picture. All students participating in the competition will receive a special certificate of appreciation.

"This competition encourages students to display their talent by taking photographs, or painting or drawing pictures of something that is special and unique about Wide Bay.

"From pristine beaches, historic towns, beautiful hinterland and stunning landscapes, Wide Bay in Pictures will provide a great opportunity to highlight all our region has to offer.

"I encourage students to be as creative as possible, from images depicting pre-European settlement through to the modern time, students can use their artistic talents to portray Wide Bay in a variety of styles.

"Wide Bay in Pictures will be an important conversation piece and enable people to see for themselves how appealing our region is, and the variety of attractions we have right on our doorstep.

"The tourism industry is a major driver of our regional economy, creating jobs and supporting other small businesses.

"The pictures will also be published on social media to help promote our region to the rest of the world, encouraging visitors to come here.

"I hope that iconic Wide Bay in Pictures will bring people to our region to experience the beauty and hospitality for themselves.

"The Wide Bay in Pictures competition is open to all school students from Wide Bay, and I hope that school children who share a passion for our region send in a picture of their favourite place in Wide Bay."

Conditions of entry

- Entry is open to all primary and secondary school students and limited to one picture per person.
- To enter, please email a copy of your photographic or artistic picture to Llew.O'Brien.MP@aph.gov.au with #lovewidebay in the subject line. Please include the students name, school name, school phone number, and the location of where the picture was taken together with the picture.
- *Two winners will be selected from each of the following Local Government Areas in Wide Bay: Fraser Coast Regional Council; Gympie Regional Council; South Burnett Regional Council; and Noosa Council and Sunshine Coast Council combined areas.
- There are 8 prizes of \$200 available. The School's Parents & Citizens Committee will receive \$200 for a selected entry.
- The student must reside in the Wide Bay electorate and their school must be located in the Wide Bay electorate.
- All pictures must be taken in, or represent, the Federal Division of Wide Bay, please refer to the Australian Electoral Commission's website www.aec.gov.au/profiles/qld/wide-bay.htm
- Pictures may be posted on social media (Facebook/Twitter/Instagram) hashtag #lovewidebay with the first name of the photographer or artist and the location of the image.
- Pictures may be printed, reproduced or distributed electronically and there will be no payment for reproduction or redistribution.
- The closing date for entries is Friday, 10 February.

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL YEAR 2 EXCURSION TO THE MURGON DAIRY MUSEUM



Before school broke up for the 2016 year Students of St Joseph's Primary School Year 2 went on an exciting excursion to the Murgon Dairy Museum. We had a lovely day where we learnt how to make our own butter and explored different buildings from the past. Here is the class with their Teacher, Miss Parrott, on the veranda of the Trinity homestead.

IN MURGON THIS MONTH

Particulars available at the Visitor Information Centre

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Saturday	24	Wondai Christmas Carnival, Church Services, Golf,
Sunday	25	Christmas Day, Church Services,
Monday	26	Boxing Day
Tuesday	27	Holiday,
Saturday	31	New Years Eve, Goomeri New Years Eve Rodeo, Golf,

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Sunday	1	New Years Day, Church Services, Catholic Mass,
Monday	2	Holiday,
Tuesday	3	SBRC Libraries reopen, SB PCYC reopens, Graham House reopens, PCYC School Age Vacation Care Tabinga reopens,
Wednesday	4	Murgon Men's Shed,
Saturday	7	Murgon Men's Shed, Golf,
Sunday	8	Bowls, Golf, Church Services,
Monday	9	SB PCYC holiday program starts, STEM classes start,
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In October the Chapel at the Museum was the venue for a wedding. Although small, it is unique and makes for a lovely setting for a ceremony and photographs. To enquire regarding costs, ring the Museum on 41695001 or call in and visit. Opening hours are between 9.30 and 12.30, seven days a week.

The Rotary Club organized a bus tour for visitors who were camping at the Music Muster. They visited the Museum as well as the Ration Shed at Cherbourg. Thanks Rotary for your support.

The South Burnett Arthritis Support Group held their Annual Meeting in The Barn at the Museum. They enjoyed a Butter Making display as well as morning tea and lunch which was catered for by the volunteers. Information is available regarding catering if groups are interested.

The Museum had a visit in early November from a group of students from St Joesph's Murgon. The students were working on a unit in History titled "Then & Now". The visit allowed them to compare the past with the present whilst walking around and looking in each of the buildings at the history that has been



collected and displayed. The staff and students enjoyed their visit which commenced with a butter making display.

Although the Museum is operated by a group of volunteers, there are costs involved to keep it open. The buildings and grounds have to be maintained and there are ongoing costs such as utilities, insurance, security etc. Free admission is not an option as we would have to close the doors. Visitors to the Museum are contributing towards the upkeep of this valuable asset to our town and we thank all who support this local project.

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PaTH to jobs for young jobseekers

Llew O'Brien, Federal Member for Wide Bay has today reaffirmed the Coalition Government's commitment to the innovative three step PaTH programme – Prepare - Trial - Hire.

“The PaTH programme increases the job prospects of young jobseekers by ensuring they are prepared, ready and able to join the workforce”, Mr O'Brien said.

“We need to encourage more businesses to open their door and give young jobseekers the opportunity to make a positive and valuable contribution to their communities, by providing them with the job-ready skills that employers demand.”

The Coalition Government's three-step Youth Jobs PaTH programme is a key component of the \$840 million Youth Employment Package. The programme helps young people become work ready through intensive pre-employment skills training.

Up to 120,000 internships over four years will be available for young Australians to gain real work experience. An increased wage subsidy for employers who take on young job seekers will provide an incentive for local employers to give young people the opportunity to obtain employment.

The Youth Jobs PaTH three flexible stages include:

Employability skills training begins in April 2017 to help prepare young job seekers for the workplace. The training will help jobseekers better understand what employers expect of them and give them the skills, attitudes and behaviours required to be successful in a job.

From April 2017, up to 30,000 young job seekers each year will be eligible to undertake an internship placement of 4 to 12 weeks. The voluntary internships provide incentives of \$1,000 to business to host an intern and a \$200 fortnightly payment to job seekers on top of their income support.

From January 2017 a Youth Bonus wage subsidy of between \$6,500 and \$10,000 will be available to businesses who take on an eligible young person as an employee or apprentice.

“The Coalition is committed to investing in young Australians to break the cycle of welfare dependency by giving young jobseekers the skills required to find and keep a job, as we work towards growing our economy.”

The 2016-17 Youth Employment Package follows the Government's earlier \$331 million investment in the Youth Employment Strategy. For more information about the Youth Employment Package visit www.employment.gov.au/path

YOUNG DRIVERS URGED TO KEEP THEIR CHINS UP

Young drivers will be encouraged to keep their chin up and not look down at their mobile phone, thanks to the winning idea from the latest Co-Lab Youth Road Safety Innovation Challenge. This idea will be developed for a social media campaign in 2017.

The winning team has come up with a great tagline for their campaign called 'Chin up', which encourages behaviour change and urges drivers to remain aware, look up and not be distracted by their phones.

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