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MURGON MOMENTS



Local Winner - Wide Bay in Pictures #lovewidebay competition

Recently, Murgon State High School Student Fayanne Gibson entered the Wide Bay in Pictures #lovewidebay competition which was run by Federal Member for Wide Bay, Llew O'Brien. The competition was designed to promote Wide Bay to the rest of the world, and encourage people to visit the region.

With many entries coming in from schools all over the region, local school students sent in copies of their photographic and artistic pictures which highlight the diversity and beauty of Wide Bay. Eight winning artworks were chosen and they will now be printed on canvas and put on display in Llew O'Brien's Electorate Offices and at Parliament House. Fayanne was one of the very talented winners!

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Murgon Dairy & Heritage Museum

Want to spend a couple of hours relaxing and stepping back into the past? Why not come out to the Museum and wander around at your leisure and see what we have on display.

We have several buildings from different eras which house items from that period in time. One of my favourites is "Castra". Castra which means "our camp", was the first house built in Murgon by the Nutt family who were sawmillers in the area. It was built in 1902 and has beautiful crows ash floor boards which have been preserved and are in perfect condition. Castra was relocated from Nutt Street in Murgon in 1988 to its present site in the Museum grounds. The cottage has been tastefully decorated with furniture and pieces from that era.



One unusual item which is often a talking point with visitors, is the freestanding rotating pantry in the kitchen. It is a cylindrical shape which means it can stand in a corner but each compartment is accessible.

If you would like to know more about Castra and the surrounding buildings, please pay us a visit. The Museum is open 7 days a week from 9.30-12.30 (except on some Public Holidays.) Positive comments from our visitors make the efforts of our volunteers worthwhile. The volunteers are still busy catering for group bookings.

Sunday 28th May we had a group of 46 visiting for a tour and afternoon tea. They came to Murgon after spending time at the Goomeri Pumpkin Festival.

Group bookings, buttermaking displays, afternoon teas and lunches can be arranged by phoning 07 41695001. Prices can be obtained on request. The Museum also encourages visits from school groups. It is a great source of information and students have the opportunity to view how life was and compare it to how we live today.

The committee has started planning Heritage Day, which this year will be on Saturday 30th September. This is a day that we endeavour to have working displays as well as entertainment and a canteen where you can purchase refreshments.

For some the Museum brings back memories and for others it is of interest to see how their parents and grandparents lived. Either way, a visit to our local Museum can be memorable or educational.

Love to have you visit. Joy Fennell




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Wondai Country Festival

Coronation Park, Wondai, 24 June, 2017 - Official opening at 9.30am

The Wondai Regional Art Gallery is holding the first annual Wondai Country Festival on Saturday 24th June, 2017. This will be run in conjunction with the Wondai Country Markets. There will be lots of fun for the whole family including Family Fun Run/Ride on the Rail Trail, Live Entertainment, Face Painting,

Wondai Country Markets, BBQ, Wondai & Kingaroy School Dance Groups, Whipcrackers – St John's Lutheran School, Blue Gum Farm TV Show, Wondai Town Band, Wondai State School Choir, Wondai CWA Choir, Proston Line Dancers, 'Dustier Than Ever' Show with the Chris Cook Band - Wondai Town Hall at 2pm. (Slim Dusty tribute show)

For details visit our facebook page: Wondai Country Festival or our website www.wondaiartgallery.org.au

'Name our icebreaker' competition extended for Wide Bay students

Can you come up with a better name than Icebreaker McIceface?

A competition that gives Wide Bay students the chance to name an icebreaker and win a trip to Antarctica has been extended until Friday 7 July.

Up to 12 students will be flown to Antarctica for a day and become the first children to set foot on the continent under the Australian Antarctic Division program, through the 'Name our Icebreaker' competition.

A similar competition in the UK saw a boat christened with the silly name Boaty McBoatface – but Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien said he felt sure the students of Wide Bay could come up with a clever name for the icebreaker that reflected the importance of Australia's long involvement with Antarctica.

The competition deadline has been extended by four weeks to allow more students the opportunity to enter, and give teachers the time to work through the curriculum-aligned modules about the icebreaker.

"This competition is an opportunity for Wide Bay students to learn about the links between Australia and Antarctica, and to put their creativity to the test in coming up with a smart name that demonstrates their knowledge about Antarctica," Mr O'Brien said.

The 'Name our Icebreaker' competition has two categories: primary (years 5 and 6) and secondary (years 7 and 8), with classes able to enter their suggested name in a written or video format.

More information on the competition can be found on the Australian Antarctic Division's website, 'Classroom Antarctica'. Construction of Australia's new icebreaker started last week with the first pieces of steel cut for the 160 metre vessel.

For more information, visit: <http://classroom.antarctica.gov.au/icebreaker>

Farmers Night at Tableland

Another successful farmers night was held at the Tablelands Hall in May. Bob and Robyn Riek kept us well entertained throughout the night. Mark Wall, the Rural Chaplin brought goodies which people had purchased from Wayne's World to distribute. A big thankyou to everyone who contributed to the night.

The hall is again holding markets on the 30th July with an auction. We are also having a decorated / planted tea pot competition which will be judged and auctioned. If you would like any more information or to book a stall call President Joan Adams 681710.

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During the competition, Fayanne's parents, Samantha and Dale, drove Fayanne around the South Burnett area, so she could take photos of our diverse local environment; sometimes at the 'crack of dawn'. Mr O'Brien said, "This was a great project for school-age children to capture something unique and special about Wide Bay. The tourism industry is a major driver of our regional economy, creating jobs and supporting other small businesses"



Fayanne's artwork will now adorn the office walls of Federal Member for Wide Bay, Llew O'Brien, at Parliament House in Canberra. The winning images were also published on social media with the hashtag #lovewidebay. Fayanne is certainly one to watch, as an upcoming, talented young person in the Murgon area. Murgon State High School are very proud of her achievement.

Photo L-R: Murgon State High School Principal Maurice Ware and Local Winner Fayanne Gibson.



Cartoon by Tony Turton

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“What does the Barambah Ministers’ Association do”, a genuine enquiry.

This month, the BMA hosted the Ugandan Children’s WATOTO Choir. There were 2 performances (Tues 6th Murgon, Wed 7th Wondai) and one free performance for school children at which around 260 attended.

Later in June during the school holidays, a children’s outreach program is being planned by the BMA in Murgon probably at ‘The Shed’ at the MSS which is for children and runs for three days and we are hoping children from all over the BMA area attend.

The BMA also runs RI programs at 6 local schools and provides RI material and is presently investigating the possibility of a Billy Graham Evangelistic Association/ Bill Newman crusade possibly in conjunction with the Kingaroy Ministers Assoc’n; likely next year.

We are talking to Steve Grace in the hope of getting him here in the next 12 months, perhaps as part of the above crusade.

Annually, the BMA runs a Carols by Candlelight and an Easter event - which this year was an Easter service in the central town park and we have hosted/supported visits last year and will do so again this from YWAM (Nov 2017) and Iron & Clay groups.

The above ministries are ones which normally have associated costs but other activities include:-

Monthly Open Air Prayer meetings which are rotated between the various towns in the BMA area, to which both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are invited.

5th Sunday night joint church services hosted by one of the BMA member churches; rostered Church services and ‘Concerts’ at CASTRA (Murgon) and Church Services at Forrest Glen (Wondai).

We run Progressive Dinners each year to raise funds for Chaplaincy and this year we supported a stall at the Goomeri Pumpkin Festival in conjunction with Gideons and Chaplaincy representatives.

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Beautiful Character Home on 100 Acres - ‘Glen View’ is a quality property just 20 minutes from Murgon. 100 acres of ex-dairy and cultivation country. Mostly flat however rising gradually to hilled shaded winter paddock perfectly suited to cows and calves. The property is 80% cleared grassed with blue grass, rhodes, siratro and native pastures. Currently running 25 head of cattle on rotational grazing however has the capacity to carry more.

