



# 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.



## Holly Ferling is in Canberra, Australian Capital Territory



### PATIENCE PAYS OFF

Although we didn't get the win, I was beyond happy to watch fellow South Burnett local Courtney Sippel make her Qld cricket debut. We worked out on the weekend that we've known each other for almost 12 years. It's been a pleasure to watch her go from bowling the boys out while playing for Murgon to becoming the skilled bowler she is today. Sip, your persistence and eagerness to learn is what has got you to where you are today. You were ready, and you know you always have been. Proud of you chick xx

Also a big thank you to cricketact and cricketaustralia for making this weekend possible. From bringing the fixture forward to dealing with rain and changing the ground halfway through the day - we take our hats off to you! We are so grateful!

# Applications open to fund life-saving Driver Reviver upgrades in Wide Bay

Operators of Driver Reviver locations across Wide Bay can now apply for a share of \$7.3 million in Australian Government funding to upgrade their life-saving rest sites.

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien said the Driver Reviver program played an important role in improving road safety by providing a safe place for road users to stop and rest.

"The volunteers of Wide Bay's Driver Reviver sites and everywhere do a fantastic job preventing driver fatigue providing a much-needed break and cuppa for drivers, their families and friends," Mr O'Brien said.

"The Driver Reviver program makes a proven contribution to road safety, reducing the risk of death or serious injury by giving drivers a convenient stopping place where they can take a well-deserved break.

"In regional areas like Wide Bay, these rest sites become even more critical as our communities and hard-working truckies depend on often long-haul trips to stay connected with loved ones, travel to work or get our locally-produced goods to markets, not to mention the increase in grey nomads and the domestic 'drive tourism' market that is growing every year.

"If there is one New Year's resolution I encourage every person in Wide Bay to make, it's to take road safety seriously and do what they can to help keep themselves and others safe on our roads – including taking breaks when they need it."

Mr O'Brien said fatigue was one of the 'Fatal Five' risk factors when driving, and taking a half-hour break could be the difference between arriving safely or not at all.

"As a former road crash investigator, I know the devastating and long-lasting impacts that road crashes have on families and communities, which is why it is so critically important to keep road safety front of mind through programs such as Driver Reviver," Mr O'Brien said.

"That's why the Morrison Government is investing \$7.3 million under Round 2 of the Driver Reviver Upgrade

Program, to allow existing Driver Reviver locations nationwide to upgrade amenities and install new equipment, and I strongly encourage all site owners in Wide Bay and beyond to submit their applications for funding as soon as possible."

Assistant Minister for Road Safety and Freight Transport Scott Buchholz said driver fatigue had been identified as one of the 'Fatal Five' road safety factors that contribute to road trauma, being a factor in up to 30 per cent of all deaths and severe injuries on our roads.

"Driver Reviver sites are critical in tackling driver fatigue to make our roads safer, which is why I am proud to be part of a Government that continues to invest in the program – with a total of \$8 million committed under the Driver Reviver Upgrade Program and \$1.2 million already out the door through the Road Safety Awareness and Enablers Fund," Assistant Minister Buchholz said.

"Driver Reviver owners will be able to use this round's funding for a range of much-needed amenities to entice road users to make good use of their sites, such as shelters, picnic tables, power and water facilities, barbecues, parking, lighting and of course equipment such as fridges or hot water urns that allow them to offer that much-needed cuppa with their friendly chats.

"Road safety is everyone's responsibility and while our Government is doing what it can to ensure Australia moves towards 'Vision Zero' of zero deaths on our nation's roads, initiatives such as the Driver Reviver program showcase what governments and communities can achieve when working together, and of course the role road users can play to ensure we all get home safely at the end of each trip."

Round 2 of the Driver Reviver Site Upgrade Program is a targeted competitive grant round with applications closing 23 February 2021.

Further information, including application guidelines and submissions, is available at [www.grants.gov.au](http://www.grants.gov.au).

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## South Burnett Public Art Roundtable discussion

On behalf of South Burnett Arts Inc. I would like to invite you to attend the next South Burnett Public Art Roundtable discussion which will take place on Thursday 18 February 10:30am - 12:00pm at the Old Masonic Lodge, 42 Gipps Street Nanango. Thank you to Gloria and Jane from NaTDA who have assisted in arranging this!

Trudie Leigo from CQRASN will be attending as our guest host and we're looking forward to what will be a valuable opportunity to bring together the South Burnett arts community and tourism/business groups seeking to progress public art initiatives in their communities. South Burnett Regional Council has recently partnered with CQRASN and neighbouring Wide Bay Burnett Councils to strengthen arts development in our region (read the media release here) so this is a fantastic opportunity to meet Trudie from the CQRASN team.

The last South Burnett Public Art Roundtable was held in Kingaroy in September, and it's our intention to host these discussions quarterly across different South Burnett towns. An agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting and I welcome any suggested agenda items by return email. For your reference, I have copied the previous meeting notes below.

To ensure COVID-safety, RSVPs are essential for this meeting - please let me know by return email or give me a text/call on 0432 556 830 if you are able to join us.

Best Regards, Olivia Everitt.

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## Ten South Burnett groups share in grant success

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington, has congratulated ten local community groups who were successful in securing grants through the latest round (106) of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund.

Mrs Frecklington said the South Burnett groups will share in more than \$279,000 to bring some fantastic projects to reality.

"The Gambling Community Benefit Grants are such a good way for groups to upgrade facilities and buy new equipment," Mrs Frecklington said.

"I congratulate the groups who have been successful in this latest round. 2020 was a difficult year for community groups with limited fundraising opportunities, so these grants will be a big help in ensuring they can continue with their planned projects," she said.

The ten successful groups are:

- Nanango Show Society – Upgrades for the pavilion
- Murgon RSL Sub-Branch – Air-conditioning and security for the new drop-in centre
- Wondai Country Club – Greens Mower
- South Burnett Equestrian Group – Wheelchair access carriage
- South Burnett Junior Motorcycle Club – Mower
- South Burnett Rail Trail Users Assoc – Supply and install trail signage
- South Burnett Woodcrafters – Woodworking equipment
- Taromeo Rural Fire Brigade – Extension and electricity
- Kingaroy Touch Assoc – Relocate portable building and construct undercover area
- Kingaroy RSPCA – Trailer

"I encourage all local groups, however big or small, to consider applying for a Gambling Community Benefit Fund Grant to help achieve their goals."

For more information please call the Nanango Electorate Office on 4190 7100, or head to: <https://www.justice.qld.gov.au/initiatives/community-grants/guidelines>



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The Club was recently very pleased to be able to donate \$500 to the Graham House Transport Division towards the upkeep of the car which is based in Wondai. The car is wheelchair friendly and community members requiring transport for

medical appointments, banking, shopping and social visits, should contact Graham House on 41 698 400 for further information. A small fee is requested to assist with costs. Volunteer drivers are always required and if you are interested and can help, please contact Graham House. Maree Anderson, the Transport Co-ordinator and Val Hodson representing the Rotary Club of Murgon, were photographed recently with the Wondai based vehicle. Val collects containers for recycling from friends and neighbours on behalf of Rotary and recent fundraising was topped up by the Club.



The Rotary Charity Golf Day has just been held at the Murgon Golf Club as their opening day for 2021. 41 golfers participated and the Rotary Club provided a bbq lunch. Thanks to the

Golf Club for their generosity in making this day available and donating the majority of the proceeds to Rotary. Thanks also to The Coffee Bar 4605, The Tacklebox and The Royal Hotel, who assisted with prizes. The beneficiary from the profits of this day will be the Murgon Hospital Auxiliary. Men's placegetters were Lindsay Bligh (1st); John Watt (2nd) and Uncle Bill Glenbar (3rd). Women's placegetters were Colleen Laurenz (1st) and Leanne Dowdle (2nd). The fruit tray raffle was won by Paul Taylor.

Thanks to a Grant from the Department of Infrastructure, the Club has recently installed an aerator in the Lily Ponds in Murgon to assist with water quality. This will be up and running shortly once power is connected.

2020 was a very quiet year for the Rotary Club though things still tick over in the background. New members are being sought to help the Club continue its good work in the community. If you are interested, please contact Heath Sander on 0418 786 007 or Rex Shelton on 0427 623 253. We'd love to hear from you.

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## PCYC's 'Braking the Cycle'

The South Burnett PCYC has introduced a program that will help young people overcome financial or social barriers to getting their provisional driver's licence.

The 'Braking the Cycle' program, which will commence in the coming months, will give local learner driver's the opportunity to undertake free supervised driving lessons.

'Braking the Cycle' coordinator Karen Sanewski said after participants were assessed as competent by a driving school, volunteer mentors would supervise them driving in a provided vehicle.

Some of these mentors include local police officers including Constable Elizabeth Loveday, Constable Brigette Low from Murgon Police Station and Senior Constable Adam Done from Cherbourg Police Station.



Ms Sanewski said she had seen people in remote communities who have no option but to walk everywhere, so this mobility is especially useful to rural residents.

"This program will benefit young people's job prospects because it will help them secure employment where a car is required or pursued further education and training opportunities," Ms Sanewski said.

According to PCYC Queensland, almost one quarter of fatalities on Queensland roads involve 16 – 25 year old's, so the program also aims to improve road safety as well as to reduce unlicensed driving.

For more information in relation to the program, please contact Ms Sanewski on 4168 1889 or email at karen.sanewski@pcyc.org.au.

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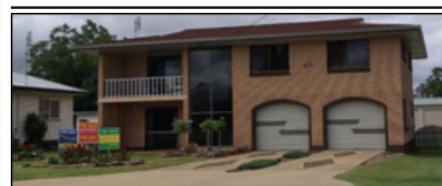
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# Murgon Market Report 2/2/2021

Weaners steers selling to \$6.20 per kilogram and heifers to \$6.00.



