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Brayden Trigger showing off his catch to the Litzow's at their camp site at Agnes Waters

Grants open to support our veterans

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien is encouraging local organisations to apply for grants of up to \$150,000 for projects to support the wellbeing and mental health of veterans.

The 2021-22 rounds of the Veteran and Community Grants and the Supporting Younger Veterans Grants will both provide grants of up to \$50,000 for local, community-based projects and activities. A small number of grants of up to \$150,000 are also available for projects that deliver wellbeing support services and activities of broad-scale benefit to the veteran community.

"Veterans of all ages need our support now more than ever, and these two grants programs allow Ex-Service Organisations (ESO) or community groups with a link to the broader veteran community to increase targeted support and services at a local level," Mr O'Brien said.

"This funding will enable local groups, which have local knowledge of what measures will be most helpful to veterans within our communities, to improve existing services and support programs, build the capacity for future services, and raise awareness of the important issues our younger veterans face."

Eligible activities may include social inclusion and connectedness activities for veterans and their families, mentoring or other support for veterans to assist with their transition to civilian life and employment, or online activities that address stigma and raise awareness of mental health issues faced by former defence personnel.

"Our veterans have earned the respect of our nation and they deserve our full support, and it is incredibly important at this time that we show them that we value them and their service to our country," Mr O'Brien said.

"So I encourage all Wide Bay groups and organisations which provide services for veterans to get involved and apply for funding."

Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Defence Personnel Andrew Gee said recent grants have been delivered to a wide variety of support programs including wellness weekends and care packages for Defence members, fishing and sporting activities and even off-road racing.

The 2021-22 grants rounds are now open online through the Community Grants Hub and close 20 January 2022.

For information about how to apply for grants online, see the Community Grants Hub website: www.communitygrants.gov.au.

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Recent storm damage and flood response

South Burnett Regional Council crews are continuing to undertake emergency works to reinstate safe access to the road network following the heavy rainfall and flooding across November and early December 2021.

At this early stage of assessment, it is estimated that the damage sustained to Council's road infrastructure could be in the order of \$10 million.

Prior to the shutdown for Christmas, Council crews will inspect all roads to determine whether further detailed assessment is required. All safety hazards will be recorded and prioritised for temporary repairs. To date, 70 roads have had temporary repairs undertaken and these temporary measures will continue across the region until late February 2022.

In the new year, Council will begin the task of documenting a detailed assessment of all damage.

This will allow the long-term restoration phase to begin with the support of the jointly funded Commonwealth – State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

It will be a long journey on the road to recovery for some assets, with this program of works expected to take 12 to 18 months to complete. Repairs will be prioritised according to safety and availability of resources.

Motorists are advised to travel with extreme care and drive to the prevailing road conditions. Council will continue temporary works to improve road safety and residents are asked to remain patient during this period as road conditions will remain at a lower standard for some time.

Council apologises for any inconvenience caused and thanks you for your patience whilst works are in progress. Residents concerned about the safety of their road are encouraged to contact Council's Infrastructure team on 1300 789 279, 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au

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\$1 million to reignite the Gympie Muster

As Australia's arts and entertainment sector continues to recover from COVID-19, Gympie Music Muster will go from strength to strength with a \$1 million grant through the Morrison Government's \$200 million Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand (RISE) Fund.

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien said the Gympie Muster will receive funding through the sixth batch of RISE Fund grants to support its events in 2022 and 2023.

"The Muster is an iconic Gympie event, which is celebrating its 40th year in 2022 after two years of pandemic restrictions, so this investment will support the event as it celebrates this milestone and rebuilds to become even brighter and better than ever," Mr O'Brien said.

"The Muster hosts more than 100 artists over four days and attracts 10,000 visitors a day from all over Australia, injecting nearly \$4 million into the Gympie economy and supporting local jobs in hospitality and tourism. Many people also choose to extend their stay in the Mary Valley and Cooloola Coast areas, further spreading the economic advantage throughout the broader Wide Bay community.

"The Gympie Muster committee has worked hard and shown remarkable resilience to keep this beloved event running, and I congratulate them on their successful application."

Increased support for Wide Bay's young athletes

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien welcomed the additional \$5.5 million in funding for the program, which provides financial assistance to coaches, officials, and competitors aged 12 to 18 who are required to travel to participate in state, national or international championships.

"The cost of participating in these events can be quite high, especially where long-distance travel or inter-state accommodation is required, so I am pleased the Government is investing to help ease that pressure on more local families, and help more of our young stars achieve their sporting goals."

