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# MURGON MOMENTS

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

## AQUATIC CENTRE FOR MURGON COMMUNITY

VIEW OF ENTRY FROM NORTH

South Burnett Regional Council has listened to the community with construction of the new Aquatic centre for Murgon starting in the New Year.

"Council have been working with the community and as a result of extensive consultation with the major users of the Murgon pool, we will be delivering a facility that will meet the future needs of the community at the same time providing a facility our community can be proud of" Mayor Wayne Kratzmann said.

So what can the community expect from the new aquatic centre? This new facility will offer modern amenities and change rooms including outdoor showers, a specifically designed kiosk to allow clear viewing of all the pools and outdoor areas as well as a dedicated first aid room which affords privacy. It is planned that the main 50m swimming pool will also get a facelift by building the area around the pool to the same level as the pool edging. For this part of the project, Council has applied for a "Get Playing Plus Grant" to assist with the construction cost.

This new facility will significantly increase community participation as it will be clean, safe and environmentally friendly. It is proposed to construct the buildings from modern low maintenance, high durable and environmentally safe materials. New lighting will be primarily LED lights, solar hot water system for hot showers as well as solar security lighting throughout the landscaped areas.

"The aquatic centre is an excellent project for the Murgon community. Improvements to the pool will provide a safe and fun environment for children to learn to swim" said Cr Deb Palmer, Portfolio Councillor for Property/Facilities.

The newly elected Queensland Government has assured Mayor Wayne Kratzmann that the commitment by the previous government will be honoured. Tenders have been called and work should commence shortly so as to be open for the swimming season in October 2015.

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## Letter to the Editor

I should like to say a few words in praise of the Murgon Services Club.

We have been going there over the past 16 years and over the past twelve months it seems to us that a lot of changes have occurred .

Apart from the extremely pleasant surroundings, may we say that the new Manager and his Office Staff are very kind and helpful, the young people who serve the drinks etc., are ALL extremely efficient and happy in their work. They SMILE - in fact EVERYONE SMILES - now isn't THAT nice?

The new Chef and the staff now have a brand new menu which would tempt even the most discerning person, a wide choice and VERY varied menu and it is all beautifully cooked and served.

It is a pleasure to walk through the welcoming doors, knowing that you are going to enjoy yourself - at the same time knowing that the Club does so much for this town of ours.

It is definitely something about which we should all feel proud

Two very Happy Mambers (6984 & 6985)

Editors comment: Love printing these sort of comments about a business in our town and shire. It is true it costs nothing to smile and be happy and the world will smile with you.

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**Catholic Church services**

Tuesday Holy Week 31st March 7pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation St Josephs Murgon

Wednesday Holy Week 1st April 6pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation St John the Baptist Wondai

Holy Thursday 2nd April 7pm Eucharist of the Lord's Supper St Joseph's Murgon

Good Friday 3rd April 9. 15 am Way of the Cross St Josephs Murgon

Good Friday 3rd April 3pm Liturgy of the Passion St Josephs Murgon

Holy Saturday 4th April 8 am Mass of the Resurrection Our Lady of Perpetual Help Proston

Holy Saturday 4th April 7pm Easter Vigil St Josephs Murgon

Easter Sunday 5th April 8 am Mass of the Resurrection St john the Baptist Church Wondai

Easter Sunday 5th April 10.30 am Mass of the Resurrection Sacred Heart Church Durong

**The Uniting Church services**

Good Friday 7am Easter Sunday 9.30 am

**The Anglican Church services**

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Murgon Easter Sunday 9.30 am H.C.

**Murgon Lutheran Parish**

Good Friday: Wondai Lutheran Church 8.00 am, Murgon Lutheran Church 9.30 am

Easter Sunday: Wondai Lutheran Church 8.00 am, Murgon Lutheran Church 9.30 am

**Church of Christ liturgies**

No service Good Friday but will have a 9.30 am service on Easter Sunday.

**Wondai Baptist church**

Good Friday 8 a.m. Wondai and Proston Baptist, Easter Sunday 9:30 a.m.

**Murgon Baptist church**

Easter Sunday 9.30am


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# FINAL CONCERT FOR CANCER FOUNDATION

Our last concert for the Bush Ballad Country Music Spectacular was held at the Wondai Diggers Club, for the 9th year in a row on Saturday the 7th March 2015. All proceeds again were donated to the Queensland Cancer Funds, in particular Charles Wanstall Apex Lodge in Brisbane.

Visiting and recording artists who have performed over the past 8 years were invited back for the night. They came from as far as Mackay, Warwick, Crows Nest, Ellesmere, Gatton, Burpengary, Gympie, Sunshine Coast and Mundubbera along with our local artists who performed on the night.

Artists included: Les Lawson, singer/songwriter. The song, The Road of Life, took him to the finals of the Australian Songwriters Salute section at the Tamworth Country Music Festival.

Jim Brown, renowned Bush Balladeer who has been associated with the Country Music industry for many years, and has received numerous awards.

Mardi Bunting, vocalist/yodeler/instrumentalist, who loves to sing the old style Wilf Carter, Gordon Parsons & Les Wilson songs as well as playing out a good tune on the harmonica.

Tappin Teddy Thompson, singer/songwriter has won numerous awards at country music festivals around Australia, he has been a judge at many festivals. Also known for his humorous comedy songs.

Don Rictchings, vocal/guitarist, Don enjoys playing his bush balladeers songs to many at the nursing homes around the Caboolture area.

Slim Jones singer/song writer, Slim has won sixteen songwriter awards. The Bronze Swagman award for Bush Poetry, award of recognition for his contribution to Country Music and the Gidgee Coal Bush Ballad Award. Pam Clarke, singer/songwriter, Pam has shared the stage with such notaries as Rick Ford, Slim Newton, Reg Poole, Terry Gordon, Barry Thornton & Stan Corster. Pam has also been a finalist at Tamworth TIARA awards & the Stan Corster Memorial Bush Ballad Awards in previous years.

Dorrie Muller, yodeler/vocalist, Dorrie loves to entertain at many of the aged people's homes in the Gympie area. She also has competed at many festivals around Queensland and has won numerous trophies.

Kelvin, Errol and Glen Wiley started their music careers by performing with their parents, Des and Shirley back in the 1970's. ShirleyKehl, vocalist/accordionist is a well known Bush Balladeer performer at local nursing homes and at many festivals and concerts all over Queensland.

The Charles Wanstall Apex Lodge in Brisbane was one of the main beneficiaries of the night. The Lodge provides self contained units and accommodation for country patients who have to attend the city for cancer treatment. It is a "Home Away from Home" situation and it was because of the excellent care provided and the much needed funds required to maintain that care, that the concert was organised to assist this very needy cause.

Kelvin, Errol and Glen Wiley and Shirley Kehl you are to be congratulated on organizing this fund raizing event (Bush Ballad Country Music Spectacular) for the last 9 years. To have attracted the many artists named above is a credit to you all.


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## HAPPENINGS IN THE REGION

It has been an amazing few weeks in the Callide Electorate. First an earthquake in the North Burnett region, followed by flooding in the northern end of the electorate caused by Cyclone Marcia.

Luckily the tremor did not cause any major damage, just jolted people from a deep slumber. However a number of landholders and homeowners have not been that lucky in regards to Cyclone Marcia. It is heartbreaking to see the devastation caused by Marcia. Houses and businesses have been inundated, crops ruined and fences swept away. It will be some time before the people of Callide and the North Burnett will be back on their feet.

The South Burnett has thankfully been spared these events and has received some much needed rain. The country here is certainly looking a lot better, hopefully there will be some follow up rains to keep the grass green and crops growing.

As the Show season is about to start in the South Burnett I shall be at each of the Shows as part of my regular mobile office and look forward to catching up with everyone during my travels.