Lovely, renovated, four bedroom Queenslander sits proudly in the middle of the property. The current owners have retained many of the original features whilst adding modern comforts including air-conditioning, fresh and neutral paint, new carpet and an updated bathroom. The home is spacious with high ceilings, ornate windows and polished timber floors. The kitchen has a large Euralec gas cooktop and oven, a Smeg dishwasher, new flooring and extensive storage. All four bedrooms have built in cupboards providing ample storage throughout the home.

A double lock up garage sits next to the home with skillion carports either side. A short walk from the home sits the old dairy with powered workshop and further storage.

100metres from the home sits the original barn and stables. The barn is full of character and has power connected. The current owners have used this barn for being entertaining guests and functionally for keeping stock feed dry. A three bay hay/tractor shed, an old concrete floor piggery is located to the rear of the barn. Fully functional and shaded steel cattle yards are located between the barn and the tractor shed. The yards are equipped with head bale, ramp and wet crush.

Fenced into four large main paddocks with two internal paddocks. Two main dams and a seasonal waterway. The front dam pumps to a 5,000 gallon header tank which supplements water supply to the residence and vegetable garden. The home is equipped with four rainwater tanks ensuring ample water supply year in, year out. A second 5,000 gallon water tank is located behind the tractor shed and is well suited to supplying water for stock in the rear paddock. \$395,000



Peaceful Living - Vacant Possession This immaculate home built on 1002m2 of land is only minutes from the Murgon’s Town Centre, in a sought after location. A perfect property to call home. The home boasts four bedrooms, built-in wardrobes, 2 rooms are air conditioned, two bathrooms, featuring a great open plan living style, air-conditioned dining and family room with plenty of storage space, a double lockup garage with internal access with a great laundry space tucked away. The master bedroom features ensuite. The kitchen benefits from quality appliances, dishwasher, gas cook top and electric wall oven, large pantry and plenty of storage, breakfast bar to dining area. Outside, covered entertainment deck with rural views. The back yard is fully fenced with double gates leading to a lock up colorbond shed. Tank and town water are connected to the house. \$310,000



This home is situated at Tablelands just out of Murgon on 212 acres. Set high up on the hill and offers outstanding views. Much sought after location. 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms and 2 Toilets. Reverse cycle a/c, modern timber kitchen. Covered patio plus enclosed entertaining area. 18,000 Gallons of rain water. There is lockable car accommodation for 4 vehicles. Well established landscaped gardens. School bus to all local schools. Our Seller is negotiable on the asking price. \$329,000

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BIEDO Open House in Murgon.

"I was really pleased to attend the BIEDO Open House in Murgon. Congratulations must go to Kristy Frahm and the BIEDO team for coordinating these important community events," Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington said.



"When the Electorate Boundaries change in June this year, the Murgon district and entire northern area of the South Burnett Regional Council will move into the Nanango Electorate. So this was a great chance to meet so many small business owners and community members from Murgon and to introduce myself. It is common sense to see the whole South Burnett included in one State Electorate and if I am re-elected, I am looking forward to representing the entire region.

"It was also great to be able to talk about some of the key policies we'll be taking to the next election, like reinstating the Royalties for the Regions program and reducing red tape for small business. As I said on the night, I'm happy for people to start making contact. You can also find out more at my website www.debfrecklington.com.au or give my office a call on 4190 7100," she said.

Photo L-R: South Burnett Regional Councillor Ros Heit, Biedo Chief Executive Officer Kristy Frahm, State Member for Nanango Deb Frecklington MP, Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien MP and Deputy Mayor South Burnett Regional Council Kathy Duff



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Friday 26th May, 2017 – National Sorry Day



This year marked the 50th year since Australians voted to give the government powers to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and count them in the National census. 2017 also commemorates the High Court of Australia's historic Mabo decision, 25 years ago. This recognised the special relationship

that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have always had with the land.

St. Joseph's Murgon joined together to commemorate National Sorry Day. A warm welcome was extended to Uncle Eric and Aunty Shirley Law, Lena Redman and All Hallows' Staff and Students. Uncle Eric began our commemoration with a special smoking ceremony. We celebrated with a liturgy lead by Fr. Subin where the Kenneth Watson-Cuttler award was presented by Lena Redman. The worthy recipients of this very special award were Fletch Prendergast and Sophie Gleich; both students show outstanding qualities



of reconciliation: advocating reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians through modelling the attributes of truth, respect, understanding and forgiveness. They love and respect others for their differences.

A huge thanks is extended to Aunty Elise for her amazing art work and style on the white cross situated in our Bush Tucker garden. Aunty Shirley made very delicious kangaroo kebabs. We thank both ladies for all their hard work. Many people including Br. Tim contributed to our very memorable day here at St. Joseph's Murgon.

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For many families this problem can be eliminated by having a micro-chip implanted into your dog. It is such a simple solution that saves many people the heartache of losing a much loved member of their family.

In March 2008 the Queensland State Government introduced the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* which required all owners or suppliers of cats and dogs that were born after the date of introduction to have a Prescribed Permanent Identification Device (PPID) implanted into the animal.

Cats and dogs under the age of 8 weeks do not need to be micro-chipped. Council at that time encouraged residents in the South Burnett Region to have their animals' micro-chipped by holding a number of very successful micro-chipping campaigns throughout the region.

With the Queensland Government introducing new laws to promote responsible dog breeding effective from 26 May 2017, Council will now have to take a more proactive stance on enforcing micro-chipping of dogs under the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* legislation. Animal registration renewals are due towards the end of this year and Council would like to encourage all dog owners to have their pets micro-chipped if they have not already been done. Micro-chipping will not only provide for a cheaper registration fee, but you will have the peace of mind that if your dog does go missing and is found that you can be reunited.

"For many families in the South Burnett, a dog is so much more than just a pet, they are part of the family, and when they go missing, it can cause much angst and upset for the whole family" said Cr Keith Campbell "This legislation has been implemented to prevent such situations from occurring and hopefully in time the number of family pets that go missing and cannot be reunited with their family will decrease."

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Wondai Regional Art Gallery - July 2017 Exhibition

“Brushes and Flashes of the South Burnett”

A Travelling Art Exhibition

“Brushes and Flashes of the South Burnett” is a travelling art exhibition that has been touring Queensland with eleven talented artists with artworks in various mediums as well as sculptures and pottery.

This tour is not only promoting the wonderful talent we have in this region but the South Burnett as well. The artworks have been well received in the participating galleries with many sales and with requests to exhibit in galleries that are not in the tour.

“Kids Korner” Windera State School

Opening Night: Friday 7th July 2017, from 6pm. \$5.00 entry includes Hot & Cold Supper & Punch
Wine will be served by Crane’s Winery, Live Entertainment

The exhibition will remain in the Wondai Regional Art Gallery until 4pm on Saturday 29th July 2017.

The exhibition will be open 7 days a week, 10.00am till 4.00pm. Free Entry.

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Silverleaf Road, Silverleaf

South Burnett Regional Council has programmed to commence pavement rehabilitation works on Silverleaf Road, Silverleaf on the week beginning Monday 5 June 2017.

The works are to include pavement reconstruction between Campbells Road and Blacks Crossing Road and floodway works approaching Marshlands Bridge.

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Barambah Garden Club News

We have had a number of speakers over the last few months visiting our garden club. Subjects vary widely from month to month. Some so far have been floral art, the open garden scheme, propagation & neighborhood watch.



In March Graham Mitchell made flower arranging look easy. Although not all members went to the Barambah Environmental & Educational Centre those who did had fun propagating natives. I think that we all learnt something. I know that I did. Sargent Lance came and talked to use about neighborhood watch at our last meeting.

We will be visiting RAMESA herb nursery next month. Later in the year a trip to Pittsworth & in November we will be making our own bonsai.

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What a lovely story when two young local residents follow their dreams to make their home town the hub of not one but two thriving businesses. Nicholas and Anita [nee Welch] Blanch are the proud owners of NB Inspirations [a treasure trove of Emporiums], and the newly opened Jacaranda Tea Rooms. The Blanches have revived a slice of history in that one of the first businesses in Proston was a Tea Room, which was opened in 1922 in readiness for travellers who would be using the new Proston rail service.

