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



Mayor Brett Otto, Cr Kathy Duff, Glenda Geraghty and Lainie McInerney inspect some of the Murgon fossils



Project supporter
Lainie McInerney
with a piece of fossil,
possibly crocodile.

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Funding boost for social infrastructure

Not-for-profit organisations can receive a share of \$8 million in grants from the Palaszczuk Government to upgrade community infrastructure and accelerate COVID-19 economic recovery.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Infrastructure Steven Miles said the Community Infrastructure Investment Partnership (CIIP) competitive grants program will prioritise projects supporting critical social and job-readiness services.

“We’re inviting not-for-profit organisations across the state to apply for funding to help Queensland’s economic recovery,” Mr Miles said,

“Around \$8 million is being made available to enable expansions, upgrades or rebuilds of existing facilities in high-need communities.

“Neighbourhood and community centres which provide localised access to child, family and community services are encouraged to apply.

“Priority will be given to co-funded construction-ready projects that can be completed by June 2022.

“The program is open to not-for-profits that own land or assets or are delivering social services from council-owned facilities.

“The grants program will support an additional 26 construction jobs and a range of social service delivery and administrative roles across the state.

“By working in partnership with these organisations, the Palaszczuk Government will deliver improved social infrastructure and services as part of our ongoing COVID-19 recovery effort, as well as create local jobs.”

Treasurer and Member for Woodridge Cameron Dick said the \$15 million CIIP program also includes the flagship initiative Access Economic Hub in Logan Central.

“The Logan project is all about community,” Mr Dick said.

“It will give participants a head start on employment readiness, job training, social enterprise and business

incubator services, and also link those involved to social services,” Mr Dick said.

“The flagship Access Economic Hub will support up to 22 construction jobs.

“We’re now looking to support other projects around the state, and I encourage eligible not-for-profits to apply for a share of this funding pool.”

Community Services Industry Alliance CEO Belinda Drew welcomed the CIIP program, saying supporting community infrastructure is vital to ensuring services are delivered in a timely manner.

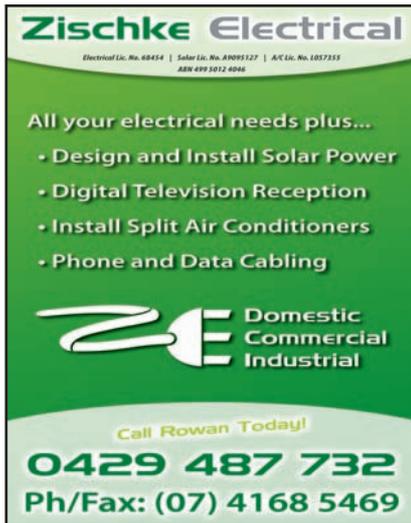
“It’s great to see the Queensland Government supporting not-for-profit groups to deliver innovative and improved facilities that will enable improved services for high-need communities,” Ms Drew said.

“The program encourages partnerships and innovation that will inform future service provision to meet community needs exacerbated by COVID-19.”

Community Infrastructure Investment Partnership (CIIP) competitive grants program is in line with the Queensland Government’s Unite and Recover Economic Recovery Plan and the Strategy for Social Infrastructure which supports place-based community-driven solutions to local issues.

Applications close 16 March.

View the funding and eligibility guidelines here: www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/ciip



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New interchange works show progress on Section D

As work progresses on the \$1 billion Cooroy to Curra Section D Bruce Highway upgrade, a new interchange will be built at Penny Road, East Deep Creek, Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien announced today.

A section of Penny Road at East Deep Creek will be closed for approximately 18 months from next week, to allow for works including construction of new sections of Penny Road, and connections to the new Bruce Highway alignment and interchange.

"Traffic may be disrupted with reduced speed and lane closures, and there will be traffic controls in place to assist drivers, cyclists and other road users," Mr O'Brien said.

"While we can expect some small inconveniences throughout the construction of the Cooroy to Curra Section D Gympie Bypass, this is a once-in-a-generation project that will save countless lives on the Bruce Highway and will stand to benefit our region for decades to come.

"This world-class standard, four-lane highway will transform Wide Bay's economy, generating almost 600 jobs in the short term and opening our industry, agriculture and manufacturing sector to new markets, supporting their long-term prosperity."

The project is being managed by the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads, with a Bielby BMD joint venture awarded the tender for upgrades from Woondum through to Veteran.

Access to local properties will be maintained throughout the construction, and local residents will receive construction notices from the State Department of Transport and Main Roads to keep them up-to-date on the works.

Construction vehicles like tippers, trucks and trailers and heavy haulage trucks will be using local roads in the East Deep Creek area, and some noise can also be expected.

The Bielby BMD joint venture will also build 23 of the 42 bridges that are a part of the Section D project, including at the Woondum, Penny Road, and Gympie interchanges.

Construction will begin soon on these bridges, with earthwork machinery and equipment including piling rigs and cranes starting to move into place for the bridge works.

The \$1 billion Cooroy to Curra – Section D project is jointly funded by the Australian Government contributing \$800 million and the Queensland Government \$200 million.

Beyond The Nest: Rugby League Development

Congratulations to all U14's and U16's who made the journey to Charleville on the weekend. A great time was had by all.

Now that Charleville is done and dusted, we now move forward with training for the 2021 season.

As we are all aware, U15's and U16's will be playing in the TJRL competition for 2021.

Training for these two age groups will continue to be held at KINGAROY REDANTS from 5:30pm on Tuesdays.

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Call for new Local Drug Action teams in Wide Bay

Applications are now open for Wide Bay community organisations to form a partnership to tackle drugs and alcohol, with funding available from the Morrison Government.

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien is encouraging local organisations to apply to be a part of the new Local Drug Action Teams (LDATs) to prevent and minimise harm from ice, alcohol and other drugs.

"Ice and other drugs can destroy lives, and we need to work together to protect individuals, families and our Wide Bay communities from their evil effects," Mr O'Brien said.

"Community action is an effective way to stop this scourge, because many of the factors influencing drug-related harm can only be targeted at the community level, like social connections, education and a sense of belonging."

This recruitment round aims to approve 40 new LDATs, which can apply for \$10,000 in initial funding to support prevention and health promotion activities, with further funding available.

Minister for Health and Aged Care Greg Hunt said the program was an important prevention initiative, targeting a broad range of alcohol and drug related issues that are relevant in their communities.

"There are currently 238 local teams doing great work in all states and territories, who in partnership with the Alcohol and Drug Foundation are developing Community Action Plans to target their local needs.

"The LDAT program has received more than \$29 million since it began in 2016 and our Government has already committed more than \$800 million over four years to reduce the impact of drug and alcohol misuse on individuals, families and communities."

As part of this investment, the Government has also provided \$6 million to implement a range of activities, including additional enhanced online and telephone drug and alcohol information and treatment support services to assist the Australian community during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Applications from new LDATs are now open on the LDAT Community Hub: <https://community.adf.org.au> and close on Friday 5 March.

The hub contains extensive information about the program and how to apply and prepare a strong application.



By Tony Turton

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Wondai Garden Expo held the Committee’s AGM for 2021 recently.

The Annual Report for the Committee outlined the disappointments of the last 12 months when the Autumn and Spring Expos had to be postponed due to Coronavirus restrictions.

Grateful thanks was given to those who have supported the ongoing operations of Expo with generous donations, and to the Committee members who continued to meet and plan with optimism for the time when Expo could again be staged

The Committee decided that Site fees be waived for Graham Mitchell and Ramesa Nursery as a token of thanks for their continuing efforts to support the work of the Committee.

Elections were held for Office Bearers, with no changes being made.

Re-elected are, President and Publicity, Helen Young. Vice President Peter Biltoft. Secretary Jodi Biltoft. Treasurer Carol Mitchell. Gate Keeper Bob Mitchell. Site Managers Helen Young, Peter Biltoft, Jodi Biltoft and Damion Biltoft. Works manager Peter Biltoft and Damion Biltoft.

The Autumn Garden Expo planning is well underway, with a Covid Safe plan to be implemented, and some new ideas for display and competition.

Stalls will have the chance to win a free site by being judged the Best Presented Display, and a Hanging Basket Competition should bring forth some beautiful and creative plantings.