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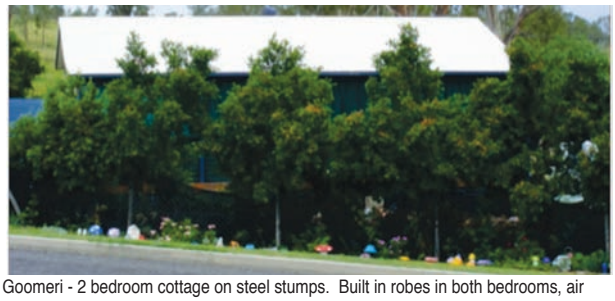

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# FOOTY CHAMPION MAKES PLEA TO CHILDREN

Cherbourg Hornets' rugby league player Dennis Sandow said education should always come before footy.

The champion fullback believes going to school every day is a must for those wanting get the best out of life or make it in the professional game.

The Murgon State High School graduate of 2001 grew up with younger brother, Parramatta (nine-a-side) captain Chris Sandow, and was great mates with former Australian test centre Willie Tonga.

Dennis and Willie were Cherbourg Hornets teammates as kids and would go for extra training runs of an afternoon. "We had to go to school of a morning," Dennis, 30, said. But he's glad his parents, Rhonda and Stevie, made him. "You don't have to be smart to go to school but it's always good to go to school," he said, before adding NRL clubs now expected their recruits to have gone to school every day and have decent grades. "They need their players to have the discipline of turning up every day and listening," Dennis said. "That's what they're looking for now."

Dennis trialled with the Parramatta club shortly after graduating from Year 12 and was sent to its feeder club, the Central Queensland Comets in Rockhampton.

**Life after rugby league**

After a year, the now father of two sons and a girl aged 10, 8 and 2, began to run out of money.

"I couldn't get a job," he said. So Dennis returned to Cherbourg and was a tiler for 10 years before the occupational hazards of sore knees and back began to tell. Four months ago he became an apprentice cabinet maker with Cherbourg Joinery. "I like it," he said. "We're always doing something different"

But he admits he had a bad week when PaCE Matters spoke to him.

"I stuffed up so many times," Dennis said with a wry smile before adding the best way to learn was from mistakes. He now urges young people not to be discouraged if they blunder, or fail to achieve their dreams.

"Young kids today seem scared to make mistakes but it's okay to make mistakes," Dennis said.

"You learn from them."

He encourages young people to chase their dreams and not be disheartened if they don't achieve them.

Dennis said education was important because it enabled people to get on in life for as long as they lived.

"Footy's not always going to be there," Dennis said. "You could get a career ending injury or get old.

"That's why education's important. "If you don't have an education life becomes hard."

***Photo: Going to school every day has allowed Dennis Sandow to have a great life even though he never achieved his dream of representing Australia in rugby league. He's pictured working at the Cherbourg Joinery; a job he enjoys.***

# SOUTH BURNETT PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

We had a lovely morning on the 23rd February when we had our first get together for the year for the Murgon area. We met at Southern Cross Care – Castra Murgon. We did not have a guest speaker this time – instead we sat around the table, sharing morning tea (which was delicious) and discussed different aspects of Parkinson's. This is what a 'Support Group' is all about. We are all the same – we either have Parkinson's or you are a Carer. Perhaps you may know of someone with Parkinson's that you are interested in learning about it. Whatever the reason for your attendance at either Murgon or Kingaroy, we would love to meet you.

The Murgon Support Group of Parkinson's Queensland Inc. meets on the 4th Monday of every second month. This means that the next get together at **Murgon** will be held on **MONDAY 27TH APRIL** - Don't forget to write it in your diary now so you won't forget it.

The Support Group also meets once a month at Kingaroy. We meet at the Orana Lutheran Complex (Administration Centre) 24 MacDiarmid Street, Kingaroy. The morning commences at 10am and goes through until 12 noon. A very yummy morning tea is shared by everyone, along with the chatter that goes with a cuppa, which is good to hear as it means that the members are having a happy and informative morning out. The next get together of the **Kingaroy** Support Group of Parkinson's Queensland will be held on **MONDAY 9TH MARCH** (we meet usually on the 2nd Monday of every month if possible). Why not make a note of this date in your diary or mark it on the calendar (that is what I do) and then you can't forget it. If you can attend either one or both lots of meetings (get togethers) you will be made welcome – we hope you can come along, as we would love to meet you. For further enquiries, please phone the Co-ordinator of the Support Group, Maree, on (07) 4163 6010.

***LYN KOY***

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY 17th March

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South Burnett Regional Council has commenced the installation of a twin cell Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert at the exiting concrete invert on Campbells Rd, Mondure on Monday 2nd March 2015.

Portfolio Councillor, Damien Tessmann, explained that "the project will include part excavation of the existing invert and the installation of the reinforced concrete box culverts, aprons and cut off walls. Additionally the project will involve backfill and the reinstatement of the concrete invert. It's expected the work will take approximately three (3) weeks."

During construction a side-track will be provided and roadwork signage in place. At times access through the worksite may be restricted in the event of flooding or heavy rain. For local residents with concerns during construction please contact the onsite supervisor.

"We ask that people drive responsibly on our roads, and thank the community in advance for their patience." Cr Tessmann said.

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## MURGON RSL LADIES AUXILARY BUS TRIP

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# THE BOYS FROM BARAMBAH/CHERBOURG
# ANZACS ON DISPLAY

This year's ANZAC week will see two unique and exciting events in the celebration and commemoration of the role of Black Diggers from one small Queensland community.

Tuesday 21st April will see the launch of a display of the involvement of the Cherbourg Aboriginal Settlement in the 1914-1918 World War. In those days Cherbourg was known as "Barambah". Forty seven (47) men from the area signed-up to fight for the British Empire in far-away fields and deserts.

**The Boys from Barambah** is the name given to an exhibition, a book, a website, a film and a suite of educational resources on display at the

Ration Shed Museum in Cherbourg. The launch will be attended by exsoldiers and community Elders who will come together to remember

those who served and to pass on the spirit of ANZACs to the younger generations of Indigenous and non-Indigenous children. Many other dignitaries, politicians, local RSL representatives, organisations and schools will witness the launch of the displays.

As Eric Law, chair of the Ration Shed's Anzac committee said, "with **The Boys from Barambah** we've tried to capture the stories of our young Aboriginal men leaving their homes for the first time, going

abroad to foreign lands to fight a war for the British Empire and the Australian nation – some of whom making the ultimate sacrifice – and then returning to their difficult lives under the Aboriginal Protection Act."

**The Boys from Barambah** contains many stories which are both interesting and unsettling. One such story is of a group of young men who enlisted only to find they were part of a publicity scheme to shame white men into joining the service in Brisbane. They were sent back to Barambah after a few weeks and then delisted on the grounds that they were not sufficiently "associated with white people".

On Saturday 25th an ANZAC Day ceremony will be held in the early morning in Cherbourg. This event will see two significant moments: the re-naming of the Memorial Park as the **Boys from Barambah ANZAC Park** and the unveiling of a new honour board which acknowledges for the first time all the men who enlisted from the Barambah region. A significant attendance is expected from local Cherbourg and South Burnett people.

***Photo: First World war Soldier Arthur Murdoch.***

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Proston Rhyme Time will be a free monthly event. Proston Best Start Baby Bounce (for babies 0-24 months) will commence 24th March 2015.Telephone Proston Library 41689103 for more information."

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## FORBIDDEN FROM EATING MEAT ON A FRIDAY!

Each Friday night after work, Ole would fire up his barbeque on the shore of Arthurs Lake and cook a venison steak. All of Ole's neighbours were Catholic... and since it was Lent, they were forbidden from eating meat on a Friday.

The delicious aroma from the grilled venison steaks wafted over the neighbourhood and was causing such a problem for the Catholic faithful that they finally talked to their priest.

The Priest came to visit Ole, and suggested that he become a Catholic. After several classes and much study, Ole attended Mass... and as the priest sprinkled holy water over him, he said, "You were born a Lutheran and raised a Lutheran but now you are a Catholic"

Ole's neighbours were relieved, until Friday night arrived and the wonderful aroma of grilled venison filled the neighbourhood.