The employment experiences offered to young Proston people who get training in these businesses is only one of the tangible benefits to the town

Nicholas is also the brainstorming power behind a fresh approach to some innovative experiences for Proston School’s business study classes who have been operating their own Trading centre on Thursday and Friday mornings in the Cultural Centre.

The Wondai Autumn Garden Expo welcomed record gate numbers at the recent April event. Once again it was Proston Lions who answered the call to provide some much needed volunteer help to set up and pack away. Wondai Garden Expo Inc takes pride in being able to thank volunteer teams with useful cash donations in return for their assistance.

Proston Lions in turn were able to assist the Proston School’s Year 6 Class in their fundraising efforts to support their Canberra trip. Well done and thank you, Proston Lions

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LNP to launch an assault on cost of living pressures

A Tim Nicholls led Liberal-National Government will launch an assault on cost of living pressures for all Queenslanders should it win the next election.

In his Budget reply speech, Mr Nicholls announced family car registration will be frozen for three years from 1 July 2018.

“Labor uses electricity, family rego and water as a tax by stealth and it is hurting hard-working families and killing businesses and jobs,” he said. “I won’t stand for it.

“The LNP’s Plan will create jobs, support small business, invest in education to raise standards and we will provide better services and contain cost of living pressures for families and retirees.

“The LNP will be a common sense Government which listens, plans and acts to build a better Queensland. **Only by Building a Better Queensland**, will we deliver the jobs needed and restart our economy.”

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I am trying to contact Folk who have recollections and especially photographs of the time the Third Armoured Division was active in the Murgon area .

I am currently restoring a Stuart Army Tank that was in the 13 Armoured Regiment of the 3rd Armoured division and assisting a friend who has a Stuart that was with the third in the 2/4 armoured regiment.

I also have a ford Blitz Gun-tractor with limber and 25pdr likewise with the 3rd armoured.

All of these vehicles have remnant paint and unit colours on them and have authenticated histories from documents held in the Australian Archives and the AWM .

I have only two photographs of Stuarts in or around Murgon with the 13th Armoured Reg and none of the artillery. units. My Gun-tractor was with the 21st field regiment. I can provide you with photographs of the Tanks and gun-tractor as they now are. It is my intention that at some point in the future to bring the Vehicles to visit their old stamping grounds perhaps at an appropriate time such as ANZAC day .

I am keen to find a period map that has the WWII Army grid references for the area.”

Gina Wilson ginavampire@bigpond.com

Cold mornings and Big Bass in the South Burnett.

With the unseasonably warm weather hanging around for quite some time the warm weather gear hasn't had to make much of an appearance of late. The last few weeks however have seen the water temps slowly drop but the fish are still active and still hungry. With the cold moving in fast now, the edge bite and shallow flats bite has really fired up and you should be able to bag yourself some really healthy Bass and Yellowbelly over the coming months. The great thing is this time of year the Bass and Goldenies are fat and healthy and a whole new array of lures can be used to target the natives in our local dams.

Lake Barambah



The fishing over the past month has slowed down a little but you can still catch some very decent fish if you're up early and fish patiently. The fish have been up on the edge early when the waters cool and I've been catching some good Bass and Yellow belly using 1/2 ounce rigged grub tail plastics. Target rocky ledges with a bit of timber or rocks. As the sun gets higher I always move to the deeper flats and target areas around points and flats, spots around lightening ridge, bass point and the Quarry are likely spots to find fish sitting out deeper. Blades, tail spinners and ice jigs are the go to lures to use when the fish are sitting out deep. The bass are getting bigger, models of up to 45 cm have been caught recently off the edges and out on the flats. If your chasing yellow belly, fish tight in around any timber on the dam with lipless cranks or spinner baits.

Trollers are getting some nice yellow belly up in the timber of an afternoon but be wary the water is shallow going into the timber. Bait fisherman have also been having some success, they've been catching mixed bags of Yellow belly, silver perch and bass from the timber. Tie up to a tree and use live shrimp as bait. Drop your bait to the bottom and slowly jig the bait, if your first spot doesn't produce don't be afraid to move several times until you know you're sitting on some active fish.

The red claw are still around but you'll have to put in the effort for a feed, target rocky edges or spindly timber and use soft vegies for bait.

Lake Boondooma



Recently the best techniques have been to hit the edges early with lipless cranks and spinnerbaits, rocky or weedy edges being the best to target. Another good way of finding good fish is sounding over the main lake points and large shallow flats in the main basin in search of the large schools that generally congregate at this time of year. In the morning when it's quiet and still is the best time for this type of fishing because the water temps are at their lowest and the dam is at its quietest. Once a school is located position the boat towards the school and cast 1/4 or 3/8 ounce Eco gear VX, ZX or Little Max blades, let the blade hit the bottom and use a slow hopping or roll retrieve. Occasionally change it up and use a slow roll and kill technique as the fish will hit the lure when it's close to the bottom, as it's falling or just after it's rolled off the bottom.

Later in the day when the water heats up I've found that the fish can be caught well using Nories tail spinners, 12 gram being the best. The fish this time of year love a bait that is falling in their face and the tail spinner suits the bite perfectly. Trollers are getting some good yellow belly in the arms of the dam using deep diving hard bodies. Troll in close to the timber near the rocks in the Boyne arm but make sure that you have a lure retriever handy because you will get snagged occasionally, but your hard work will be rewarded.

Bait fisherman your best chance is to fish the trees in the arms of the dam in 20 feet of water with live shrimp. Some great reports of good numbers of big red claw coming in, dog biscuits and soft vegetables proving to be great bait for their opera house pots. .

Park News, coming out our way give us a call Yallakool 07 4168 4746 or Boondooma on 07 4168 9694.

Matthew Langford

News from Graham House Community Centre

Memory Matters Event at the Murgon Town Hall on the 17th May was a great success. All those who attended walked away with information that defined dementia and its cause. Speaker from Alzheimer's Australia, Barbara Cunningham explained that dementia affects thinking, behaviour and the ability to perform everyday tasks. She said if the brain function is affected enough to interfere with a person's normal, social and working life they should seek advice from the professionals. Some of the early symptoms include – memory loss, increased confusion, depression, withdrawal, behaviour changes and reduced concentration. Only a medical practitioner or specialist can diagnose dementia. If a firm diagnosis has been made, it is helpful to find out about the support that is available. Call the National Dementia Helpline 1800 100 500

To give our minds a break after absorbing all the important facts on dementia, Kathy Baker and Kathy Crane demonstrated the warm up program they do at Tai Chi classes. All attendees participated. Originating in ancient China, tai chi is one of the most effective exercises for health of mind and body. It brings tranquillity and helps you think clearly.



Photo above: The Memory Matters Event Team – Jan Luck (Wondai Com Health), June Rutter (Qld Health), Barbara Cunningham (Alzheimer's Australia), Iris Ferguson (Graham House Community Centre), Kathy Crane (Proston Com Health) and Vivette White (Qld Health)

Photo above Right: Attendees at Memory Matters all enjoying Tai chi lesson.