950 were yarded in Murgon yesterday with the market very strong for all descriptions. Export values remained firm. Feeder prices were also firm to a shade dearer. Weaners reached record heights with steers selling to \$6.20 per kilogram and heifers to \$6.00. Cattle were drawn from Tiaro, Mundubbera, Gayndah, Mt Perry, Hawkwood, Durong, Kilkivan, Yarraman, Nanango and locally. Bulls sold to \$3.38 cents per kilogram and \$2850.00. Bullocks sold to \$3.84 and \$2590.00. Heavy Cows over 500 kilograms sold to \$3.26 per kilogram and \$2140.00, averaging \$3.10. Cows 400 to 500 kg sold to \$ 3.26 per kilogram for an average of \$3.03. Lighter Cows under 400 kg sold to \$3.10. Export heifers topped at \$3.53 per kilogram and \$1850.00. Santa steers from Nanango sold for \$1830.00 at \$4.56 c/kg. 435 kg Limousin cross steers from Hivesville sold for \$4.50 c/kg returning \$1958.00. A draft of 48 Droughtmaster steers from Tansey sold for an average of \$1871.00 at \$4.41 c/kg, topping at \$1977.00. 307 kg Charbray steers from Tansey sold to \$1593.00 at \$5.19 c/kg. Local Red Angus steers weighing 306 kg sold for 1544.00 and \$5.04 c/kg. Euro cross steers weighing 320 kg sold for \$1592.00 at \$4.95 c/kg. A draft of 116 Braford weaner steers from Gayndah sold for \$6.09 c/kg for an average of \$1428.00, the lead pen topping at \$1736.00. Angus weaner steers from Proston sold to a sale top of 6.20 c/kg for \$1298.00. 2 pens of Charbray weaner steers from Hawkwood sold for \$5.41 c/kg to return \$1542.00 & \$1314.00. Braford cross weaner steers from Mt perry sold for \$1460.00 at \$5.44 c/kg. 480 kg Euro cross heifers from Hivesville sold for \$4.00 and \$1920.00. Local angus heifers weighing 306 kg sold for \$1381.00 at \$4.40 c/kg. Red Angus heifers with a weight of 323 kg also sold for \$4.40 c/kg and \$1425.00. 126 Braford weaner heifers from Gayndah sold for a top of \$1463.00, averaging \$1232.00 and \$5.85 c/kg. Angus heifers from Proston sold for \$5.84 c/kg for \$1182.00. Light Angus heifers topped at \$6.00 c/kg. Cows & Calves sold for \$2400.00.

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Applications will be open in the following categories:

- Community Events Sponsorship
- School Student Awards
- Community Hall Insurance Grant
- Regional Arts Development Fund
- Healthy Communities Sponsorship, and
- Project/Program One-off Sponsorship
- Australia Day Events Sponsorship

Applications close **Sunday 28 February 2021**.

Don't forget that In-Kind Sponsorship, Elite Performance Youth Grant, Councillor Discretionary Fund and Indigenous Affairs Fund applications can be submitted year-round.

A copy of the Community Grants Program Policy and application forms are available from Council's website and any of Council's Customer Contact Centres.

For further information and enquiries, please contact Council's Community Grants Officer on 4189 9100 or by email

## Window Displays

It's not like I haven't got enough to do but the regular swap outs of window displays at the Hotel Cecil have become a feature of the town so it seems - the displays are swapped about every four to seven days and are timed to co-incide with what might have occurred within a day or two of the day of the swap.

In the meantime work continues with arrangements for Reserve Forces Day for 2021. The question arises though whether we'll get across the line with given the ever changing ins and outs of the COVID exercise. this year is an Air Force Year of course as last year it was supposed to be a Navy year but got sidelined by COVID. The work is the same whether we get there or whether we don't.

2021 is also the Centenary year of the foundation of the RAAF which will be celebrated as will the 80th Anniversary of WW2 by 1941 in its third year - the Air Force was caught short against the threat the Japanese were making across the Island Barrier to the north. A consequence was that the Air Force was by and large, shot out of the sky and took some time to catch up.

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## Meet Our New Tourism Officer

**Visit South Burnett president Jason Kinsella with new Tourism Officer Taylor Christies ... Taylor was hired after a lengthy search by VSB to find the best applicant**

The South Burnett's new Tourism Officer is looking forward to the challenge of increasing the region's visitor numbers over the next few years.

Visit South Burnett (VSB) president Jason Kinsella began introducing Taylor Christies to VSB members and helping her settle into the role.

Taylor, a former TV presenter with experience in marketing high-profile celebrities, returned to Australia in September after working in the United States.

**She said she decided to apply for the position after visiting the South Burnett and realising how diverse its attractions were.**

Taylor said between the two dams, the Bunya Mountains, the South Burnett Rail Trail and the region's wineries, the South Burnett had plenty to offer city dwellers in search of something different.

She is now settling into her new home near Wondai and setting up her office at the former Wondai Shire Council chambers.

**Taylor was hired by VSB after a multi-month search for a suitable person to fill the role, assisted by the Southern Queensland Country Regional Tourism Organisation.**

She will be employed on an initial one-year contract, funded by the Council, but will be working under VSB's direction.

Jason said it was important Taylor work for VSB because if she were employed by Council they would be obliged to have her work office hours.

While those hours suited ratepayers they did not suit someone filling a Tourism Officer role, which entails work at night and over weekends when most tourist-oriented events happened.

Taylor said she plans to run social media workshops to help local operators learn how to raise their profile – and the region's profile – by working collaboratively.

She also plans to build a new tourism website for the region that reflects its current attractions.

**Jason said he believed that with the threat of COVID-19 slowly receding, 2021 was the right time to prepare the region for bigger tourist numbers.**

"Many people were frustrated by the lockdowns and border closures – Brisbane was in lockdown again for a large part of January – and they want to get away to some place that's not too far away, but different to what they see every day," he said.

"The South Burnett is just about two hours from anywhere, and we're completely different to anything on the coast.

"So we need to get out and raise awareness about what we have to offer, because people are eager for it right now."

**Jason said there was already evidence tourist numbers were climbing again after a long period in the doldrums.**

Both Yallakool and Lake Boondooma tourist parks have been recording significantly increased visitor numbers during the past few months, and other local accommodation operators have also enjoyed a rise in bookings.

He said he had also been told visitor numbers on the South Burnett Rail Trail were continuing to rise, and grey nomad tourist numbers were up despite the long border closures.

"I think we're in for a very positive future, and appointing Taylor is the next step in our plan," Jason said.

***Courtesy South Burnett Online***



## Jammin' on the 3rd Saturday of every month All welcome.

Yes, it is on again. January , was a great success and enjoyed by all. We had to turn the coolers on. Why not come to the next session? Treat yourself to an afternoon out. Under STRICT Covid conditions, Coffee and biscuits provided for a gold coin donation. Alcohol is not permitted on the grounds, it is at a church after all.

“Jamming on a Saturday Afternoon” is a free singer’s or musician’s jam session being held in the hall of the **Murgon Uniting Church, 55 Gore Street on Saturday February 20th**

**The session starts at 2pm, going to 5pm, with a break at 3:15pm for a coffee and after 4:40pm there is a sing-along to wind up.**

The jam session is open to all musicians and singers in the Murgon and South Burnett region who are welcome to come along, join in with others and share their musical gifts.

Anybody can just come along and listen in.

All government COVID recommendations will be followed. But that won't stop people having a ton of fun.

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## Dairy & Heritage Museum, Murgon.

The Museum was the venue for the 2021 Murgon MBDA Australia Day awards ceremony. Breakfast was served by the volunteers prior to the presentations followed by morning tea.

Guest speaker was Aaron Jones, Principal of the Murgon State Primary School. Aaron is in the Murgon area for the second time having been at Moffatdale several years ago and after postings in Bribie Island and the Toowoomba region, returned to Murgon two years ago when the position of Principal became available. Aaron spoke of his role within the school, the commitment of staff in providing the educational needs for our students and programs in place for 2021. Aarons involvement in our Australia Day Celebrations was greatly appreciated.

The Awards were presented by Councilor Kathy Duff and Mark Smith, President of the MBDA.

The "Goomeri Chrome Bumpers" Car Club attended the morning with a display of restored cars which created an interest for visitors.

Once again, a successful Australia Day Celebration at The Museum, thank you to everyone who supported the morning. Joy Fennell



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Photo: The 7 children (Alastair, Vernon, Tracey, Kempthorne, Wendy, Leora, Roxann) of Mr Richard O'Neill OAM and Mrs Edna O'Neill who celebrated her 90 birthday with family and friends at the Wondai RSL on 16th January 2021.

Edna was the 5th of 9 children of Max and Zelma Zischke and lived on the farm in Murgon. Edna and Ritchie are blessed with 7 children, 18 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

In 1988 because of the building of BP Dam their property was resumed and the O'Neill's moved from their home at Moffatdale to Boat Mountain.

Mc for the celebration, Leo Geraghty OAM congratulated Edna on her achievements over many years in the community especially with making award winning cakes, cake icing and needlework which were displayed at the many local shows including the Brisbane exhibition over a period of many years. Shows have been so much a part of your life and the numerous awards displayed in your house is testament to that. Mrs O'Neill recently received a Friendship and Service award for 18 years on the state committee for the dark fruit cake section. Birthday congratulations were extended by the many relations and friends attending.

Ironically her 90th birthday cake was made and iced by Edna O'Neill.