The Priest was called immediately by the neighbours and he rushed over to Ole's place clutching a rosary and prepared to scold him, he stopped and watched in amazement.

There stood Ole, clutching a small bottle of holy water which he carefully sprinkled over the grilling meat and chanted: "You was born a deer, you was raised a deer, but now you is a rainbow trout."

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## **South Burnett Events Inc.** Organizing South Burnett Wine and Food in the Park

**Fancy some stars with that dinner? Dinner under the stars is on again in 2015 in Memorial Park**

Aficionados of al fresco dining will have another opportunity to dine under velvet skies on the Friday night before the South Burnett's iconic Wine and Food in the Park festival on Saturday 14th March.

The 'Dinner Under The Stars' event, held for the first time last year in perfect weather, attracted around 130 diners who enjoyed locally prepared food, drank local wine and listened to some beautiful entertainment.

"It was everything a lovely dinner should be, except held outside," said Darren Schmidt from South Burnett Events Inc, organisers of Wine and Food in the Park.

"The idea last year was to trial an idea for people to come together and share all the good bits from the Saturday festival - the food, wine, entertainment and good company – and do that in a more formal setting," he said.

"It went off beautifully well and the committee was overwhelmed by the positive feedback. It was a very easy thing to decide to hold the event again."

Tickets are this year available on line at www.trybooking.com/123548 and are $80 per ticket which covers meals from the inimitable Jimmy Stephen, along with entertainment. Wine and craft beer are available for sale on the night.

Tickets are limited to 100 this year, so intending diners are encouraged to secure tickets as soon as possible. Contact Paula Greenwood , Secretary Ph 07 4162 2918

Then next day Wine and Food in the Park is on. It is the second weekend in March (the 14th) and the committee has been busy adding final touches to the festival to give patrons a memorable experience.

"We've got lots of big band entertainment this year, some cool blues, and this year we'll be finishing the evening in the beer tent with some pumping acoustic artists so that'll be a heap of fun," Darren said.

"And, as always, we'll have some quirky characters sneaking amongst the crowds and bringing the best of Queensland's street theatre right here to the South Burnett.

"If you haven't been to the festival for a couple of years, make plans to re-connect with some friends in the autumn sunshine." Sample Award Winning Wines from all of the South Burnett Wineries,

Festival runs noon-8pm March 14. No BYO. $15/adult, kids free.

## THE SOUTH BURNETT NOW EASIER TO FIND?

There is still one sign on the Goomeri Murgon road with its highway number A3. The rest of the signs say highway 49.

A3 is past Barambah station which is parallel to the Murgon Goomeri road but with a different final destination. Please get it right and put the signs where they should be.

# THE FALL OF SINGAPORE
## 15th February 1942

At daybreak on the 14th of February brought no relief for the defenders and civilians of Singapore. The thrusts by the Japanese 5th Division and the Guards Division had taken them within a few hundred yards of the Woodleigh Pumping station which was vital to the Singapore water supply. There was stout resistance against the attack by the Indian 11th Division and heavy losses occurred on both sides but by 4pm the Japanese had penetrated the defence while Japanese naval units had entered the Naval Base which they found deserted and undefended.

At this stage the brigade holding the left flank of the Australians, the 1st Malay Brigade fell back exposing the 8th Division which was also short of artillery ammunition, to being bypassed.

By that stage the Australian commander General Bennett had informed the Australian government that it was better to surrender than go on fighting rather than sacrificing more lives.

The situation in Singapore was that, according to the Governor, there were a million people within a three mile radius and the water supply was very badly damaged and unlikely to last more than twenty four hours. Dead were lying in the street and burial was impossible. The Governor had brought the matter to the notice of the General Officer Commanding General Percival.

The British Prime Minister Mr Churchill decided that it was certain all was lost at Singapore and cabled General Wavell the commander of the American, British, Dutch, Australia Area that he be the sole judge of the moment when no further result was to be gained at Singapore. He was to instruct the GOC Percival accordingly.

By the following morning 15th of February, only a few days of military rations remained, there was hardly any petrol, there was a serious shortage of gun ammunition quite apart from the failure of the water supply, which meant there were two choices either a counter attack to regain control of the reservoirs and military food depots or to surrender.

The area commanders agreed that a counter attack was out of the question and that being so Percival decided that he would seek a cessation of hostilities at 4pm that day. Orders were issued to destroy all secret and technical equipment personal weapons excepted. Percival notified Wavell of his decision.

The magnitude of the disaster wasn't easily grasped by the battle-weary. Would they ever see their homes again? They were powerless now to defend their own soil and that was perhaps their bitterest thought.

In the course of the seventy day campaign the Japanese had advanced 650 miles and engaged the Australians over 150 of those. Total casualties among the defenders amounted to 138,708 of whom more than 130,000 were prisoners. Australian figures of 18,490 include 1,789 killed and 1,306 wounded. The Japanese suffered 9,824 casualties during the period.

One Wondai man was killed in action and another eight died during their Japanese captivity and are buried in cemeteries on the Burma-Siam railway, in Japan, Singapore and on Ambon.

Lately during research of the military burials in Wondai Cemetery and elsewhere a further reminder of the surrender revealed another two men who survived their captivity to come home.

Losses in the Malaya Campaign were extreme. An example was the 2nd/19th Battalion. It went into battle at the Muar River on the 18th of January and suffered 215 killed or died of wounds and 321 wounded. Back in Singapore it received no fewer than 650 reinforcements and then in the subsequent fighting on the Island sustained a further 223 were killed or died of wounds and 374 wounded. In the years in captivity a further 295 died. In all 738 members of the 2nd/19th were lost, the highest fatal casualties for one unit of the Australian armed forces during the Second World War.

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# BOONDOOMA DAM YELLOWBELLY FISHING COMPETITION – RESULTS

There was a great turnout for the twenty fifth Boondooma Dam Yellowbelly Fishing Competition that was held on 7th and 8th February 2014. A total of 649 competitors including 123 juniors weighed in 287 fish. Another 135 Australian Bass and Golden Perch were caught and released in the catch and release section.

Fishing conditions were perfect and anglers weighed in some quality fish. The biggest Yellowbelly of the event was weighed in at 2.890kg.

The water level in the lake was at 71% which together with the good weather conditions set the scene for a great weekend of camping, fishing and family activities.

Hanwood Fish Hatchery champion junior anglers were Scott Johnson of Proston who weighed-in a 2.890kg Yellowbelly and Stuart Kruatz of Darling heights Toowoomba who weighed in a 1.390kg Australian Bass.

Adult angle Darryl Rutch of Mooloolabar  took out the heaviest Yellowbelly with a fish for the event at 2.755kg. Darryl won a trophy and prize money with a value of $300 that was sponsored by Corey and Nikki of the Lake Boondooma Kiosk.

Adult angler Dan Bauer of Pittsworth Cliamed the title of heaviest Jew two years in a row weighing in at 1.450kg. Dan won a trophy for the heaviest adult Jew of the weekend.

The 3.6m blue fin boat was won by Ken Osbourne. Proudly sponsored by Lake Boondooma kiosk and Boondooma Dam Fish Stocking and Management Association.

The Boondooma Dam Fish Stocking and Management Association Inc would like to thank our generous sponsors and committed anglers who continue to make this event an outstanding success.

For more information please contact Terry Allwood on 0400 860122.

Above Photo's courtesy South Burnett Online.

At the Proston Boondooma Dam Fishing Comp adult angler Bradley Cecil of Proston took out the 'Wondai Accounting and Tax Services' heaviest Australian Bass at 1.185kg.

Bradley won a trophy and prize money with a value of $250 that was sponsored by Neil and Elizabeth Smith of Wondai Accounting and Tax Services.

In the new catch and release section for Australian Bass and Yellowbelly, Stefan Pasco netted the trophy and $230 for the biggest Native overall measuring 520mm.