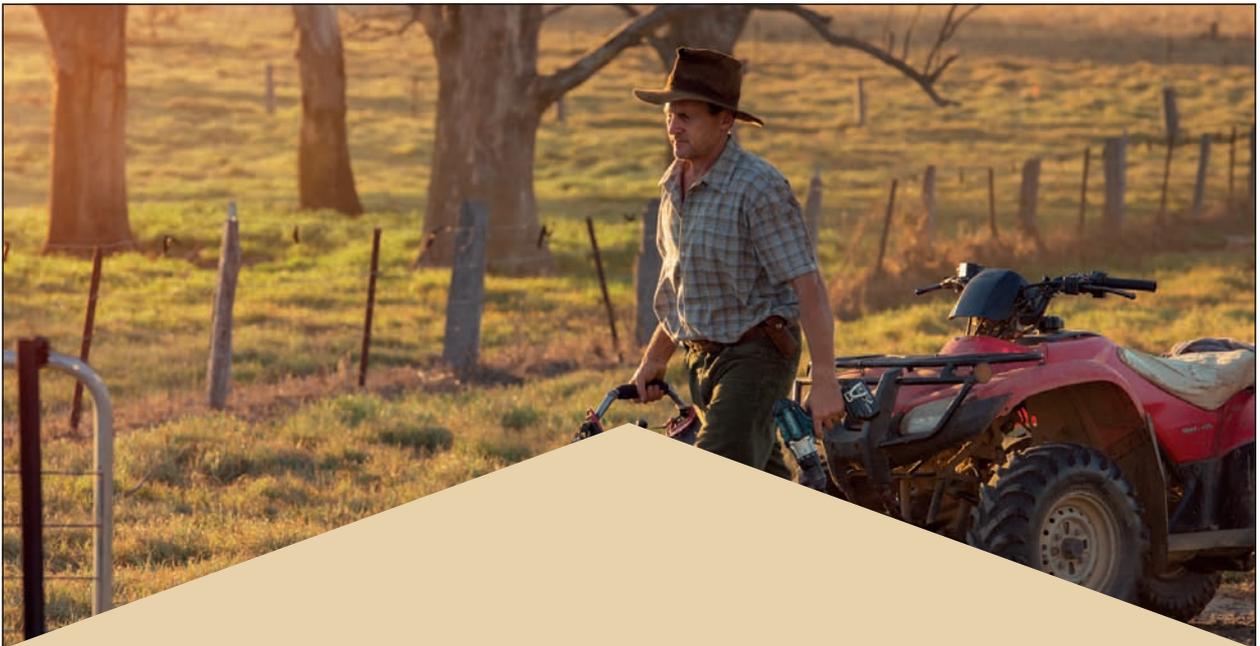
A Moment - with Murgon Local Ambulance Committee



It has been a busy time for Murgon Local Ambulance Committee, attending two very interesting events, "WAG's" at Mondure and "Memory Matters" at Murgon, also looking forward to the Wondai Fun Run, as well as scheduled CPR Awareness sessions in June.

The Rural Emergency Mapping Information project is now underway for Murgon District and all adjacent areas frequently serviced by paramedics from the Murgon ambulance station. Rural property owners/managers are asked to record directions for the **quickest route** from the nearest ambulance station to their properties. Forms are available in Murgon from

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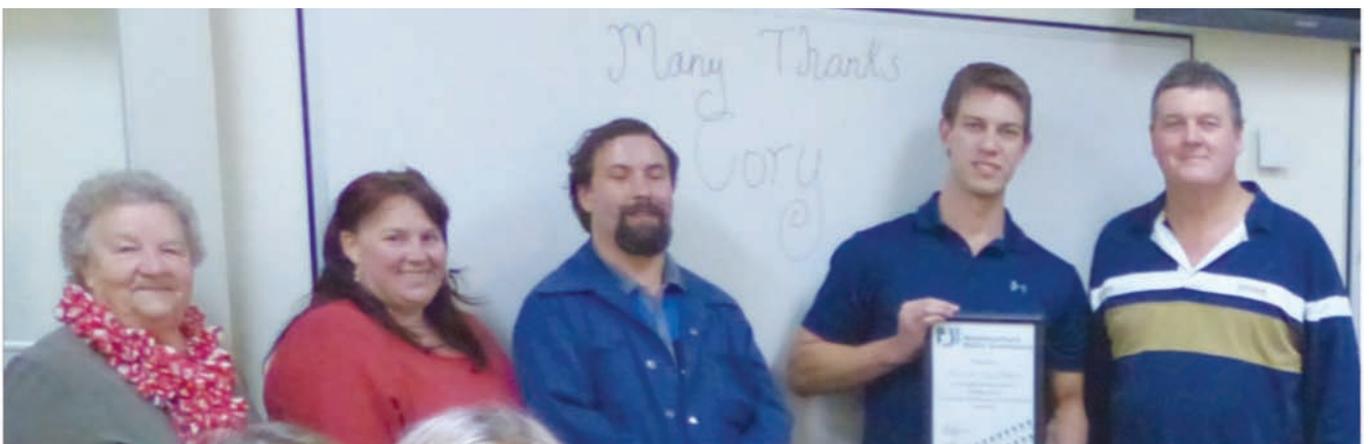
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Monday night, 19th June Murgon Neighbourhood Watch - our Christmas in June

and Constable Cory Lubbock's farewell from the Murgon Police Station.

Constable Cory Lubbock has been a very active member of the Murgon Neighbourhood Watch for the past three years. The valuable information with safety, security (lockit or looseit), drugs, etc that Cory has brought to our meetings has been welcomed by the whole community. Constable Cory Lubbock you will be sadly missed but it will be Thursday Islands gain, we wish you well, stay smiling and come visit us again. A small presentation was given to Constable Cory Lubbock in appreciation of his commitment.



Wide Bay Burnett Regional Jobs and Investment Package open for applications 31 May

- **Wide Bay Burnett Local Investment Plan approved.**
- **Grant round opens 31 May.**
- **Funding for local infrastructure, business innovation and skills and training.**

Minister for Regional Development Fiona Nash together with the Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien, Federal Member for Flynn Ken O'Dowd and Federal Member for Hinkler Keith Pitt announced that the grants round for Wide Bay Burnett Regional Jobs and Investment Packages (RJIP) will open for applications on 31 May, following the publication of the committee's Local Investment Plan.

"I thank the Wide Bay Burnett Local Planning Committee for their hard work. Their plan is based on local knowledge of the Wide Bay Burnett region.

"The Wide Bay Burnett Local Investment Plan will ensure that projects funded align with local priorities.

"This is a great opportunity for the communities of the Wide Bay Burnett to submit applications for key projects that will boost the local economy and create jobs," said Minister Nash.

"I aim to help build the kinds of communities our children and grandchildren either want to stay in or come back to, and investing in sustainable local jobs does just that."

Mr O'Brien said the opening of applications for the Wide Bay Burnett Jobs and Investment Package represents the delivery of a key election commitment.

"The Wide Bay Burnett Region has a historically high unemployment rate, which this program is designed to tackle," Mr O'Brien said.

"This program targets funding to where jobs are created, to business and organisations to invest in projects to grow and boost jobs.

"Now that the Local Investment Plan is done, applications from the Wide Bay Burnett region can roll in, including from businesses who can apply to the Business Innovation stream."

Mr O'Dowd said the Coalition Government's aim is to create more jobs and export opportunities.

"We aim to harness the broad range of skills in Wide Bay Burnett to create more jobs, and I look forward to seeing what applications are put forward," said Mr O'Dowd.

Mr Pitt said the Coalition invests in regional Australia because the Coalition understands the cities cannot exist without our regions, which supply cities their water, food, electricity and gas.

"This will provide the Wide Bay Burnett region with a much-needed \$20 million shot in the arm," Mr Pitt said.

Funding will be available across three streams: Local Infrastructure, Business Innovation and Skills and Training, with the round opening for applications on 31 May.

For more information and to read more about the Local Investment Plan for Wide Bay Burnett visit the Regional Jobs and Investment Package website.



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B – DAY, Bowls & Burgers

Perfect weather conditions added to the success of the recent “B-Day – Bowls & Burgers” fundraiser, conducted by the Murgon Bowls Club in support of the Murgon Local Ambulance Committee.

Murgon LAC president, Richie O’Neill, thanked more than 50 people who enthusiastically participated in the afternoon’s activities, contributing to the enjoyment - and Murgon LAC funds.

Sincere thanks are also due to Glen Trevor and the committee of Murgon Bowls Club for organising the day; and to local businesses, that generously donated prizes.

