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

Australia Day Celebrations



The South Burnett Australia Day Awards night will be held this year at the Nanango Town Hall on the eve of Australia Day, Wednesday January 25th 2017 .

The Queensland Dairy and Heritage Museum Murgon Inc. will be hosting a breakfast on Australia Day Thursday 26th January 2017.

Come along and celebrate the day set aside for our great nation. The breakfast is always yummy and our local Australia Day awards will also be handed out to our very deserving recipients, so come along and support our Australia Day awardees and have a great morning amongst family and friends.

Aussies let us sing our songs, throw a prawn on the barbie, the rellies from the big smoke have rocked Sunday arvie. The fellas are watching footie, the esky's in the ute, we reckon this great land of ours is really pretty beaut.

We've crocs as big as Mallee bulls and joey's jumping free., we've a bonza rock out in the center and billabongs by the sea. If you go out back of Bourke, you can make a quid or two, but don't forget the blowies, by crikey they'll get you.

You can learn the dinky di lingo and read the local rag, maybe try some Aussie tucker and go off the main drag. Tho there's droughts and floods and fires, cyclones and stormy thunder, let's raise a glass to OZ, the wide brown land down-under.

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Murgon: A barbecue breakfast will start at 7am followed by a ceremony to announce Award Winners from 8.30am along with live entertainment, a flag raising ceremony and morning tea.

Proston: Free tea, coffee, damper and lamingtons will be handed out at the Scout Block in Rodney St from 2.30-4pm followed by a some cricket and a sign on day for youth and adults for Scout membership.

Wondai: Head on down to Wondai's Memorial Hall for breakfast on Australia Day from 7:00-9:00am onwards. This year there will be live entertainment provided by the Wondai Town & District Band, an Australian Citizen Affirmation Ceremony and a flag raising ceremony.

Hivesville: Breakfast will be held at the park in Hivesville starting at 8am, hosted by the Hivesville Progress Association.

Blackbutt: Swing by the Blackbutt tennis courts for free bacon and egg burger breakfast from 8-10am followed by family friendly activities such as a jumping castle, Australia Day Trivia game, crosswords and colouring in for children and adults alike. Join in the fun with the gumboot throwing competition and rolling pin throw and test your skill in the avocador Roll.

Boondooma: Starts at 5pm with a flag raising ceremony followed by a barbecue dinner. There will be live entertainment featuring Buddy Thomson, Lynne Bennett and others. A bus will be running on the day from Murgon, Wondai, Hivesville and Proston. You will need to pre-book your seat through Proston Country Bus Service on 41689296.

Kingaroy: Celebrations will be held in the town hall forecourt with a free breakfast from 6.45am. Activities include face painting, jumping castle, bush poetry, live music by Matt Phillips and Steve Hood and whip cracking. The flag raising is planned for 9am followed by recognition of Australia Day Award winners from the Kingaroy area and affirmation ceremony. Cane toad races and lamington eating competition will follow

Nanango: Breakfast at the showgrounds will start at 7am followed by a flag raising ceremony, recognition of Australia Day Award winners and bush poets, yarns & music as well as the dog high jump and tug of war. Nanango welcomes you to join us this Australia Day.

For more information on any of these events call 41899100

IT IS GREAT TO BE AN AUSTRALIAN

Australia Day celebrations and activities were held in many of our communities. It is always great to see the enthusiasm that greets this day. The activities are diverse and interesting and should provide a lot of enjoyment as well as bring great pride. Not just for those who have been nominated or won an award but for all of us who appreciate what it means to be an Australian.

Unfortunately in recent months there have been a number of reports from other parts of the world where the safety and security of people has been severely tested. Travelling around this electorate certainly re-iterates time and time again how fortunate we are. Fortunate to live within a society that embraces and respects many cultures and creeds. Fortunate not to be at war with each other or our neighbours. Fortunate to have opportunities for growth and prosperity.

Congratulations to all who have been nominated or won an Australia Day Award. Thank you for your contribution to our communities and for ensuring we remain the "lucky country".

Jeff Seeney MP – Member for Callide

COALITION DELIVERS NEW MOBILE COVERAGE TO NOOSA, SOUTH BURNETT AND FRASER COAST COMMUNITIES

Federal Member for Wide Bay, Llew O'Brien today said eight communities will benefit from new mobile base stations to improve mobile coverage under round 2 of the Liberal Nationals Government's Mobile Black Spot Program.

"The Coalition Government supporting the installation of new mobile phone base stations by Telstra or Optus that will be located at the following sites: Boreen Point, Boreen Point West, Cinnabar, Maaroom, Pomona Kin Kin Road, Tansey, Windaera and Yerra," Mr O'Brien said.

"The extension of the mobile phone network to these areas will improve communications and assist locals, emergency services and visitors to our region.

"The delivery of better communications helps to build the kinds of communities our children and grandchildren either want to stay in or come back to, and mobile phone coverage is a big part of improving the amenity of regional areas."

Round 2 of the Coalition's Mobile Black Spots Program will deliver new or upgraded coverage to 6500 homes and business across 17,500 square kilometres via 266 new or upgraded towers. This includes 1,900 kilometres of major transport routes.

During its time in office, Labor did not help build a single mobile phone tower nor invest a single cent in mobile coverage during its six years of Government.

In contrast, rounds 1 and 2 of the Coalition's Program will deliver new coverage to 32,000 homes and businesses across 86,000 square kilometres including 7,600 of major transport routes via 765 new mobile phone towers.

Including co-contributions from carriers and state governments, round 2 represents a total new investment of \$213 million towards improved mobile coverage.

The locations for round 2 of the Mobile Black Spot Program were selected following an appeal to the public to nominate black spots.

These locations were entered into the national map which was provided to mobile network providers to assist them to develop funding applications. These were assessed against the program guidelines by the "The new base stations in Wide Bay were identified by people in the community who nominated black spot locations," Mr O'Brien said.

The locations of all of the 266 base stations can be found on the national map at www.nationalmap.gov.au.

More information about the Coalition Government's Mobile Black Spot Program can be found at www.communications.gov.au/mbasp.

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News from Graham House Community Centre

Christmas Appeal: Gifts were distributed to the vulnerable families the week before Christmas. Gifts for the children and Festive Food Hampers gave families the opportunity to share the joy at Christmas. Thank you to South Burnett Shire Council, Murgon Target and Uniting Care for donating funds and gifts for the Festive Hampers. Thank you to Wondai Art Gallery, Murgon Shire Council, Soul Pattinson Chemist and Visual Image Wondai for your help in collecting the gifts. Thank you to The South Burnett Community, your generosity has been overwhelming. Struggling families had the experience of excitement at Christmas.



This message we received from a family with 8 children, ages 19mths to 16 years that were recipients of Christmas Gifts and a Festive Hamper. Dot delivered the Christmas cheer.

“Oh Dot, Thank you! You should hear the excitement as we unpack the bag of food. Apparently I shouldn't be so excited about potatoes. The Ham and Chicken are very welcomed, I wasn't buying a ham this year as it was out of the budget. The kids are so excited about the presents too. Please thank all those who are involved in this. It is greatly appreciated”

IMPORTANT NOTICE – Next “Lunch Learn Laughter” at the Murgon Golf Club will be on the 2nd February at 12pm. Speaker will be Graham House Transport. **Free for seniors**



Supporting our community

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Graham House Community Centre provides holistic assistance and nurtures the strengths of individuals and the community to empower them to meet their own needs.

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Murgon Hospital Auxiliary Results for Xmas Raffle 2016

- 1st Prize Holiday, Burrum Heads. Pink G27
Margo Schmidhauser
- 2nd Prize Cake Apricot F33 Emme Hindle
- 3rd Prize Bracelet Grey M60 Ben Young
- 4th Prize Hamper Apricot H10 Joy Schultz
- 5th Prize Doll White L59 Rosemary Delemere
- 6th Prize Toy Tractor Yellow H50 Teryl Biggs
- 7th Prize Towel Pack Green K16 Kaye Gustafson
- The Auxiliary wish to thank everyone for their wonderful support, & Brenda and Ivan Rewald for their transport. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Goodger Wetland Reserve, Closed to the Public until Further Notice

As a result of alleged arson, the Goodger Wetland Reserve will be closed to the public until further notice.