Mark Bleys of Proston took home a trophy and $100 prize money for best bag overall. This section of the competition was well supported and sponsored by Bass to Barra and Greg Mitchell Plumbing.

**But there was nothing Fishy about this group of Proston Lions working at the bar at the Boondooma Dam Fishing Comp.**

# Wondai Regional Art Gallery

## March 2015 Exhibition

to be held in the Wondai Memorial Town Hall

**'Under The Bed Sale'**

This is a very special two months that only happens every three or four years. This provides an opportunity for any artist who has work that has not been sold to join our 'under the bed sale' at no expense to themselves (no entry fee and no commission will be charged). There is no restriction on the amount of art, however it must be original art by the artist themselves. This will cover all aspects of art including ceramics, 2D & 3D work and photography.

"Under The Bed Sale" will remain in the Town Hall throughout the month of March.

Please note that photography will be exhibited during the month of March only.

This is a great opportunity for the public to pick up some bargains.

**'Kurrawinya Images'** by Penny Kittel

A Collection of photographs by Penny Kittel that showcase rural Australia as seen through the eyes of a day-dreaming country girl.

With a subject range spanning from barb wire to horses and locations from Queensland to South Australia, it has been a task to select but a sample of works to showcase the wonderful sights of rural living.

This exhibition will remain in the Town Hall for the month of February only.

**The month of April** will see the Wondai Regional Art Gallery hosting two exhibitions to be held at the Wondai Memorial Town Hall.

**"2015 Wondai Garden Expo Art Competition"**

Theme: Gardens of the South Burnett (Any Medium)

Prizes: $200 (First Prize), $150 (Second Prize), $100 (Third Prize)

A $50 prize will also be awarded to the work voted "People's Choice" on Opening Night.

**"Ten Years From Here To There"**

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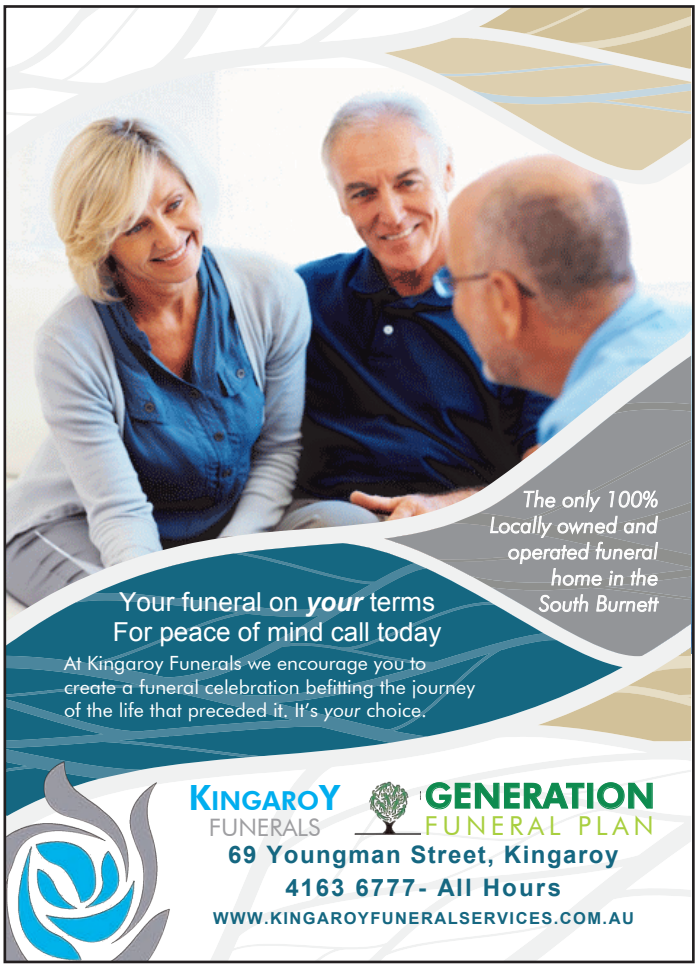


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# ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, MURGON

The Parish Primary School was established in 1937 and administrated and staffed by the Presentation Sisters. The Sisters lived in the new Convent building which was constructed by the Parish after it was officially opened on 10 January 1937, in time for the commencement of the 1937 school year. The Presentation Sisters maintained an uninterrupted presence in the Parish of Murgon up until 2014.

It was in 1987 that lay administration of St. Joseph's Primary School began, ending 50 consecutive years of Presentation Sisters of day-to-day administration of the School.

The beginning of 1987 saw the coming of the Marist Brothers to the School community.

The School was expanded progressively as the Parish could afford with building additions being blessed and opened by Monsignor Vince Cleary (21/10/1962) and Father Harry Bliss, North Country Dean (7/7/1996).

Today it is a pleasant place of learning with its concrete pathways and seating that transverse through beautiful landscaped gardens and the class rooms in Queensland style appearance with modern colours that welcome you to this school. The sports grounds are meticulously cared for and the whole school is a credit to everyone, past and present, especially its principals, teachers, students and fund raising organizations. Well done St Joseph's Murgon. Photo black and white illustration purposes only.

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER

Firstly I would like to say thank you to Gloria Jean's Coffee Kingaroy, the South Burnett Regional Council, Wondai Art Gallery, St. Josephs Murgon, and to everyone who donated food items, children's gifts and vouchers for our Christmas appeal. I would also like to say thank you to Akwa Worx Pty Ltd from Caboolture for their generous donation. These gifts, food items and donations enabled us to provide Christmas food hampers for forty five families and to provide gifts for sixty three children so they could celebrate Christmas.

I would also like to take this opportunity to ask again for help from the community for Willow Williams and her Family. To those of you who have already donated to our Williams Family appeal thank you so much. The donations we have received so far have been used to put two tyres on the car so it is safe to drive backward and forward to Brisbane, and one month's pharmacy account for Willow's medication, and one week's rent.

Murgon Lions have purchased and donated a special car seat for Willow so she can be transported safely without straps rubbing on her stomach peg which is used to feed her and Murgon RSL Sub-Branch have generously donated $1,500 to the fund toward outgoing expenses, travel and living costs for the family.

It has been a difficult start to the year for the family with Tyanah and Willow at the hospital in Brisbane and Tim at home with Kirra and Indie. Tim is trying to keep things as normal as possible for his older girls whilst waiting for news on his baby. Tyanah is trying to cope alone at the hospital in Brisbane and is missing her family. The emotional strain this family is experiencing whilst waiting to find out if their baby is going to be okay after each procedure or operation is intense.

The expenses keep building with the family trying to live between Brisbane and Murgon so the older children have a stable home routine and Kirra can attend school. This young family is undergoing huge financial difficulties and this is going to continue for some time as Willow is about to undergo another surgery to have a Ileostomy bag fitted in late March early April which is a major operation for a little one year old with more operations to follow.

Donations can be made directly into the account as follows:

Commonwealth Bank, BSB 064-423, Account Number 10011854 or in person at Graham House Community Centre. A Tax Deductible receipt will be issued for any donation over $2.00.

Linda O'Hare
Manager

## Murgon Hospital Auxiliary Xmas Raffle results:

1st. Prize - Iced Xmas Cake - H Frahm - ticket 26F
2nd. Prize - Printed handsaw - J Cavanagh - ticket 33B
3rd. Prize - Hamper - Joy Rockemer - ticket 50D
4th. Prize - Iced Xmas Cake - Fay Holding - ticket 48D
5th. Prize - Cars - Ruth Mason - ticket 84B
6th. Prize - Doll - J Ferguson - ticket 79E

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# THE ANZAC WEEKEND AT LAKE BARAMBAH 'FLY IN-SPLASH IN 2015'

Pilots who fly a wide range of aircraft enjoy flying into events such as our ANZAC Weekend Fly In which is held on the shores of Lake Barambah. After nearly 2 years of launching our iconic monthly Fly in Breakfast at Angelfield, which is held on the second Saturday of the month, Angelfield has become the flying hub of the South Burnett and has put Murgon on the map for aviators from all walks of life who gather together to share their passion of flying. Murgon is ideally located, being under an hour of flying from most coastal airfields, and it brings regular visitors from Archerfield, Caboolture, Bundaberg and as far as Rockhampton and all points in between. Also club members own10 private airfields in the district. A member suggested over 12 months ago that he owned a property adjacent to the BP Dam that had an airfield on it and if members were interested in holding a weekend fly in at his farm in the near future he was happy to chip in and help, and help in a big way he did. A decision was promptly made as the warmer weather was quickly subsiding and the ANZAC Weekend was agreeable for all parties. In just a couple of months we spread the word around throughout the flying community and the Burnett Flyers set about building a mobile kitchen, which is no easy task to say the least. Many of the Burnett Flyers were happy to donate time to make this event happen, many camped out and put a big effort into organizing and staging this very popular event. . BP Reliance in Wondai was happy to support the club with this event and members flew up from Caboolture to help set up.