In addition, a new Local Para Champions program will provide extra financial support of up to \$1,000 for more than 900 aspiring Paralympians across Australia to participate in competitions, recognising the added costs for equipment and travel.

Minister for Sport Richard Colbeck said with the removal of most state borders and COVID restrictions, young Australian athletes were looking forward to being able to once again compete at championship level around Australia and overseas.

"This expansion in Local Sporting Champions grants for young athletes, officials and coaches will bring them one step closer to making their sporting dreams a reality," Minister Colbeck said.

The Local Sporting Champions program provides financial assistance to coaches, officials, and competitors aged 12 to 18 who are required to travel to participate in state, national or international championships. Age eligibility for the new Local Para Champions program will be those aged 12 to 24.

Applicants receive between \$500 and \$750 towards the cost of attending championship events which help ease the financial burden on individuals and their families.

With the announcement of Brisbane hosting the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Local Sporting Champions program over the next decade will be pivotal in supporting both able-bodied and para athletes attending state, national and international competitions.



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South Burnett rest area upgrades

The Department of Transport and Main Roads is upgrading two rest areas across the South Burnett Regional Council area from November 2021 to June 2022. The rest area facilities are being improved to encourage motorists to take breaks while driving to manage fatigue and reduce the risk of crashes as well as improving disability access to the facilities.

Construction will include the upgrade of lighting, road surfacing and pedestrian pathways linking rest area infrastructure.

The following rest areas within the South Burnett region are being upgraded as part of the work: • Coolabunia Rest Area • Stuart River (Bunya Highway) Rest Area

During construction some rest area facilities will be unavailable for motorists for short periods. The majority of works will be completed within the rest area with minimal impacts to traffic. Where required, traffic control signs will be erected to direct traffic through the works. The Department of Transport and Main Roads thanks you for your patience and understanding during the delivery of these works and apologises for any inconvenience they may cause.

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KTP Update -Schedule of Works for January 2022 - Kingaroy Street

The Kingaroy Transformation Project will recommence on 4 January 2022, with the reconstruction of Kingaroy Street between Alford Street and Haly Street. Works will commence on the intersection of Alford and Kingaroy Streets and are expected to continue north on both sides of the street with simultaneous construction to reduce impacts on businesses and construction time.

The intersection of Kingaroy Street and Alford Street will be fully closed from Friday 7 January 2022 and back to school business will be supported by parking still available in Kingaroy Street and a turnaround in place near construction.

Local traffic supporting business can access via Haly Street and off street carparking behind the banks and businesses will still also be fully available.

Council will continue to provide regular updates and maps for community accessibility. Motorists and pedestrians are requested to travel with care, to drive to the prevailing road conditions and to adhere to signage. Council apologises for any inconvenience caused and thanks businesses and the community for their patience whilst works are in progress. Please direct all enquiries and concerns to the Kingaroy Transformation Project team on (07) 4189 9100 or email ktp@sbrc.qld.gov.au.

A boy asks his father, "Dad, are bugs good to eat?" "That's disgusting. Don't talk about things like that over dinner," the dad replies. After dinner the father asks, "Now, son, what did you want to ask me?" "Oh, nothing," the boy says. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone."

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Murgon, 3 good size bedrooms in this highest home which sits on steel stumps. There is a fully length front sunroom and a large enclosed side verandah. Lounge, rear enclosed verandah. The kitchen is in good order with reasonably modern cabinets. Electric and wood stove. Bathroom with a shower and vanity toilet is separate. Good corner position 1012m2. Currently rent at the rate of \$195 pwk until August 2022 \$195,000



Wondai, 4 spacious bedrooms within this neat hardplank home. Timber stumps. Spacious living with modern kitchen extending into a dining area. Outside there is a single carport and garden shed. Fully fenced yard. Established gardens offer privacy. Currently rented to a good long term tenant at \$190 per week. \$180,000



Murgon, In need of some TLC this sturdy home is set on concrete stumps and on a larger 1204m2 corner allotment. Chamferboard external walls. There are 3 good sized bedrooms an open living dining that extends into the kitchen. Bathroom has a shower over the bath. Steps at the front and a ramp at the back, single carport to the side of the home and a single lock up garage all behind the fence line. Currently tenanted on just a periodic lease at \$170 pwk. \$135,000



Greenview, Approx 10 acres of vacant land on the edge of Wondai. Fully rural fenced. Town water connected and power in the road. Well cleared and fairly

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The GCBF super round is coming in 2022



Next year will be a big year for the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF), with some exciting changes to the program.