Flyers and Schedules are available at local business houses and the V.I.C. Centres, or contact Helen on 4168 9297 or Jodi on 0413 115 415.

For general information or comments go to Facebook, or the Expo website.

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Murgon - Neatly painted inside and outside. Polished timber floors in the living areas and new carpets in the bedrooms. Main bedroom has built in robes. Air conditioned living and one bedroom. Modern fully built in kitchen opens

into a spacious airy lounge. Bathroom has been refurbished to include a shower, vanity and toilet. Outside at the rear is a covered verandah with ramp access. This corner allotment is well fenced. There is a garden shed. \$185,000. Rent potential for \$200 pwk.



Murgon, This tidy chamferboard home sits on concrete stumps and benefits from 3 good sized bedrooms, air conditioned living and main bedroom. Large eat in built in kitchen. Fully security screened. Fully and well fenced.

Double colourbond garage plus carport to the side. \$160,000



Murgon - As new 4 bedroom home situated in a quiet cul-de-sac. Spacious open plan living. Built in kitchen with pantry, island bench and dishwasher. The Master bedroom has spacious built

in robes plus an en-suite. The family bathroom benefits from a bath and shower, toilet is separate. Quality fittings throughout. Air conditioned living and Master bedroom. The double plus garage is spacious with a remote lift door and double door access to the home. The 4th bedroom/office has patio door access to a neat patio. The rear yard is fully and well fenced with double gate access from one side of the house and personal gate to the other side, a blank canvas ready for a new owner to establish gardens. \$279,000

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The Museum is still welcoming visitors who are travelling through inland areas of Queensland and enjoying what we have to offer. The comments that we receive regarding the Museum and our local area are pleasing to hear.

Our volunteers are doing a great job in maintaining the grounds at the Museum but we would gladly welcome some help to keep things in ship shape and maintain a presentable venue for our visitors.



We are open Tuesday to Sunday from 9.30am – 12.30pm and would greatly appreciate a little help with our gardens. If there is someone out there who would like to volunteer some time, any time to help out we would be most appreciative.

If interested please call on 07 41695001 or maybe just call out and have a look around and have a chat to one of our volunteers. You do not have to commit to set hours, entirely up to you. Would love to see you. Joy Fennell

A business card for Aussie Made Sheds. The card is split into a dark left side and a light right side. On the left, it lists the name Cecily Rose, phone number 0402 744 955, email cecily@aussiemadesheds.com.au, and location Nambour, QLD. It also features the 'Goomeri' logo and the text 'DOMESTIC - RURAL - INDUSTRIAL'. On the right, it features the Aussie Made Sheds logo, the website aussiemadesheds.com.au, and several industry logos including 'AUSTRALIAN MADE AND GROWN', 'STEEL EMPLOYER', 'SHED SAFE', and 'Colorbond'.

South Burnett Regional Council announced today that former Mayor Keith Campbell has been invited to join the Kingaroy Transformation Project team as Project Ambassador.

“Keith has been a big supporter of the need for the CBD transformation works and was instrumental in securing the \$4.5M Building Better Regions funding for this project. He understands the South Burnett, the community and the project very well, which is why I am thrilled to invite him to join the team as Project Ambassador”, Mayor Otto said.

Keith Campbell was equally thrilled to accept the invitation, stating that he was both honoured and grateful to have been considered.

“I wholeheartedly believe in this project and the outcomes it will create for Kingaroy, the broader South Burnett region and our communities. Whilst the project will transform the Kingaroy CBD it is not just another streetscape beautification project, it is also a comprehensive asset renewal program that will rehabilitate and replace all underground infrastructure that is at the end of its lifespan,” Mr Campbell said.

Mr Campbell will work with the KTP team assisting with business consultation, community engagement and project updates.

The further information on the Kingaroy Transformation Project (KTP) see Council’s website www.southburnett.qld.gov.au.

For further information regarding this media release contact the Kingaroy Transformation Project team on (07) 4189 9100 or email ktp@sbrc.qld.gov.au.

South Burnett Regional Council is seeking offers from suitably qualified and experienced contractors to purchase and dispose of recyclable footpath concrete and paver waste

from the demolition required as part of the Kingaroy Transformation Project (KTP).

The KTP has been broken down into 8 stages, each stage undertaking works on Alford, Glendon, Haly, and Kingaroy Streets. Demolition of existing footpaths will occur consecutively over all 8 stages and will require disposal of the accumulated footpath material (concrete and pavers).

Offer documents can be obtained from the tendering platform LG Tenderbox from **Thursday 4 March 2021**. Please refer to Council’s website ‘Tender and Supply’ for further information.

Offers are to be submitted via the LG Tenderbox prior to **2:00pm Friday 26 March 2021**.

Invitation to Offer released: Thursday 4 March 2021

Closing date for enquiries: Friday 19 March 2021

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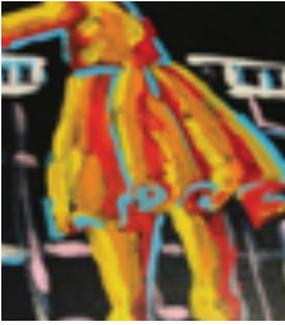
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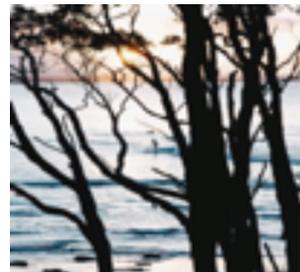
March 2021 Exhibition

“Abstract Archaeologies” by Bronwyn Langford Martoo (First and Third Galleries)



Abstract Archaeologies is an exploration of family, connection to the land and Bronwyn’s personal faith journey. She works in layers, applying, rubbing back, working into pieces that are mostly abstract in form. Bronwyn has lived and worked in the South Burnett region as a high school Visual Art teacher for 22 years; having grown up in Brisbane. She loves exploring maternal themes; both of herself as a mother and also the Earth as our collective mother. She is inspired by the colours of Fauvism and the work of Queensland, contemporary female artists.

“Hello Without Words” by Bridget Barkle, Hannah Depper, John Dalton (Second Gallery)



Bridget, Hannah and John have not met up since Bridget and Hannah graduated from high school six years ago. This joint photography exhibition is their attempt to say hello to each other again using photography rather than words. Each has independently selected a number of their own photos to express what they have seen and done, where they have been or what they have found visually significant during these last few years. When the opportunity came to do an exhibition at the Wondai Gallery, it was a chance for the three to catch up and see how each has developed their own style of photography over the last six years.

“Kids Corner” St John’s Lutheran School, Kingaroy

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

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

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Prominent Murgon business people have had preliminary talks with representatives of Heritage Community Branch in relation to setting up a full banking facility here in Murgon since the announcement of the closure of the NAB in Murgon. The Heritage Bank was favoured to be the one that we should approach, with the view to replacing the NAB facility, as there were many good stories regarding the Heritage Bank including the support they give to their local communities. It has been stated that the Heritage Community Branch in Nanango has donated more than \$4,000,000 to the Nanango Community.

We were very keen to hear what the requirements would be to set it up and the benefits for our town and district so we can present all the information to our wider community and gauge the interest from there.

As soon as further information is received it is our aim to call a meeting that can provide the community with all the facts. We were told remember it is a community bank without large shareholders but a lot of community members from all walks of life. At the preliminary talks we commented and realize the value and the support and donations from our existing banking facilities that we already have.

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Key points:

National Over-The-Hooks (OTH) Medium Cow Indicator hits record high

Saleyard prices follow similar trends, lifting to nearly 600¢/kg carcass weight

Queensland has been the main driver of these price movements.

Tighter supplies of female cattle have seen the domestic cow market move into unprecedented territory. Since the start of February, the National OTH Medium Cow Indicator has averaged 550¢/kg carcass weight (cwt), the highest on record.

OTH prices have moved from strength to strength since the start of the year, with processors sourcing supplies from a dwindling pool of available female cattle. The demand for manufacturing beef exports has also remained steady, putting additional upwards pressure on the cow market.