**Dusty Hill will be closed for the month of February for vintage and renovations. Reopening on Thursday the 4th of March.**

# DATE CLAIMER

## Public Fundraiser for LIFE FLIGHT

### CAMP OVEN COMEDY + MUSIC MUSTER

From: 3.00pm Friday 16.04.2021 Friday Entry \$10 (meal available)

Main Event Saturday 17.04.2021 At: Monogorilby Hall

Featuring Cheryl Anderson, Manfred J Vijars, Alice Benfer, Rod Bryant, Clyde Cameron, Kim Cope, Jack Viljoen, Peter Campbell, Lilly Goller, Robert Hopkins, Bob Pacey, Alec Beckett and more! Cook – Ranger Nick!

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Bores are a talking point at the moment with a success story at Boondooma Homestead & a possibility with fingers crossed to fix the Durong community water problems!!

## Wondai Regional Art Gallery February 2021 Exhibition

*The month of February will see the Wondai Regional Art Gallery hosting two exhibitions.*

### **“Tole’d in Paper and Mixed Media” by Rosemarie Matthews-Frederick**

**(First and Third Gallery)**



After a skiing accident in the USA in 1999 Rosemarie attended a craft show in Brisbane and then decided to start doing Paper Tole. Starting with a few simple kits she was delighted with the results. She took some pieces to the local craft group who asked her to teach. Having only just begun herself she was reluctant but soon found herself not only teaching them but also learning how to frame her own work. As a result she is now a self-taught Paper Tole Artist and Framers. She conducts workshops in Kingaroy and enjoys teaching and seeing her

student’s faces when their work is finished and framed. Work by students who attend Rosemarie’s workshops are included in this exhibition.

### **“The Art of Karen’s” by Karren Bolton, Karen Shaw and Karen Murray**

**(Second Gallery)**



**Karren Bolton:** Karren has played around with crafts most of her life but it was when she moved to the South Burnett that her interest moved to the Arts where she has found a passion with sculpture and abstract painting. Karren now runs a studio on the Central Coast of NSW where she runs classes for people with mental health challenges. **Karen Shaw:** Karen’s first recollection of being “a bit arty” (about 5) was when her mother bought her a scrap book, pencils, crayons and a friend made a rubber stamp set containing about 100 stamps in a very large wooden box. Her favourite class at school was art, excelling in abstract art.

She dabbled in landscape as well, but painting with only a thought to colour not subject, is where Karen is most happy. **Karen Murray:** Following graduation with a Fine Art Diploma majoring in sculpture, Karen spent over 25 years working in the dynamic and creative environment of Feature Films and Television (South Africa) creating props, painting sets, model making and applying special effects makeup. Her passion for clay and her love of tactile creativity inspired Karen to acquire her Bachelor of Technology Degree in Ceramic Design. Her ceramic work ranges from delicate bone china and porcelain vessels to large sculptural pieces. Karen also works in mixed media, painting and textiles.

**“Kids Corner”** Tingoora State School

The exhibition will remain in the Wondai Regional Art Gallery until 3pm on Saturday 27 February 2021.

The exhibition will be open 7 days a week, 10.00am till 3.00pm. Free Entry.

Telephone: 07 4168 5926 or email [wondaiartgallery@southburnett.qld.gov.au](mailto:wondaiartgallery@southburnett.qld.gov.au)

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## HIGHWAY CHURCH MURGON

On the 18 April 2021 Highway church will open in Murgon. We will be located at the Town Hall in Gore St and lead by Pastor Bruce Garvie.

Highway Church in Kingaroy has seen a need in the Murgon area for the community, families and individuals to connect or reconnect with Jesus. So the church plant was set in motion with great expectation and excitement, with the help and guidance of Paster Tony Mould and his team from Highway Kingaroy.

Our 4 core points are – Encounter Jesus, Find Freedom, Discover Purpose and Make A Difference.

Our intention is to reach out to those who have never been to church or, for whatever reason, have moved away from Jesus. That is not to exclude those who just want a new and exciting way to worship and build relationships. Our kids ministries will be an awesome time of instilling positive ways forward into the future.

To learn more please have a look at the web site [highwaychurches.com](http://highwaychurches.com) and you can contact Bruce on **0481759729**

The **challenge** is there for **us** and for **you**. Great things are never easy so let’s get together on the Highway to Heaven.

**Rob Whichello.**

# NAB To Close Murgon Branch



Murgon's branch of the National Australia Bank is closing on April 22.

Shocked customers learned the news – which has been confirmed by NAB – when they entered the branch on Wednesday.

Murgon Business and Development Association (MBDA) president Mark Smith said he was disgusted with the decision and the way customers learned about it.

**“It was very, very poorly delivered,” he said.**

“I walked into the branch yesterday morning to do my banking and they said the branch was closing.”

Mr Smith said he had already contacted the offices of Member for Nanango Deb Frecklington and Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien to alert them to the closure.

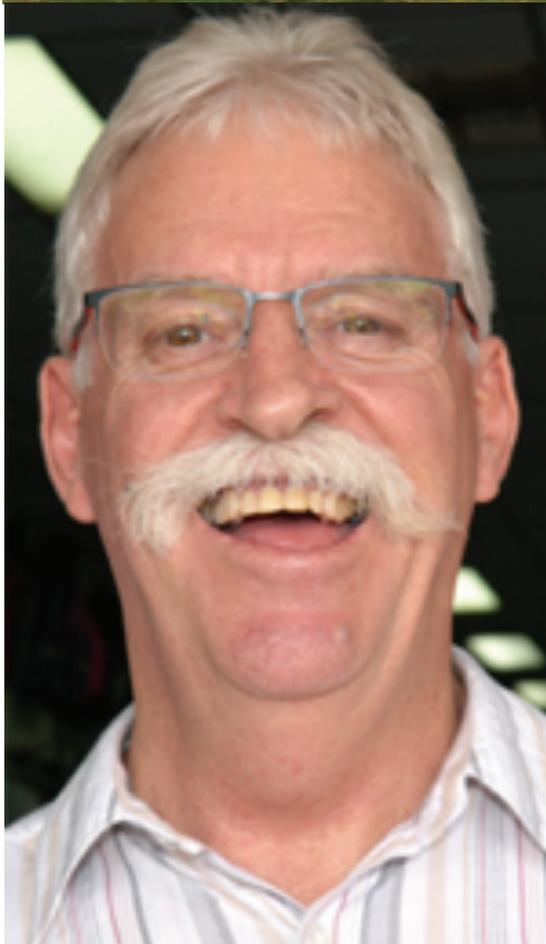
“I am still in shock,” he said. “I can't believe that such a player, after the support that Murgon has given NAB, would do something so horrendous,” he said.

**“To throw this on top of Target closing. I am just appalled.”**

Former MBDA president and local businessman Leo Geraghty also said he was disgusted.

“Just a week ago, I made an investment with the NAB and there was not a word then,” he said.

**Visit South Burnett president Jason Kinsella, whose**



**business is based at Moffatdale, was slightly more optimistic.**

“It may open up opportunities in the region for more innovative approaches by other more forward-thinking banks,” he said.

“It is a sign of the times about the way modern banking is moving.

“However, it surprises me given the buoyant nature of the Murgon business community.”

**NAB Retail Customer Executive Craig Armstrong said NAB would “continue to serve our customers well, however they choose to bank with us”.**

“Increasingly customers are choosing to do their banking digitally, with more than 93 per cent of customer interactions now taking place over the phone, by video or online,” Mr Armstrong said.

“We all understand that COVID has changed the world in many ways, including how many of our customers bank with us. Our investment in our services and locations is guided by how customers are banking – through digital channels, with mobile bankers or at a branch.

“The number of customers using the Murgon branch continues to decline, with 76 per cent of our customers also using other branches like Kingaroy.

“We understand the importance of bankers to regional and rural communities like Murgon, and we will continue to support customers with their banking needs. This includes connecting customers to a mobile banker, home lending specialist or business banker for face-to-face, phone or video appointments.

“Through NAB’s relationship with Australia Post our customers can also visit the Murgon Post Office to make withdrawals, deposits and balance enquiries for free.”

NAB says customers can check account balances, pay bills and make deposits up to \$10,000 cash or withdrawals up to \$2000 per day at the Murgon Post Office.

“Importantly, our goal is for no job losses as our colleagues will continue to support our customers at other NAB branches or the potential to work from home supporting customers through online chat, over the phone and by

video,” Mr Armstrong said.

“We have sent our customers letters through the post and in internet banking to let them know of the changes and provide information about how they can continue their banking in Murgon.

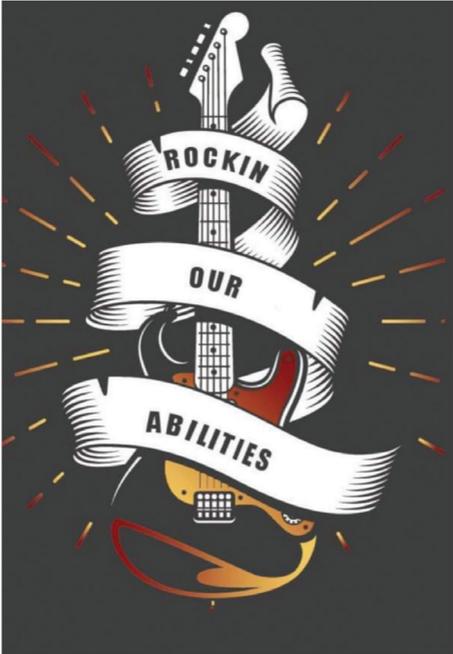
“We are also speaking with them when they come into the branch, and over the next 12 weeks we will be showing them the different banking options available to them.”

Courtesy South Burnett Online

Editors footnote . I have personally been advised that the nearest NAB ATM will be in Kingaroy. A very vocal meeting of Murgon businesses discussed the ramifications brought on by the closure of the NAB Murgon branch and discussed the opportunity of contacting Heritage Community Bank. Heritage Community Bank has done so much for towns like Nanango and would be welcome in Murgon.