For the first time, annual grants of up to \$100,000 will be available in a GCBF super round.

Super round

The super round will be available to eligible organisations in the first round of 2022, which will close on 28 February.

Organisations planning to apply for the super round, should read the funding guidelines before applying for funding in rounds prior to the super round as there are some restrictions.

For example, if you submit an application in the round closing on 31 August 2021 (Round 111) and/or the round closing on 31 October 2021 (Round 112) and you are successful, you may not be eligible to apply for the super round funding.

Successful grant recipients of more than \$35,000 will be required to provide an audit prepared by a registered company auditor or suitably qualified person to acquit their grant.

Organisations seeking more than \$35,000 to fund the construction of a monument will need to be sponsored by their local council.

We encourage all organisations to apply for funding, including those from some of our under-represented applicant areas including domestic and family violence services, multicultural groups and those located in regional and remote Queensland.

Other program changes

Other changes to the GCBF program include:

Four funding rounds each year, instead of five.

The first round of every year will be a super round, and the remaining three rounds will have funding of up to \$35,000 available.

The closing dates for 2022 are

28 February

31 May

31 August

31 October.

What hasn't changed?

The GCBF is Queensland's largest one-off community grants program and distributes approximately \$60 million each year to not-for-profit community groups. We encourage community organisations across a wide range of sectors including non-for profits to apply to enhance their capacity to provide services, leisure activities and economic opportunities for Queensland communities.

Find out more about the grants and how to apply.

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- [Petition for the provision of a Persistent Pain/Chronic Pain Clinic in the South Burnett](#) - Show your support. Petition closes 28 Feb 2022
 - [Aust Govt Future Drought Fund](#) - Two programs out now - [Farm Business Resilience](#) and [Regional Drought Resilience Planning](#).
 - [Building Better Regions Fund](#) - Aust Govt Funding for regional communities. Now Open! Closes 10th Feb.
 - [Food Waste for Healthy Soils Program](#) - Joint program with the Aust Govt. Applications now open for business and Councils.
 - [Review of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage laws](#) - Have your say. Closes March 2022.
 - [2021 Qld Bus Driver of the Year Awards](#) - Nominate a bus driver who is exceptional. Closes 7 Jan 2022
 - [Qld Volunteering Awards 2022](#) - Nominate a volunteer who has an impact on our community. Closes 11th March 2022.
 - [2022 Qld Greats Awards](#) - Celebrating Qld individuals and institutions. Nominations close 31 Jan.
 - [Anzac Day Trust Grants Programs](#) - Grants to support ex-service organisations. Opening 2022.
 - [Social Enterprise Jobs Fund Grants](#) - Opening early January
 - [Family and Child Connect](#) - Programs to help families cope with Christmas stress.
 - [Public Health and Social Measures linked to vaccination status](#)
 - [Youngcake](#) - Support Youngcare with these delicious Christmas cakes.
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Applications open for \$150 million Remote Roads Upgrade Pilot Program

Councils within Wide Bay can now apply for a share of \$150 million for upgrades to unsealed roads with applications open for the Liberal and Nationals Government's Remote Roads Upgrade Pilot Program.

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien is encouraging local councils to consider which roads could benefit from the program, which paves the way for much-needed upgrades to some of Australia's less travelled roads.

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Come along and join in the celebrations and take the opportunity to congratulate our community members who have been successful in the various categories.

The Museum is situated off Gayndah Road opposite the Murgon Saleyards. Parking is available.



2021 Christmas Day, Religious services were celebrated across the Burnett along with the traditional midnight mass celebrated at St Josephs Catholic church in Murgon.

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Tiaro Bypass draft concept design complete

A concept design for the Tiaro Bypass has now been completed, which shows how a new four-lane section of the Bruce Highway east of Tiaro could look.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Barnaby Joyce said the bypass will address safety, flood immunity and traffic efficiency issues, and cater for current and future traffic demand on the Bruce Highway.

“The draft concept design includes nine kilometres of new, four-lane highway, a concrete centre median, interchanges north and south of Tiaro, and improved highway flood immunity,” the Deputy Prime Minister said.

“The Australian Government is investing over \$10 billion in a safer, smoother and more reliable Bruce Highway. This will benefit Queenslanders, from Brisbane to Cairns, on this key north-south route.”

Queensland Transport and Main Roads Minister Mark Bailey said “We are delivering nearly \$1.8 billion of road and transport infrastructure over the next four years in the Wide Bay, Burnett and South West regions, including the \$336 million Tiaro Bypass,” Mr Bailey said.