Queensland Fire & Emergency Services have contained the fire and are monitoring the area, however there are numerous large trees that have become unstable and may drop limbs without warning. The boardwalk is also closed as a result of structural damage.

Further vegetation assessment will be undertaken by Council personnel once the area is deemed safe to enter

Council thanks residents for their patience and will provide further updates regarding access to the Wetland.

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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 workshop. Fresh, clean and very affordable. \$190,000

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WONDAI REGIONAL ART GALLERY February 2017 Exhibition



'Under The Bed Sale'

A very recent fire has destroyed all of the artworks of our local artist, Lee Barker. Sadly, Lee is now unable to hold his exhibition which was scheduled for February. With this in mind and due to the very short notice we have decided to hold an 'Under the Bed Sale'.

Our 'Under the Bed Sale' has proved to be a well loved event on our gallery calendar. This is a great opportunity to get your hands on some ludicrously low priced original artpieces! What has been hidden under the beds or stored in studios, attics, drawers and wardrobes, gets to see the light of day much to the delight of our bargain hunting art lovers.

So come on and grab a bargain!!

If you are an artist and wish to exhibit in the 'Under The Bed Sale' please contact the gallery on 4168 5926 or download an entry form on our website: www.wondaiartgallery.org.au

Kidz Corner: Tingoora State School

Opening Night: Friday 3rd February 2017, from 6pm.

\$5.00 entry includes Hot & Cold Supper & Punch

Winery will be in attendance

Live Entertainment

The exhibition will remain in the Gallery from the 3rd Feb until 3pm on the 26th Feb 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

Website : www.wondaiartgallery.org.au

Wondai Gallery Closure for Maintenance-January 2017

The Wondai Regional Art Gallery will be closed to the public on Friday 13th January for approximately 2 weeks due to maintenance to be carried out on the gallery roof. The gallery will reopen to the public on Tuesday 31 January.

The Wondai Country Markets will still operate on Saturday 28th January and the Studio will also be available for stall holders on market day.

Please note that art for the 'Under The Bed Sale' is to be delivered to the gallery from Saturday 28th January to Monday 30th January via the studio or the side entry into the gallery. The front door of the gallery will not be accessible.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Sue Bradley, Wondai Regional Art Gallery, Ph 07 4168 5926

Email: wondaiartgallery@southburnett.qld.gov.au Website: www.wondaiartgallery.org.au

RESERVE FORCES DAY



Reserve Forces Day is a public event giving the community an opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge the contribution and value of more than two million Australians who have served part time in the Reserve Services of the Nation.

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the re-raising of the Citizens Military Force on 1st of July 1948 a parade was conducted in 12 major cities in Australia from Wednesday 1st through

to Sunday the 5th of July 1998.

The day was made possible in part by recognition by the Department of Veterans Affairs "Their Serve Our Heritage" program and with kind assistance from the Department of Defence. That recognition and assistance continues.

The reserves make up 40% of the uniformed strength of the Australian Defence Force providing most of the medical specialists, lawyers and many other skilled professions.

In times of emergency all Reservists may be bound to serve indefinitely.

The Wondai Reserve Forces Day Parade is conducted on military field service lines and each of the Service Arms are represented on a turn on turn about rotation.

For 2017 the program extends over the weekend and includes a social bowls afternoon at Wondai Golf and Bowls Club commencing with a BBQ from midday to which everyone is invited as they are later on at the Meet and Greet at the Hotel Cecil.

Sunday is the reason for the occasion commencing at 10am with a flag raising and wreath laying followed by the Parade and Recognition Service in Coronation Park concluding with the ceremonial lowering of the flag.

Again everyone is welcome to come along and be a part of what is a unique event in the national calendar of events

PROGRAM for RESERVE FORCES DAY- WONDAI

Saturday 1st July SOCIAL BOWLS 1300hrs

Arrangements have been made with Wondai Bowls Club for there to be a social bowls match between any ex-servicemen and women who may wish to compete for a perpetual trophy. Everyone is welcome to participate.

MEET AND GREET 1730hrs To be held at the **Hotel Cecil** Mackenzie Street.

Sunday 2nd July WREATHLAYING AND FLAG RAISING 1000hrs

To be conducted at the Cenotaph in the forecourt of the Council Chambers

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World Day of Prayer for 2017

World Day of Prayer for 2017 in Murgon is on Saturday, 4th March.

Traditionally, it is on the Friday, but it was found that more people could attend if it is on a Saturday than a week day.

This year the host church is Murgon/Goomeri Uniting Church at 55 Gore Street, Murgon.

The service will start at 9:30am with morning tea following. All are welcome!

Pat van Kempen is the coordinator: 0434 026 625 and patrish53@gmail.com, if you have any queries.

Our country of focus is The Philippines.

We would appreciate it if you can start informing your congregations or others now of this date and the time and that there will be a speaker and an offering taken that goes back to the Philippians.

There will be further contact in the new year as we always look for members of the various congregations to have a part in the service.

Thank you for your assistance with this information for World Day of Prayer 2017.

In Christ,

Patricia van Kempen



Golf Queensland Chair Peter Castrisos has stepped down from the Board of Golf Queensland after serving nine years' as a Director of the State association.

The move came following his successful election onto the Board of Golf Australia. Following Peter's resignation, the Board of Golf Queensland voted David Brett as Chair.

"During his time with Golf Queensland, and particularly as Chair, he has been a strong advocate for bringing the Queensland golf industry together through reinforcing and cementing our relationships with key stakeholders including Districts and Clubs."

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MURGON LIONS CLUB



Murgon Lions, a great community organization seen at every Christmas Carnival with their popular children's merry go round. Club President Alan Fowler said we try and make it to each monthly Murgon Markets and most other events in our area. Fund raising is still by the sale of Lions Christmas cakes and collection of aluminum cans and we are at the collection point at our shed in the Murgon Show grounds every Saturday morning. On the third Saturday morning of each month Lions can also be seen operating a sausage sizzle at the front of Murgon Hardware. Numerous donations to the local community and Murgon hospital have been part of our agenda. The Lions Park at the entrance to Murgon is another one of our long term projects. Meetings are held every second and fourth Tuesday of the month and we are looking forward to welcoming new members to be part of this great organization.

COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING DATES FOR 2017

November 25, 2016: Council would like to advise that in accordance with Section 277 (1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Ordinary Meetings for 2017 have been scheduled as follows:

- Wednesday 18 January 2017
- Wednesday 15 February 2017
- Wednesday 15 March 2017
- Wednesday 19 April 2017
- Wednesday 17 May 2017
- Wednesday 21 June 2017
- Wednesday 19 July 2017
- Wednesday 16 August 2017
- Wednesday 20 September 2017
- Wednesday 18 October 2017
- Wednesday 15 November 2017
- Wednesday 13 December 2017

Ordinary Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month (except the December meeting, which will be held on the second Wednesday) commencing at 9:00am in the Warren Truss Chamber, Glendon Street, Kingaroy unless stated otherwise.

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A Swiss guy in New York is looking for directions, so he pulls up at a bus stop where two Americans are waiting.

"Entschuldigung, koennen Sie Deutsch sprechen?" he asks.

The two Americans just stare at him.

"Excusez-moi, parlez vous Francais?" he tries. The two continue to stare.

"Parlare Italiano?" No response.

"Hablan ustedes Espanol?" Still nothing.

The Swiss guy drives off, extremely disgusted. The first American turns to the second and says, "Y'know, maybe we should learn a foreign language."

"Why?" says the other. "That guy knew four languages, and it didn't do him any good."

BRISBANE EKKA SHOW HOLIDAY FOR 2017

For a number of years, Council has requested the Monday of the Brisbane Ekka week to be gazetted as the show holiday for the South Burnett Regional Council area.