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## SOCIAL TRIPS 2021

- 17/02/2021 ~ The Classic Rattler Run Gympie
- 11/03/2021 ~ Majestic Theatre Pomona
- 25/03/2021 ~ Picnic Lunch Ficks Crossing
- 21/04/2021 ~ Big Orange Gayndah
- 13/05/2021 ~ Graham House Morning Tea
- 26/05/2021 ~ Eumundi Markets
- 24/06/2021 ~ Roy Emerson Museum Blackbutt
- 22/07/2021 ~ Christmas in July Wondai
- 26/08/2021 ~ Pips and Cherries Bell
- 09/09/2021 ~ Graham House Morning Tea
- 23/09/2021 ~ ANZAC Memorial Walk Maryborough
- 28/10/2021 ~ Toowoomba Shopping Trip
- 25/11/2021 ~ Wineries at Moffatdale

**Bookings:**  
**(07) 4169 8400**  
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## Across Country Real Estate & Livestock



With 2 good sized bedrooms, a rumpus room and front sunroom. Very spacious kitchen, dining & lounge with a fireplace, ceiling fans & new air conditioner. Bathroom with separate shower & bath, vanity, and linen cupboard. Separate toilet & laundry with an extra storage

room. All new security screens throughout, new front & side fence with 2 driveway accesses. Front carport & back shed with a workshop. Patio area out the back good for having family BBQ's. The massive yard gives plenty of space for vegetable gardens and for the kids play equipment. **MURGON \$155,000**



Spacious Queenslander has been tastefully renovated & well maintained. Three good sized bedrooms with ceiling fans & built-in robes, main has walk in. Large living area & formal dining room with tiles & polished timber floors throughout. A lovely modern kitchen with a walk-in pantry.

Underneath is concreted & restumped with steel posts, laundry, space for 2 vehicles & plenty of storage area. All this with a large 1012 sqm block, established gardens, fully fenced, good locality & walking distance to town. The home is currently rented & showing a good return so would make a good investment or a lovely family home. **MURGON \$160,000**



**Our first meeting for 2021 is on Monday 15th February at the Australian Hotel, at 6:00pm.**

Come and enjoy an informative night with other members of your community.

**\*\*\*\*There is no cost to attend and no joining fee\*\*\*\***

### MURGON RSL SUB BRANCH

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

**MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING**  
 10am - First Saturday of each month  
 Murgon Services and Memorial Club  
 Cnr Lamb and Gore Sts, Murgon

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



Recently renovated new kitchen, new bathroom, polished floors, fresh paint throughout & spacious covered side deck. Open lounge room area with fireplace & exposed timber & an elevated ceiling to take in the next level of the home. Security window & door screens.

Three bedrooms with built in cupboards & ceiling fans. Side timber deck is the perfect addition to this home, with a panelfab ceiling for insulation. Closed in & secure area under the home where the laundry is located & a workshop area with room to park one car. **MURGON \$195,000**



Brick home on 1214SQM block comes with many features. Spacious open plan kitchen & dining with a breakfast bar, separate living area. 3 bedrooms with main having ensuite & walk in robe, that leads you to the main bathroom with separate shower, bath & vanity. Bedrooms with

builtins, fans & carpet. Remote single garage with a laundry. Back yard has plenty of space for a pool or entertainment area, as well as room for the children to play amongst the established native trees. Fully fenced yard for security, poly rain water tank & garden shed. **MURGON \$205,000**

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## Dairy & Heritage Museum Murgon



**Closed Mondays**

**OPEN Tuesday - Sunday  
9.30am-12.30pm**

**Off Gayndah Road, opposite  
Murgon Saleyards**

Trinity's detached kitchen, just one of the many buildings that we have on display at the Murgon Museum. "Trinity" Homestead was built by the Maudsley family in 1893 and was relocated from the Tansey district. If you are planning a visit to the Museum, allow at least 1 1/2 hours to fully appreciate what there is to look at, you will be amazed. "Amazed, Incredible, Can't believe what you have, Brings back memories, Awesome displays, So much history", just some of the comments from our visitors.

Last week we were able to welcome back two Prep classes from St John's Kingaroy. This year has certainly been a challenge, but we have managed to get through and it is great to be able to have our schools, group bookings and visitors aback. The number of visitors has been tremendous which has kept our volunteers busy.

The Museum is still collecting cans and bottles for recycling as a fundraising project. These can be left at the Museum during our open times.

We are still looking for volunteers, an time you cold give would be appreciated. If interested call 41069 5001 or call out to the Museum during our open times



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

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# WHAT'S ON @ SOUTH BURNETT LIBRARIES

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## SPOTLIGHT ON THE WONDAI LIBRARY

Located in the heart of town, the Wondai Library houses a wonderful collection of treasures just waiting to be explored.

Renovated in 2019, the dual customer contact and library centre is bright and airy, with plenty of comfy armchairs to sit and read a book, the latest issue of your favourite magazine or even the local newspaper. The vibrant junior area is full of new release children's books, DVDs and audiobooks, along with a TV and PS4 for young gamers.



The Wondai Library hosts a range of popular authors such as Nora Roberts, James Patterson and Lee Child. There is something for everyone; fiction, non-fiction, large print, audiobooks, DVDs... even some local history items.

If an item you are chasing isn't on the shelves in Wondai, staff can reserve it from another South Burnett Libraries branch or place an Inter Library Loan request. This means we will try to source it from other public libraries in Queensland... All for free!

The library also provides free access to a variety of digital resources, including eBooks and eAudiobooks via BorrowBox, free movie streaming with Beamafilm and free online tech tutorials with Lynda.com; all of which our friendly staff can help you navigate.

Free internet access is available on the library's public access computers. You can also connect to wi-fi on your own device. The library also offers printing, scanning and emailing facilities.

If you haven't visited the Wondai Library drop in today and say hello. We'd love to see you!

Keep an eye on this space for future programs and activities.



*Discover the magic... @ YOUR LIBRARY*

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# SOUTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL ANNOUNCES 2021 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD RECIPIENTS



South Burnett Regional Council announced its 2021 Australia Day Award recipients at the region's official awards ceremony on Sunday 24 January 2021.



The event kicked off with a flag raising ceremony conducted by the 135 Army Cadet Unit. Cadets from 135 Army Cadet Unit performed the flag entrance ceremony ... for the first time, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

flags joined the Australian and Queensland flags on stage at a South Burnett Australia Day Awards ceremony followed by the official opening and welcome by MC John Carey.

This was followed by an address from Australia Day Ambassador Vanessa Fowler and Affirmation Ceremony.



**Guest speaker and Australia Day Ambassador Vanessa A. Fowler, director and chair of the not-for-profit Allison Baden-Clay Foundation.**

Vanessa is the sister of Allison Baden-Clay who was murdered by her husband in Brisbane in 2012.

Since then, Vanessa has worked to focus attention on domestic violence by sharing Allison's story and forming the Foundation to educate the Australian community to recognise the "red flags" which can exist within relationships.

She said domestic violence can happen to anyone: all classes of people, all religions, all income levels, all education levels.

"Allison, like so many other women suffered in silence until her death," she said.

Vanessa said the Foundation was working towards positive, safe and equal futures for young men and women.

"This is the best investment that we an Australia can make," she said.

Vanessa said Allison's story – which had become a part of her story – was just one of the many stories that combine to make up the Australian nation.

She urged the audience to respect the stories of others and "celebrate this great nation and its people".

"Thank you for being part of this story. Thank you for playing a positive part and making a difference," she said.



Sue Dowideit-Reiger, from Kingaroy State High School, sang the Australian National Anthem.

"Almost 70 nominations were received for the various award categories."

Mayor Brett Otto said "South Burnett is privileged to have so many dedicated people within our community. We take great pride in our region and being part of this great Australian story, so it is important for us to recognise these people that truly make a difference. Congratulations to all award recipients and a sincere thank you to our nominees and our community for their support with this event."

Congratulations to the following 2021 Australia Day Award recipients:

### **Kathryn Is Our Citizen Of The Year**



Kathryn Stevens is the South Burnett's 2021 Australia Day Citizen Of The Year

Kingaroy BaconFest's founder – and first "Chief Baconeer" – Kathryn Stevens is the South Burnett's 2021 Australia Day Citizen Of The Year.

Kathryn, from Kingaroy, was presented with her award by South Burnett Mayor Brett Otto during a socially distanced Council awards ceremony held on Sunday afternoon at Wondai Town Hall.

#### **Citizen Of The Year**

This award recognises a South Burnett resident who has made a valuable contribution to their community and or given outstanding service to the South Burnett community over a number of years. Nominees are:

Pastor Chris Downes (Murgon)

Rhonda Trivett (Kingaroy)

Marie Shaw (Kingaroy)

Gary Barron (Kingaroy)

Melissa Barnett (Kingaroy)

Kathryn Stevens (Kingaroy)

Damien Martoo (Kingaroy)

Ros Heit (Wooroolin)

Olivia Everitt (Kingaroy)

**The winner of the South Burnett Citizen of the Year Award is Kathryn Stevens.**

#### **Young Citizen Of The Year**

This award recognises an individual under 25 at January 26, 2021 who displays ongoing excellence in their field and in the community, demonstrating leadership and innovation while contributing to the development of the South Burnett region.