Saleyard indicators were not exempt from these trends, with the National Medium Cow Indicator lifting to 595.5¢/kg cwt for the week ending 26 February, 21¢/kg cwt shy of the record levels in November 2020. Increased restocker competition has continued to exacerbate the upwards movement of OTH prices as the national herd recovery gains momentum.

For the month of February, national OTH medium cow grids averaged 548.95¢/kg cwt, up 16% on the same month in 2020. Elevated grids in Queensland, which saw the monthly average reach 581¢/kg cwt, the highest on record, have buoyed the current prices. According to National Livestock Reporting Service data, female yardings in Queensland for the month of February were down 38% on year-ago levels, with the female portion of total slaughter accounting for just 34%. While Queensland missed the spring downpour that provided reprieve in NSW last year, conditions have since improved, resulting in renewed northern restocker confidence in the market and, subsequently, smaller offerings of productive breeding stock.

Looking ahead, processor grids will likely continue to respond to subdued female offerings. The turnaround in conditions has primed eastern states producers to rebuild and this will likely see heightened retention of productive stock through to the second half of the year.

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BEITZEL, Audrey Joyce, Late of 'Canowindra' ACF, Kingaroy and formerly of Murgon.

TREVOR, Joyce, Late of Wondai and formerly of Louttits Road, Winderera,

Kim May DARELLE, (nee Taylor), Kim May, Late of Wondai.

HARDIKER, Daphne, formerly of Murgon

DOWD, Father Pat former catholic priest in many towns in the South and North Burnett



The Murgon Police Station is looking for people who may be interested in becoming a 'Volunteer In Policing'.

If anyone is interested, applications can be located on the QPS website www.police.qld.gov.au/careers and in the Quick Links to the right of the page is 'Become a volunteer'. This will take the reader to an information page where they can read about this opportunity and download the forms from this site. It does give instructions to send the forms by post, however, they could be delivered to the Murgon Police Station, and they can be forwarded on from there.

If you could share this information with your work colleagues, friends, and family, it would be greatly appreciated.

If you require any further information, please contact our local Senior Sergeant Brett Everest, Officer In Charge

Murgon Police Station

38 Krebs Street, Murgon QLD 4605

Ph: (07) 4179 5222

everest.bretr@police.qld.gov.au

Could you believe !

Since 2000 the BP Dam Fish Stocking Group have released the following fingerlings in BP Dam :
2,350,982 Golden Perch, 1,367,083 Aust Bass, 306,453 Silver Perch, 200 Saratoga which is a total of 4,024,518. And yes we are still releasing more each year.

**We wish you all a happy, holy and safe Easter
(2/4/2021-5/4/2021)**

The 2021 Murgon Show schedule is now available online at www.murgonshowsociety.com/events



PCYC South Burnett

Our valued Team Leader Karen has been working in this space for almost 13 years. Today she was awarded her golden life member badge from PCYC QLD. Below are some fun facts about Karen.

1. What would your ideal holiday destination be? Some where quite to rest and relax
2. When did you start with PCYC – In 2011 and close to 2 years with the Local Council before PCYC took over.
3. When you're having a bad day what do you do to make yourself feel better – Crank the music up loud
4. My Jobs roles with PCYC have include – Admin, Instructor, Cleaner, Coordinator and probably some I have forgot to mention
5. If there was one thing you could have at work what would it be – Hungry Jack's Ice Cream Machine



80th

Goomeri & District
Show Society Inc Presents

GOOMERI SHOW

SAT 27th March 2021

Prime Beef - Stud Beef - Farm and Garden
- Horticulture - Needlework & Craft - Fine
Art - Woodcraft - Food - Drinks & Stalls




KILKIVAN GREAT HORSE RIDE FESTIVAL

9th, 10th & 11th APRIL 2021

"KEEPING IT COUNTRY"
AN INVITATION FOR YOU TO
ATTEND A FUN FILLED FAMILY NIGHT

PROGRAM

FRIDAY: RYNO AND THE WRANGLERS,
LIVE MUSIC, SHORT TRAIL RIDE, FOOD VENDORS,
MECHANICAL BUCKING BULL & FULLY LICENSED BAR

SATURDAY: KGHTR TRAIL & CARRIAGE TRAILS, MAIN
STREET PARADE, WOOD CHOP, JACK & JILLSAW COMP,
RANCH SORTING, FOOD & MARKET STALLS,
CAR & TRUCK SHOW, FULLY LICENSED BAR
BUCKING BULL, JUMPING CASTLE, AUCTION & RAFFLES
RYNO AND THE WRANGLERS BAND TILL LATE!

SUNDAY: STOCKMANS CHALLENGE, KILKIVAN
PERFORMANCE HORSE COMPETITION, CAR BOOT SALE,
BUCKING BULL, AND LOTS OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL

OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC & RIDERS FOR THE 3 DAYS CAMPING,
ENTERTAINMENT AND FUN.
LOCATED AT KILKIVAN SHOWGROUNDS
THIS IS A COVID SAFE EVENT. Q CODE SCANNING & CONTACT DETAILS ARE REQUIRED FOR
TRACKING PURPOSES UPON ENTRY

Designed By Kella Bruce Age 14

St Patrick's Day

Eat, Drink and be Irish



*May the road rise to meet you
And the wind be at your back
for if you're on your way to the Royal
You're surely right on track!*

*Please join St Joseph's Ladies Auxiliary for a wee
bit o' fun at our St Patrick's Day Luncheon*
(gluten free options available)

WHERE: ROYAL HOTEL MURGON
WHEN: Wednesday, 17TH MARCH, 2021 AT 11.00AM
COST: \$25 per person
BOOKING: 4168 1799 or
4168 1376

Murgon Invitation Men's Triples

Saturday 10th April 2021 – 3 Games starting at 9:00am
 Sunday 11th April 2021 – 2 Games starting at 9:00am

Lunch provided Saturday and Sunday
 Breakfast provided Sunday only

5 Games of 16 ends or the bell 2hrs 15mins.
 Open draw – First 16 nominations received will be accepted.
 Nomination fees are \$240.00
 Conditions: Wins plus margins, wins to count. If tied after 5 rounds,
 most ends to decide. If still tied, then highest score to decide. In the
 case of bad weather - 7 ends to decide the game.

Contact Murgon Bowls Club: 07 4168 1043
 Glen Trevor: 0408 759 291
 Email: murgonbowlsclub@gmail.com

Team Prize Money

Winners	\$1200
Runner Up	\$ 900
Third	\$ 600
Fourth.....	..\$ 300
Last Round Winners	\$ 240



Grazing in Goomeri

A Bush Dinner Under The Stars

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
 A NIGHT OF GASTRONOMIC FOOD EXPERIENCES,
 WHICH WILL CELEBRATE EVERYTHING WE VALUE ABOUT LIVING IN THE
 BUSH

29 th May 2021 Starts at 5 PM
 VENUE

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MURGON GOLF CLUB invites you
 to come along for a fun afternoon

MURGON STATE SCHOOL P & C MICHAEL REYNOLDS' MEMORIAL

SATURDAY 20 MARCH 2021

9 Hole 3 Person Ambrose
 Nominations \$20/player including lunch
 from 12:30pm to 1:15pm

- * Shotgun Start at 1:30pm
- * Handicaps are not required
- * Prize for Best Dressed Team
- * Multi Draw Raffle

For more information contact
 Murgon State School
 4169 8333

A COVID SAFE PLAN WILL BE IN PLACE



HIGH HATS & FACINATORS HIGH TEA AND COCKTAILS

FUNDRAISER

For Breast Cancer Awareness



BOOK YOUR TABLE NOW!!
 PH: 07 4168 9069

Grandma's, Mum's, Daughter's &
 Friend's - ALL AGES WELCOME

\$20 PER PERSON

Saturday 17th April
 2PM - 5PM

- > BRING YOUR DECORATED BRA TO PIN UP
- > FIELD FASHION WALK (best dressed Pink)
- > LUCKY DOOR PRIZE
- > PRIZE FOR THE BEST DRESSED
- > FASHION RUNWAY
- > RAFFLES
- > GUEST SPEAKERS - Sue Cox, Ros Heit & Sonia McMahon





There's a bunch of musicians – and budding musicians – who are really “rockin” at Murgon on Thursdays.