At the July Council Meeting, it was recommended that Council request the Exhibition Monday as the Show Holiday for the South Burnett Regional Council area.

Recently Council has been advised by the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs that Monday 14 August 2017, is the Public Holiday for the South Burnett Region for the purpose of the Brisbane Ekka.

Mayor Keith Campbell said " I believe it to be reasonable for the South Burnett to have our show holiday linked to the Brisbane Ekka as we are a rural community and it is heavily supported by our community as a whole".

A DATE CLAIMER FOR YOUR DIARY

Camp oven Comedy at Monogorilby Hall will be on Saturday 15.04.17

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MORETON STARTS MINE APPROVAL PROCESS



MRV Tarong Basin Coal Pty Ltd Managing Director Jason Elks

December 20, 2016

Moreton Resources' controversial proposal to build a new coal mine near Kingaroy moved a step closer this week.

The Office of the Coordinator-General released the Terms Of Reference on Monday for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), the document the company is required to prepare for the project.

This is the first step in a formal process to examine the Moreton's plans in depth.

If Moreton can satisfy all the requirements of an EIS, the project could receive formal Government approval to proceed.

Managing Director Jason Elks, from MRV Tarong Basin Coal Pty Ltd – a fully owned subsidiary of Moreton Resources Ltd – said he was pleased the Terms Of Reference had been released.

"This milestone, which has taken approximately seven months to get to, now gives this project a clear and definitive pathway forward in pursuit of its approvals and permits," Mr Elks said.

He said this would allow for a final investment decision, which he hoped would occur in 2018-2019, depending on objections and levels of support for the project across the region.

Mr Elks said the company would now look at putting together a final project team to prepare the EIS, and hoped to appoint a project manager and team in the coming four to eight weeks.

"As we progress through this now very clear and definitive process, we will maintain open channels of communication with the wider South Burnett community, as we have been to date, ensuring they are kept well informed of all project advancements and the tremendous benefits this project will bring, should a final investment decision be forthcoming," Mr Elks said.

Mr Elks said the company had clearly stated it intended to hire locally and use local services and infrastructure wherever possible to ensure that surrounding communities reaped the benefits of the project.

"Whilst we are still a long way from a final investment decision, we are certainly well on the way and we have set some very aggressive time lines for completion of our studies, permits and approvals," Mr Elks said.

"Historically, communities situated near a mine have benefited from increased economic stimulus, increased land values and have enjoyed more employment opportunities.

"The South Burnett will be no different, however these things will not happen overnight. But we now have a clear path forward."

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MP Urges Public To Speak On Mine



Federal Member for Maranoa David Littleproud

Federal Member for Maranoa David Littleproud has urged concerned South Burnett residents to make a submission on Moreton Resources' proposed Kingaroy coal mine when the project is opened up for public consultation.

"Like many others in our community, I'm very concerned the proposed site for the open-cut coal mine is on prime agricultural land and its 4km proximity to Kingaroy," Mr Littleproud said on Tuesday afternoon.

"Quite simply, there's a lack of community support for this project.

"But today's announcement – that Moreton Resources has been formally issued a 'terms of reference for an environmental impact statement' – is merely one step in a very lengthy legislative process."

Mr Littleproud counselled patience for anyone worried the project might be close to approval.

"Soon the proposed mine will be opened up for public consultation, and I urge everyone to make their voice heard on this issue," he said.

"There will be ample opportunity for you to contribute during this consultation process, and from what I've witnessed, the Kingaroy community has already proven itself a well-coordinated and effective team in voicing their opposition to this project."

Mr Littleproud said he was not opposed to mining, but thought the project was inappropriate for the region.

"I do oppose a mine so close to town and on prime agricultural land," he said.

"I'll continue to fight for economic development in the South Burnett by supporting the agriculture sector, growing small business and supporting families, but this mine is not the answer."

MEDIA RELEASE Courtesy South Burnett Online

Record crowd attend Christmas Eve Celebrations in Wondai



SOUTH BURNETT WINES ARE A HIT

On Saturday, 7 January 2017 the South Burnett Wine Industry Association hosted a lunch at Cassis at Boogie Restaurant with invited guest Hong Kong based wine writer Nelson Siu. Mr Siu is the CEO and Editor-in Chief of the prestigious and influential Wine.Luxe magazine in Hong Kong, which produces articles about premium wines from around the world.

South Burnett Regional Councillors were very proud to help facilitate this weekend and to support members of the South Burnett Wine Industry Association. Local stakeholders and Mr Siu discussed the South Burnett's rapidly growing wine industry and the exporting opportunities with overseas retailers, hotels, restaurants and supermarkets in Hong Kong and China.

"Mr Siu's tour of the region was an overall success. He was very impressed and delighted with the region, our people, its wine and food" said Mayor Keith Campbell "Council is pleased to provide support, to industries undertaking initiatives to source opportunities from around the world and in this case, the burgeoning Chinese wine, food and tourism economy."

Mr Siu's visit was the culmination of 18 months of dedication and organising by the South Burnett Wine Industry Association with the support from Trade & Investment Queensland's Hong Kong and Wide Bay Burnett-based staff.



Photo: L-R Jason Kinsella (President South Burnett Wine Industry Association), Cr Kathy Duff, Cr Gavin Jones, Cr Danita Potter, Mr Nelson Siu (CEO and Editor-in Chief of the prestigious and influential Wine.Luxe magazine), Mayor Keith Campbell and Cr Roz Frohloff.



Barambah Ministers Association 2016 Christmas Breakup held at the Wondai Hotel.



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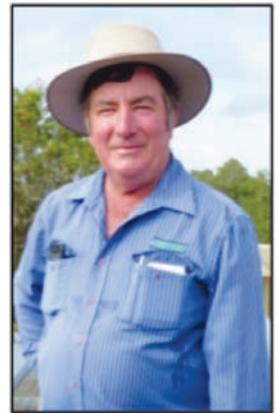
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Kathy Duff & Richard Brown at the Proston Christmas Carnival with Rollo in centre.



2017 Kicks Off Strongly

Just over 500 were yarded by Murgon Agents for the first sale for 2017. Few Export cattle were yarded with the majority of numbers being feeder & weaner types. The market was consistent with the last sale of 2016 with all cattle selling to strong values. Cattle were drawn from Mundubbera, Gayndah, Mt Perry, Kilkivan, Kingaroy & locally. Bulls topped at \$2.60 c/kg for \$2130.00. The best of the heavy Cows sold to \$2.65 c/kg and \$1858.00. Cows over 500 kg averaged \$2.43 c/kg. 400 – 500 kg Cows averaged \$2.28 c/kg topping at \$2.48 c/kg. Lighter Cows under 400 kg averaged \$2.15 c/kg. R & D Hand Moffatdale sold Santa cross steers for \$3.38 c/kg returning \$1390.00. 440 kg Charbray steers from Nanango sold for \$1452.00 at \$3.30 c/kg. 417 kg Simmental cross steers a/c Pathmont Goomeri sold for \$1363.00 at \$3.26 c/kg. 2 pens of Gelvieh cross steers from Windaera sold for \$1101.00 (3.44) & \$1069.00 (3.47). J Morris Woorooden sold 289 kg Droughtmaster cross steers for \$990.00 at



\$3.42 c/kg. 296 kg Droughtmaster cross steers from N & M Cross Boondooma sold for \$1030.00 at \$3.48 c/kg. 2 pens of Brahman cross steers from C & C Zelinski Boobyjan sold for \$995.00 (3.44) & \$923.00 (3.39). S & T Holding Cloyna sold 2 pens of Droughtmaster cross weaner steers for \$1030.00 (3.55) & \$868.00 (3.47).