Nominees are:

Olivia Eriksen (Cushnie)

Courtney Retschlag (Wondai)

Madison Hall (Murgon)



**The winner of the South Burnett Junior Citizen Award is Olivia Eriksen.**

Olivia Eriksen, from Cushnie, was presented with the Young Citizen Of The Year Award by Member for Nanango Deb Frecklington

**Community Organisation Of The Year**

The South Burnett Community Organisation of the Year award recognises an outstanding achievement by a group, club or organisation that has made a notable contribution to the community during 2020. Nominees are:

- Qld Dairy and Heritage Museum (Murgon)**
- Kingaroy Rotary Club**
- Boondooma Dam Fish Stocking and Management Association (Proston)**
- The Blackbutt Singers**
- South Burnett Speedway Club**
- Wondai Art Gallery**
- South Burnett Community Orchestra**
- Nanango Tourism and Development Association**
- Wondai Country Running Festival Organisers**
- Kingaroy-Memerambi RSL Services Club**

**The winner of the South Burnett Community Organisation of the Year Award is the South Burnett Speedway Club.**

**Junior Cultural Award**

This award is presented to an individual aged 17 years and under at January 26, 2021, who is making a significant contribution to the cultural life of the South Burnett. Nominees are:

- Nathan Lonsdale (Kingaroy)**
- Amber Fitz-Herbert (Kingaroy)**
- Special Mention – Murgon High School Dance Group**

**The winner of the South Burnett Junior Cultural Award is Amber Fitz-Herbert.**



Cr Kirstie Schumacher and Cr Kathy Duff presented the South Burnett Junior Cultural Award to recent Kingaroy State High School graduate Amber Fitz-Herbert

**Cultural Award**

This award is presented to an individual 18 years of age and over at January 26, 2021, who is making a significant contribution to the cultural life of the South Burnett. Nominees are:

Janet Skinner (Blackbutt)  
Catherine Woodham (Benair)  
Julee-Anne Bell (Kingaroy)  
Pat Van Kempen (Murgon)  
Olivia Everitt (Kingaroy)  
Robyn Dower (Tingoorra)  
Special Mention – Friends of the Shed (Nanango)

**The winner of the South Burnett Cultural Award is Olivia Everitt.**



Cr Duff and Cr Schumacher presented the Senior Cultural Award to South Burnett Arts president Olivia Everitt

#### **Volunteer Of The Year Award**

This award recognises a volunteer community member who has made a valuable contribution to their community, club or organisation and or given outstanding service over a number of years. Nominees are:

**Cecily Saunders (Murgon)**  
**Sue Cox (Nanango)**  
**Abigail Andersson (Kingaroy)**  
**Lynette Wessling (Murgon)**  
**Peter Jurd (Nanango)**  
**Judith and Keith Brandt (Boondooma Homestead)**  
**Carl Braithwaite (Kingaroy)**

**The winner of the South Burnett Volunteer Of The Year Award is Carl Braithwaite.**

#### **Senior Sportsperson Of The Year Award**



This award is presented to a nominee aged over 18 years at January 26, 2021 and recognises a person in the community who has achieved significant recognition in sport. Nominees are:

**Leanne Dowdle (Murgon)**  
**Graham Hourn (Kingaroy)**

**The winner of the South Burnett Senior Sportsperson of the Year Award is Graham Hourn.**

Kingaroy golfer Graham Hourn is this year's Senior Sportsperson Of The Year

## Junior Sportsperson Of The Year Award

This award is presented to a nominee aged 17 years and under at January 26, 2021 who made a notable achievement in sporting endeavours. Nominees are:

**Pharrell Chapman (Murgon)**

**James Watt (Memerambi)**

**Chelsea Whye (Kingaroy)**

**Kayley Collins (Kingaroy)**

**The winner of the South Burnett Junior Sportsperson of the Year Award winner is Pharrell Chapman, who was also presented with the South Burnett Regional Council Junior Sportsperson Bursary.**



Roz Frohloff and Cr Danita Potter presented the 2021 Junior Sportsperson Of The Year award to Murgon boxer Pharrell Chapman, along with a Council bursary attached to this award

Comment from John Box January 25, 2021

Congratulations to all the wonderful nominees, winners and especially the people who went the extra mile to complete the submissions for the award nominations.

Thank you Anne and Dafyd for another detailed article that only SB Online produces every year in such a timely manner. Especially this year when attendee numbers were limited due to Covid.

Also congratulations Anne and Dafyd on your award nomination. Your service in providing balanced, current reporting of events in our South Burnett Community over many years is greatly appreciated

## Coach, Official or Administrator Award

This award is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to sport and or the community as a coach, official or administrator. Nominees are:

**Cole Cooper (Murgon)**

**The winner of the South Burnett Sportsperson – Coach, Official or Administrator Award is Cole Cooper.**



Murgon's Cole Cooper was presented with the Senior Sportsperson – Coach, Official or Administrator Award by Cr Frohloff and Cr Potter for his work in tackling domestic violence through sport

## Lifetime Achievement Award



Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented to, from left, Marie Shaw, Marilyn Stephens, Dr Joe Gangemi and Dr John Robinson; Cr Roz Frohloff accepted the award on behalf of Dr Fred Morgan

This award is presented to residents over 60 years of age in recognition of their outstanding achievement who display ongoing excellence in their field and in the community, demonstrating leadership and innovation whilst contributing towards the South Burnett region. There has been a change to this award in 2021 due to the ongoing number of high-calibre nominees put forward over the years. The judges agreed all nominees in this category should receive recognition as lifetime achievement award recipients.

Nominees are:

**Marie Shaw (Kingaroy)**

**Marilyn Stephens (Kingaroy)**

**Dr Joe Gangemi (Murgon)**

**Dr John Robinson (Nanango)**

**Dr Fred Morgan (Nanango)**

This year's Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented by South Burnett Regional Council CEO Mark Pitt ... Dr Fred Morgan was unable to attend the ceremony, but his award was accepted by Cr Roz Frohloff who'll deliver it to him

## Local Achiever – Proston / Hivesville

Nominees are:

**Kathy Julian**

**Anita Blanch**

**The winner of the South Burnett Local Achiever – Proston / Hivesville is Kathy Julian.**



Cr Scott Henschen and Deputy Mayor Gavin Jones presented Kathy Julian with the Proston / Hivesville Local Achiever Award

## Local Achiever – Murgon



Nominees are:

**Arvind Ponnappalli**

**Andrew and Felicity Dascombe**

**The winners of the South Burnett Local Achiever – Murgon are Andrew and Felicity Dascombe.**

Husband and wife Andrew and Felicity Dascombe were selected as this year's Local Achievers for Murgon

## Local Achiever – Wondai / Tingooora



Nominees are:

**Graham Mitchell**

**Fred Law**

**The winner of the South Burnett Local Achiever – Wondai / Tingooora is Fred Law.**

## Local Achiever – Kingaroy



The nominees are:

Barry Krosch

**Dafyd and Anne Martindale**

**Eleanor Druce**

**The winner of the Kingaroy Local Achiever Award is Eleanor Druce.**

Cr Henschen and Deputy Mayor Jones presented the Kingaroy Local Achiever Award to Eleanor Druce

### Local Achiever – Kumbia

The nominees are:

**Josie McConville**

**Judy Crawford**

**The winner of the Kumbia local achiever award is Josie McConville.**

Josie has lived in Kumbia most of her life and has made quite a mark on her community. She has been – and still is – a member of many community groups, including the Kumbia Race Club, Kumbia Hall Committee, a member of the Kumbia Catholic Community, a member of the Kumbia and District Historical Society and a volunteer on the roster to open the Kumbia Federation Heritage Centre on Sunday afternoons. Josie is one of the instigators who formed the now very strong “Birds of a Feather” group for cancer sufferers and survivors and has attended most Relay for Life events. She can often be seen sitting in the shopping centre or the business centre of Kingaroy selling raffle tickets for one of the organisations she is involved with. Josie also organises the luncheon booth at the Melbourne Cup Day Kumbia races. At her very now “young age” somewhere north of 80, Josie is still very much involved in the community and volunteers where she can.

Cr Danita Potter accepted the Kumbia Local Achiever Award on behalf of Josie McConville who could not attend the ceremony due to ill-health

### Local Achiever – Nanango



The nominees are:

**Peter Jurd**

**Sue Green**

**The winner of the Nanango Local Achiever Award is Peter Jurd.**

Cr Henschen and Deputy Mayor Jones presented the Nanango Local Achiever Award to Peter Jurd

### Local Achiever – Maidenwell / Bunya Mountains

The nominee is:

**John Learmont**



**The winner of the Maidenwell / Bunya Mountains Local Achiever Award is John Learmont.**

Deputy Mayor Jones and Cr Henschen presented the Maidenwell / Bunya Mountains Local Achiever Award to John Learmont

## Local Achiever – Blackbutt / Benarkin

The nominees are:

**David Eaton**

**Robert Moulton**

**The winner of the Blackbutt / Benarkin Local Achiever Award is David Eaton.**



Judy Lawrence accepted the Blackbutt / Benarkin Local Achiever Award on behalf of David Eaton

For further information regarding Australia Day in the South Burnett contact Council's Executive Services team on 4189 9100 or email [info@sbrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@sbrc.qld.gov.au).



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# Murgon Business & Development Assoc Inc 2021 Australia Day Awards



**MBDA Senior Ambassador** – Pastor Chris Downes (Nomination for South Burnett Citizen of the Year)



Pastor Chris Downe is a beacon of joy for the town of Murgon. Only moving to the region two years ago, Pastor Chris has made a huge impact on his congregation and the region. As most of the South Burnett is a 'Drought Declared' region, Pastor Chris was instrumental in starting the Prayers for Rain.

The Prayers for Rain was on a non-denominational service for the community to come together and join in prayer for rain via an online platform. Pastor Chris transferred the same format for the 'Prayers for COVID'. These services lifted the spirits of those struggling most in the region and created a sense of community during isolation. Pastor Chris is also the Barmbah Ministers Association Chair and is the Christmas Festival Chair.