“A big part of delivering major infrastructure like this is ensuring our plans meet the expectations and needs of the community.

“That’s why consulting with local stakeholders, like the Tiaro Community Working Group, has been such an important part of the planning process.

“A number of key project features have been influenced by feedback from the working group, who have done an excellent job in representing the interests of the local Tiaro community and businesses.”

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O’Brien said the four-lane Tiaro Bypass that the community fought for will be a much-needed investment in road safety and will help open up the Fraser Coast economy.

“It’s important that this new section of the Bruce Highway is built to meet community expectations, now and into the future,” Mr O’Brien said.

“I encourage everyone to look closely at the design and the access points, and consider how traffic will flow both through and around Tiaro.

Wheels for the Future helps job seekers build skills in Wide Bay

A mobile training facility for the automotive sector will help job seekers in the Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast regions, thanks to \$91,800 in funding from the Australian Government’s Local Recovery Fund.

Wheels for the Future, run by Regional Training Services QLD, will deliver practical hands-on training to up to 30 young job seekers so they can work in the tyre and accessory fitting sector of the automotive industry.

“This will provide hands-on training and practical skills including equipment operation, work health and safety, use of hydraulic lifting equipment and the use and care of tools,” Mr O’Brien said.

“The participants will then be supported to find employment in the automotive industry, with skills such as wheel-balancing, wiring and soldering, that are in demand and immediately useful to local employers.”

The mobile training facility will deliver courses on the Sunshine Coast, the Noosa and Gympie region and Bundaberg starting next year. Participants must have a driver’s licence and be referred to the program through their employment services provider.

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BROWN, Cecil Albert, Late of Murgon.



Volunteers from the Murgon Men's Shed arrive at the Murgon Kindergarten end of year breakup.



Another year has just about passed us by and one hopes as I'm sure plenty of others look forward to a new improved 2022.

I thought I'd pull out the research undertaken on Springwood well before there was any such thing as electronic search engines, etc to see just how much ground I covered in the Springwood 1911-1921 period based on the evidence of what was to be seen on the Springwood WW1 Honour Roll - much like to research here has been based on what was to be seen on the local Honour Boards.

The similarity of results hasn't been too surprising. In Springwood's case the Residents Biographical note went to 67 pages; the WW1 enlistments went to 87 pages; Births, Deaths and Marriages to 16 pages and the first families were another 67 pages just to give you some idea on just a few subjects. the pages are back to back for the sake of space as I made paper files which now cover four volumes.

Like the shed re-organisation you start with one plastic box and finish up with 200 before you get close to drawing conclusions.

And so we drift into the New Year with high hopes and not a few expectations that things have to be better than they are and we'll all outlive our suspect governments, local and federal. It's all a matter of living long enough.

Regards, Noel Selway

Math Teacher: "If I have 5 bottles in one hand and 6 in the other hand, what do I have?"

Student: "A drinking problem."

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LIBRARY LOVERS' DAY

Library Lovers' Day is a day to remember that our libraries are a place to get lost and follow our ideas, seek an adventure in a book, discover more about an issue we feel passionate about or find someone to help us learn more about our interests. These are some of many reasons to celebrate the valuable roles libraries play in our lives. Come and engage with our libraries and embrace

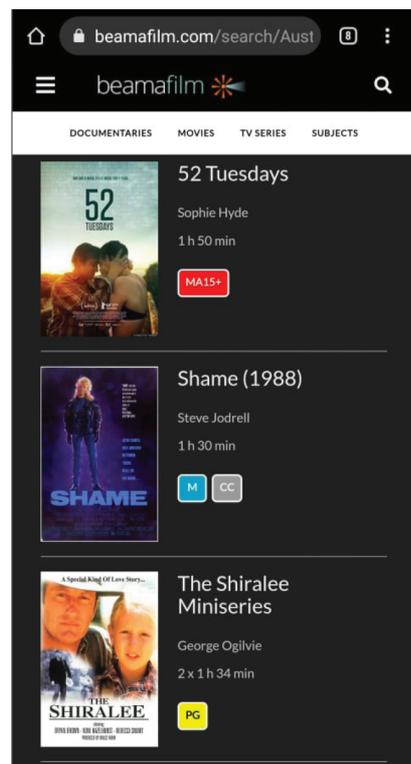
this year's Library Lovers' Day theme of 'show the love'.

South Burnett Libraries will be showing the love this year on Monday 14 February by encouraging members of the community to share a favourite quote on love from a book or poem with a chance to win a Library Lovers' Day hamper full of bookish goodies! Forms will be available from each library, so be sure to get your entry in! We'd love to hear from you!