Winners on the day included:

Dinner for 2 (Murgon City Motor Inn, Murgon RSL, Royal Hotel, Australian Hotel)

Alan Mitchell, Betty, Croft, Terry Lear & Barry Smith

Wine (Moffatdale Ridge Wines) David Croft, Lyn Munday, Brian Emmerton & Lyn Vlaanderen

Voucher (Struddys Sports) Lyn Vlaanderen

Raffle winners were: Betty Croft - beauty products (A Beauty Whisperer), Phenella Hiron – Kambrook Stack & Snack (Murgon Betta Electrical), Gemma Beutel – double hammock (The Tacklebox), Carol Watters – 5L pressure sprayer (Mitre 10), Rachel Beutel ; Barry Pratt – winter socks (Pratt Agencies),

Fran Whitmore – scented drawer liners (Murgon Newsagency), Drew Hiron – Origin cap (Mark Smith Menswear), Terry Lear – painted bowl (Murgon Newsagency)



Photo L-R: **Winners on the day** - Terry Lear, Barry Smith, Betty Croft & Alan Mitchell

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First Recorded Unicyclist Race is Aussie Event

On Sunday, 30 April, Blackbutt played host to the R&R Rail Trail's Experience's that incorporated part of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail. The R&R Rail Trail Experience is a one of a kind event offering four different Duathlon events for runners and bike riders. With event courses ranging from a 30km run and



30 km ride to an 8km Rail Trail Fun Run, this event is attracting more and more competitors every year.

One of the many participants this year was unicyclist, Andrew Bowen who is the first ever recorded multisport event competitor in Australia to compete in a Duathlon and ride on one wheel. As well as

competing in the 22km rail trail run and the 22km ride on his unicycle, Bowen has taken out the title of the unicycle event winner.

The ongoing uniqueness of this event is also attributed to the race being started by the sound of an authentic train whistle and the winner does not get presented with a medal or a golden trophy but a wood turned train whistle that have been donated by local wood turners or a rail trail nail trophy donated by G'onya Adventures.

"The South Burnett brings such a diverse mix of elements to your stay with all that we have to offer" said Mayor Keith Campbell "We encourage and embrace events such as the R&R Rail Trail Experience as they show off the uniqueness of our wonderful region."

While this is predominately a recreational event, it is hoped that this event and picturesque surroundings

of the Rail Trail will not only bring more competitors next year but also boost interest and tourism to the

South Burnett.

Plans are already underway to plan for next year's Event, with the date being set for Sunday, 6 May 2018.

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Proston Library

Angel Flight Presentation

The Proston Library together with the Proston CWA presented an information morning with guest speaker David Matthews-Frederick. David is a spokesperson for Angel Flight and spoke of his journey as a volunteer pilot. Angel Flight Australia is a charity which coordinates non-emergency flights to assist country people to access specialist medical treatment that would otherwise be unavailable because of vast distance and high travel costs.

Angel Flight was officially launched in 2003 and all flights are completely free for passengers. During his talk David reminisced about some of the more unusual requests for flights and some of the memories that stood out for him.

The audience remained engaged during the presentation provided by Angel Flight with many feeling more informed and a little amazed about the service with the majority not knowing the service was available.



Proston School Visit

On Friday 26 May students from the Proston State School Years 1, 2 & 3 visited the library to listen to the story 'Aliens love underpants' by Claire Freedman. The kids loved the story as it was full of rhymes, which is what they have been learning at school. The children laughed at the aliens who dropped in from outer space to steal human's underpants!!

Following the story, the students completed an alien craft activity with lots of little aliens floating around the library. We just hope they all went home with the kids and there is not any lurking in the library...



South Burnett Libraries

National Simultaneous Storytime

National Simultaneous Storytime is an important annual campaign as part of Library & Information Week that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 17th successful year it is a colourful, vibrant and fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously across the country.

This year on Wednesday 24 May children from the South Burnett visited their local Library to share the story of 'The Cow Tripped over the Moon' written by Tony Wilson & illustrated by Laura Wood.

In Kingaroy over 60 children and adults joined in back to back storytime sessions from the Kingaroy Kindergarten, a local daycare & other families from the local area sat enthralled, listening to the entertaining story and joining in as we sang songs, danced and made craft to take home.

In Nanango almost 40 children joined in the fun and marvelled at the decorated library. Local families and childcare centres visited the library to complete craft activities and hear the epic tale of a stubborn cow trying to jump over the moon.



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South Wales. "It was a great experience, there were great times and bad times but we loved every minute."

After the big flood in 1974 we returned home to our family and the area which we loved and missed so much. It was like doing part 2 of our careers. Along the way we made 5 cd's one at "Outback Recordings" and the others in Brisbane. Stolzies by Request is our biggest seller to date. In 2014 we gave the clubs away and now concentrate on our outdoor entertainment. We do all sorts of functions from Garden Festivals, Markets, Music Festivals and now of course we do Age Care from Murgon down to Toowoomba and also other senior entertainment. Ken and myself are still singing great so retirement isn't on the cards just yet. We'd like to thank everyone who has supported us and a special thanks to Kay Dobrich who was our Manager from 2001 to 2004, we appreciate all the hard work that you did for us. So, until we get the urge to retire we'll just keep singing on!



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Getting Instructions



The Warm Up



Final exercising and getting set for the Start



There off on the 7km Fun Run, some running, some walking, some pushing prams, some doing it tuff.

Then
Part of the Entertainment at Cherbourg







Cherbourg Mayor- Arnold Murray, Former Cherbourg Principal - Chris Sarra, Deputy Mayor South Burnett Regional Council – Kathy Duff, Aboriginal Elder – Eric Law, World Champion & Empire Game Gold Medalist Marathon Runner – Robert De Castella.

Francois Robert “Rob” de Castella AO, MBE is an Australian former world champion marathon runner. De Castella is widely known as “Deek” or “Deeks” to the Australian public, and “Tree” to his competitors due to his thick legs and inner calm.

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And someone sneaked a photo while I wasn't watching, (listening to a champion talking about self belief).

Francois Robert “Rob” de Castella AO, MBE

Results

1977 – won the Sydney City to Surf in 41' 12”

1979 – won the Victorian Championship in 2h 14'44” and the Australian marathon title in 2h 13'23”

1980 – 10th in the 1980 Summer Olympics marathon in Moscow, 2h 14'31”; 8th at the Fukuoka Marathon in 2h 10'44”

1981 – won the Fukuoka Marathon in 2h 08'18” (world record from 1981 to 1984)

1981 – won and set fastest time of 40'08” in City to Surf, Sydney. (this time bettered in 1991)

1982 – won the 1982 Commonwealth Games marathon in Brisbane in 2h 09'18”

1983 – won the Rotterdam Marathon in 2h 08'37”

1983 – won the 1983 World Championships in Athletics marathon in Helsinki in 2h 10'03”

1984 – 5th in the Olympic Marathon in Los Angeles

1984 – 3rd in the Chicago Marathon in 2h 09'09”

1985 – 3rd in the Chicago Marathon in 2h 08'48”

1986 – won the 1986 Commonwealth Games marathon in Edinburgh in 2h 10'15”

1986 – won the Boston marathon in 2h 07'51” (personal best)

1987 – won the Great North Run in 1h 02'04”

1988 – 4th in the Tokyo International Marathon in 2h 08'49”

1988 – 8th in the 1988 Summer Olympics marathon in Seoul

1990 – 13th in the 1990 Commonwealth Games marathon

1991 – won the Rotterdam Marathon in 2h 09'42”

1992 – finished 26th in Olympic Marathon, Barcelona

Records

As of May 2009, de Castella still held the following records

Australian U20 10,000 m – 28'54”4 on 16 December 1976 in Melbourne

Australian 20 km Track – 58.37.2 on 17 Apr 1982 in Rome

Australian 1 hr – 20,516 m on 17 April 1982 in Rome

Australian All Comers Marathon – 2h 09'18” in Brisbane Commonwealth Games 1982

Australian Marathon – 2h 07'51” at the 1986 Boston Marathon

Other awards

1982 – Member of the Order of the British Empire in recognition of service to athletics.

1983 – Australian of the Year

1985 – Sport Australia Hall of Fame

2000 – Australian Sports Medal for significant contribution as a competitor (Athletics).

2001 – Centenary Medal service to the sport of athletics and to sports administration.

2001 – Australian Institute of Sport 'Best of the Best'

2014 – Officer of the Order of Australia for distinguished service to the community through programs promoting children's health and fitness, as a supporter and mentor of young Indigenous men and women, and to marathon running.

Canberra's bushfire tragedy. - Claims the home of Robert De Castella

The long-distance running legend lost his home in the leafy suburb of Chapman on January 18, 2003 and later sat on the Bushfire Recovery Taskforce. His loss was like that of 500 other families, but his celebrity meant that de Castella's private pain was inevitably going to become very public grief.