320 kg Gelvieh heifers sold to \$1034.00 at \$3.22 c/kg. 291 kg Charolais heifers from Kingaroy sold to \$946.00 at \$3.25 c/kg. Brangus weaner heifers a/c D & N Sheehan Brigooda sold for \$3.30 c/kg returning \$780.00. 219 kg Simmental cross weaner heifers from Memerambi sold for \$723.00 at \$3.30 c/kg.



Shed Men

All Men & young Blokes are invited to the 35th meeting of

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1st Speaker: Stan Baker. Grew up on his parents farm. Himself a Farmer, vineyard worker, miner, Vintage Motor Bike and Tractor collector.

Stan will have his vehicles out from 4.30 pm.

2nd Speaker: Norm Fuller. Originally a cabinet maker who became a Secondary School Principal, now director of SU Qld and prostate cancer survivor. Just your average bloke!

DATE: Saturday 28th January 2017. Start – 4.30 pm. Finish by 8 pm.

COST: \$15 includes Meal, Dessert, Soft Drinks, tea/coffee (under 15 free)

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A Happy New Year for 2017 to all! May it be prosperous times for all with plenty of rain across the State to assist our farmers return to good times after several years of drought.

HUB'S 2016 events have included: 2 Annual Holidays (Yeppoon and Marcoola), 2 Carers Retreats (Caloundra and Marcoola), 9 Carers Support Meetings, 23 Social Outings, 2 Client weekends away and our Annual Information, Planning & Feedback Day. Employees and carers/parents have also had training opportunities in WHS, Manual Handling & Personal Care, Cultural Awareness, Autism/Aspergers, Disability Law and National Disability Insurance Scheme information sessions.

Ten clients attended the HUB Annual Holiday to Marcoola during November. Activities included a day trip to the Maleny Hinterland, swimming, gym, beach walks, fishing and time out relaxing at the Resort. Hub participants budget

and save throughout the year for their holidays and this has been a core learning life skill learnt in the Holiday Program which has been operating for the last 14 years. The holiday participants also have the opportunity to nominate the holiday destinations they would like to visit.

November and December for HUB was quite a busy time with events including social activities throughout the South Burnett region, an Annual Holiday to Marcoola, Planning Day for the NDIS Environment, Carers/Parent Support Group Christmas breakup and our Annual Christmas Party at Moffatdale Ridge with 35 people in attendance.

The NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme) started in Australia on 1 July 2016 and will continue to be rolled out over the next three years. By 2019 there will be around 430,000 participants on the scheme across Australia. The Queensland market for disability supports is estimated to grow from 48,000 people in 2016 to 91,000 in 2019. An additional 19,000 Disability Support Workers will need to be employed across the State. The level of annual expenditure across the State of Qld is estimated to grow from \$1.8 billion to \$4.3 billion by 2020.

The Wide Bay/Burnett region will commence the roll out of the scheme in Bundaberg during October 2017 and continue across the Fraser Coast, North & South Burnett and Cherbourg from July 2018.

Our Wide Bay/Burnett region will need to employ an additional 1,850 to 2,200 Disability Support Workers by June 2019 to cope with the demand.



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SEEKING COMMUNITY VIEWS ON FLAG RETIREMENT OPTIONS

Federal Member for Wide Bay, Llew O'Brien is seeking feedback on the best and most appropriate way for Australians to retire used, damaged and worn out Australian National Flags.

Mr O'Brien said the Australian National Flag Protocols do not provide detailed guidance on how to retire flags that are damaged, faded or dilapidated.

"There is often concern from residents and community organisations in my electorate about how to best retire Australian National Flags with dignity and respect," Mr O'Brien said.

"Just this week I have received many calls from people in Wide Bay asking how retired flags should be handled.

"I hope through the consultation process we can gather some useful suggestions and feedback on an appropriate flag retirement protocol for the future."

Mr O'Brien said the Australian National Flag was a symbol of great importance to residents in Wide Bay.

"The Australian National Flag is proudly displayed by many community organisations, RSLs, schools, clubs and individuals in my electorate, reflecting the great pride and respect Australians have for our flag," Mr O'Brien said.

A Flag Retirement Protocol Consultation Paper has been made available to help start this important discussion.

"The Government is interested in community views on changes to the Flag Protocols to include guidance on conducting a retirement ceremony for worn Australian National Flags.

"We believe this may be a good option for schools, clubs, organisations and others looking for formality around flag retirement."

For a copy of the Australian Government's Flag Retirement Protocol Consultation Paper or to provide feedback on flag retirement options, please visit: www.dpmc.gov.au/flag

Submissions are due by the end of February 2017.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Upon returning to the calls of work and necessities, we hope all had an enjoyable Christmas and surrounding holiday. 2017 will see new faces within the PCYC of both our state office and our South Burnett Branch.



One of these being a new Program Coordinator for the Blue EDGE (Educate, Develop, Grow, Empower) program, Grant Gamlen. Grant will be running pilot programs in Murgon/Cherbourg, Charters Towers, Torres Strait and Cunnamulla.

Grant was a police officer in New Zealand for 16 years, during which time he ran a myriad of youth programs with New Zealand Blue Light. He was one of a team of four who developed and ran the very successful Team Ex-treme program, which is now established nationwide. Grant is very passionate about youth development, and helping young people to reach their full potential.



Our New Year's Resolution deals are on again with up to 50% off selected fitness packages.

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The current vacant PCYC position of Safe Communities Coordinator is envisaged to be filled and commenced by the end of January 2017, this along with the Blue EDGE program will focus on Cherbourg and Murgon communities with assistance from the Queensland Police Service, Queensland Education, Community Stakeholders and participant's families into providing programs that will benefit the whole of community by focusing on those that need assistance.

More to come as this position is filled and Community Needs Analysis are completed.

Our next Friday Night Live will be run on Friday 3 February 2017 with some changes to buses and activity availability. Overnight Movie Marathon's will also be seen throughout 2017. As we venture into the New Year, keep an eye out for our different promotions, activities and programs,

"We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community... Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own."

– **Ceser Chavez**

BENDING TIMBER TO BUILD A SULKY WHEEL



Sulky wheels are built lighter than wagon wheels for higher speed. One of the differences is the felloes, (outer circles of wood). The felloes on wagon wheels are cut out of heavy wood on a band saw, six of those pieces make up the circle on a twelve spoke wheel. Where Sulky wheels have two pieces of wood bent to make the circle.

Spotted gum is a good timber to bend as the wood fibres are much longer than in other timbers. All these fibres are held together with a substance called lignin. To bend the wood, it must be plasticized

by decreasing the strength of the lignin with steam. Kiln-dried and dried out timber can't be bent as the lignin has been permanently set.

We need to get freshly cut timber direct from a sawmill with ideal moisture of twenty five percent. Timber too wet will crumble on the inside of the bend and if it is too dry, failure will occur on the outside.

Jarrold Pershouse from Boundary Creek Timber and Transport in Gin Gin gave us the timber for the sulky wheels and Pat Donahue gave a big piece of pipe to use as a steam box.

Once the timber has been steamed the wood is bent around a form or jig that is smaller than the circle of the wheel. Then after being clamped for some time to dry, the wood is removed from the form and it will spring back to a bigger circle, roughly the size you want. The felloes can then be drilled to fit onto the spokes. You can then assemble the wheel.

The tyre or steel rim is measured and made smaller than the wheel. The metal is heated in a fire to expand the metal, then dropped over the felloes; then cooled with water which shrinks the tyre onto the wheel and makes a very tight wheel to hold everything very tightly together.

Story courtesy Murgon Men's Shed Newsletter

Photo: Pat Donohue, Nev Dennien and Keith Hatchett



The Queensland Indigenous Championship is played over 54-holes at Murgon Golf Club, QLD. The Championship is open to all male and female Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander amateur golfers with an Australian Men's Handicap, or Australian Women's Handicap who are members of a Club affiliated through their District Golf Association with Golf Queensland or with other State Golf Associations. The tournament is conducted by Golf Queensland.