WHAT'S ON AT YOUR LIBRARY



As 2022 begins, South Burnett Libraries would like to extend a warm welcome to all members of the community! All our branches are happy to host new groups such as crafts, card playing, book clubs or discussion groups. Meeting up with other people locally is a great way to connect and share common interests and skills. If you have an idea for a new event or group, please have chat with Judy at the Kingaroy Library on 4189 9285.



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Santa Claus Lane winner announced

South Burnett Regional Council's Chief Executive Officer Mark Pitt PSM announced the winner of Santa Claus Lane, the annual Christmas Spirit Initiative of the region for the local community! CEO Mark said it gives him great joy each year to announce this award that encapsulates South Burnett community spirit. "I am pleased to announce that Rosella Parade in Kingaroy has been named Santa Claus Lane for 2021,"

Mr Pitt said. "The cooperation demonstrated by the residents of Rosella Parade, and their imaginative use of a common but well-known theme, gave them the edge over other excellent entries." The Santa Claus Lane project was launched in 2019 to address the changes in the funding of the existing lights competition. "My wife and I recognised the need to encourage residents to continue lighting up the South Burnett, but also we wanted to encourage a sense of community which led to the inception of the Christmas Spirit Initiative. As a result, the Santa Claus Lane project began.

Santa Claus Lane, while assisted by South Burnett Regional Council, is funded personally by the Chief Executive Officer and his wife, who annually oversee and judge the winning entries. Mrs Pitt said that the Santa Claus Lane initiative shows true community spirit in the region. "We believe that the region will prosper in an atmosphere which encourages locals to collaborate in this space.

While there is no monetary reward, the standard of entries is simply amazing. We've had kids letterbox dropping their neighbours through to collaborative efforts in streets," said Mrs Pitt. "There have been exceptional efforts in this year's entrants which makes it difficult to decide on an individual winner, but there can only be one! Congratulations to Rosella Parade," said Mrs Pitt. Mr Pitt expressed his gratitude for being able to expand on the Christmas Spirit Initiative in 2021.

"We've been fortunate this year to introduce Santa's Workshop to the initiative, aimed at encouraging businesses to get on board and decorate their windows. We'd like to take the time to thank everyone for their efforts and look forward to seeing what is yet to come in 2022." For further information contact Council's Executive Services team on 1300 789 279, 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.

SBRC's CEO Mark Pitt and his wife Mrs Nicola Pitt, Rosella Parade residents, Council Officers and Councillors Kirstie Schumacher and Danita Potter present for the erection of the Santa Claus Lane 2021 street sign.



South Burnett Regional Council's Chief Executive Officer Mark Pitt PSM announced the winner of 'Santa's Workshop', the new addition to the Christmas Spirit Initiative of the region for local businesses! "In 2021, we launched the second phase of our Christmas Spirit Initiative with Santa's Workshop. There was an impressive number of entries for the first year, taking a bit of time to every entry, but it was worth it," Mr Pitt added. Santa's Workshop will award six winners, giving every division a fair chance at taking home a Santa trophy. CEO Mark Pitt said he is proud of the trophies, including the Santas, being purchased locally in South Burnett. "Thank you to Hancock Prospecting for funding the initiative and enabling us to share the love," said Mr Pitt. "Many South Burnett children will not get to see the Brisbane window displays created by the large department stores that older residents fondly remember. We wanted to recreate the wonder and awe for local kids of looking into those windows and dreaming of what Santa's Workshop is really like," Mr Pitt said. "Santa's Workshop is all about the children, using window frontage and outdoor areas to create a magical, immersive display. We wanted these displays to be child centred and child friendly." Congratulations to the winners of Santa's Workshop for 2021:

Photo: (from left to right): Winners of Santa's Workshop 2021 - Div 5 NB Department Store, Div 3/4 Linard's Floral, Div 6 Wild Earth Float & Wellness Centre (accepted by Councillor Scott Henschen), Div 3/4 Nae's Beauty Clinic, Div 1 Sassy Mama (accepted by Councillor Roz Frohloff), Div 2 Blackbutt Art Gallery



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Congratulations Tanduringie SS on grant success

I was honoured to attend the Tanduringie SS annual picnic day celebrating the last day of school (*pictured with Tanduringie SS P&C President, Dean Cullen and Principal Mel McNaughton*). During my visit I was able to surprise the school with the announcement of their successful Gambling Community Benefit Fund grant to install a new playground and softfall.