But the running legend is made of pretty stern stuff, and his remarkable fortitude continues to serve as inspiration to many, on and off the track. (and from his inspirational speech at the 2017 Cherbourg Fun Run)

Even at the time, the man known as Deek was remarkably philosophical about his traumatic loss.

“It's a blow, there's no doubt about it, and it takes a little while to recover,” de Castella said in 2003.

“You go down on your hands and knees for a little while, but you get back up and you keep on goin.

My visits home and to the Goomeri Pumpkin Festivals.

Not many people would know me by my married name but there might still be one or two around who would remember me as Jill Klumpp. I was born in Goomeri in 1939 and now each year at the Pumpkin Festival I stand in front of the hospital where I was born to roll a pumpkin down Policeman's Hill. My father was a builder in Goomeri for many years as was his father before him and between them they built many of the older houses in the town and the town clock. My grandparents settled in the district when they bought land when Boonara Station was opened up in 1911. They had a farm on the edge of town, the farm Larry McArthur now owns. It wasn't long before both their parents and quite a few of their brothers and sisters came up too and soon the whole town was swarming with relatives. Now the only remaining ones are Richard and Glen Grohn and Rob Cunningham and some of their families and the Heathwood family at Watchbox.



Every year for the last eleven years, my daughter, Susan, who lives in Ayr where I live, brings me back to Goomeri, for the Pumpkin Festival, with the exception of 2011 when we came for the Town Centenary and 2012 for the School Centenary. It has become something of a family reunion where my cousin, Bruce Cunningham, comes up from Bowral and I come down from Ayr and on the Saturday night we have a family get together.

This year there were five cousins there, Richard and Glen Grohn, Rob and Bruce Cunningham, and me. When some of the descendants of we five join us there are quite a few who gather. Sadly Glen will shortly be leaving the district so we don't know how many there will be next year.



Visiting the cemetery, where so many of our family lie, has become something of a ritual, as has climbing Boat Mountain and walking along the top. On a lovely clear, fresh morning this is a real delight. The happy sound of all the birds and the beautiful views make the climb up to the top well worth the effort (despite two knee replacements). It's an added bonus when we see a koala – we only saw two this year but it still made the climb something to remember.

The reunion in the Memorial Hall at 11 am is what all the old Goomerites look forward to. I meet up with kids I taught; and many whom my mother taught come to remind me that Mum pulled out their loose teeth when they were in Grade 1 – she was renowned for her tooth pulling. The kids wouldn't let their mothers do it – they would bring a clean hanky to school so Mrs Klumpp could do it. Imagine that happening today! It is a time to renew old friendships and I meet people whom I would never come across otherwise. Also I am able to catch up with some of the kids I went to school with here, and at Murgon State High during the weekend .

The Goomeri Pumpkin Festival brings back to me my very happy years growing up in a town where everybody knew everybody and where I have so many lovely memories of my wonderful parents, and I say thanks to my equally wonderful daughter for making the trip with me each year.

Jill Freshwater nee Jill Klumpp.

The Goomeri Pumpkin Festival 2017

Well, the dust has settled and the crowds have gone for another year. The 2017 Goomeri Pumpkin Festival was, once again a huge success, with approximately 14,000 people flocking to town for the day. A full day of fun filled, mostly free activities had the crowds busy and occupied for what turned out to be a beautiful autumn day. The town of Goomeri was looking its best, thanks to David, our local Council Parks and Gardens worker. A huge job, undertaken always with a smile and time for a quick hello, the presentation of our town was unsurpassed.

An event of this size would not be possible without the assistance of a long list of people, mainly our volunteers. To them all, we say a huge Thank You, for without you, this festival would not go on. Leading up to and on the day, there was an army of workers who stood out from the crowd, to name a few: Peter Ricketts from P&P Electrical, Murgon, Neville Owers, Toowoomba Portable Toilets, David Fingleton, Douglas Grant, Nanango, Daniel & Louisa, Germany (backpackers), Ken, Jenny & Shane Grigsby, Laidley Johnny Magro & Chaz, Goomeri/Memerambi, The Australian Travelling Motorhome Lions Club, John Schofield, and the list goes on and on.....THANK YOU !!!!!

Some highlights of our day include the fantastic Street Parade, over 30 groups participated and helped create a spectacle for all to enjoy. There were classic cars, Harley Davidsons, horse drawn buckboard wagons, whip crackers, unicyclists, magicians and pipes and drums as well as our local representatives from the Little Pumpkins Playgroup (who won two prizes in the School Float Competition) and students from Goomeri State School. Everybody enjoyed the parade, both participants and spectators alike, hopefully they will all come back next year to help create another outstanding event.



After the judging of the best decorated outfits (photo's above) we were entertained with the **FAIS (First Aid Instruction and Services) Sth Burnett. 2017 Goomeri Pumpkin Festival Street Parade.**











Another highlight of our festival this year was the fantastic response to our Giant Pumpkin Competition. We had the biggest pumpkin seen in these parts for a long time, weighing in at 272kgs, its certainly going to make a lot of pumpkin soup one day!!!! Thanks to the Frohloff Family from Minden, for joining in our celebrations and creating another spectacle for our crowds to enjoy.



The pig races were a crowd thriller

Along with many food vendors, showcasing cuisines from all over the world, our celebrity chef's cooked up a storm and kept the crowds entertained all day. I'm disappointed that I never got to try any of their creations, from what I have been told, it was pretty spectacular. A big thank you to Matt Golinski, Jason Ford and Dan & Steph for making our "Gourmet Destinations" a success. This concept will be back bigger and better next year.



But this is what it is all about to roll a pumpkin down Goomeri's Policeman,s Hill & land it in the designated spot
in the

Swickers / Sunpork !

2017 Great Australian Pumpkin Roll



All pumpkin rollers are given their final instructions and a guide to the rules of the competition.



Careful selection of your pumpkin is required and imitation pink ones are definitely not allowed !

Photo L-R: South Burnett Regional Council Deputy Mayor Kathy Duff, State Member for Nanango Deb Frecklington, Patron Phyllis Hopf and Kim Boyter Co-Ordinator, Goomeri Pumpkin Festival.





The main stage program with Glen Albrecht and his band Ricochet headlined and played great music throughout the day. Supported by Ian Campbell, solo and Arthur Nettlefield, the toe tapping and sing-a-longs guaranteed great entertainment all day long.



JOKES

I heard a guy complaining about how much his wedding is. He is going to be real pissed off when he finds out how much his divorce is going to cost.

Ladies, if a man says he is going to fix it, he will. There is no need to remind him every 6 months about it.

I want one of those jobs where people ask, Do you actually get paid for doing this?

If there was a way to read a woman's mind, I am not sure I would want to. I hate shoes, shopping, gossip, and I already know I am annoying.



Some of the fantastic members of the SES who assisted at the 2017 Goomeri pumpkin festival. Members from Gympie unit, North Burnett unit and Noosa unit.

While on the subject of next year, planning and preparation has already begun, using all the feedback we have received from everybody, we are now improving and rectifying ready for the next great Pumpkin Festival, but before we get to May 2018, the Pumpkin Festival Association is aiming at presenting a mid year event in October to coincide with The South Burnett Cherbourg On Show weekend. More details on this event as they come to hand, but if you would like to be involved please email us at:

co-ordinator@goomeripumpkinfestival.com.au

We thank you all once again for your support throughout the year and look forward to working with you come 2018. From the team at the Goomeri Pumpkin Festival, bye bye for now.....

Kim Boyter, Co-Ordinator, Goomeri Pumpkin Festival, Ph: 0484 62942.

Going for a break to check out some crocodiles in far Nth Qld !!!

Editors Comment: CONGRATULATIONS GOOMERI , WELL DONE.

\$11.2 million upgrade for Bruce Hwy and Wide Bay Hwy intersection

Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien, and Minister for Resources and Northern Australia Senator Matt Canavan, have welcomed the Federal Government's Budget commitment of \$11.2 million to upgrade the intersection of the Bruce and Wide Bay highways at Bells Bridge.