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Boondooma

Over the past couple of months, the fish have moved into the thermocline and are a real target for our avid trollers. The 18 to 22 foot zone is where you will find them when you're out in search of some fish. The most productive areas on the dam are the deeper sections of water around the dam wall and the Buoy line. The most productive bite time is from lunch time through until dark when the day is at its hottest.

The Bass can be fussy when it comes to feeding when they are suspended in the column. I like to try plastics first and then move to a reaction bait. My preferred reaction baits for summer suspended fish are 5/8 Bassman spinnerbaits or a 3/8 Bassman mumbler/chatter bait.

Trollers are catching some really nice fish using deep diving hard bodies and 5/8 Bassman spinnerbaits around the same areas as I mentioned earlier. The key is to be patient.

Bait fisherman are catching some good numbers of Bass and Yellow belly using live shrimp caught from the dam. Try to anchor over prominent points in the dam in 15 to 20 feet and also try the timbered sections of the dam.

Red claw have picked up in numbers. Drop your pots around the rocky banks of the dam and also just wide of the weed beds.

Lake Barambah

BP dam has been very consistent over the last two months, producing good numbers of fish of varying species. The fish are in great quantity, areas to target are the deeper water out the front of the dam wall, wide of bass point and off any main dam points that hold deeper water of about 20ft. The fish have been sitting in the 15 to 20 ft mark. I've been catching the majority of fish using a 1/2 ounce rigged plastic, with the same method as explained for Boondooma. Also heavier spinnerbait's and Chatterbaits have been working well on the bigger fish when your focussing on the reaction bite.

Some big Yellow belly are being caught, the key to catching a few Golden when its quiet, is to focus on fishing the bottom or the many weed banks that encompass the dam. In this case, tie on a blade and hop it gently off the bottom or out of the weed. The Yellowbelly are a real sucker for a hopped blade and it won't take long to catch a few fish using this technique. The smaller Bass also don't mind this technique but it won't be long and you'll be in contact with some nice fat Golden Perch.

The Author, Dave and Kiel with a mixed bag from a recent session on BP.



Trollers are getting good bags of fish trolling 5/8 Bassman spinnerbaits and deep diving hard bodies. Areas to target are the deep water around in front of the dam wall, Bass point, around Lightening ridge and around any prominent points.

Bait fisherman are catching plenty of fish tying off the trees up the back of the dam using live shrimp.

Redclaw are about and are coming from the steeper banks with scattered timber.

Make sure you book your camp site for the 2017 Boondooma Dam, Yellowbelly fishing comp being held on the 11th and 12th of February. \$20 entry for adults and \$5 for juniors (16 years and under). There are live and dead weight divisions with prizes for Bass, Yellow belly, Silver and Spangled perch. There are thousands of dollars' worth of prizes up for grabs, with food and drinks available at the event. It's one comp you don't want to miss. Call Lake Boondooma kiosk to make a camp site booking on (07) 4168 9694.

If you'd like to keep in regular contact with what's happening on the dams don't forget to like the Yallakool and Boondooma dams Facebook pages. Until next month, tight lines and bend rods.

Matthew Langford.

FEBRUARY 2017 BOONDOOMA DAM FISHING COMPETITION



Boondooma 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.

Profits from the event are used to supplement fishing permit funds from the Queensland Government and to put more fingerlings back into Lake Boondooma.

The annual competition will be held on the 11th and 12th of February. \$20 entry for adults and \$5 for juniors (16 years and under). There are live and dead weight divisions with prizes for Bass, Yellow belly, Silver and Spangled perch. There are thousands of dollars' worth of prizes up for grabs, with food and drinks available at the event. It's one comp you don't want to miss. Call Lake Boondooma kiosk to make a camp site booking on (07) 4168 9694.

The ongoing support of our many generous sponsors will ensure that a wide range of prizes and lucky draws are available for all competitors. 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 Boondooma 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 Boondooma for a family weekend of fishing and camping. For additional information please contact Terry Allwood on mobile 0400 860122.



Year 6 Students seen celebrating their last year at Wheatland's State School

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**STATION MASTER Tony Jansen with the last train out of Murgon
(Part of a continuing story of the Queensland Railways in The South Burnett)**



Five years has come and gone so quickly for my cousin Father Michael Carroll who was the Parish Priest at Murgon as he says goodbye to take up a position at Herston in Brisbane to help look after the spiritual needs of patients in the Brisbane General and St Vincent's Hospital's. The above photo is a painting of St Joseph by Father Michael who has donated it to the St Joseph's Catholic Church here in Murgon and was accepted by Mrs Elaine Thompson.

Father Michael Carroll was a much accepted and loved parish priest who strongly supported the combining of the other religious organizations especially in the Easter period. His ministry covered the areas of Durong, Proston, Wondai, Goomeri, Cherbourg and Murgon and on some weekends saw Father Michael driving many kilometers well into the

later part of the night. Father Michael Carroll was ordained a catholic priest 30 years ago and has preached the gospel in many parts of Australia. Yes Michael we thank you for your kindness and understanding and we will miss you.

THE GOOMERI STATE SCHOOL P-10 AWARDS NIGHT



Richard Lord Award : Mary Davidson was presented the Richard Lord Award for 2016 by her sister Skye, who received the award in 2015.



Tyler Mills received the 2016 Sportsperson of the Year Award and the Rotary International Best Allrounder Award

Photo: Tyler Mills was presented the Rotary International Best Allrounder Award by Mr Ross Higgins, Assistant Regional Director Darling Downs South West.



PHOTO: Principal, Mr Leon Doorackers photographed with Jacinta Rockemer the recipient for the 2016 Sports Achievement Award



Cloyna students Jorja & Jack who graduated at Cloyna School enjoyed a special dinner at the Murgon Motor Inn with Principal Heather Castle.

MURGON MEN'S SHED NEWS



On 9th December volunteers from MMS assisted at the Murgon Christmas Fair by manning the hamburger and drinks stand. This was a very busy night as we sold out of both food and drinks. It was great to see such a large crowd enjoying the festive atmosphere and supporting the Murgon community.

Santa arrived in style on a German wagon pulled by a vintage tractor courtesy of the Men's Shed. Many hours of work had gone into ensuring the restoration work carried out by the men in the shed was up to standard for Santa.

The end of a busy year was celebrated in style at the Men's Shed on 21st December with wives and partners invited to a bar-b-q lunch. Ladies were very happy to sit back and leave the preparing and cooking to the men. Entertainment for the day was provided by very talented members, Tom Mckenzie on saxophone and Nev Sommerfeld playing his squeeze-box. This music provided a background to a relaxing morning.



Special guests were Kathy Duff and Rosemary Braithwaite. The help from these two ladies is invaluable to the running of the shed. Kathy assists with matters between MMS and SBRC and Rosemary is our grants lady.

Each man in the shed has his own coffee mug with individual photo and name. A presentation of a coffee mug with photo and name was made to these two ladies on the day. The deal is they have to wash and put them on the shelf after their coffee.

After lunch the raffle was drawn and lucky winners were.

Neville Nielsen – Cloyna. Wheelbarrow filled with groceries. The barrow donated by Mobbs Mitre Ten.

Susie Pick- Cloyna. Fruit Tray donated by Murgon Fruit Mart.

Nell Dennien- Wondai. Meat Tray voucher donated by Top of Town Butchers.

Marie Klibbe- Murgon. Sports Bag.

Sharon Zoldak- Covertly. Back-pack & footballs.

Kevin Steinhardt- Murgon. Dart Board.

Thanks go to all those who donated towards the raffle, sold tickets, and volunteered in any way, also to IGA for giving space to sell the tickets. The generosity of Murgon and surrounding community never fails to amaze. Through the running of this raffle MMS benefited by over \$3000.

An invitation is open to all to drop into the shed, have a browse around at what the men are doing or just for a chat and cuppa. You can find us in Macalister Street, old railway station on Wednesdays 8am-3pm and Saturday morning 8am-12 noon.

The shed will opened again on Wednesday 4th January 2017. A very happy and safe New Year to all.

Murgon Men's Shed.