This year we will again have the tasty camp oven dinner and popular quiz night with our Flying Instructor Bill Grieve. There will be trial introductory flights for any persons interested in taking up recreational flying. There will be sail boats, dinghies and kayaks available over the weekend for flying visitors.

The flying boats will be a big attraction this year with the Sea Plane Pilots Association participating in large numbers splashing down on Lake Barambah which is one of the few lakes in South East Queensland that Flying Boats are allowed to operate on. We have had many enquiries about this popular fly in and is advertised in the nationally circulated Sport Pilot Magazine so the skies over the South Burnett will be abuzz. On ANZAC day itself there will be a NOTAM in place later in the morning as Air Force jets fly over various towns in the South Burnett and we suggest all pilots make a note of this. If you are an aviation enthusiast this is an event not to miss.

The Burnett Flyers who operate from Angelfield situated west of Murgon brings up to one hundred visitors a month into the airport, some for the weekend. The club has marked the airfield with CASA standard markers and extended the airfield to make it easier for visitors to land and providing a community airfield for emergencies. We promote the airfield to the medical community with one specialist flying into the airfield from his home base at the

University of New England Medical School at Armidale in NSW giving the community much needed resources. The club has installed a BOM quality Weather Station which will soon be giving flyers and local residents current weather conditions on the internet. The Weather Station was funded by donations from flyers for the community. Burnett Flyers is affiliated with Recreational Aviation Australia who register recreational aircraft, flying schools and pilots and the club continues to grow promoting aviation in the Burnett.

Contact Ralph or Deb on 41686248 for more details on the ANZAC weekend fly in, or look up the Burnett Flyers website- www.burnettflyers.org

***Photo: Aerial view of the camp at the "2014 BP Fly In" and one of our recent "Fly Ins" at Angelfield, Murgon.***

On the 11th February 2015, twenty two members of the ever growing Proston Joy Tribe, wearing their Gratitude Glasses, filled the SBRC Proston Library with much laughter, magic wanding, and buckets of Sparkly Bits as they participated with Amanda Gore as she danced along the Steps to Joy ... delivered as always with great humour and clear understanding of the human psyche ... and concluded with a resounding rendition of Amanda's hall mark song, " Always look on the bright side of life".

Funding for the wands were sourced by Mrs Leslie Dennien from her organization, Partners in Recovery; and Amanda provided gratis, extra gratitude glasses and ears ... the generosity of Partners in Recovery and Amanda Gore, added yet another fantastic dimension to what is always a wonderful morning ... everyone's hearts were completely uplifted by this lovely event.

The next "Amanda Gore revisited" will take place in the middle of the year, as it was overwhelmingly decided that too much Amanda is never enough."

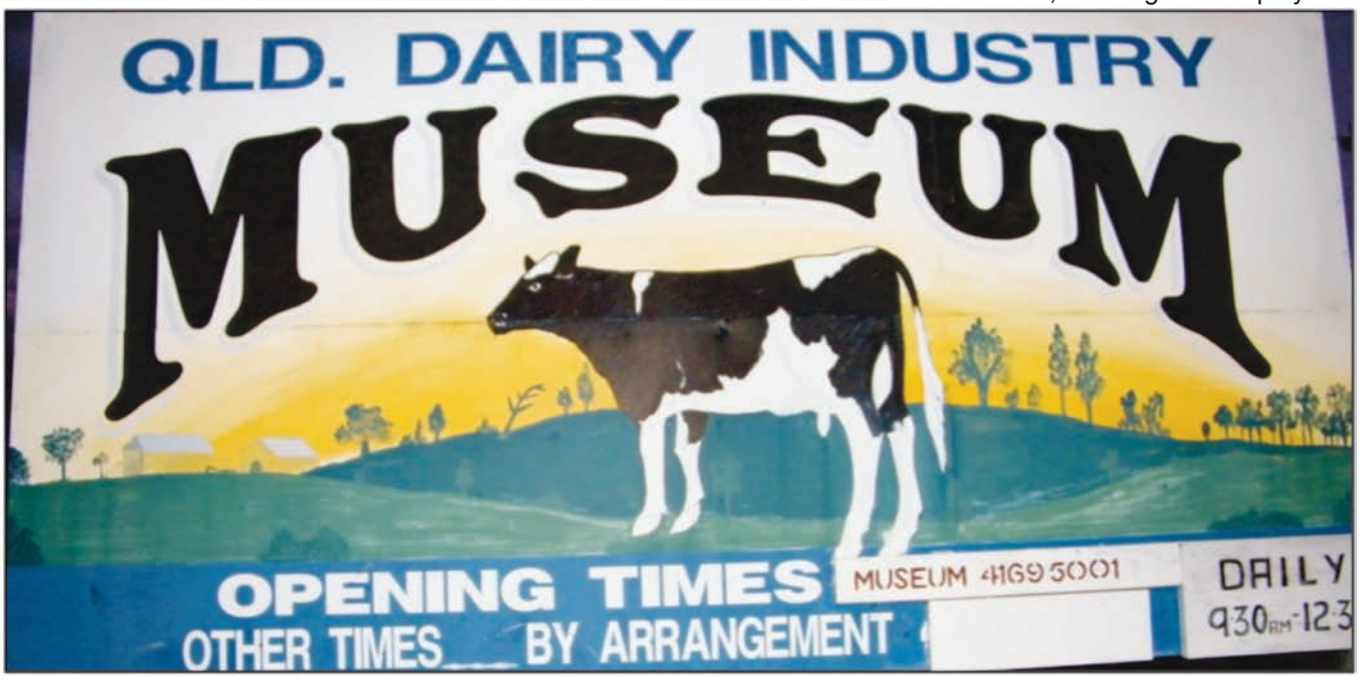
# THE 'OPENING' ADDRESS FOR THE MUSEUM IN 1988

The Queensland Dairy and Heritage Museum was officially opened in 1988 with the name 'The Queensland Dairying Museum.' This meant that only items pertaining to the Dairy Industry were on display. Several years ago, a decision was made to include Heritage into the title and that is what it is known as today – 'The Queensland Dairy and Heritage Museum.' Because of this, we were able to display lots more items to view when you visit.

Excerpts from the opening speech –

Welcome! As you wander through the former New South Wales Bank building (c.1920) you will learn about milk, butter, cheese, home deliveries, separators, and general dairying, plus much more.

It is the aim of the committee to continually expand and enhance the Museum, creating new displays




regularly. Therefore, more equipment is needed. The list is long. Items from the turn of the century to the present day are desired so the Museum can truly depict the development of the industry.

About face and say 'cheese.' This brief look at the manufacturing side gives us a glimpse of the tremendous amount of work involved in cheese making. The largest mould weighed 45kg or 100 pounds when full. Imagine moving them around. Notice the curd fork which has been redesigned and the handmade cheese rack.

Wanted list – Household items – cans, dairying packaging, coolers, butter pats.

Literature – old magazines and advertisements.; cream and milk cans; hand crafted or modified items – e.g. cheese box, magazine rack or kerosene tin wash up tray; cow bell; any item connected with dairying. It is so interesting to read about things that have happened in the past.