The “Rockin Our Abilities” group, led by Sonia McMahon, meets at the Uniting Church Hall in Gore Street from 9:00am to 1:00pm during school terms.

Sonia has worked with a similar music program for people with disabilities on the Sunshine Coast,

and recognised there was a gap in the South Burnett.

“I was part of the music program at Sunshine Butterflies and put together their show for family and friends,” she said.

“There were so many magic moments and that’s when I knew I could do it here.”

The participants have a lot of fun while they are playing along to videos or singing karaoke.

Carers and relatives also join in the fun.

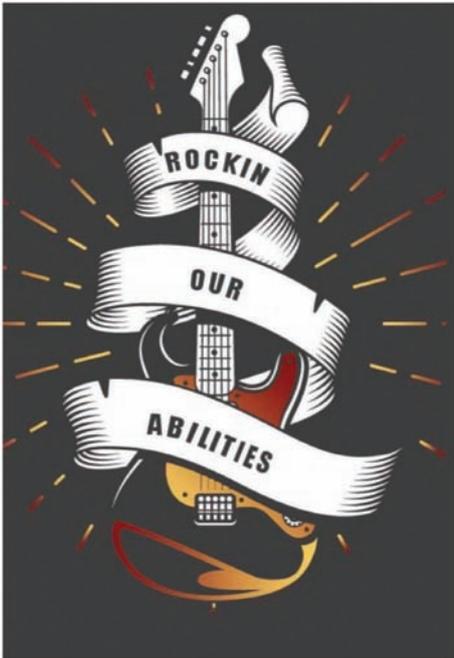
“We use YouTube videos and everyone gets to choose their own song,”

“there’s no pressure to sing or perform. We do a lot of lip syncing!”

For more information, ring Sonia on 0427-137-140.

ROCKIN OUR ABILITIES

Helping people with disabilities to find their unique voice



- Here You Are The Stars
- Karaoke and Live Music
- Fully Inclusive and supportive Environment
- Every Thursday 9am-3pm
- 55 Gore St Murgon Uniting Church Hall
- \$20 per Day Carer/Support NDIS Funded
- No Experience necessary
- Make new friends and have a lot of FUN
- Contact Sonia McMahon for Further Info
- 0427137140

GRANT



ALERT

Grant Alert - opens Wednesday! Motels/hotels with up to 99 guest rooms may be eligible to apply for a grant up to \$25,000 through the Hotel Energy Uplift Program, opening 24 February. Businesses are not required to make a financial co-contribution (however, quotes will be required) and funds can be used on energy efficient upgrades including improving windows/ drapes/insulation and upgrading equipment to reduce energy consumption. This opportunity is expected to go quickly, so businesses are urged to submit their application as soon as possible.

Full information and to check your availability <http://business.gov.au/grants.../hotel-energy-uplift-program>

Dam storage levels

25 years ago, 30th August 1996

BP Dam 96.5%, Bonndooma 95.2%

Then in 2011 100%, And again in 2013

AND NOW :

BP 9.29%

Bonndooma 27.75%

Joe Sippel Weir 100.99%

Silverleaf 80.92%

MURGON RSL SUB BRANCH

VETERAN SERVICES
PENSIONS AND WELFARE SERVICES
SUB BRANCH MEMBERSHIP

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

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



Across Country Real Estate & Livestock



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

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



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

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



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

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

MURGON \$195,000



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

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

MURGON \$205,000

Across Country Real Estate & Livestock

86 Lamb Street, Murgon Qld 4605. P.O.Box 377

Ph: 0741681600, Fax: 0741681542

Mobile: 0407097109,

Email: dianne.acrelivestock@bigpond.com



Shed Men

All Men & young Blokes are invited to the 44th meeting of

The BARAMBAH SHED MEN

At Poppy Cross's shed at Mondure. First place on the right on RSF Ramke Rd. in Mondure. Signs will direct in Mondure. Covid Rules Apply. We do want your company, but if feeling slightly unwell for every else's sake Please stay home.

1st Speaker: Poppy's shed is like a museum and is worth seeing. Poppy has a story to tell about it and maybe more.

2nd Speaker: Rhys McFadden and his wife are both outdoorsy types. They enjoy cruising the highway and byways on their Harley or 1957 Ford Customline. Rhys has had over 30 years in pastoral and community work. He is a creative and strategic 'out of the box' thinker and gifted communicator.

DATE: Saturday 27th March 2021

Start – 4.00pm

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

RSVP. For catering Mon 22nd March 2021

Chris Downes 0499775022 chrisbrond@gmail.com

Ron Mason 41685183 rmason5@bigpond.com

John Armstrong 0428684951 jrarms4605@gmail.com



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

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Murgon Market Report 02/03/2021



Agents yarded 1250 in Murgon for the 2nd of March liveweight sale. The market was easier throughout. A big percentage of the cattle yarded were in very good order. Bulls topped at \$3.01 per kilogram and \$2960.00. Bullocks topped at \$3.56 per kilogram for \$2370.00. Heavy Cows over 500 kilograms sold to \$2.87 per kilogram and \$2120.00, averaging \$2.72. Cows 400 to 500 kg also sold to \$2.87 per kilogram for an average of \$2.70. Lighter Cows under 400 kg sold to \$2.50. Export heifers topped at \$3.51 per kilogram and \$210.00. Numbers were drawn from Mundubbera, Gayndah, Mt Perry, Biggenden, Yarraman, Nanango, Boondooma, Kingaroy & locally. 500 kg Brahman steers from Mondure sold for \$3.75 c/kg and \$1900.00. Angus cross steers from Goomeri sold to \$4.30 c/kg to return \$1760.00. Droughtmaster cross steers from Wondai sold to \$1777.00 at \$4.17 c/kg. Charbray steers weighing 467 kg sold to \$1913.00 at \$4.09 c/kg. 2 & 4 tooth Gelbvieh steers from Johnstown sold for \$3.95 c/kg returning \$1880.00. Local 440 kg Belmont Red cross steers sold for \$1668.00 at \$3.80 c/kg. 340 kg Droughtmaster steers topped at \$4.55 c/kg and \$1550.00. Santa steers from Gayndah weighing 338 kg sold for \$4.49 c/kg and \$1518.00. Murray Grey cross steers from Daring sold to \$1370.00 at \$4.46 c/kg. 330 kg Brangus steers from Gayndah sold to \$1450.00 at \$4.40 c/kg. Angus weaner steers from Proston sold for \$5.30 c/kg returning \$1226.00. A line of Charbray weaner steers from Mt Perry sold to \$5.00 c/kg for an average of \$1150.00. Santa weaner steers from Tansey sold for \$4.78 c/kg and \$1280.00. Light Brahman steers from Binjour sold to \$5.28 c/kg and \$840.00. Local 440 kg Charbray heifers sold to \$3.69 c/kg and \$1620.00. Braford heifers weighing 423 kg sold to \$3.65 c/kg and \$1540.00. A line of 293 kg Santa heifers sold to \$4.25 c/kg to return \$1250.00. Angus weaner heifers sold to \$4.98 c/kg and \$1010.00. 2 pens of Charbray weaner heifers sold to \$4.84 c/kg to return \$1300.00 & \$1060.00 respectively.

The next Murgon sale will be on Tuesday the 16th of March at 8.00 am.

PCYC South Burnett

PCYC Gymnastics, Our program is designed to develop children's social, emotional, cognitive and physical abilities and adopts the Gymnastics Australia KinderGym guiding principles. Classes are conducted by qualified and accredited coaches and encourage children to build motor skills and coordination, social skills and confidence.

<https://www.pcy.org.au/.../activities/gymnastics-kindergym/>

X-Fit each Tuesday and Thursday morning from 6am

Fitter For Life over 50s fitness class, each Monday and Wednesday from 8am.

BYTE NITE at the pool 13TH & 27th March, 10th April

Work To Start On Art & Fossil Museum



Richard O'Neill, President of the Creative Country Association inc; Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien and Sellwood Constructions' Jim Adcock lift the first sods for the new building ... the concrete water tank mountings at the rear linked to the former railway line, will be removed but the much loved tree in the front will remain.