NATIONAL SENIORS

The Itinerary for 2017 Coach Tours is Available

The next meeting of Murgon & District Branch of National Seniors will be held on Thursday 16th February at the Murgon Bowls Club at 9.30 am, all members are requested to attend. The Photo competition will be Baby Animals. A speaker will be present.

The March Coach trip will be held on Thursday 16th March to Millmerran Museum, Murals & town walk, After lunch at Millmerran we go on to Pittsworth to Penny Mc Kinleys, Nursery . Cost \$58 P/P, Leaving Murgon at 6.30 am, pick up 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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The Murgon men's Shed Men with the two Railway Carriages in place.



A six-month effort to relocate two former railway carriages to Murgon paid off recently for the Murgon Men's Shed.

The 50-strong group, which uses the former Murgon Railway Station building as its headquarters, will use the carriages to expand the site into a feature railhead for the South Burnett Rail Trail.

In July 2014 when former Deputy Premier Jeff Seeney announced \$2 million in funding for the project, the group began scouting around for old railway carriages they could shift to Murgon.

"As it turned out, finding the carriages was the easy part," Men's Shed spokesman Glen Vonhoff said.

"A collector at Gracemere called Darren Standfast had bought an old steel carriage because he didn't want to see it turned into scrap, and when he heard what we wanted to do, he donated it to us.

"And we were able to purchase a wooden 1918 passenger carriage at auction in Rockhampton for \$200."

But if acquiring the carriages was a simple exercise, moving them back to Murgon turned out to be a nightmare.

"After we'd secured the carriages we began to look at what it would cost to truck them to Murgon," Glen said. "When we got a quote for \$11,000 we almost fell off our chairs." It turned out the carriages would need to be lifted on and off the trucks by specialised cranes, and the cranes were very expensive to hire.

However, Men's Shed members persisted in looking at other solutions, and after six months they found a carrier who had a special tilt-tray truck that could load and unload the two carriages without the need of a crane. This reduced the cost of transport to \$6050, a sum the Men's Shed fortunately had in their kitty, and they gave the go-ahead shortly afterwards.

The two carriages now sit outside the former Murgon Railway Station on a small 70-metre section of the original railway track that has been preserved.

Men's Shed members will begin the long task of restoring them shortly.

Glen said the group was applying for a grant to cover the cost of materials involved in the restoration project, but members will be donating their own time and skills free of charge. The group are hopeful they can have the job finished by the time the Rail Trail is officially opened in March (could be now June).

"We have a few original seats from the passenger carriage that we also hope to restore, and we'd like to put railway memorabilia in both carriages when they're finished to add extra interest," he said.

Glen agreed both carriages will need a lot of work, but is confident the group has the ability to turn in a first-rate job.

"Our members have been restoring historic wooden wagons and we've done four or five of them now.

"So I'm sure we can restore both these carriages, and I hope everyone comes to see them when they're finished."

(Photos and story courtesy South Burnett Online).

South Burnett Libraries Year in Review

South Burnett Libraries had a massive year in 2016! Here are just some of the many highlights:

- ❑ For the **Year of Digital Inclusion**, South Burnett Libraries focussed on developing the community's digital literacy skills by offering Tech Savvy tutorials, which begin with the basics of computing and progress through to topics such as cyber safety and social media.
- ❑ South Burnett Libraries once again celebrated Library Lover's Week, Children's Book Week, National Simultaneous Storytime and Senior's Week.
- ❑ A host of Local Authors visited our libraries in 2016, including: Errol Bishop; Tony Turton; Karen Russell; Danni Wicks & Graham Braddock.
- ❑ A number of our libraries were spruced up: Blackbutt Library recarpeted, Proston Library repainted and shelving reorganised & Wondai & Murgon Libraries reorganised.

A Visit from Stig Weymss

South Burnett Libraries were thrilled to host narrator extraordinaire Stig Weymss, a trained actor and all-around funny guy, in the Kingaroy town hall on Monday 13 June. This event attracted over 800 kids from local schools and Stig had each of them in stitches as he told jokes re-enacted a story from one of the books he narrates.



CrDorita Potter, Stig Weymss and Mayor Keith Campbell

- ❑ Regular visits from Kindy and school groups who were treated to a story and craft plus a VIP tour of the library.
- ❑ Regular exam supervision of students from High School to University.

Fun filled school holiday programs

School aged children had the opportunity to become mad scientists, engineers and even game show contestants this year through the delivery of exciting and interactive activities.

- ❑ Scrabble, cards, mah-jong, chess and conversation groups attended South Burnett Libraries regularly, along with Family History Workshops and ancestry.com
- ❑ A number of community members visited the library to deliver Information Talks about their interests including the Burrumbuttock Hay Runners @ Proston, Local legends talks @ Nanango, Ayurveda Talk @ Kingaroy & Dementia Talk @ Wondai.

Fun Palace

On Saturday 1 October the Kingaroy Library was transformed into a Fun Palace, where art, science and fun prevailed. Open to all ages, activity stations were designed by staff to capture the imagination of participants, with feedback received on the day including "Very engaging!" and "Very well done!"

- ❑ While designed for school holiday activities, the Libraries' life sized monopoly was a hit with all who took part, children and big kids alike!

First 5 Forever

The South Burnett Libraries' First 5 Forever programs continued to gain momentum with specific figures showing attendance has increased by 173% since 2014! Other highlights from this year include fire fighters day held in partnership with Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, a pop up library in the Kingaroy mall and the success of the first Community Health Drop-in clinic at the Kingaroy Library.

These were just some of the highlights with South Burnett Libraries ready for a bumper 2017, kicking off with the Summer Reading Club and school holiday activities in January.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season!

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REGIONAL COUNCIL

ADDITIONAL PARKING FOR MURGON'S CASTRA AGED CARE FACILITY



Federal Member for Wide Bay, Llew O'Brien recently visited Castra Residential Aged Care, which received \$14,157 from the Coalition Government towards the provision of additional car parking spaces and improved access to its buildings.

"It was great to visit Castra and meet the residents and staff and see the completed project, supported by the Coalition Government," Mr O'Brien said.

"There is only limited car parking at the facility, so this project helped to create more parking spaces, making it easier for visitors to see their family and friends. Additional car parking also assists schools and volunteers to visit Castra and meet with the residents.

"While at Castra, I particularly enjoyed talking with former Murgon Mayor, Bill Roberts, about his views on a range of local, state and national matters," Mr O'Brien said.

"Castra is a much loved local facility, which regularly holds community functions and special events and I'm pleased the Coalition Government has been able to support it in this very practical way."

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JOKE FOR THE MONTH

But I don't like golf!!!!

Wife, What are you working on dear ?

Husband, My manifesto, now that I'm retired I'm going to devote myself to public service.

Wife, Oh doing what?

Husband, Well in a nutshell problem solving.

In both politics and religion people have lost faith in faith itself.

Wife, Um ok SO?

Husband, So people want answers and a new direction, and I figured why don't I start a new political party and religion rolled into one. Brilliant right?

Wife, Sigh! Why can't you spend all your time on the golf course like all the other retired guys?

Husband, Hey Hey , Brilliant.

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REGIONAL STUDENTS TO GAIN BETTER ACCESS TO EDUCATION

Students in regional areas will gain better access to education as the Coalition Government begins the roll out of its \$93.4 million regional education election commitment.

From 1 January 2018, and subject to the passage of legislation, the period in which students from regional and remote areas have to earn the amount required to satisfy the workforce independence provisions for Youth Allowance (student) and ABSTUDY Living Allowance will be reduced from 18 months to 14 months.

Federal Member for Wide Bay, Llew O'Brien today said this means students who finished Year 12 last year may be able to take advantage of the 14 month period to earn \$24,042 (current rate) and be considered independent for Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY Living Allowance.

"Importantly, young people who are considered independent may receive a higher rate of payment because their rate is not reduced based on parental income, unlike dependent recipients of Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY Living Allowance," Mr O'Brien said.