A copy of the Opening Address was given to me recently, along with other memorabilia relating to the Murgon area and it makes great reading as it takes you back over the years.

Moving forward to the present day in the year of 2015, there are a lot of different displays, both inside and outside, items of farm machinery of yesteryear, chapel (where people are able to get married in), Murgon's first

house, the original Trinity Homestead which was brought in from out in the country where it had been for years and put back together and now has lots of different displays featuring items from 'yesteryear.' The Museum also has quite a few cows, (including a calf), a rocking horse at Castra, a dog and some pigs. These animals are great to have because they require no looking after by us and the best thing is that they make no noise whatsoever.

Why not come and see for yourself just how much the Museum has gone ahead from 1988 to the present – I am sure you will be amazed. The Museum is open 7 days a week from 9,30am to 12.30pm. with an entry fee of $5 adults, $3 students and free for a child Please phone the Museum on 41 695001 if we can help you at all. Make sure you leave a message if after hours and one of our friendly volunteers will phone you back as soon as they can.

***LYN KOY***

**Proston Show President Helen Young (centre) supported by members of the official party at the opening of the 2015 Proston Show**

**Pint size but could he crack a whip**

**These youngsters put on an outstanding performance of whip cracking at the 2015 Proston Show. Their solo efforts and their team performance was one of my highlights of the Proston show.**

## ROTARY CLUB OF MURGON, 2015 BARAMBAH BUSH BASH, 1ST-4TH MAY

Come and join us on the 2015 Barambah Bush Bash to discover the joys of travelling in the company of like minded people. See places you have never seen before. Share meals and camaraderie with people living in the chosen part of Queensland that this journey will take us.

The Rotary Club of Murgon's Barambah Bush Bash is a fundraising initiative to assist local organisations within our community and to provide fundraising support to the areas we visit along the track. The Bash is all about new friends, faces and places and most of all it's about having good fun.

This year's Bash is to discover what lies behind the land of Lattes, Harleys and Bubble cars in the hinterland of the Sunshine Coast. The first weekend in May from Friday 1st to Monday 4th inclusive has been set aside for this journey of discovery.

Anybody with a 4WD will enjoy this 4-day tag along tour which this year incorporates scenic tracks, mountain views and local attractions.

**Other things you might like to know:**

• This 4WD trek requires you to use your own 4WD or hire one

• Camping gear or swag however accommodation may be able to be organized for those not able to camp

• CB radio is recommended

• The Rotary Club of Murgon provides wall to wall ground and starry starry nights

For further information or to return your expression of interest contact Mark Quinn:
Phone 07 41684640, Email quinnmkba@bigpond.com
Post: Mark Quinn, The Rotary Club of Murgon, Barambah Bush Bash, 875 Crownthorpe Rd, MURGON Q 4605

All meals on the Bash, car entry, and camping fees are included for just $400 per adult and kids thrown in at a reduced rate. Bring your own smoko and end of day Happy Hour refreshments.

Getting down to business at the first meeting of the committee for the 2015 Reconcilliation Fun Run.

## Shotokan Karate in Murgon (USKU Aust)

The Murgon USKU Dojo is back in full swing and we always welcome new students from ages 5 to 95. Karate is a fun, family friendly sport with a focus on self improvement, fitness, strength and self defence. USKU provides opportunities for competition at the local, state and national levels as well as a regular overseas exchange program to Japan. Last year, Murgon students travelled to Sydney and successfully competed to bring home many National Titles.

Don't be shy. Come and join the other kids and adults who have taken their first step this year on

Monday and Wednesday 6-7pm at Murgon Lutheran Church, Thorn St. Murgon

First Lesson Free, Contact- Andrew Zerner mob: 0409 877 355 or Katie Zerner mob: 0409 824 010

## NEXT GENERATION BANKNOTES

The Reserve Bank announced that the next generation of banknotes will include a tactile feature to assist the vision impaired community to denominate their banknotes. The tactile feature will be in addition to the existing features present on our current series – bright colours, large and bold numerals and size differentials. The Bank will also continue to fund the production of the CashTest Device.

This decision is the culmination of extensive research by the Bank into whether an effective and durable tactile marking could be included on Australian banknotes. This included consultation with the vision impaired community, other stakeholders and overseas central banks.

The testing and trialing process for the next generation of banknotes is ongoing and designs have not yet been finalised. Details about the new designs, the release dates and how they will be issued will be released in a timely way, so that the public can be confident they understand how to recognise and use the new banknotes.

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## DATE CLAIMER

Its' on again!! Due to the success of the inaugural Reconciliation Fun Run held earlier this year, the Cherbourg Ration Shed and Community are hosting the next Reconciliation Fun Run on Sunday 17th May, 2015.

# CAMP OVEN COMEDY AT MONOGORILBY HALL

On Saturday, April 18, 2015, a Privately organized Public Fundraiser for RACQ CareFlight will be held at Monogorilby Hall – a "Camp Oven Comedy" evening with a country focus. During the afternoon, there will be "open mike" entertainment, stalls and hopefully demonstrations for the young & the young at heart. Walk up's include Graham Parfitt, Antonia & Clowry Kennel & more. There's room for you too. We welcome anyone wanting to have ä" Go".

This event is just prior to the Boondooma Homestead Festival (1 hour down the road).
$ 2.00 sausage sizzle served from noon to 1.00pm.Licensed Bar . (**NO B.Y.O. PLEASE)**

**FEATURE ARTIST – (following dinner)**

**Bill**

The food is superb and the entertainment equal to anything costing an "arm and a leg" in the city.

This year, in the picturesque village, following the main meal, served about 6.00pm, We will be entertained by Bush Poet extraordinaire – **Bill Kearns-**

***"After years of many jobs & a lifetime lover of traditional poetry, Bill discovered a talent for writing comic verse & an ability to see the weird & warped in seemingly normal everyday life. He has performed at the Gympie Muster, Tamworth Country Music Festival plus many more.***

To delight your palate, the main meal is Pig on the Spit with *vegies (beef also served).* Dessert is a selection of delicious "***Homemade Goodies***" for which a donation is appreciated.
There is plenty of room for camping so why not bring your tent/van, ute.etc and enjoy a night in the bush, the hall will be open for big or *small snoozers*, just bring your swag.
Cooked breakfast available from 7am on Sunday @ $10.00 each. Poet's Breakfast – we welcome "walk-up" bush poets for our Poet's breakfast..

**RACQ CareFlight helps innumerable people every year so come along to support this worthy Cause!**

For those unsure about the directions to Monogorilby, it's a little rural area in the North Burnett Regional Shire, signs will direct from the turn off on the highway. Please remember to bring ***warm clothes just in case***.

**As this is a catered event, it is vitally important *to book & pay* for tickets by 12.04.15. DON'T MISS OUT!!! So please contact us on 07 4165 8121 or email : sher-mb157@bigpond.com**
PRICES are as follows (**for meal & entertainment):** 16 yrs Plus $35, 6 to 15yrs $15
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Flood water at Redgate in March 2015 that flowed beneath the Bjelke Petersen Dam area

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## *JOKE FOR THE MONTH*

As a female shopper exited a Dublin convenience store, Paddy grabbed her purse and ran.

The clerk called 911 immediately, and the woman was able to give them a detailed description of the snatcher.

Within minutes, the police apprehended the snatcher. They put him in the car and drove back to the store.

Paddy was then taken out of the car and told to stand there for a positive ID. To which he replied, “Yes, officer, that’s her. That’s the lady I stole the purse from.”

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## Murgon Market Report - Feeder Steers to $2.58 c/kg

Numbers were back to 800 on Tuesday 3rd March when Agents conducted the sale that should have been held the previous week but was postponed because of Cyclone Marcia. Both Teys Brothers and JBS suffered damage to their plants in Rockhampton during the Cyclone and no kills will be taking place in either of those abattoirs for some time. This automatically adds pressure by way of numbers onto their other plants and creates a backlog of cattle which in turn affects our markets.