Construction of Murgon's \$1.59 million cultural centre, art gallery and fossil museum will begin within weeks. The official sod-turning ceremony to mark the start of the project was held on site in Macalister Street. It follows years of planning by a small committee of local residents, the Creative Country Association (CCA).

Jim Adcock told southburnett.com.au there was still some paperwork to sort out, but he expected to begin construction of the centre within the next couple of weeks.

The sod-turning ceremony was compered by Murgon Business and Development Association past president Leo Geraghty after a Welcome to Country by CCA member Aunty Annie L'Estrange.

Leo said it was an historic day for Murgon.

The building will include a gift shop, fossil display, art gallery and art workshop built around a central garden. As well as displays of local Indigenous and non-Indigenous art, the plan is to hold art workshops to support mental health.

Funding came from Round 4 of the Federal Government's Building Better Regions Program.

The land, adjacent to the South Burnett Rail Trail, was donated to the committee by an anonymous local benefactor. The building will fill the whole site and aims to add to the tourism experience of visitors to Murgon.

The railway water tank mountings linked to the former railway line on the land will be removed but a large bottle tree at the front will remain.

Mr O'Brien said he was pleased to be present for the "shiny shovel" moment but he was really looking forward to the opening of the building. He thanked the volunteers for their hard work in getting the project to this point. "We want more people to come here and experience Murgon, understand what its about and the Creative Country Association cultural centre will do that," he said.

Richard said the project had been the dream of a lot of people in Murgon for 12 years and he thanked Mr O'Brien for his help.

He said the amount of interest which had been shown in the project was "unreal".

“We’ve had people come forward – the last people you’d ever think of – with fossils,” Richard said.

Mr O’Brien said the project would be an important boost to the local economy.

“We will start to see some immediate benefits from this investment with about 40 jobs during the construction phase, and a further four permanent jobs once it opens early next year,” he said.

“It will bolster the valuable South Burnett tourism sector by adding to the range of products and experiences on offer in the region.”



Some of the people behind the Murgon project pose on site with Cr Kathy Duff, local MP Llew O’Brien and Mayor Brett Otto ... from left, Cr Duff, Edna and Richard O’Neill, Col Pearen, Carolyn Summers, Glenda Geraghty, Llew O’Brien, Mayor Brett Otto and Leo Geraghty

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And This Is What All The Fuss Is About ...

A wide range of vertebrate fossils has been recovered from a secret site near Murgon since the 1930s.

Scientists have identified fossils dated to about 55 million years ago, before the final break-up of Gondwana.

As well as fish, turtle and crocodile fossils, traces of Australia’s oldest marsupials, frogs, snakes, non-marine birds, the oldest bat in the Southern Hemisphere and an early condylarth-like placental mammal have been found.



Two ancient crocodile teeth found near Murgon



A collection of recent fossils collected near Murgon ... some are yet to be classified by scientists.

Murgon's Best Kept Secret

Technical summary of the 55 million-year-old Tingamarra Local Fauna with discussion about some of the more important animals discovered so far from the fossil deposit at Murgon

TINGAMARRA LOCAL FAUNA

A diverse vertebrate assemblage recovered from a farm near Boat Mountain, south-eastern Queensland is one of few early Eocene vertebrate assemblages known from Australia and the only one to have produced fossil mammals (Godthelp et al. 1992, Long et al. 2002). The fossils occur in a sequence of lacustrine clays and muds on Tingamarra, a property **on the outskirts of the town of Murgon**, 270 km north-west of Brisbane.

Crocodile and turtle fossils were known from Tingamarra as early as 1933 (Gaffney & Batholomai 1979, Molnar 1982) but it was not until 1988 that screen washing at the University of New South Wales of bulk clay samples collected in 1983 produced the first mammal fossils from the site. Radiometrically dated at 54.6 +/- 0.5 Ma (Godthelp et al. 1992), the Tingamarra Local Fauna includes Australia's oldest marsupials, frogs, snakes and non-marine birds, the oldest bat in the Southern Hemisphere, the world's oldest songbirds, an archaic condylarth-like placental mammal, as well as fish, turtles and crocodiles (Godthelp et al. 1992).

At c.55 million years old, the Tingamarra assemblage predates the final break-up of Gondwana (41-35 Ma; Scher & Martin 2006, Brown et al. 2006). At that time Australia was still tenuously connected to an ice-free Antarctica and it to South America.

Two passerines or song birds (Passeriformes) are represented by carpometacarpal and tibiotarsal fragments in the Tingamarra assemblage (Boles 1995). Today passerines, which include wrens, lyrebirds, honeyeaters and crows, are the most diverse order of living birds but their phylogenetic and geographical roots remain contentious. Because **the Murgon fossils are 25 million years older than the oldest known passerine fossils from the Northern Hemisphere**, they support the claim for a Southern Hemisphere origin for the group (Boles 1997). Other bird fossils described from the Tingamarra deposit include two or three species of "graculavid" shore birds, a grade

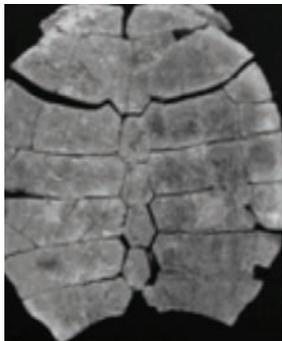
of plesiomorphic charadriiforms restricted to the late Cretaceous-early Eocene elsewhere (Boles 1999). The generalised postcranial morphology exhibited by these birds is characteristic of several groups of early neornithine birds in both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres (Boles 1999).

In terms of its mammals, the Tingamarra LF is particularly significant because it fills an otherwise 85 million year gap in the Australian fossil mammal record spanning the early Cretaceous (c.110 Ma) to the late Oligocene (c.26 Ma). Taxa represented in the deposit include early marsupials and stem-group metatherians, archaic bats and at least one group of non-flying placental mammals.



Modern frog that is a descendant of the Eocene species from the Murgon deposit. At 55 million years old, the Murgon fossil frogs are the oldest known from the continent.

The oldest songbirds in the world have been discovered in the Murgon fossil deposit. They predate others in the world by 30 million years, indicating they first evolved in Australia before spreading to other areas of the world.

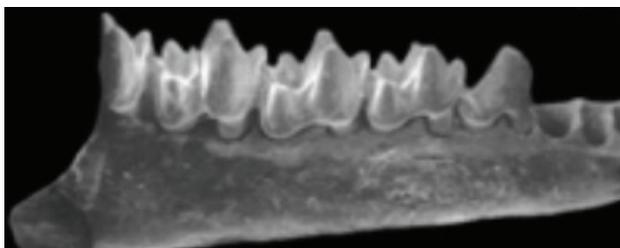


Turtles are common in the Murgon fossil deposit but represent a group known as soft-shelled turtles (Family Trionychidae) that no longer lives in Australia. This group is however still common in freshwater lakes and rivers in Asia (image of a live soft-shelled turtle below). The fossil turtle from Murgon, which can be very large (shells more than half a meter in diameter) has been placed in the new genus Murgonomys.



There are many crocodiles in the Murgon fossil deposit. They represent a very strange, extinct group of partly terrestrial crocodiles known as mekosuchines. These extinct Murgon crocodiles have been placed in the new genus Kambara.

Among the mammals known from the Murgon deposit is one, Djarthia (jaw on the left) that appears to be the oldest known member of the 'Australidelphian' marsupials. Only one species survives today in forests at the southern tip of Patagonia



(right): the Microbiotherian Dromiciops. However, this fascinating group almost certainly gave rise to the rest of the Australian marsupial radiation. More information about this animal is desperately



needed to test the internationally provocative idea that this great group first evolved in Australia.



At the time when the Murgon fossil deposit was accumulating, Australia was still attached to Antarctica and the latter attached to South America—the last remnants of the ancient Supercontinent of Gondwana. At this time all three continents were covered in lush, cool, wet forests such as still occurs in mountains of Tasmania and southern Argentina.

Interesting facts that will be on display in the new Cultural Centre, Art Gallery and Fossil Museum.

Reminiscences of The Past and Bush Notes

It was written for the Maryborough Chronicle and Wide Bay & Burnett Advertiser.

It is an article that some of the older generation may find interesting. Regards Beryl Waldron.