They are amongst 14 groups across the Nanango Electorate who will receive grants this round to undertake community projects, infrastructure upgrades and purchase equipment.

These include:

- Farmers Hall, Inverlaw – Upgrade hall and purchase equipment
- Kilcoy Motorcycle Club Inc - purchase tractor
- Kilkivan Kindy – Upgrade facility and purchase equipment
- Kingaroy Junior Motorcycle Speedway Club – Purchase Water Truck
- Kingaroy Men's Shed – Lay Concrete Foundations
- Moffatdale SS P&C – Upgrade facility
- Mount Kilcoy SS P&C - Upgrade facility and purchase equipment
- Proston Bowls Club – Replace Ditch Boards
- Proston District Golf Club – Purchase Greens Mower
- South Burnett Educational Wildlife Support Group – Purchase quad bikes, slasher and dart gun
- South Burnett Pony Clubs Assoc – Purchase defibrillator, first aid equipment and training
- Tanduringie SS – install playground and softfall
- Toogoolawah Mens Shed - Construct Shed
- Wondai Proston Wolves Rugby League Club – upgrade facility and purchase equipment

I encourage all local groups, however big or small, to consider applying for a Gambling Community Benefit Fund Grant to help achieve their goals. There next round is a 'super round' and closes on 28 February 2022. For more information give my office or call on 4190 7100, or head to the GCBF website.

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South Burnett Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) update #2 on COVID-19 1/1/2022

The Chair and representatives of the South Burnett Regional Council Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) met again today with members of the Cherbourg LDMG and the District Disaster Group. Chair of the LDMG Cr Roz Frohloff said today “We have been informed today of a number of positive cases spread across the region including Cherbourg, Murgon, Kingaroy and Nanango. It is expected that the number of positive cases will continue to rise over the coming period, and I urge the community to be prepared.”

“It is our understanding that all cases are being monitored by Queensland Health and in appropriate isolation as required. The LDMG is unaware of individual cases or contact tracing as is undertaken by Queensland Health.”

Updated regional statistics can be found on the following Queensland Health Web Site: <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/statistics>

National Cabinet has met and updated the definition and rules relating to close contacts and the information can be found at the following site: <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/public-healthdirections/management-of-close-contacts>

Cr Frohloff noted that information should be obtained through the official channels for the South Burnett region and the information you will find on the Queensland Health and Council websites and Social Media pages is what you should be checking for correct information. All information is up to date and correct at the time the time of publishing on these sites and it should be noted that this is a fast moving and continually changing situation. There are some steps that everyone should take to ensure safety of the community.

As we would in a flood or other natural disaster, you should: • Not panic • Ask yourself – Do I have enough supply of necessary medications should you need to self-isolate for 7 days? • Purchase only what you need to ensure there is sufficient for everyone – this includes milk, meat, vegetable and fruit and toilet paper. • Consider your pets needs should you need to self-isolate. Don't forget to check in on friends and relatives, particularly the older and health impaired in our area. If they are self-isolating, do they need any assistance?

It is essential to remember the advice to date of promoting social distancing measures, wearing of masks and good hygiene measures including regularly washing your hands, sanitizing and the like.

If you are showing any signs or symptoms, please make contact with QLD Health to arrange a COVID-19 test. Ring 134 268 to talk to Queensland Health and arrange your test as one of the testing sites. **Testing sites are at:**
• **Nanango Hospital** • **Murgon Hospital** • **Cherbourg Hospital** • **QML Pathology Kingaroy** • **Kingaroy Hospital**

Remember to: Monitor your health and if you show any signs of symptoms or are a close contact, you should follow QLD Health direction, be tested and isolate until you receive your test results. Please be aware that QLD Health is Lead Agency, so you should check their website for details. <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/> Links to their website will be on the Council website in the COVID-19 section. <https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-2> Please limit non-essential travel and unless you MUST travel, it is in everyone's best interests to stay at home. Links to COVID related information are also available on the Council website in the COVID-19 section.

<https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-2>

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

Fever Cough Sore throat Shortness of breath Runny nose Headache

Fatigue Diarrhoea Vomiting or nausea Loss of smell and/or taste

Other symptoms people may experience include muscle or joint pain, and loss of appetite.

Everyone who gets COVID-19 will experience it a little differently.

People who have extreme symptoms or side effects from the virus may take weeks or months to recover fully, while people with a mild illness may feel completely better within a week or two.

Find out more about the symptoms of COVID-19 and how they compare with common cold and flu below. Symptoms can vary depending on each case.