He is also involved with the Murgon Men's Shed. Pastor Chris volunteers his time and teaches Religious Instruction for the Primary Schools in Murgon. In Pastor Chris's personal life, he is a father to two foster children and is passionate about the caring of venerable children.

Primarily, he brings joy to the community through his sermons and presence. Pastor Chris encourages the community.

**MBDA Junior Ambassador** – Madison Hall (Nomination for South Burnett Young Citizen of the Year)

Motivate Madison has been very active from a young age in karate, where she has achieved a black belt and coaches.

Madison represented Queensland at the state titles in WA in 2017.

Graduating from Murgon High School this year, Madison is currently working 3 jobs to make her way in the world.

She has always been involved in a family business helping where she can and supporting many community events.

Her temperament is always positive, and it never changes no matter where you see her. A breath of fresh air no matter which counter she is behind.

Congratulations Madison.

**MBDA Lifetime Achievement Award – Dr Joe Gangemi (Recipient of the South Burnett Lifetime Achievement Award)**



Dr Joe Gangemi arrived in Murgon in August 1968. He joined Brian Rowsell's Practice as partner joint superintendent at Murgon and Cherbourg hospitals. In 1987 he became super intendent outright when Brian retired and continued this role for 10 years finishing in July 1997.

During this time, he was very hard working, often doing 28 days on and 4 days off, with broken sleep due to being on call at night. He was on the football committee and acted as the team medic. He

served on the South Burnett hospital board in the 1970s and 1980s. Dr Joe ran a weekly blood bank in Murgon and re-established it in Wondai and

Goomeri using the APEX club members as donors.

He was the director of the APEX committee that was granted permission to build the first state preschool in Queensland and worked on the grounds and with apex members and rose at 4:30pm to tend to the pigs from 1969-1972 to raise money for the project. He was responsible for bringing the C.R.I.S.I.S committee formed in 1992 which brought emergency flights to Murgon from the sunshine coast committee with the help of clubs, schools and other organisations from Murgon to raise over \$100,000.

**MBDA Organisation of the Year – The Queensland Dairy & Heritage Museum (Nomination for South Burnett Organisation of the Year)**



The Dairy Museum located in Murgon, was a Bi-Centennial Project and was officially opened in 1988 by the late Sir Joh Bjelke-Peterson. The Museum was started with the support of community members and local organisations. Due to the amalgamation of the councils, the previous owners, Murgon Shire Council gave the facility and organisation to the volunteers to run.

In 2020, due to the COVID-19 restriction, the Museum suffered through tough times with no visits. However, after the restrictions were lifted the Dairy Museum's visitation doubled to the previous years and had over 100 visits a week. The Dairy Museum is the host to the annual South Burnett Regional Council Australia Day Awards and has hosted for the last decade.

The Museum has hosted numerous private functions such as weddings and celebrations. This is because of the beautifully maintained grounds and facilities, make the Museum a beacon for the town of Murgon and subsequently the region. The Museum host many schools from surrounding areas and educates them on the founding, and history of the town.

In addition, the Museum hosts many market days and other community events. The Dairy Museum is an entirely volunteer based organisation that has maintained an important part of regional history to share for future generations.

#### **MBDA Senior Cultural Award – Pat Van Kempen (Nomination for South Burnett Senior Cultural Award)**

Pat Van Kempen is a passionate art teacher at the small schools in the South Burnett. She has a love for the arts and shares that with not only the young students of the South Burnett but the entire community. She promotes different art groups to the schools and throughout the community.

Pat goes into the small schools runs programs for them in conjunction with the Wondai Art Gallery. She took Moffatdale and Cloyna schools to the Queensland Art Gallery to see their own art. She has put on concerts with the students from all the schools, where each school has composed their own songs and music using drum buckets and ukuleles. There was one of these concerts at the at Wondai Town Hall on the 13th of November.

Through a grant she got gifted instruments for the students at each school she is involved with growing the passion for music in each school. She started adult art classes called Sip and Paint which many people have participated and enjoyed. Pat has also started art classes for the kids two afternoons a week after school, in Wondai and Murgon as well as school holiday program with cooperating with South Burnett Art.

#### **MBDA Junior Cultural Award – The Murgon High School Dance Group (South Burnett Special Mention)**

The Murgon High School Dance Group have been a beacon of inspiration for many people across the region. In 2019 and 2020, the dance group performed at the Queensland Creative Generations performance, which was televised across the state. The dance group are a group of nine indigenous girls with a passion for incorporating traditional indigenous dance with contemporary dance. The girls choreograph dances that speak to their story and hope to share that story with others.

In 2020, the Murgon High School Dance Group opened the Creative Generations with a performance about their school and how they are people from different mobs and cultures, but they feel as one at their school.

The dance group has brought many opportunities to showcase the Murgon High School and the region. The channel 10 tv program 'Totally Wild' showcased the region and subsequently the school when they featured the Murgon High School Dance Group.

The group has also created opportunities for the girls to follow their passion of dance; the group originated from a Bangara Dance academy in Sydney which allows them to have formal training. In addition, a former member of the group has moved to Sydney to dance for a major Australian Dance Company. Therefore, the group has contributed massively to the emersion of traditional dance in Queensland and the region.

#### **MBDA Senior Cultural Sportsperson – Leanne Dowdle ( nomination for South Burnett Senior Sportsperson)**

Leanne Dowdle is a keen and prominent sports woman in the South Burnett Region as she has been played golf of the Murgon Golf Club for over forty years. Leanne is a born and bred South Burnett her early years, Leanne play tennis doubles and was a keen club swimmer in her high school years.

Leanne's passion for golf and sport shines through as she has been on the Murgon Golf Club Committee for over fifteen years. Leanne was the Treasurer of the Murgon Golf Club Committee and is the current Vice President of the Committee. Leanne is dedicated to the sport of golf and has representing the region in the sport in numerus tournaments across the state.

Nothing will limit Leanne's love for the sport as she plays in Ladies' Foursome, Pairs several times, Mixed Foursome as well as Ladies' Singles. The last three years Lean has won the Murgon Ladies Championship (2018,2020). Leanne is responsible for organising and is a host for the Indigenous Champion ship at the Murgon Golf Club.

Always bring a smile to the 'green', Leanne is the pinnacle for sportsmanship and dedication to her sport. Her passion shines through as she works hard to bring the best out for the club.

**MBDA Junior Sportsperson – Pharrell Chapman (winner of the South Burnett Junior Sportsperson)**



Pharrell Started Boxing in May 2018 and had his first fight in June of that year in Hervey Bay. Pharrell says that he chose the path of boxing over the traditional route of Rugby League to be different from the rest of the crowd, stating that 'boxing is what I love to do'.

Pharrell is now training harder than ever, pushing himself to win more tournaments. Her has his sights set on the Olympics and a professional career in boxing.

Some of Pharrell's achievements include:

Two Golden Glove Championships

Queensland State Title

Silver Medal for the Australian Title

Novice Champion

Chosen to be part of the future squad Team which gives him the opportunity for the Commonwealth Games and Olympics

**MBDA Volunteer of the Year – Cecily Saunders (nomination for South Burnett Volunteer of the Year)**



Cecily Saunders is a woman dedicated to her community and town. Over the years, Cecily has contributed to numerous community-based organisation in a multitude of different ways.

Born and bred in and around the town of Murgon; she has contributed to the town of Murgon throughout her life. Cecily has been a dedicated volunteer to the Catholic Churches in the region as she has assisted in the cleanliness and upkeep of the buildings. Cecily is known to have a 'heart of gold', as she has volunteered with the Murgon Meals on Wheels for over twenty years.

In addition, Cecily has help coordinated the tuckshop in at both Murgon Primary and Secondary School for over twenty years. As Cecily is passionate about growing our region and displaying all of the regions may attraction, Cecily volunteers her spare time at the Murgon Information centre and has for the last ten years.

It can be seen that Cecily cares for all who reside in her community and has a deep passion the most vulnerable as she is on the Southern Cross Care Murgon (Castra) Committee for over ten years.

**MBDA Sports Administrator – Cole Cooper (Winner of the South Burnett Sports Coach and Administrator Award)**



Cole Cooper is a clear leader in the sporting community through his work with the Murgon Golf Club and Murgon Rugby League Club. He is known as the ‘Domestic Violence Champion’ for the Murgon Rugby League Club.

A few years ago, Cole introduced a social justice initiative tackling domestic violence in families to the Ruby League club. From this, Cole has built the initiative to be a ‘Domestic Violence’ Day at the Club where families and players from across the region come to Murgon to play the sport they love and spread awareness about the cause. Cole is an inspirational leader for the club as he has developed plans to establish Murgon Rugby League as a conscientious club to a problem that effects many families.

Cole continues to coach the Junior Murgon Rugby League teams. In addition, to this, Cole has joined Rugby League ‘Beyond the Nest’ as an Assistant Manager. Cole is an inspiration for the kids he trains as he is passionate about incorporating social justice into sport while creating long lasting relationships.

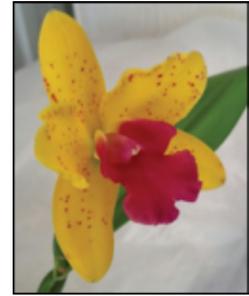
**MBDA Outstanding Contribution to Murgon by Citizen or Group – Andrew & Felicity Dascombe (Winner of the South Burnett Murgon Local Achiever Award) (Arvind Ponnappalli was also nominated in this category)**



Purse’s Coaches recently received an award for 40 years of service to the bus industry. Over the years they have tripled in size of their business and have been a wonderful support both for transportation for the Murgon community as well as helping the Murgon economy.