About 3,700 regional and remote students across Australia are expected to benefit from this change. Regional and remote students will also be supported through a 50 per cent increase to the Assistance for Isolated Children Additional Boarding Allowance and the means-tested component of ABSTUDY Group 2 School Fees Allowance.

"From 1 January 2017, the Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) Additional Boarding Allowance has increased by 50 per cent," Mr O'Brien said.

"The increase will also apply to the means-tested component of ABSTUDY Group 2 School Fees Allowance (SFA).

"This means lower income families who are geographically isolated will receive additional assistance to improve access to educational opportunities."

The maximum annual amount of Additional Boarding Allowance and the means-tested component of ABSTUDY Group 2 SFA will increase from \$1,533 to \$2,322. It will also increase the income limit at which the payment cuts out to \$63,481pa.

About 1,300 people across Australia will benefit from the increase to the Additional Boarding Allowance and 3,000 people will benefit from the increased ABSTUDY Group 2 SFA.

The Additional Boarding Allowance is a means-tested supplementary payment to provide extra support for lower-income families with a secondary student who boards away from home. This is in addition to a non-means tested Basic Boarding Allowance to contribute to the costs of boarding a student away from home.

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Husband (at the computer, calls to wife in the next room) Honey, did you change the password?

Wife: Yes, I did

Husband: And so, what is the new one?

Wife: The date of our wedding anniversary

Husband, quietly: B^tch!

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Kathy's Comments

Looking Forward

I would like to wish everyone all the very best for 2017 and let's hope that it is a good year for us all. Don't forget to join in the South Burnett Australia Day Awards at the Nanango Town Hall on the eve of Australia Day. The Qld Dairy and Heritage Museum will be hosting a breakfast and there will also be a breakfast at Hivesville, an afternoon tea with the Proston Scouts and an evening function at the Boondooma Homestead. This year I am making it my number one priority to try to attract a major business to Murgon to replace the jobs lost with the closure of the Meatworks. The rail trail should be completed by the end of May. I am working hard for funding to upgrade the footpath in the Murgon CBD area into the future. Successful funding for the Murgon Tennis Club and the Murgon Sports Association will see some upgrades to the courts and a new water system for the Sports Association. The promised funding for CCTV cameras and street lighting should be rolled out this year. I am working with the newly formed Proston Business/Community Group and one of the priorities is to try to get a fuel outlet for Proston. The Mayor and I attend the Wide Bay Regional Organisation of Councils and our Council has put forward the State controlled Bye Road past the Wheatland's School as a priority. I am hoping that we may have some luck with some possible funding. I am continuing to work with local transport operators to attract funding and improved permit systems for heavy vehicle transport movement across our region. Councils gravel roads continue to be our priority so we should see some more grading and some better work on our roads during this year. Wondai will celebrate their 100th Show and this year will be a big year for our Lions Clubs celebrating their 100th Anniversary.

Looking Back

January- Emily Kinsella received the South Burnett Junior Cultural Award and Courtney Sippel was announced Junior Sports person. Alicia Pidgeon was announced South Burnett Coach or Administrator. David Mollenhauer was Murgon Local Achiever and Helen Young from Proston was named the South Burnett Volunteer of the Year. Geoff Rea received the Proston/Hivesville Local Achiever.

February- A tough month for me with the loss of a loved one but I got through the month and the year because of the amazing support of my family and this community.

March – Proston and Murgon held successful shows. Gavin Cooper brought the NRL trophy back to Murgon. Candidate's nights were held for upcoming Council elections. The Hay Run left Wondai for Ilfracombe. Peter Angel retired after 45 years with the Firees.

April- Anzac Day ceremonies were held around the region. Boondooma Homestead held another great Heritage week. A new Council team was elected led by Mayor Keith Campbell. I had the honour of being elected Deputy Mayor.

May- A very successful Reconciliation Fun Run was held. Brett & Trevor Otto walked over 500kms for Lynda Geiger melanoma awareness. Campbell's Bridge was opened to traffic. Bendigo Bank opened in Murgon. Murgon Lions Club held a very successful Cloyna Hall Combined Service Club Dinner.

June – A State Government Drought funded trip for farmers to Farmfest was organised by Council. I had the honour of officially opening the first Wondai Street Sprints. Council's budget highlighted major funding for roads. Margaret Westerman retired from the Proston Library. Lots of new businesses for Murgon including Pursers Travel & Cruise. Reserve Forces Day was hosted in Wondai.

July- Council began a series of Listening Tours around the Region. Rates were changed to six monthly.

August – Boondooma Homestead held a very successful "Scots in the Bush". The Lady Bjeke Petersen Hospital was opened. The National Seniors Day for the Region was a huge success for Proston. Murgon hosted a very successful Focus On You night to promote health awareness.



September – A special Graham House tribute day was held. Alan Sage was inducted as the Qld Fire & Rescue Chaplain.

October- The South Burnett & Cherbourg on Show initiative attracted visitors to our region. I had the honour of opening the new amenities block at the Hivesville Anniversary Markets. Farmer's nights were held around the region. Proston Business and Community met to form a group to promote the area with Guest Speaker, Leo Geraghty.

November – Rotary held another spectacular Murgon Music Muster. The Swicker's fire caused a major upheaval. A community luncheon was held to support the volunteers and families as part of the successful South Burnett Country Fair. Boondooma Homestead hosted a special Remembrance Day Service with the unveiling of a memorial plaque. Kristy Frahm leading BIEDO held a successful South Burnett Business Expo.

December – Murgon was runner up in the Hancock Prospecting sponsored South Burnett Christmas Lights Urban award. Murgon Christmas Fair was a huge success. Thanks to the community for honouring me with the naming of Campbell's Bridge.

These are just a few snippets of what has been a challenging 2016 for me. Thank you to everyone for your incredible support throughout the year.

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

Cr Kathy Duff (Division 5) South Burnett Regional Council

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We sadly mourn the loss of :

E N K E L M A N N, Patricia Kate, Late of Murgon.

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S L E K Y S, Martha Maria Emma, Late of Castra Aged Care Murgon.

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K O L L I N G, Leslie Graham, Late of Murgon.

M C G U I R E, Murray John, Late of Murgon.

F A R L E I G H, Lil, Late of Brisbane, formerly of Murgon.



COUNCIL TAKES OUT WATER & WASTEWATER AWARDS

South Burnett Regional Council has taken out several awards at this year's Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia, Queensland (IPWEAQ) Excellence Awards, winning two of the three (3) categories in the Water and Wastewater Public Works categories.

The Kingaroy Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade project received an excellence award for projects over \$10 million. The construction of this plant saw the introduction of the Nereda Technology, an Australian first. The plant, designed and constructed by Aquatec Maxcon, saves capital, operations and maintenance costs while also reducing energy consumption and improving water quality, compared to the traditional treatment plant technology. This project was made possible by a \$10 million grant from the Queensland State Government.

In a surprise win, Gordonbrook Water Treatment Plant upgrade project won the Innovation category and was also a finalist in the Water and Wastewater projects under \$10 million. This plant upgrade allows for a more cost effective raw water source for council and provides a secure water supply to customers. This project also received funding from the Queensland Government, to the tune of \$680,000.

Council's Manager of Water and Wastewater, Nerida Airs said "These two (2) infrastructure projects are a great asset for the community. Both will ensure that Kingaroy has water and wastewater treatment plants capable of servicing the local community for at least the next 20 years. It's an honour to receive these two awards and everyone involved in the projects should be very proud."

Council's Manager of Design and Technical Services, James D'Arcy was also honoured by the Association by taking home the President's Award. Mr D'Arcy has been a strong advocate for IPWEAQ for many years, devoted to the betterment of the local government engineering industry.

"It's a credit to Council Staff, their hard work and dedication which has resulted in the Water & Wastewater Treatment Plants being nominated and winning the Innovation and the Excellence Awards" said Mayor Keith Campbell "We are also thrilled that one of our own, James D'Arcy was honoured with the President's Award, which again highlights the dedication of our staff."