If you have any COVID-19 symptoms, no matter how mild, call your doctor or 13HEALTH (13 43 25 84) and get tested.

Call emergency services on 000 if you are very sick.

Read more about testing for COVID-19. South Burnett Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) update #2 on COVID-19



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Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "No, listen carefully... If I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you two apples, and another two apples and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Six."

Teacher: "Good. Now if I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven!"

Teacher: "Johnny, where in the heck do you get seven from?!"

Johnny: "Because I've already got a freaking cat!"

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An Attitude of Gratitude

Some time back, as our region was drying out and our dam levels were falling seriously, Church and community leaders called a gathering in the Wondai town hall to seek the Grace of God for drought breaking rain across the region. God is not a genie in a bottle to respond instantly to our petitions. In His time there has been rain & storms, we have survived, and our faith has been tested. In Nov Dec we were blessed with some beautiful refreshing rain, creeks and gullies have run, dams filled, farmland refreshed and both the regions dams are full. All creation has blossomed with life and color. An awesome sight from the lookout at Cherbourg looking down on the full dam

In 2019 the local minister's association accepted the challenge to take on the Christmas Festival in Murgon,. God blessed us with a great night. Again this year we have been able to facilitate this event, not as a major carnival but as a family friendly evening of activities, music and carol singing with the focus being on Jesus; God's gift of Grace. Jesus; the one who brings light into darkness; hope into despair.

An Attitude of Gratitude.

Thanks to God for good rain but we were still able to present Jesus; God's Gift of Grace

Thanks to so many who supported the event; business & community groups, SBRC & the local media for your support in cash & kind.

Thanks to our friends from Beenleigh Baptist Church, from YWAM, local musicians and artists, St Josephs school, PCYC, who all contributed to the night. The list could go on, so much support.

Thanks to each one who attended; your presence and encouragement means so much.

An Attitude of Gratitude; a week later, on Sunday afternoon, a group of about 25 met at the spillway of BP dam to honor a commitment to God made on the afternoon of prayer in Wondai; When the dam fills we will gather again to give thanks & praise to God for His goodness and grace.

To make it personal we may well ask; 'What have I got to be thankful for?'

Despite our groans and complaints, for most of us, a life & freedom that half the world would die for. Paul puts it well in 2 Corinthians 9:15

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Kathy's Comments

Happy New Year Everyone!!

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful 2022.

Looking Forward

The Australia Day Celebrations will be at the Queensland Dairy and Heritage Museum with special awards by the MBDA to local achievers and community groups. There will also be a Breakfast at Hivesville, afternoon tea with Proston Scouts and a finale event at Boondooma Homestead at 5.00pm until late. I am working with a not-for-profit group called Dynasty Foundation who have plans to help with housing problems in Hivesville. The foundation sort sponsorship for hampers that we dropped to communities around Hivesville before Christmas. I think that this will be an exciting project and I am looking forward to working with Trent Shaw and his team from the Sunshine Coast this year. Queen Elizabeth Park in Murgon is being upgraded. It will be great to see the progress as we go through completing the community consultation and design through to the works and completion stage. There is a lot happening in Proston with the new Sound Shell being completed as well as some further upgrades near the play area as well as the placing of two feature weaners done by Robyn Dower as a project beside the town hall.

Looking Back

January

Pharrell Chapman from Murgon was awarded the Junior Sportsperson of the Year at the South Burnett Regional Council Awards ceremony. Cole Cooper from Murgon was awarded the Sportsperson- Coach, Official or Administrator Award. Dr Joe Gangemi from Murgon was among those honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Kathy Julian was awarded the Proston/ Hivesville Local Achiever and Andrew and Felicity Dascombe received the Murgon Local Achiever Award.

February

The sod turning for the \$1.59 million-dollar Creative Country Art gallery, fossil museum and cultural centre was performed by Llew O'Brien.

March

Murgon and Proston Shows went ahead with changes to their programs due to Covid restrictions. Council Meetings and Standing Committee Meetings began livestreaming to the public. Hivesville Progress Association received a grant for 32,844 to do up the shed and a power upgrade in Memorial Park.

April

Anzac Day services were held throughout the region. Windera held their School Centenary, Wondai held their Garden Expo. The Proston Golden Spurs held their annual campdraft. I helped to unveil a plaque on a rock at Hivesville in honour of the late Robert Smith. The Boondooma Homestead Committee held another successful Spirit of the Bush event.

May

Proston State School won the Champion Led Steer at Beef 2021. Murgon Junior Rugby League hosted workshops and a football carnival for a Say No to Domestic Violence Campaign.