Cloyna

A school in the same stylish and comfortable style as at Merlwood was opened here about two months ago. It is situated about twelve miles from Murgon and thirteen miles from Wondai. Mr W.L. Harris is the local school master.

There is also a Progress Association in the district, which meets every month at the school.

There are few waterholes in the district, and the Winderera Creek also runs in the vicinity. A large area of plain land can be found in the district well adapted for wheat growing. Plains as a rule are timbered here and there with clumps of brigalow (?) trees, also scrubs of same kind of timber, and

as brigalow generally carries with it prickly pears, farmers could not be too careful to do away with that noxious weed as soon as it shows itself on the surface. I came across many spots of that pest in the district, and especially on the sides of the road, and as the Government has issued strict measures to new settlers for the destruction of prickly pear on their land, members of Municipal councils should be the first to obey the law.

Mr Henry Rewald (Cloyna), 11 miles from Murgon, 224 acres including 60 acres of scrub, was purchased two years ago; has been 18 months on the farm. Mr H. Rewald owns another 238 acre farm, including 100 acres of scrub and was also bought about two years ago from another man, one selection between the two farms. Cultivation: Homestead has 30 acres under corn, and the second selection 40 acres. Mr H Rewald came from Germany with his parents when only three years old and stayed in Boonah all his life up to six years ago when he travelled for four years through the Commonwealth with his wife. He was married fifteen years ago to a Miss G. Summerfield, of Hoya.

Mr Geo Heading, "Rockvale", 630 acres, including 380 acres of scrub, situated on the banks of Winderera Creek 13 miles from Murgon, was selected two years ago. There are 70 acres of scrub felled. 45 acres under corn last year, averaging 50 bushels to the acre; 11 acres yielded as many as 76 bushels to the acre. He has twenty-five acres of corn this year; and just starting milking. Mr Geo Heading was born in south Australia, came to Victoria with his parents when only six years old went to New Zealand eleven years ago, following a thrashing machine as engine driver, and in the interval working on farms. He stayed six years in New Zealand and came back to Victoria and worked four years for his father, until he selected "Rockvale". He was married four years last March to Miss K Barton, of Wimmera district (Rainbow), and has a pigeon pair, namely Phillip (3years) and a fair little curled head Arthur (1year and six months). His brother James (single) at the time as himself selected "Heather Glen", 513 acres, all scrub, situated at about one mile from "Rockvale".

Mr Richard Maudsley, junr., "Range View", composed of about 1000 acres of scrub and forest land, and was selected four years ago; situated at about thirteen miles from Murgon; farming and grazing. He has about sixty acres under corn this year (same quantity as last year); also horse and cattle breeding. Mr Richard Maudsley, junr., is a son of Mr Thos Maudsley, of Trinity Creek (Boonara), an old resident of the district. His son Richard worked for his father until he selected "Range View", when he built a 7 roomed cottage, with front and back verandah. A beautiful view of the Boonara Range can be obtained from the front verandah. A flower and vegetable garden, backed by an orchard, surrounds the house. Four years next August 21st Mr R. Maudsley married Miss Edith Harris (late of Singer Sewing Machine Co., Maryborough.) They have a fair-haired little chap, Mervyn, aged two years and nine months. Boonara station is only twelve to fifteen miles across the range. Mrs Maudsley's father (late Mr Wm Harris), dead sixteen years ago, in the time took a great interest in Municipal matters in Maryborough and was for many years and alderman and later on Mayor of that town. His wife (Mrs Harris) is still alive and resides in Ferry Street, Maryborough

Written at Gobybagum 4/4/11 – 18/4/1911 Passe-Partout.

Second Bank To Close Branch



Bank of Queensland's branch in Kingaroy Shoppingworld will close on August 2.

Letters were sent to customers advising of the closure of the franchise late last week, stating that customers' accounts would be transferred to the Maleny branch.

southburnett.com.au understands the closure will mean the loss of three full-time jobs.

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington said it was shocking that two banks in just two weeks have announced they will close branches in the South Burnett.

Mrs Frecklington said the closure of the NAB in Murgon and BOQ in Kingaroy left a sour taste for the community.

"When essential services like banks close their doors, the community has every right to be angry," Mrs Frecklington said.

"People in regional towns, like Kingaroy and Murgon, really value their local banking services, but once again we're seeing large companies relinquish their commitment to serve country people."

"Unfortunately, this is now a common theme for banks, who believe they can service their customers just as well online.

"However, for community groups, and businesses, it will always be necessary for them to have access to physical banking services. And we all know that many people in regional areas have poor internet connection, or no computer access at all, so internet banking isn't always the answer.

"The banks give all the reasons under the sun for having to close, but in the end, it comes down to them abandoning regional areas and it's just not good enough."

Bank of Queensland has been approached for comment.

southburnett.com.au has received the following statement from a BOQ spokesperson:

Following a review of our branch footprint and the need to adapt our service model as customers embrace new ways of managing their banking, in consultation with the branch Owner Manager, BOQ has made the difficult decision to close our Kingaroy branch on Monday, August 2, 2021. We understand this news will be disappointing for the Kingaroy community and sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this closure may cause our local customers.

From August 2021, Kingaroy customer accounts will be transferred to BOQ Maleny or another BOQ branch of their choosing. These customers will continue to have access to BOQ's Internet and Mobile Banking services and 24/7 telephone support from our Direct Banking team. Kingaroy customers can also visit BOQ Wondai for assistance with their everyday banking needs.

Courtesy South Burnett Online

CAMP OVEN COMEDY AT MONOGORILBY HALL



A Fundraiser for LifeFlight will be held at Monogorilby Hall from **16-18 April 2021 – Camp Oven Comedy & Music Muster**. Let's keep COVID safe so please remember to book in.

From 4.00pm Friday, there will be a variety of well known & not so well known artists to entertain you- **Alec Beckett**, (Bush Balladeer to Contemporary Country singer), **Alice Benfer** (singer, songwriter from Gympie,solo artist,, **Bob Pacey**,(bush poet),**Jack Viljoen**, **Lilly Goller**, **Manfred J Vijars**, **Rod Bryant**, **Peter Campbell**, **Robert Hopkins**, **Clyde Cameron** (Doghouse band). "Walk up" entertainers are always

welcome. There is quite a line up of "walk ups".

We celebrate 14 years of this event but only 8 for LifeFlight, in the past 7 years, we have raised just over \$ 23 000.00 for LifeFlight. Like Monogorilby Camp Oven Comedy on Facebook.

CENT SALE & MULTI DRAW RAFFLE

To be COVID Safe, YOU MUST BOOK IN !!!!

DON'T MISS OUT!!! So please contact 07 41 658 121

South Burnett Parkinson's Support Group



Our first meeting for 2021 was a social morning tea at **Graham House Community Centre**, Murgon. It was an extremely hot day so the air conditioned meeting room was much appreciated and this kept us lingering longer indoors. Special THANKS to Maree for her warm welcome and her efforts. **Graham House** provides a comfortable,friendly and safe environment for local groups to hold meetings.Phone 4169 8400 for further information.

Emily & Ron travelled from Cooloola Cove and Alison & Col drove from Kingaroy to experience the friendship of our small group. Ron was able to enlighten those present on the use of a Duodopa pump and how this has changed his journey with Parkinson's in a positive way.

Elva got a late birthday present with a bag of Mentos, which we are sure she will share. There were plenty of prizes for lucky chairs, a lucky number and an interesting word.

Phenella chose a colourful umbrella for her word suggestion of **supercalifragilistic** etc Other interesting words were **vicinity**(Lyn),**thesaurus**(Ancy),**prosthetic**(Charles) and **epidemic**(Leif).

There were lots of smiles and laughter for jokes provided by Merrilyn,Lyn and Phil. Merrilyn also read a couple of comical poems. Carmen's **Little Box of Cards** also got some creative answers.

Our next meeting will be on MONDAY MARCH 29 with a social morning tea @ the MURGON DAIRY & HERITAGE MUSEUM. Start time :10 a.m. Cost: **\$6 per person**. Bookings are **essential**.

We are a small friendly group consisting of PwP, carers and supporters. There is **NO** joining fee and you do not have to have Parkinson's disease to belong. Meetings occur monthly and are varied in format, including guest speakers,social morning teas and information sharing sessions.