The awards, which have been running since 2002, recognise Councils and Individuals who have demonstrated best practice and innovation in public works projects across Queensland.

A total of 15 awards were presented at the gala dinner and awards ceremony held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre where 400 of the state's leading authorities on engineering gathered for the three day conference. IPWEAQ Chief Executive Officer Leigh Cunningham said the 2016 Awards had attracted a record number of nominations, with 43 projects and 11 individuals submitted from Councils both large and small across Queensland.

Photo: Dawson Wilkie Chair of the Board of Professional Engineers & Chair of the IPWEAQ Foundation, Council's General Manager Infrastructure **Russell Hood** & Council's Manager Water & Wastewater **Nerida Airs**

IN MURGON THIS MONTH

Particulars available at the Visitor Information Centre

Wednesday	18	Murgon Men's Shed,
Thursday	19	Golf,
Friday	20	
Saturday	21	Murgon Men's Shed, Golf, Queensland Dairy & Heritage Museum meet,
Sunday	22	Golf, Church Services, Hivesville Markets,
Monday	23	Start of School Queensland State Schools,
Tuesday	24	Bjelke-Petersen fish Management Committee, Cattle Sale, Lions, Uniting Church Friendship Group,
Wednesday	25	Murgon Men's Shed, SBRC Australia Day Awards Night, Murgon Moments Deadline, Burnett Bird Keepers,
Thursday	26	Golf, Australia Day Holiday Celebrations Murgon at Queensland Dairy & Heritage Museum,
Friday	27	Social Tennis, Goomeri & District Garden Club,
Saturday	28	Murgon Men's Shed, Golf, Catholic Mass, Wondai Country Markets, The Barambah Shed Men,
Sunday	29	Golf, Church Services, Camera Club,
Monday	30	SES, Parkinson Support Group Murgon,
Tuesday	31	

DATE CLAIMER FEBRUARY 2017

Wednesday	1	Murgon Men's Shed, Bowls, Murgon Judo Club, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Rotary,
Thursday	2	Golf, St Joseph's Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Guides, South Burnett Cake Decorators, Mainly Music, Nursing Mothers, Spinners & Weavers, "Lunch Learn Laughter"
Friday	3	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Friday Night Live, 'Under The Bed Sale'
Saturday	4	Murgon Men's Shed, Golf, Bowls, Murgon Judo Club, 23rd Nanango Annual Stamp Fair
Sunday	5	Golf, Church Services, Bowls, Catholic Mass,
Monday	6	Quota, SES,
Tuesday	7	SBCOS meeting, Cattle Sale, Squash, Creative Friendships, Queensland Rural Womens Network Inc,
Wednesday	8	Murgon Men's Shed, Bowls, Murgon Judo Club, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Rotary,
Thursday	9	Golf, St Joseph's Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Guides, Ambulance meet, MBDA meet, Ambulance meet,
Friday	10	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Barambah Garden Club,
Saturday	11	Murgon Men's Shed, Golf, Bowls, Murgon Judo Club, Catholic Mass, Nanango Stamp Club, Boondooma Dam, Yellowbelly fishing comp,
Sunday	12	Golf, Church Services, Murgon Markets, Bowls, Boondooma Dam, Yellowbelly fishing comp,
Monday	13	SES, SB Parkinson Support Group,
Tuesday	14	Squash, Creative Friendships, Lions, Murgon Show Society, Valentines Day,
Wednesday	15	Bowls, Murgon Judo Club, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Rotary, Steps, SBRC Meet,

HELP YOUR NEIGHBOUR BEAT THE HEAT

WITH temperatures set to reach up to 37 degrees in the region this week, Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien is urging people to look out for elderly friends and neighbours.

"Often people don't like to bother their neighbours and friends, and shut themselves up at home when it gets very hot," Mr O'Brien said.

"But extreme heat such as the temperatures we are experiencing can be dangerous for older people, particularly those with health conditions."

He asked people across the Wide Bay to telephone or visit anyone they suspected might need help, even if it was just to remind them to stay hydrated.

"It could be as simple as helping them draw the blinds against the heat, doing their shopping so they don't have to exert themselves, or inviting them over for a cool drink in air-conditioning," Mr O'Brien said.

The following advice could help keep you cool:

- Drink water regularly, even if you don't feel very thirsty.
 - Avoid alcohol, tea, coffee and fizzy drinks as they make dehydration worse.
 - Take cool showers or splash yourself with cold water several times a day.
 - Ensure your home has adequate circulation by leaving a secured window or door open.
 - Try to eat more salads and fruits as they contain lots of water.
 - Be alert to the symptoms of heat stress, including muscle cramps, exhaustion, nausea, dizziness and clammy skin. Call your doctor if you are concerned.
- LLEW O'BRIEN MP, Federal Member for Wide Bay



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23rd Annual Stamp Fair – Saturday 4th February

SOUTH Burnett man Graham Coombe says stamp collecting isn't just an enjoyable hobby - it's also a teaching tool. "It is a very good educational thing for children. It teaches them a lot about geography and history," Mr Coombe said.

"You can name any topic you can think of and you will find there are stamps on that topic.

"It doesn't matter what you're looking at, stamps can teach you about different countries and cultures."

Mr Coombe is the president of the Nanango Stamp Club, which brings together like-minded collectors from across the



South Burnett.

He said above all the club was a social gathering for its 120-strong membership base, which includes school stamp collecting groups. "The key thing with our clubs is it's a great social interaction," Mr Coombe said. The club is currently preparing for the biggest event on its 2017 calendar - the annual stamp fair.

Now in its 23rd year, the fair brings up to 200 people from across Queensland and Australia to Nanango to

show off and trade their rare and unique stamp collection.

Mr Coombe said three stamp dealers would be at the event to appraise postage stamps, while all the clubs would bring their stamps up for sale. Stamps will also go under the hammer in an auction.

"Just like a typical auction, people bid from the floor and sometimes you can pick up a really good bargain," Mr Coombe said.

The Nanango Stamp Fair will be held at the Nanango State High School hall on Saturday, February 4, from 9.30am-3.30pm. Entry to the event is free.

The Nanango Stamp Club meets at the Nanango RSL on the second Saturday of each month at 10am, except December.

For more information, phone Mr Coombe on 41631786

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With the change-over of office bearers complete, the new committee is now well into the planning and organisation of the 2017 festival.

We have secured a new location for our monthly meetings, held on the 1st Tuesday of each month, they will now be held in the RSL rooms at the Hall of Memory in Goomeri. Our sincere thanks to the committee of the RSL for this opportunity and we look forward to working together with their team in the coming months.

2017 will see the festival focus on everything local, we want to fill our stage with local entertainers on festival day, supporting our main act, so we are putting the call out for local artists/talents and general performers to contact us.

We are working on having a regional flavours section at the festival, so local producers who are interested in getting their product on show, please contact us.

The overwhelming support we have received from the community so far is both encouraging and rewarding. The festival hopes to be able to build on these relationships and present a great festival in 2017, but, we need lots and lots of help in the form of volunteers, both leading up to and on festival day. If you are interested in lending a hand, no matter how small please contact our secretary via email : secretary@goomeripumpkinfestival.com

Look out for our updates every month so as you can keep up with what we are up to. Any feedback will be well received and can be forwarded to: co-ordinator@goomeripumpkinfestival.com

KINGAROY SWIMMING POOL UPDATE

Council advises the WJ Lang Memorial Swimming Pool in Kingaroy has been closed to undertake reactive repairs. Unexpected and hidden water is entering the pool causing difficulty in maintaining proper chlorine & water levels to ensure effective operation of the pool.

Council is currently working to have the pool reopened to the community as soon as possible.

We wish to advise that all current passes purchased for the Kingaroy Pool can be used at the Nanango, Murgon and Wondai pools.

All other pool facilities in the South Burnett region are open. For their operating hours please check Council's website www.southburnett.qld.gov.au.

Council wish to apologise for any inconvenience and thank residents for their patience.

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