Their transport covers the South Burnett and beyond. They supply buses for Stanwell and for the last two years for Tarong North and the Power Station. They have transported people at reduced rates over the years for different community events and particularly Cancer Events. They have also kept three days a week run to Caboolture, sometimes not covering their own costs but simply to ensure a service. They donate to local sporting clubs in every town across the region.

Led by Felicity, they have started a business called ‘Hello World Travel’ four years ago in Murgon and have extended to Kingaroy, Gympie and Caboolture. For two years ‘Hello World’ sponsored a free truck to ladies’ products bag drop for women out west doing it tough through the drought and through the floods. Felicity and Andrew are very community minded and have been wonderful ambassadors for Murgon and the South Burnett for many years.



## **South Burnett Orchid Society Inc.**

2021 Office bearers of the above society elected at their AGM held recently

**President, Linda Olsen**

**Vice President, Joan Suchoronczak**

**Treasurer, Gary Kilkenny**

**Secretary, Beryl Waldron**

**Librarian, Margaret Wittman,**

**Publicity Officer, Linda Olsen,**

**Management Committee 2 extra, Joan Suchoronczak and Lynette Adriaans,**

**Patron, Kathy Duff,**

**Membership fees, \$15 for single members, \$5 for Junior or Associate members and \$25 for families**

**Meetings to be held on the last Sunday of each month at the CTC building.**

New members are invited to join this association and enjoy the beauty of your very own Orchid by contacting Secretary Beryl Waldron Ph 07 4168 1695

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## **WONDAI AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB**

The last meeting of the year, followed by a Christmas lunch, was held in the meeting room at Wondai RSL Club. The meeting began with observing a minute's silence to remember our dearly loved late member Shirley Brown. The Club decided to donate \$250.00 to each of the local Show Societies, Wondai and Proston, with the provision that this money is to be used solely for the Horticultural sections in both Shows.

Proceedings then adjourned so that members could attend Shirley's funeral service.

Before lunch, prizes were awarded to members with most points from the monthly table competitions.

Winners were: Roses, first Helen Young, second June Jones.

Large Flower, Equal Firsts, Noela Ardrey and Helen Young. Second, Del Blanch.

Small Flowers, first Denise Steinhardt, equal Seconds Gwyn Hodge and Helen Young, Third, Norma Iszlaub.

Vegetables, First Denise Steinhardt. Equal Seconds, Gwyn Hodge and Del Blanch.

Orchids, First Norma Iszlaub, Second Del Blanch.

The Club will resume meetings on the 12th. February 2021, at the RSL Meeting room, Wondai. Suggestions for activities included a competition for Garden Photos, and a plant bring and buy stall.

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**QCWA Gympie and South Burnett division** wish to invite any ladies interested in joining this wonderful organisation to come along to our next meeting being held on Saturday 20th February at 12.30pm for 1pm, at the QCWA rooms, MacAlister Street, Murgon. Should you have any questions, please contact Janice (Division President) on 0457 143 729 or email qcwagsbdivision140@gmail.com

Look forward to seeing you all there. Julia.

Topology is seeking expressions of interest from emerging composers, musicians, songwriters and performers from regional and rural communities to take part in their Launchpad Mentorship program.

In 2021, Launchpad will be a 12-month program with one-on-one mentoring delivered by Topology's artists and company staff. The goal of **Launchpad** is to encourage and increase the creative potential of participants within the first five years of their professional careers, to connect participants with industry professionals and provide networking opportunities to showcase their work.

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The team at Barambah Cellars has been busy harvesting over the last month and at the estate vineyard. Nuova Scuola Wines have lovely parcels of Viognier and Tempranillo in the winery fermenting away and Lightning Tree has also picked the Verdelho. We can't wait to see what they produce!

Once the fun of picking dies down it's party time again at the cellar door! Our fabulous Sunset Sessions are back on... starting on Saturday 6th of February and following on the 1st Saturday of each month after that.

Our usual opening hours are extended until 7pm on these nights so you can enjoy the sunset on the deck while listening to the awesome tunes of local musician Guy Davis from 2.30pm to 6.30pm. Bookings are essential and we recommend booking early to avoid disappointment!

Sarah Boyce - Nuova Scuola Wines / Barambah Cellars

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## **Renovation Works and Closure to the South Burnett Aquatic Centre Nanango**

The South Burnett Regional Council has commissioned contractors to commence pool renovations at the South Burnett Aquatic Centre in Nanango. Construction works are estimated to begin on Monday 1 March 2021 with an anticipated completion date of mid-April 2021.

The South Burnett Aquatic Centre will be closed to the public from Sunday 28 February 2021 for approximately six weeks. The project, funded through the State Government's Works for Queensland programme and South Burnett Regional Council's Capital Works programme, includes upgrades to the flooring, additional expansion jobs and general maintenance to the facility. Members of the public should be aware that throughout this time, there may be general worksite noises and vehicle movements to and around the jobsite.

Council and the construction team will be mindful that surrounding businesses will be trading as per normal. Council appreciates the patience and cooperation from the community throughout this time.

For further information, contact Council's Property team on 4189 9100 or email [info@sbrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@sbrc.qld.gov.au).

## NATIONAL SENIORS

The Murgon & District Branch Inc of National Seniors Australia will not be conducting Coach Tours until further notice due to covid-19 restrictions.

For further information please contact Paula (President & Tours Officer) on 4168 3114 or 0497 324 376.

Yours sincerely, Trisha Seiler (Publicity Officer)

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Preps at Wheatland's State School are showing off their new patchwork library bags. Mrs May Maudsley kindly handmade and donated an individual library bag for each of the Prep students. We would like to sincerely thank her for these delightful gifts. They are greatly treasured.

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Sad news The Boondooma Dam Yellowbelly Fishing Competition being held by the Boondooma Dam Fish Stocking & Management Association on the weekend of Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th February has been cancelled

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Scoping out a project for a BBRF grant for Wondai pool. We are looking at more shade, a toddlers pool, doors on the showers in the amenities & some disabled access upgrades. There will be community consultation to make sure everyone is on board before we put the application in!!



Thank you to Proston Scouts for hosting a wonderful Australia Day flag raising ceremony, followed by tea & damper & a good old game of Aussie Cricket!! Kathy Duff.

## Welcome to the January edition - the first Burst for 2021!

#TeamBIEDO is back in the saddle, planning a series of activities and events across the Burnett Inland for 2021.

We kick off with Ag Network events next month, where we'll be hearing more about the consultation around Reef Regulations by the Office of the Great Barrier Reef.

We'll also be hitting the road again, meeting with businesses and organisations to hear first hand what their community priorities are, and what role BIEDO can play in supporting these.

Plans are underway for International Women's Day and Harmony Day in March - watch this space for more...

Thank you to Cyndy Seabrook for her entry to last year's 'BIEDO Best Shot' photographic competition, which is the feature image for this edition of Burst. Great pic, Cyndy!"

In this issue of BIEDO Burst:

- **PUBLIC CONSULTATION** - North and South Reef Regulations Consultations
- **EVENT** - Wild dog and feral pig control roadshow
- **ABOUT** - Kristy & Liv are breaking ground in Kingaroy
- **DEVELOPMENT** - Event Masterclass Series Workshops
- **EVENT** - Save the date: 18-19 May 2021 for Farm2Plate Exchange
- **GRANTS** - Funding opportunities aplenty!

Breakky with BIEDO (online event using Zoom) - Thursday 11 February 7-8am

## Funding available now to help build a better Wide Bay region

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien is encouraging local communities to apply for a share of \$200 million in funding under the Round 5 of the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF), with applications now open.

"2020 was a challenging year for Wide Bay communities, with bushfires, drought and the pandemic but the BBRF will help to kick-start 2021 by supporting community-driven projects to revitalise our region at a time it is most needed," Mr O'Brien said.

Round 5 of Building Better Regions funding includes \$100 million in dedicated funding for tourism-related infrastructure boosting regional tourism recovery, while maintaining \$100 million for broader community infrastructure and investment.

"I encourage local organisations to consider applying for either the community investments stream or the infrastructure projects stream to enhance our community facilities, create much-needed jobs and promote social inclusion through this time," Mr O'Brien said.

Applications are now open and can be submitted through the online portal at [www.business.gov.au/bbrf](http://www.business.gov.au/bbrf). Applications close on 5 March 2021, with successful applicants expected to be announced in mid-2021.

"Wide Bay has already seen significant benefit with more than \$7.5 million already invested through previous rounds of the Building Better Regions Fund, including \$1.5 million for cultural centre and fossil museum in Murgon; \$42,539 for a training room and shelter at the Sunshine Butterflies 'Our Backyard' disability support facility in Cooribah; and \$140,000 to construct a new educational and activity centre at Hope Reins in Gympie," Mr O'Brien said.

Round 4 of the program also provided \$20,000 to upgrade the 30-year-old toilets and showers at the Cooroy Badminton Club Hall and \$60,000 for Noosa Council to assist with the program for the Noosa Alive 2021 festival, while Round 3 funded \$2.5 million to re-invent the Sunshine Beach Surf Lifesaving Club, \$92,414 for new lighting at Gympie Showgrounds, and \$15,000 for a new strategic plan for Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park.

Other projects include \$2.5 million for Noosa Council's Digital Hub at Peregrine Beach, \$390,328 to upgrade the South Street boat ramp at Maryborough, \$34,500 for Cooroy Chamber of Commerce to organise a body art festival, and funding for tourism strategies for Mary Valley and Cooloola Cove.

If potential applicants have any questions regarding eligibility or delivery of the program, they can contact the AusIndustry Business Grants Hub on 13 28 46 to discuss their individual circumstances.

Prospective applicants are also encouraged to contact their local Regional Development Australia (RDA) committee to discuss their application. More information including contact details for your local RDA can be found at [www.rda.gov.au](http://www.rda.gov.au).