Mr O'Brien said the upgrade would improve safety at the intersection by separating traffic movements and allowing continuity of flow for southbound Bruce Highway traffic.

About 12,100 vehicles use the intersection every day, including more than 2000 heavy vehicles.

The intersection currently can experience long delays during peak periods, which can cause some drivers to become impatient and take unnecessary risks, Mr O'Brien said.

"This upgrade will reduce delays for traffic turning right, improve travel times for freight and general traffic, and most importantly, make the intersection safer for all drivers," Mr O'Brien said.

More than 90 per cent of the eastbound traffic on the Wide Bay Highway turns right (south) at the intersection with the Bruce Highway, heading towards Gympie.

"The number of vehicles travelling through Gympie has reached 25,000 each day and it is increasing. So I am continuing to push the importance of the Section D Cooroy to Curra project, as well as upgrades between Gympie and Maryborough, with Transport Minister Darren Chester," Mr O'Brien said.

"The upgrade to the Wide Bay Highway interchange is a much needed step forward in both safety and traffic management, and the good work must continue by fast-tracking the funding and construction of additional projects in Wide Bay to prevent more lives from being lost on this notorious stretch."

Applications open for Threatened Species Recovery Fund

Organisations in Wide Bay that work to protect our native species can now apply to a new fund for financial help to carry out activities such as seed banking, flora and fauna surveying and community workshops.

Minister for the Environment and Energy, Josh Frydenberg, has launched the Threatened Species Recovery Fund with the Government's Threatened Species Commissioner, Gregory Andrews. The fund supports community projects that can help meet the targets and objectives in the Government's Threatened Species Strategy.

Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien welcomed the announcement, and encouraged community organisations across the Wide Bay to apply to the \$5 million Threatened Species Recovery Fund, delivered through the National Landcare Programme.

"The Coalition Government is committed to protecting nationally-threatened species, like the precious bilby, numbat, mountain pygmy possum, and the eastern bettong; native birds such as the cassowary, swift parrot; and Australia's endangered eucalyptus trees," Mr O'Brien said.

"The Threatened Species Recovery Fund is a great initiative to protect our unique native flora and fauna, bringing government and community efforts together to ensure the long-term survival of native species."

The Fund will provide seed money and community grants worth between \$20,000 and \$250,000 (GST exclusive) for local projects that align with the targets and objectives of the Threatened Species Strategy.

Since the appointment of the Threatened Species Commissioner in June 2014, the Government has mobilised more than \$211 million for projects that support and protect our threatened species.

During this time, the Government has delivered Australia's first Threatened Species Strategy which sets out clear and measurable targets to secure the future of 20 priority birds, 20 priority mammals and 30 priority plants by 2020. The Strategy also commits to eradicating feral cats from five islands and establishing 10 mainland wildlife enclosures free of feral cats.

In February this year, the Government launched Australia's first Threatened Species Prospectus, which invites business, industry and the philanthropic sector to partner with government to invest in over 50 science-based projects that fight extinction.

The grants under the Threatened Species Recovery Fund will be awarded to eligible groups through a competitive process. Community project proposals for support from the Fund that leverage private sector investment and align with projects in the Prospectus are encouraged.

More information on the Threatened Species Recovery Fund, including details on how to apply, can be found on the National Landcare Programme website: <http://www.nrm.gov.au/national/threatened-species-recovery-fund>. Applications close on 15 June 2017.



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JOKE FOR THE MONTH

We were dressed and ready to go out for the New Years Eve Party. We turned on a night light, turned the answering machine on, covered our pet parakeet and put the cat in the backyard. We phoned the local cab company and requested a taxi.

The taxi arrived and we opened the front door to leave the house. As we walked out the door the cat that we had put out in the yard, scoots back into the house. We didn't want the cat shut in the house because she always tries to eat the bird. My wife goes out to the taxi, while I went back inside to get the cat.

The cat runs upstairs, with me in hot pursuit. Waiting in the cab, my wife doesn't want the driver to know that the house will be empty for the night. So, she explains to the taxi driver that I will be out soon, He's just going upstairs to say goodbye to my mother.

A few minutes later, I get into the cab. Sorry I took so long, I said, as we drove away. That stupid bitch was hiding under the bed. I had to poke her with a coat hanger to get her to come out! She tried to take off, so I grabbed her by the neck. Then, I had to wrap her in a blanket to stop her scratching me. But it worked! I hauled her downstairs and threw her out in the back yard! She'd better not poo in the vegetable garden again!

The silence in the cab was deafening.

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George Sanderson of Brigalow Park Droughtmaster Stud turned 80 on Saturday 20th May. Friends and relatives got together at the local RSL in Wondai to help George celebrate the happy occasion

George set up his Droughtmaster Stud with wife Doris in 1985. The life long cattleman has been very successful in breeding his stud cattle, which he describes as 'beautiful and quiet'. George has a special way of treating cattle with soft talk and careful handling. His gentle beasts also like music.

George smiles as he tells story of a city bloke who bought a block of land in the local district with the aim of raising cattle. This person wanted the very best of stock and purchased one of George's \$8,000 bulls. George kindly delivered it in his truck to discover the property had no water. He promptly informed the customer he had to have water if he was going to run cattle. "But they are Droughtmaster cattle," the man said. We didn't think they needed water." That of course was one lucky beast that got to go home that day to Brigalow Park. .

George's 80th party was well attended with lots of friends and family. George and Doris have many wonderful grandchildren. We wish George all the best. He will probably be a Cattleman for the rest of his days. Happy Birthday George.

Barbara Hartmann King

Photo: George Sanderson of Brigalow Park celebrates his 80th Birthday.

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Kathy's Comments

National Volunteer Week

We have recently celebrated National Volunteers Week. Council hosted an event at "The Gums" at Memerambi with Arthur Nettlefield entertaining and it was a wonderful luncheon to show our support for our volunteers. We also hosted a Volunteer's Forum that I had the pleasure of opening. We had some inspiring guest speakers and it was great to see so many of our wonderful volunteers at both events. Our Council and our community would be lost without our volunteers. I cannot stress enough how important it is to have people who are prepared to put their hand up to work in volunteer roles for our community. "We make a living by what we get but we make a life by what we give". Hats off to our volunteers!!

Success for Proston & Murgon Businesses in South Burnett Rewards Program

Our local businesses have done well in the South Burnett Rewards campaign. Council helped to coordinate this promotion to encourage everyone to shop locally. There were forty nine businesses across the South Burnett participating and on the awards night Proston won three out of the nine categories and Mark Smith Men's Wear won the Most Members Signed In. Congratulations to Mark Smith, also to Proston Rural Supplies for the most Creative Rewards and to NB Inspirations for winning the Most Active in the Backend Process and the Most Active Promotion of the Campaign.

Hivesville Hall

The Hivesville hall has been out to expressions of interest and unfortunately there hasn't been any interest. The hall has now been put in the hands of the Real Estate Agents. I hope that someone will make use of this lovely old building that holds a lot of memories for the community.

Marshlands Bridge, Flood Repairs & Silverleaf Road Upgrades

There has been millions of dollars spent in our area on bridge upgrades and I am really pleased that we finally have a new double lane bridge at Marshlands. Due to Cyclone Debbie there is also work being done on the road network under State Government flood restoration. Some of this work is called emergent work which is done to make a road safe but there may be delays for final work to be completed while Council waits for State Government approval. There is also a significant amount of Works for Qld money being spent on the worst sections of Silverleaf Road which should help to improve some of the rough surface.

A Huge weekend for Murgon.

I would like to sincerely thank the fantastic committee of the Murgon Junior Rugby League and other supporters who organised an event that really brought to everyone's attention the need to say No to Domestic Violence. The message was it happens everywhere in every community and it needs to stop. The football was spectacular, the event was memorable and it was great to have Robert De Castella as a role model and mentor to support the event. Congratulations to everyone involved on a job well done. Rob stayed on for the Reconciliation Fun Run where there were over 500 participants the next day. I was proud to be part of this great event with people from across the State and beyond simply walking or running to support the Cherbourg Ration Shed. Congratulations to Zona Hussey Smith and the whole committee on another spectacular event.