June

Bevan Routledge was honoured with an OAM. Rockin our Abilities ran their first ever concert. The South Burnett Sub Chamber judging was hosted by Proston. Jacinta Rockemer was named the Showgirl and Jasmine Firmin was the South Burnett Rural Ambassador.

July

The Star of Taroom made its way through the South Burnett. Council handed down its budget with a zero rate rise for farmers and a 1% rate rise for all other categories. Council ran its first monthly Community Engagement Day. Murgon Show Society hosted a very



successful Farmers Day Out.

August

Proston hosted the Long Drive for Drought fundraiser with a long table luncheon right up the main street. The convoy of 32 x 40 series Landcruisers arrived with over 60 visitors for lunch. Council approved the Barambah West Scheme project as part of the South Burnett water study funding projects for further assessment. Wheatland's State School held their annual book week competition. Cloyna State School partnered with Council in a project to improve waste disposal at the Cloyna Transfer Station.

September

Council allocated \$150,000 to go towards upgrading Queen Elizabeth Park in Murgon. Proston decorated the town blue for Men's mental health month. They also hosted a very successful Dementia Friendly workshop as part of becoming a Dementia Friendly Town. Boondooma Homestead Committee held their AGM with the same executive returning for another 12 months.

October

Covid Vaccination hubs were held in Murgon. The Mayor and I walked 43kms from Murgon to Kingaroy to raise funds for Relay for Life. The South Burnett pinked up their towns and events to raise funds and awareness for the fight against breast cancer. I had the honour of officially opening the first ever Proston Park Run.

November

We had beautiful rain across the region that filled Boondooma Dam and took BP Dam from 6.5% to almost full. GH Clothing Co was officially opened in Murgon. We celebrated 100 years of our property Di Di station.

December

The Barambah Minister's Association held a thanksgiving prayer service for rain at BP Dam. Christmas Carnivals were celebrated across the region. Spirits were high with the drought now over.

Snippets.

These are just snippets of what was a challenging year for the South Burnett that ended well with some beautiful rain.

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NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR WIDE BAY MEN'S SHEDS

WIDE BAY'S Men's Sheds could get a late Christmas present with \$500,000 on offer to support men's health.

Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien said Wide Bay's Men's Sheds play a vital role in preventing social isolation and mental ill-health.

"Men's Sheds provide a safe, friendly space where men of all ages can work on meaningful projects such as the Murgon Men's Shed, which restores wagons, tractors and now even trains, while they work together, learn and build crucial social connections," Mr O'Brien said.

"For many men, it provides an avenue where they can give back to the community and use their skills to help the people who will be most appreciative of them.

"For the single mum who has a broken item fixed - the men's shed is a lifeline.

"But behind every kid who is in awe of a restored train, or the dad who grabs a unique gift from their end-of-the-year garage sale, is a community space where men can use the skills they have in woodwork, metalwork or what they have learnt over time."

Mr O'Brien urged men to consider engaging with their local Men's Shed if they faced a difficult holiday period.

"If you are facing a lonely Christmas, the Men's Shed is a place to relax in the company of others, make new friends and learn new skills while being a valued asset to the community," he said.

"Our Government will continue to support regional and rural Men's Sheds as part of our comprehensive approach to improving the health of Australian men."

Grants, of up to \$10,000, through the National Shed Development Programme (NSDP), will be available for lifesaving defibrillators, IT equipment, or provide training.

Sheds can apply for funding up to a total of \$10,000, with priority given to sheds in disadvantaged areas.

Applications for Round 23 of the NSDP will be opened in mid-January 2022.



Councillor Kathy Duff presenting a cheque for \$1,890 to the Proston Show Society from the South Burnett Regional Council Grant Funding.



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The ceremony will welcome Rod Morgan as master of ceremonies and Morgan Crae to sing the Australian National Anthem.

Following the awards ceremony, live entertainment from Taromeo Country Music Club and a sausage sizzle will be open for the public from 2:00pm to 3:00pm at the showgrounds.

Mayor Brett Otto congratulates all nominees and acknowledges their commitment to the community. "Anyone nominated for an Australia Day Award has showcased their true community spirit for the South Burnett", the Mayor said. "We have faced many adversities this past year but South Burnett is resilient and it is people like these nominated that represent what our region truly stands for," said Mayor Otto.

This is a COVID Safe event. All Queensland Government directives apply. Further information on the Australia Day Awards 2022 visit Council's website <https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/australia-day/australia-day-7> or contact Council's Executive Services team on 1300 789 279, 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.

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