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## Abelee Picked For All Stars

Photo: FLASHBACK: Shauni and Abelee Stanley with their grandfather, Warry John "Pop" Stanley, at the footy in Wondai in 2015

Former Murgon Mustang – and briefly a Kingaroy Red Ant – Abelee Stanley has been selected to play for the Indigenous All Stars against the Maori All Stars on February 20.

The NRL announced the men's and women's teams for the star-studded games this week.

The double header will be the first major rugby league event at the new Queensland Country Bank Stadium in Townsville.

Abelee has had an exciting rugby league career so far.

She started out as a young Mustang, and then became a Red Ant when the Kingaroy club entered girls' teams in the Sunshine Coast competition.

During one game that [southburnett.com.au](http://southburnett.com.au) reported, Abelee scored an amazing seven tries for Kingaroy U14s as she ran around the Beerwah defence at T.J. O'Neill Oval.

Abelee played for the Clydesdales U16s while at school in Toowoomba, and captained the Central Crows and South-West Mustangs U16s teams.

She made her debut in the BHP Premiership – Queensland's top-level women's league competition – for Ipswich Brothers in 2020, but sadly this competition was cancelled due to the pandemic.

Abelee is currently studying a Diploma of Arts and aiming to move into a Bachelor of Social Science at Bond University. Courtesy South Burnett Online.



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## JOKE FOR THE MONTH

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him. Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on the 280 Interstate. Please be careful!

It's not just one car said Herman, It's hundreds of them.

### Ya Don Unastand Bro

A friend of mine joined the Army and soon after had to attend a wedding. He asked an officer for a pass and was told he had to be back by 7.00pm Sunday.

You don't understand, sir, my friend said. I'm in the wedding.

No, YOU don't understand, the officer replied. You're in the Army.

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# Kathy's Comments

## Australia Day Celebrations

I felt humbled and privileged on Sunday afternoon to be at the Council Australia Day celebrations in Wondai. I felt humbled to be in the presence of so many community champions who give their all simply because they love the South Burnett. I also felt moved to hear the message of love and of hope from Allison Bayden- Clay's sister, Vanessa Fowler and to meet her mother Priscilla Dickie. These ladies have endured so much, and they share their story simply to make the world a better place by speaking out against domestic violence. Congratulations to all the award recipients and to all those who were nominated. Thank you for all that you do for our communities.

## Uncle Eric's Welcome to Country

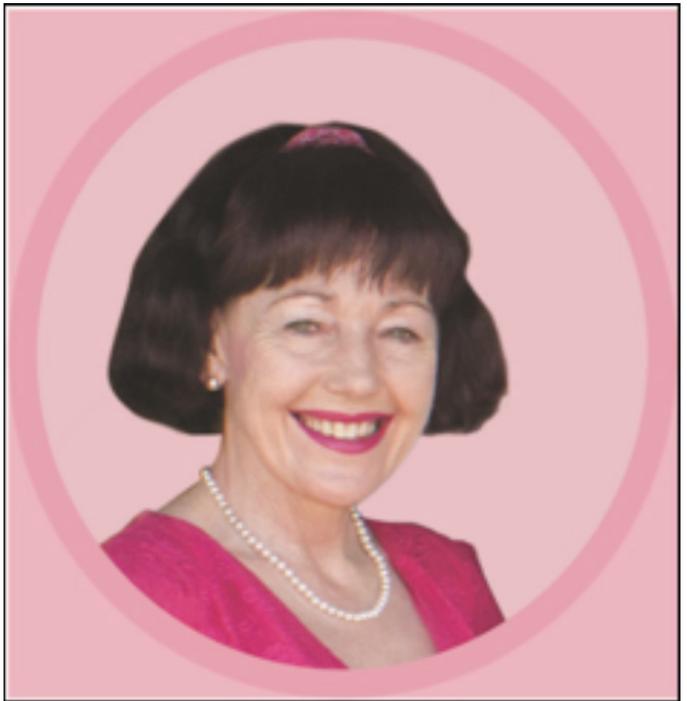
I think the message that Uncle Eric talked about in Wondai at the South Burnett awards celebration was a strong one for us all to take note of. Uncle Eric mentioned the aboriginal flag and how moved he was to see it raised for the first time on a permanent basis in Heading Park in Murgon. He thought that he would never see that happen. He also said that he was pleased to see that this year the Wakka Wakka language would be taught in the Murgon School and the first indigenous school captain was named. He said that he never imagined that he would see this happen in his lifetime. I have already learnt two Wakka Wakka words. Garra means hello and gallin quie means goodbye.

## MBDA Awards

Congratulations to the Murgon Business & Development Association Australia Day award recipients. I thought that it was wonderful to see Dr Gangemi receive recognition with a South Burnett and a MBDA lifetime achievement award. Lots of locals from our community have a soft spot for Dr Gangemi as he has treated many of our loved ones over many years. Thank you to the Qld Dairy and Heritage Museum for hosting the Murgon Australia Day celebration on behalf of our Council. It was great to see their organisation recognised with a nomination for the South Burnett Organisation of the Year and to receive the award for the MBDA Organisation of the Year. Congratulations also to the other Murgon Award recipients, Pastor Chris Downes, Madison Hall, Pat Van Kempen, the Murgon High School Dance Group, Leanne Dowdle, Pharrell Chapman, Cecily Saunders, Cole Cooper and Andrew and Felicity Dascombe. Avind Ponnappalli was also a nomination for the South Burnett Murgon Local Achiever award.

## Proston/Hivesville and Boondooma Australia Day Celebrations

Congratulations to Kathy Julian who was the South Burnett Proston/ Hivesville Local Achiever. It was wonderful to recognise Kathy at three events in her local area. I caught up with Kathy at a flag raising ceremony followed by a lovely breakfast in Hivesville. I also acknowledged her again at the Proston Scouts flag raising ceremony, followed by damper and syrup and a great old Aussie game of cricket. The last event for the day was the Boondooma Homestead finale. We had an evening flag raising and award presentation, followed by dinner, desert and entertainment into the evening. It was wonderful to see a bus load of people from all over the South Burnett supporting the Boondooma Homestead Committee. It was an awesome way to end Australia Day in a bush setting



with salt of the earth country people chatting together with country music in the background.

## BBRF Funding Applications

The Council has agreed to apply for four Building Better Regions funding proposals. There will be one in each Federal Electorate plus an application for an Agricultural Plan with an option of focussing on rural resilience including mental health. The Wide Bay project in Llew O'Brien's area will be an application for a water park, a mini putt putt and two new cabins for Yallakool Park on BP Dam. We had to leave the Proston to Hivesville Rail Trail off the list because of the negative feedback from the local farmers. The application for Ken O'Dowd's area is now the Wondai Swimming Pool upgrade to include a toddler's pool after community feedback. The other application in David Litteproud's area will be an upgrade of the Coolabunia Saleyards.

## Council's Community Grant Funding Now Open

The community grant funding round for Council opens at the start of February and closes at the end of February. Applications are on the Council website or visit any office and ask for an application form and the guidelines.

## Proston Railway Park Upgrade

Thank you to the community members who helped to put the survey together to allow the community to provide feedback on what they would like to see in Railway Park. We have collated the feedback and have some great ideas for the upgrade.

## Corporate Plan

This draft plan is out now for community feedback. It is a very important document because it drives the future direction of Council. Please make sure you have a look at it and provide feedback when you get the opportunity.

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## Nominate to become Nanango Youth Member for Parliament

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington, is encouraging young people from the Nanango Electorate to apply to become the Youth Member for Nanango at the upcoming 2021 YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament.

Deb said nominations are now open for this year's youth parliament which kicks off with a forum from 9-11 April in Brisbane, including a formal launch at Parliament House.

"More than 90 young people aged 15 to 25 will be selected to discuss the issues facing our youth and develop legislation that they will debate later in the year," Deb said.

"These young parliamentarians are selected to represent the 93 Queensland electorates based on their enthusiasm, ability to represent their communities and interest and passion for issues affecting Queensland. Four Indigenous members will also be selected to participate.

"These types of opportunities are so important for our young people so we can encourage them to get involved and learn more about how they can initiate change to tackle issues and help improve our communities.

"All Youth Members are involved in committee meetings, mentoring, training and research to help produce the Bills to be debated at Parliament House during the residential week in Brisbane from 26 Sept – 2nd October."

"Applications for the 2021 program close on 14th February, so I would encourage anyone interested to get in quick," she said.

"Youth Parliament teaches young people about the government decision-making process, while providing an excellent leadership opportunity for those who may one day become our future decision makers," she said.

For more information about the YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament and to access the application form, go to <https://www.ymcabrisbane.org/queensland-youth-parliament-home>

**For further information about this media release, please contact the Nanango Electorate Office on 4190 7100.**

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## THE SHOW WILL GO ON....

The Murgon Show Society would like to announce that the 2021 Murgon Show will go on!! Save the date - 19th and 20th March 2021. The annual show will be run slightly differently this year, due to the Covid 19 rules and regulations.

The committee members would like to ensure the community that the Murgon Show Society is doing all it can to ensure the community's safety by working with Qld Health to adhere to the regulations the Queensland Government has released.

Amongst these times of great uncertainty, we are looking forward to putting on a great show, even if a little different this year.

Stay tuned to Facebook to follow our updates, and we are always looking for volunteers, and new committee members. All are very welcome at our meetings which are held at the Cattlemens' Bar, Murgon Showgrounds, on the first Wednesday of the month.

All welcome to contact the Society on 07 4168 1427. We would love to hear from you.

Tina Kenyon, Secretary, 0410 590 115

## Murgon Show Cabaret

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