Cattle were drawn from Coringa, Mundubbera, Gayndah, Durong, Nanango, Kingaroy & locally. 4 & 6 tooth Murray Grey Heifers from Tansey sold for $993.00 at $1.88 c/kg. 385 kg 4 tooth Brangus Heifers from Murgon sold for $2.00 c/kg to return $770.00. Brahman steers a/c A Webster Gayndah sold for $1313.00 at $2.10 c/kg and 625 kg. Local full mouthed Brahman steers sold for $873.00 at $1.80 c/kg. Heavy Bulls topped at $1.92 c/kg for a return of $1835.00.

The market for all descriptions of Cows was easier as well. Brangus Cows from the Day family Chelmsford sold to $1.81 c/kg returning $984.00. Droughtmaster Cows from Coalstoun Lakes sold for $1060.00 at $1.81 c/kg. 485 kg Brahman cross Cows from Manumbar sold for $1.90 c/kg to return $921.00. S Oppermann Binjour sold 470 kg Brahman cross Cows for $842.00 at $1.79 c/kg. Cows in the 400 – 500 kg range averaged $1.70 c/kg topping at $1.90. Cows up to 400 kg topped at $1.65 c/kg.

A & K Zerner sold 2 pens of Charolais cross steers for $1002.00 (2.55) & $928.00 (2.43). K Trunks Wondai sold Brahman steers for $1088.00 at $2.43 c/kg. 396 kg steers a/c A Dohle Coalstoun Lakes sold for $999.00 and $2.52 c/kg. James Zillman Gayndah sold 2 pens of Santa steers for $819.00 (2.38) & $723.00 (2.38) averaging 318 kg. 343 kg Santa cross steers from G Kerkow Wondai sold for $806.00 at $2.35 c/kg. Euro cross steers a/c J Tessmann Nanango sold for $809.00 and $2.37 c/kg. Karen Sippel Murgon sold 370 kg Angus steers for $922.00 at $2.49 c/kg. Brangus cross weaner steers a/c K Knight Johnstown sold for $679.00 and $2.30 c/kg. A & R Barsby Tansey sold Charolais cross weaner steers for $2.37 c/kg to return $658.00. 276 kg Santa weaner steers from D Stanton Goomeri sold for $642.00 at $2.32 c/kg. 213 kg Charbray weaner steers a/c P Weldon Kilkivan sold for $509.00 at $2.39 c/kg.

Charbray Heifers a/c B Beer sold for $2.29 c/kg for $796.00 at 347 kg. Brahman cross Heifers from P & J Kemp Murgon sold to $737.00 at $1.99 c/kg. 335 kg Santa cross heifers from Wondai sold for $786.00 at $2.34 c/kg. Hereford Heifers from the Duff Family “Di Di” Proston sold for $657.00 at $1.96 c/kg. 260 kg Charolais cross weaner heifers sold for $575.00 at $2.21 c/kg. A small number of Cows & Calves were yarded topping at $910.00.

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## South Burnett Regional Council would like to hear from ratepayers.

**Annual, Half-Yearly or Quarterly Rating.**

Quarterly rating was introduced by Council to assist with the financial impost of each rate notice. However sending more rates notices increases the administrative costs such as postage, printing and processing payments. Council is continuing to look at ways to reduce expenditure costs. With this in mind, Council is requesting feedback from ratepayers on whether they think Council should adopt annual, half-yearly or quarterly rating.

“Council is currently surveying ratepayers when they pay their rates over the counter at our Customer Service centres. However to ensure that we capture feedback from ratepayers who make payments electronically, Council have introduced a short three question survey” Mayor Wayne Kratzmann said.

The link to the survey can be found by accessing Council’s Facebook page or click on https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SBRCrates

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## BURNETT BIRDKEEPERS ASSOC INC.

The display at the Nanango Markets is becoming very popular, with more members exhibiting and selling a wider range of birds. This also introduces the club to other people with an interest in aviculture. Members recently attended a social day at a club members aviary viewing and learning about a large variety of parrots. Thank you to all members who allow us to have aviary visits.

Don’t forget our inaugural sale on the 9th May for more information Phone Wally on 41627635 or Rod on 41621068.

# Kathy's Comments

**Congratulations Rotary & the Whole Community on the Castra Bus!!**

Well done to Murgon Rotary and everyone who helped to raise money for the Castra bus. The Murgon community is simply amazing and this is another example of everyone working together for a single outcome. This shows the Murgon motto as Bill Roberts has quoted on many occasions, "In Unity we Flourish"

**Welcome to the new PCYC Branch Manager**

We have had our first meeting of the Board with the new Branch Manager, Rod Delderblom. We are looking forward to working closely with Rod to continue the good work that Michael Eadie has achieved. Our Council is also very supportive of the PCYC and we are funding a new roof for the whole facility at a cost of around $300,000. We are also hoping to be able to find money to reseal and line mark the car park in next year's budget.

**South Burnett Feral Animal Trapping Project**

There were over 80 participants at the workshop that we held in Wondai. This was the largest workshop that we have ever had in the NRM section of Council. The response to the program has been overwhelming with local groups forming to coordinate their individual areas. There is still time to register for the trapping project which closes on the 13th of April. The contact is Denise Whyte on 41899312.

**Sunday Creek Bridge Completed!!**

This new concrete bridge is on the Gayndah/Hivesville road and it cost just under 2 million dollars. Council has a major bridge replacement program with all of our timber bridges reaching their use by date. This is where a lot of the rural dollars are being spent as we need to ensure that the rural areas have access via these important timber bridges.

**State Election Results**

Congratulations to Jeff Seeney and Deb Frecklington who have been returned to represent us in State Parliament. The overall result has left our Council with some uncertainty about some projects that were in the pipeline. We are still negotiating with the new Government to see if we are still on track to go ahead with the planned works.

**Lake Boondooma Fishing Comp**

Well done to the Boondooma Dam Fish Stocking Group on another hugely successful week-end. I had the pleasure of catching a bass that unfortunately was not quite big enough to keep but was still a lot of fun to catch!!

**Dual Arts Media Launch**

Congratulations to Sandy Hoffman, Sherrianne Talon and Lee Porter on this innovative initiative. The launch was spectacular with an amazing photo by Sherrianne of the Murgon Christmas Fair and a very different and unusual painting of the Murgon Christmas Fair by Lee Porter.

**Proston Wellness Day**

I had the pleasure of being the MC for this day that was especially for ladies. It was great to see ladies from right around the region participate. These days are not only fun but they are an opportunity for ladies to have a well deserved pampering. BIEDO is seeking further funding and I wish them every success for these worthwhile events.

**Reconciliation Fun Run**

I attended the first meeting of the committee for the Reconciliation Fun Run. It will be held this year on Sunday the 17th May. The proceeds from the event will go towards improvements at the Cherbourg Ration Shed. The schools are getting involved with a discount of $2 for students. Registration for adults is $20 and teams will be welcome. Council is supporting the event with inkind assistance.

**Anzac Day Funding Success**

It is pleasing that Murgon RSL has been granted $5683 for a Commemorative Archway as part of the Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program. This will be a very special year and everyone should try to get to an Anzac Day Service to celebrate and honour the Centenary of the Anzacs.

**New Rural Chaplain for Gympie & the South Burnett**

I had the pleasure of meeting with Mark Wall who has just secured funding to do rural chaplaincy work in our region and the Gympie area for an indefinite period. Mark is looking to meet up and be involved in any functions that support in particular rural men. He can be contacted on 0439732983.

**Local Shows**

Please support the local Shows. We are an agricultural region and the tradition of agriculture and a country show go hand in hand. The local show is our opportunity to showcase what we do and it is important to support our agriculture heritage by supporting our local country shows.

**Draft Waste Management Strategy**

The strategy in on display now for public comment until the 23rd of March. I am pleased that it has included a plan to retain all of our rural tips that are being converted into Transfer Stations. Please make your comments known particularly your views on recycling as we want you to have your say on the strategy before it is ratified.