Council still Strongly Supporting Community Groups

Community Groups will continue to receive 50% discount on their hall hire fees. Councillors also have a small Discretionary



fund for individual Councillors to help out community groups. The annualised grants have been replaced with an opportunity for community groups to apply for this support in the February and August funding rounds. In kind support such as wheelie bins and chairs are available all year round by booking ahead. There is also funding for elite athletes representing the South Burnett at State or National levels.

Murgon Rotary Club supporting our Youth

I was privileged to be invited to a great night with presentations from the Rotary EarlyAct and Rotary Interact. Our future is in good hands with the work that these young students are doing to support our community and congratulations to the Murgon Rotary Club for the great work you do promoting these youth activities.

Murgon Lions Club

Congratulations to the Murgon Lions Club for another successful night at the Cloyna Hall to raise money for the Hall Committee. It was a very well attended night and great to see wonderful community support. The President of the Cloyna Hall Committee paid tribute to the late Ray Sippel on the night and I would also like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Ray for his work with the Murgon Lions Club and for his contribution to our whole community.

Contact Details

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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email kduff@southburnett.qld.gov.au

We sadly mourn the loss of :

BRAMLEY, Donald Gordon "Don" Late of Gympie, Formerly of Murgon.

O 'H A R E, Gary William, Late of Murgon

E T H E R I N G T O N, Dennis Walter (Denny), Late of Kingaroy and Proston,

P E A C O C K, John Lewis (Jack), Late of Wondai

D A V I D S O N, Faye, Late of Murgon

P O K A R I E R, Evelyn Mavis (Maisie) (nee Fechner), Late of Murgon

E V A N S, Dudley Frank, Late of The Jungle, Crownthorpe via Murgon

G U T E R I D G E, Kevin, Snr Sgt Retired, Late of Hervey Bay

W A T S O N, Roger Leslie Barton, Late of Murgon.



Murgon RSL Sub Branch is holding a free community luncheon on 6th July 2017. Those seniors wishing to attend please phone Frank Reeve on 41682234 by Monday 26th June 2017 to reserve a place as numbers will be limited.

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Thursday	22	St Joseph's Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Golf, The classic way to dance,
Friday	23	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Night Bowls, Goomeri & Dist Garden Club, Pratt Agency June Weaner Sale
Saturday	24	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Catholic Mass, Wondai Country Festival,
Sunday	25	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Camera Club, Hivesville Markets, Murgon Moments deadline,
Monday	26	SES, Murgon Parkinson Support Group,
Tuesday	27	Squash, Cattle Sale, Creative Friendships, Diabetes Support Group, Lions, Uniting Church Friendship Group,
Wednesday	28	Bowls, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Rotary, Burnett Bird Keepers,
Thursday	29	St Joseph's Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Golf, The classic way to dance, Mainly Music,
Friday	30	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Night Bowls,
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Saturday	1	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club,
Sunday	2	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Catholic Mass, Reserve Forces Day,
Monday	3	SES, QUOTA,
Tuesday	4	Squash, Creative Friendships, Queensland Rural Womens Network Inc,
Wednesday	5	Bowls, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Rotary,
Thursday	6	St Joseph's Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Golf, The classic way to dance, Mainly Music, Nursing Mothers, South Burnett Cake Decorators, Spinners & Weavers,
Friday	7	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Night Bowls, Friday Night Live, Red Cross Grandma's Glory Box,
Saturday	8	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Catholic Mass, Nanango Stamp Club,
Sunday	9	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Murgon Markets,
Monday	10	SES, SB Parkinson Support Group
Tuesday	11	Squash, Cattle Sale, Creative Friendships, Lions, Murgon Show Society Annual Meet,
Wednesday	12	Bowls, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Rotary,
Thursday	13	St Joseph's Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Golf, The classic way to dance, Ambulance meet, MBDA Meet,

Wee Do's At Wondai School

Year one are enjoying working on Wee Do's as part of a lunchtime robotics club. Students build their own robot and program it to follow instructions.

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Photo: [Kyran, Kendyn, Quinn, Libby & Karissa]



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650 were yarded in Murgon on Tuesday with all descriptions selling to firm rates based on the previous sale. There was a noticeable increase in heavier Export cattle with Bullocks & Cows numbering just over 230. Cattle were consigned from Mt Larcom, Eidsvold, Mundubbera, Gayndah, Mt Perry, Nanango, Kingaroy, Kumbia, Kilkivan & local areas.

Heavy Bulls topped at \$2.69 c/kg and \$2150.00. **Export Heifers** also sold strongly topping at \$2.80 c/kg & \$1500.00. The best of the **heavy Cows** sold to \$2.46 c/kg. Cows over 500 kg averaged \$2.34 c/kg. Cows 400 – 500 kg averaged \$2.17 c/kg selling to \$2.36 c/kg. **Lighter Cows** under 400 kg averaged \$1.76 c/kg. **Charbray steers** from "Wigton" Hivesville sold for \$3.39 c/kg returning \$1696.00. Droughtmaster steers from R Glenny Kumbia sold for \$3.35 c/kg to return \$1610.00. Droughtmaster cross steers a/c I. R. Clarke Redgate sold to \$3.32 c/kg for a return of \$1520.00. Local Santa cross steers weighing 400 kg sold for \$1340.00 also at \$3.32 c/kg. 485 kg Santa steers sold to \$1570.00 at \$3.24 c/kg. 380 kg Droughtmaster cross steers from A & L Wilkins Murgon sold for \$1290.00 and \$3.40 c/kg. Droughtmaster steers a/c P Powne Wheatlands sold for \$1250.00 at \$3.40 c/kg. L & T Smith Mt Larcom sold Santa steers weighing 385 kg for \$1248.00 (3.24). **Droughtmaster weaner steers** from Freedom Farming Tansey sold for \$770.00 and \$3.53 c/kg. Charbray weaner steers B & K King Mundubbera sold for \$706.00 at \$3.54 c/kg. Quality Simmental cross weaner steers from Nicolson Family Trust Mundubbera sold for \$877.00. Local **Charbray Heifers** weighing \$430 kg sold for \$1222.00 and \$2.84 c/kg. 316 kg Santa Heifers sold to \$3.20 c/kg returning \$1011.00. K & M Sippel Goomeri sold 272 kg Santa **weaner Heifers** for \$911.00 at \$3.35 c/kg. 250 kg Charbray weaner Heifers from D & G Wolter Moffatdale sold for \$810.00 and \$3.24 c/kg. Light Brahman cross Heifers from Hivesville sold for \$618.00.

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NATIONAL SENIORS

The July coach tour will be to Clifton on Thursday 20th \$60 p/p and the next meeting of Murgon & District Branch of National Seniors will be the Annual General held on Thursday 18th August at the Murgon Bowls Club at 9.30 am, all members are requested to attend.

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

The Big Raffle will be selling in June & July. National Senior members are asked to assist.

For further information contact Paula (President) on (07) 41683114, Trisha Secretary on 41681604

South Burnett Sugar Craft

Well our local shows have finished except for Wondai, thank you to the ladies who entered its always nice to see a good display. Our club has welcomed two new members Rosa and Mary they are eager to learn the art of sugar craft. They have covered a small cake and made flowers to put on top that is a good start. Lyn and I went to Gympie to do a work shop and we had to cover a cake and board and Air brush the cake, it was a Galaxy Cake so there was lots of blue purple and black and added stars to finish it was a lot fun.

We will have a display in the Wondai Art Gallery for the month of September and it will feature wedding cakes special occasion cakes novelty cakes our Galaxy cakes sugar craft and miniature cakes. Lyn and I will be attending the National Seminar in August and there will be top decorators, some from other countries attending and demonstrating. In July there is a demonstration day in Maryborough and some of us will attend and in September we will be off to the QLD. Cake Expo held at Logan Entertainment Centre that is from the 1st. to the 3rd. always a good show.

Audrey and Ivan celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary with Family, Congratulations from everyone. Until next time happy cake decorating.

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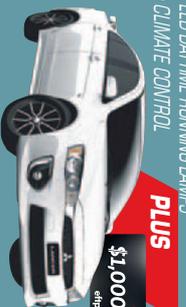
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