Parkinson's disease is a chronic,neurological disease which is progressive. At present there is no known cure. It is difficult to diagnose and is very individual in symptoms.

CONTACTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: DARRYL: 4168 3116 or CARMEN 5486 1268

LEAVE PASS

During the war years it was hard to get leave passes in the Army so the way to get a pass was to ask you're senior officer is it correct you can't issue leave passes any more? The senior officer would reply who told you that? And you would pick some other higher ranking officers name. Your own officer would reply I will show that smart arse who can do what around here and would issue you a pass.

New Check In Qld app makes COVID-Safe simpler in Queensland

A new, free, check-in app which makes it much easier for Queensland's hospitality businesses and their customers to stay COVID safe rolls out statewide from today.

Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk said the Check In Qld app has been extensively trialled over the last few weeks and has come out tops.

"It simplifies compliance with Public Health Directions for all hospitality venues, with patrons and customers able to self-check-in and have their information stored securely.

"Once people have used the Check In Qld app at one business, it remembers your details, saving you time in the future and providing easy on-going, check-in across all participating venues.

"The more businesses sign up, the better it will be for all of us.

"Having a safe and consistent check-in app has been a top priority, as we embrace the 'new normal' of a COVID safer environment," Ms Palaszczuk said.

"Importantly, the app removes some of the everyday burdens of COVID-19 restrictions for licenced venues, cafes, and their customers.

"It's everyone's responsibility to help keep our community safe, and effective contact tracing still remains at the heart of our public health response," Ms Palaszczuk said.

"The new Check In Qld app is free, contactless, secure and convenient and I know it will be embraced by venues and people right across the state."

Testing and trials of the new app began in January at selected venues from Cairns to Ipswich with venue operators giving it an enthusiastic thumbs up.

Doug Meagher, Venue Manager at the Orion Hotel in Springfield said the new app saves a whole lot of time for his staff and makes access much smoother for everyone.

"Rolling out this app is a massive step forward for Queensland in maintaining a COVID safe environment," Mr Meagher said.

For customers, it's as simple as downloading the app from Google Play or Apple App Stores and entering their details once. At participating venues, customers can then 'Check in Now' by opening the app and using venue's Check In Qld QR code.

"Customers can add the names of the other people in their party, show venue staff their successful check-in screen, and then enjoy their time out knowing they have helped keep Queenslanders safe," Ms Palaszczuk said.

More than 204 businesses in the trial have registered and are using the new app.

More than 29,000 customers have checked in at these venues.

Minister for Health and Ambulance Services Yvette D'Ath said the app had been endorsed by Queensland Health and would play a critical role in the state's contact tracing efforts.

"The new Check In Qld app will help Queensland Health's hard-working contact tracing team to quickly identify and assist anyone who may have been exposed to COVID-19

"Acceptance of the app will strengthen our efforts to unite and recover from COVID-19 by ensuring contact tracing can be quickly carried out in a time-critical situation.

"People can have confidence, knowing check in details will be stored securely by the Queensland Government for 30 to 56 days and will only be used if required for contact tracing purposes.

"Businesses outside the hospitality sector can also take up the app on a voluntary basis," Ms D'Ath said.

Minister for Digital Economy Leeanne Enoch said the Check In Qld app based on the Australian Capital Territory model has proved safe and reliable having undergone extensive and rigorous testing before today's approved roll-out.

"From Cairns to Ipswich, I thank the many businesses and venues which enthusiastically participated in testing, to help deliver a safe and reliable app for Queensland.

"Businesses and venues statewide are now strongly encouraged to register to use the app online. <https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/check-in-qld>

"Once registered, they will also be provided a business starter kit, which includes display posters with a unique QR Code."

By using the Check In Qld app, businesses will not need to manually collect or manage the information.

The data entered into each customer's app will be stored securely by the Queensland Government when they check in and will help to ensure it is readily available to contact tracers if required.

It is not mandatory to use the Check In Qld app however all hospitality businesses must continue to collect and store contact details electronically.

Other electronic methods include online fillable forms, membership card scanners, online booking systems and a digital spreadsheet.

Facts about Australia Day

Our Education system is not competently advising our children !!

Don't expect the media to educate you that's not part of their agenda. Australia Day does not celebrate the arrival of the first fleet or the invasion of anything.

Captain Cook did not arrive in Australia on the 26th of January. The Landing of Captain Cook in Sydney happened on the 28th of April 1770 - not on the 26th of January 1770.

The First Fleet arrived in Botany Bay on the 18th of January (1788) Capt Auther Phillip. (NB. Two French ships were off the NSW coast also waiting to anchor in Botany Bay, a gale actually stopped their arrival.) The 26th was chosen as Australia Day for a different reason; however, Captain Cook's landing was included in Australia Day celebrations as a reminder of a significant historical event.

Since the extravagant bicentenary celebrations of 1988, when Sydney-siders decided Captain Cook's landing should become the focus of the Australia Day commemoration, the importance of this date for all Australians has begun to fade.

Now, a generation later, it's all but lost.

This is because our politicians and educators have not been doing a good job promoting the day. Our politicians have not been advertising the real reason for Australia Day, and our educators have not been teaching our children the importance of the 26th of January to all Australians.

The media, as usual, is happy to twist the truth for the sake of controversy.

In recent years, the media has helped fan the flames of discontent among the Aboriginal community. Many are now so offended by what they see as a celebration of the beginning of the darkest days of Aboriginal history, they want the date changed.

Various local Councils are seeking to remove themselves from Australia Day celebrations, even refusing to participate in citizenship ceremonies, and calls are going out to have Australia Day on a different day.

The big question is, why has the Government allowed this misconception to continue?

Captain Cook didn't land on the 26th of January. So changing the date of any celebration of Captain Cook's landing would not have any impact on Australia Day, but maybe it would clear the way for the truth about Australia Day.

The reality is, the Aborigines in this country suffered terribly under the hands of British colonialism. This is as much Australia's history as the landing of the first fleet, and both should be remembered, equally. Both should be taught, side by side, in our schools.

Australians of today abhor what was done under British governance to the Aborigines. We abhor what was done under British governance to the Irish and many other cultures around the world. So, after the horrors of WWII, we decided to fix it.

We became our own people.

On the 26th of January 1949, the Australian nationality came into existence when the Nationality and Citizenship Act 1948 was enacted. That was the day we were first called Australians and allowed to travel with Passports as Australians.

Under the Nationality Act 1920 (Cth), all Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders born after January 1, 1921, gained the status of British subjects. In 1949, therefore, they automatically became Australian citizens under the Nationality and Citizenship Act 1948.

Before that special date, all people living in Australia, including Aborigines born after 1921, were called 'British Subjects' and forced to travel on British Passports and fight in British wars.

We all became Australians on the same day!

This is why we celebrate Australia Day on the 26th of January!

This was the day Australians became free to make our own decisions about which wars we would fight and how our citizens would be treated. It was the day Aborigines were declared Australians.

Until this date, Aborigines were not protected by law. For the first time since Cook's landing, this new Act gave Aboriginal Australians by inference and precedent the full protection of Australian law.

Because of this Act, the government became free to help Aborigines, and since that day much has been done to assist Aboriginal Australians, including saying 'sorry' for the previous atrocities done before this law came into being.

This was a great day for all Australians!

This is why the 26th of January is the day new Australians receive their citizenship. It is a day which celebrates the implementation of the Nationality and Citizenship Act of 1948 - the Act which gave freedom and protection to the first Australians and gives all Australians, old and new, the right to live under the protection of Australian Law, united as one nation.

Now, isn't that cause for celebration?

Education is key! There is a great need for education on the real reason we celebrate Australia Day on the 26th of January. This reason needs to be advertised and taught in schools. We all need to remember this one very special day in Australia's history, when freedom came to all Australians.

What was achieved that day is something for which all Australians can be proud!

We need to remember both the good and the bad in our history, but the emphasis must be the freedom and unity all Australians now have, because of what was done on the 26th of January 1949, to allow all of us to live without fear in a land of peace.

Isn't it time all Australians were taught the real reason we celebrate Australia Day on Jan 26th?

The author of this is Ken Patton from Melbourne.