**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

Phone 07 4168 0225 or 0437 020 705 or email kduff@southburnett.qld.gov.au

## NATIONAL SENIORS

The next coach tour is on Thursday 19th March to Ipswich for a Guided Heritage Tour, Lunch at RSL then Railway Workshop. Cost $70 P/P leaving Murgon at 6.00am.

The General meeting will be on Thursday 16th April. All members of Murgon & District of NSA are invited to attend the 20th Anniversary Lunch. Guest Speaker will be present.

Our Annual raffle will be held from May – August

For further info & booking for the tours contact Paula on 07 4168 3114 or 0438 708 885.

## MURGON GIRL GUIDES

We meet Thursday evenings from 5.00pm – 6.30pm at the Guide Hut next to the Murgon Bowling Club.

You are welcome to join our club, bring a friend and enjoy our company or just come and see what we are all about, lots of your friends do!

## C&K MURGON COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN LADIES LUNCHEON

It's on again! The C&K Murgon Community Kindergarten Ladies Luncheon and Multi-Draw Raffle Event. Come along for a day of great food, wine, company and prizes. This year's event will be held at Moffatdale Ridge Winery on Sunday 21st June at 11am. Tickets go on sale on the 29th April and are $50 per person. This includes a three-course lunch, wine tasting and entry into the lucky door raffle. All proceeds raised go to supporting our local not-for-profit C&K Kindy. We can't wait to see you there to not only support our local Kindy, but also to be experience one of our great local wineries! For more information or to secure your ticket contact the Kindergarten on 0741681020. Don't forget to keep your eye out in our local businesses for our raffle tickets too to get you in the draw for one of the many great prizes on offer.


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Murgon Ladies from different organizations were well represented at the Proston Wellness Day recently.

## UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Murgon City Motor Inn and Lily Ponds Restaurant is under new management and your hosts are Betty, Kathie & Stephen. Their aim is to keep the high standards set by previous owners and they invite you to dine at the Lily Ponds Restaurant and enjoy one of our many new and exciting menu's. The restaurant is open Monday to Thursday with bookings required and Friday, Saturday and Sunday we will cater for functions with bookings required. To enjoy a great night out or to stop at the motel ring 4168 1400 you will not be disappointed.

South Burnett Regional Council staff presenting Wondai State School students and staff, books from their collection, to support teachers and children with this term's curriculum.

Back left to Right:- Councillor Ros Heit, Principal Ruth Miller, Librarians Lyn Hill and Lee Barker.

Front left to right-: Mayor Wayne Kratzmann, Lachlan Moore, Wondai Librarian Janelle Kenny, Casey Butler and Lilly Wilkinson.

Wondai State School P-9 library was completely destroyed by fire in late January. All resources including new fiction, non fiction books , computers and a new photocopier were lost. As a result, South Burnett Regional Council Libraries offered support and assistance by bulk loaning resources and inviting the students to the Wondai town library on a regular basis to take advantage of library space, storytelling and computer use. All classes from Prep to Year 9 will visit the library this term.

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**Newly installed modern ATM at the Commonwealth bank in Murgon.**

# IN MURGON THIS MONTH

**Particulars available at the Visitor Information Centre**

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| Friday | 13 | Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Last Man Standing night Bowls, Barambah Garden Club, Murgon Show, |
| Saturday | 14 | Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Anglican Mothers Union, Burnett Flyers Fly In, Murgon Show, |
| Sunday | 15 | Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Buffalo Lodge, Catholic Mass, |
| Monday | 16 | SES |
| Tuesday | 17 | Squash, Art classes Graham House, Creative Friendships, St Patricks Day, |
| Wednesday | 18 | Murgon Judo Club, Murgon Shed Men, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Rotary, Bowls, Steps, |
| Thursday | 19 | St Joseph's Bingo, RSL Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Guides, Golf, Mainly Music, National Seniors bus trip, Spinners & Weavers, |
| Friday | 20 | Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Last Man Standing night Bowls, Blue Light Disco, Goomeri Show, |
| Saturday | 21 | Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Catholic Mass, Dairy Museum Meet, Blast from the Past Cricket Day, Goomeri Show, |
| Sunday | 22 | Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Hivesville Markets, |
| Monday | 23 | SES |
| Tuesday | 24 | Squash, Art classes Graham House, Cattle Sale, Creative Friendships, Diabetes Support Group, Lions, Uniting Church Friendship Group, |
| Wednesday | 25 | Murgon Judo Club, Murgon Shed Men, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Rotary, Bowls, Murgon Moments Deadline, Burnett Bird Keepers, |
| Thursday | 26 | St Joseph's Bingo, RSL Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls ClubGuides, Golf, PCYC Meet, |
| Friday | 27 | Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Last Man Standing night Bowls, Goomeri & District Garden Club, |
| Saturday | 28 | Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, PCYC Open Day, |
| Sunday | 29 | Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Camera Club, Catholic Mass, Tableland Hall Market Day |
| Monday | 30 | SES |
| Tuesday | 31 | Squash, Art classes Graham House, Creative Friendships, Mainly Music, |
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| Wednesday | 1 | Murgon Judo Club, Murgon Shed Men, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Rotary, Bowls, |
| Thursday | 2 | St Joseph's Bingo, RSL Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Mainly Music, Guides, Golf, South Burnett Cake Decorators, Spinners & Weavers, Holy Thursday, |
| Friday | 3 | Good Friday Easter, Church Services, |
| Saturday | 4 | Easter Satuday, Catholic Mass, Church Services, |
| Sunday | 5 | Easter Sunday, Church Services, |
| Monday | 6 | Easter Monday, |
| Tuesday | 7 | Queensland Rural Womens Network Inc, Squash, Art classes Graham House, Cattle Sale, Creative Friendships, |

"Winner of the Proston Library 2014/2015 Summer Reading Club, Oliver Thomas, grinningly accepts his prize of two free movie passes.

Ollie, was one of a number of children that read 10 books during the summer holiday and whose names went into a draw, his name being the lucky winner.

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# SHOW TIME IN GOOMERI

"Roll up, Roll up" it's Show Time of the year again with Goomeri closing out three weekends running of Annual Agricultural Shows in the area on March 20th & 21st and this year Goomeri has several reasons to celebrate as it is the Show Society's 90th birthday, it's 75th Show and after being severely damaged by flooding two years ago the new Pavilion will be finished and officially opened.

With the Pavilion back in action all of the Pavilion Sections are being run this year and these are Needlework and Handicraft, Fine Arts, Building Blocks and Lego, the large Photography Section and the much anticipated Culinary including the much coveted Dark Rick Fruit Cake.

With a much needed break - albeit it a small one - in the drought conditions and which we hope will continue, it is anticipated that the Farm Produce and all the colour and beauty of the flowers in the Horticulture Section will be well represented. There will also be all of the Ring Events, Stud and Prime Beef Cattle and Championship Dog Show running on Show Day. Side Show Alley will also still be there.

The Official Opening of the Show and the Pavilion will take place at 2pm and this will be followed by a Grand Parade which will have a display of down through the years.

As the afternoon turns into evening the entertainment will take more of centre stage and this will include Bike v Horse Barrel Races, Team Penning and the Tug-O-War.

As we are celebrating several milestones this year another spectacular Fireworks display will be held again and this is going to include some very special pyrotechnics, with some of them not being seen before, so be there to have a look.

Also the Committee is asking anyone who has photos or memorabilia of the past 90 years to contact them as they would like to obtain copies of this so that it can be used as part of the celebration on Show Day.

And also to celebrate the momentous occasion a Reunion Dinner will be held on Friday evening the 20th at the Hall of Memory. Everyone who has been ever associated with Goomeri and the Show Society are invited to attend. A two course meal will be served and for catering purposes tickets are to be pre purchased for $20 per head.

To save paying on Show Day everyone is encouraged to become a member of the society for only $10 for Adults, $5 for 13-18 year olds and $25 for families. For further information phone: Show Secretary - 4168 4177.


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