Bundaberg Council leaves WBBROC

Following the decision by Bundaberg Regional Council to resign its membership from WBBROC, Cr Rachel Chambers, WBBROC Chair made the following statement:

"The members of WBBROC respect Bundaberg's decision to resign and thank them for their 20 years of working together on projects for the common good.

"By working as a united group, WBBROC was able to save our combined communities millions of dollars, and brought millions of dollars of investments into them," Cr Chambers added.

In the recent past, WBBROC, working with key stakeholders like the RDA and Department of State Development, was able to persuade the Queensland Government to spend nearly \$30M on a gas pipeline to the Port of Bundaberg, which was critical in helping Knauff plasterboard establish its production facility at the Port. Later, a 6,000-hectare Special Development Area was also created around the Port.

More recently, in collaboration with WBBROC councils, TMR, Sunwater and the BOM, WBBROC has been able to secure \$750K for flood warning infrastructure in the Burnett catchment which will help ensure that Bundaberg has the best fore-warning of potential flooding levels during heavy rainfall periods.

WBBROC has also secured over \$500K for weed and pest control in the upper Burnett catchment from the State and Federal Governments. These projects will be starting in the very near future.

WBBROC will continue to work in the best interests of the remaining 5 council members.

Council Ordinary Meeting Dates

January To March 2021

December 22, 2020: Council would like to advise that in accordance with Section 277 (1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the Ordinary Meetings for January to March 2021 have been scheduled as follows:

Weds 10 March 2021, Community Standing Committee, **Weds 17 March 2021** Executive Standing Committee, **Weds 24 March 2021**, General Meeting

All meetings commence at 9:00am in the Warren Truss Chamber, Glendon Street, Kingaroy unless stated otherwise.

From April 2020, Council has also begun to live stream video and audio of each meeting. These videos, along with meeting agendas and minutes, can be viewed on the Council Meetings page of Council's website.

WHAT'S ON @ SOUTH BURNETT LIBRARIES

MARCH 2021 | www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/libraries



SOUTH BURNETT LIBRARIES ONLINE CATALOGUE

Did you know you can browse South Burnett Libraries online catalogue to check out and reserve newly added titles?

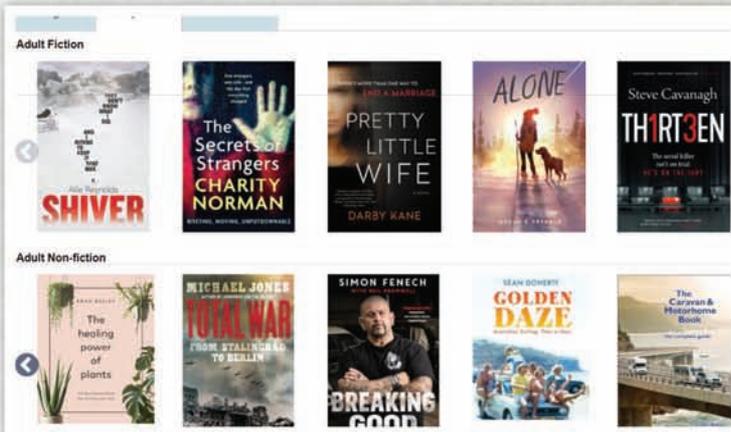
Simply head to the catalogue by searching South Burnett Libraries and click on the **Newly Added** tab.

Search new adult fiction, adult non-fiction, young adult fiction and new eBook titles from the comfort of your home. Login to your library account to reserve... easy!

Happy browsing!

We also love getting new book suggestions from our customers. Our libraries aim to provide a collection that meets the needs of the South Burnett community. If you wish to suggest a title to be added to the collection, please note that it will be considered in accordance with the Libraries Collection Development Policy.

If you need any assistance with logging in, please phone the Kingaroy library on 4189 9256 or pop into any of the six library branches across the region.



LOCAL ARTISTS ON DISPLAY AT KINGAROY LIBRARY

Kingaroy library is proud to showcase the talents of local artists with a variety of different mediums on display.

Currently we have 3 local artists featured with Ina Patterson's stunning acrylic paintings, Theresa Burnett's funky and fun canvases and the incredibly inspiring sculpture created by Channah Lederhose.

All these pieces bring colour, culture and appreciation to our community space and the feedback from our visitors is always positive and complimentary of the artists' skills. If you would like to become a featured artist of the month at the Kingaroy Library, we would be delighted to exhibit your work. Please contact Judy on 4189 9256 to arrange a booking.



Discover the magic... @ YOUR LIBRARY

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ANZAC DAY 2021



In these uncertain times, it is difficult to predict the future with Covid-19. However, following the announcement from Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk's in late February that ANZAC Day dawn services, marches and other commemorations can proceed as normal this year (with social distancing), it is planned to hold traditional services as follows:-.

MURGON

DAWN SERVICE

4.45am - Fellowship at Diggers Room (Rum & Milk) for RSL Members.

5.15am - Guard Mounted

5.20am - Service men and women fall in and march to the cenotaph

5.30am - Service commences

A "GUNFIRE BREAKFAST" will be held in the Diggers Room following the service.

MARCH AND SERVICE

The March steps off at 9.45am (Parade assembles from 9am in the car park of the Murgon Services Club) with Mr Joseph Thompson taking the salute and giving the address.

There will be a flyover from the RAAF during the march.

Refreshments provided in the Diggers Room following the service.

Note – numbers limited to current covid-19 restrictions.

Anyone who would like to either March on the day to represent their organisation or would like to lay a wreath, please contact Ritchie O'Neill on 0427 133 408 no later than Tuesday 20th April.

GOOMERI

DAWN SERVICE

5.15am – Dawn Service held at Memorial Clock, Cnr Wide Bay & Burnett Hwy, Goomeri.

7.30am – Pilgrimage to the Cemetery – Meet at the Cemetery, Goomeri West Road, Goomeri.

MARCH & SERVICE

9.45am – Assemble at Dickinson's Park. March to cenotaph for wreath laying followed by Service in Hall of Memory.

Please contact David Pitstock on 0427 169 043 with any questions.

CHERBOURG

MARCH & SERVICE

Commencing at 8am - Barambah Avenue, Cherbourg.



RSL

Murgon Sub Branch

LIGHT UP THE DAWN

As a supplement to local commemoration activities, RSL Queensland will once again – by popular demand from the community – assist with a Light Up the Dawn marketing campaign for those who wish to show their support for veterans in this way.

In the coming weeks, a map of services and commemorative activities across the State will be published on the RSL Queensland website when they are confirmed.

As information comes to hand, it will be advertised in the Murgon Moments, on posters and on the Murgon RSL Sub Branch Facebook Page. Or call the Sub Branch on Tel. 0427 915 533.

Regardless of the form this year's Anzac Day commemorations take, let's show that Australians will always remember those who have served and sacrificed for this nation.



UQ Rural Clinical School Toowoomba change of Directors

This month, The University of Queensland Rural Clinical School (UQRCS) Toowoomba Director, Dr George Tucker will hand his stethoscope reins to Dr Andrew “Doogie” Whitcombe after serving in the role for more than 11 years.

Since UQRCS Toowoomba’s inception in 2002, the Director’s role has continuously evolved, however Dr Tucker’s passion to inspire and educate students and drive the rural medical workforce agenda never faltered.

Dr Tucker said the Darling Downs was a supportive community dedicated to the education of future doctors.

“I knew the professional and academic staff were completely committed to providing excellent teaching and experience for UQ medical students but I didn’t quite realise how much interest my patients and the general community had in valuing and nurturing medical students coming to the region,” Dr Tucker said.

As a consultant physician with an emphasis in palliative care, Dr Tucker’s work led him to become part of the fundraising arm to establish the Toowoomba Hospice and subsequently serve on various Hospice committees before joining UQRCS Toowoomba.

“When I started working at the Rural Clinical School I felt burnt out; but I was suddenly in the midst of bright-eyed, bushy-tailed students who were brimming with enthusiasm,” he said.

“They gave me the boost I needed.”

In his pursuit to become a doctor, the Mackay born Dr Tucker moved to Brisbane to complete his medical degree. He then ventured to Rockhampton for some post-graduation experience before starting physician training in Brisbane, during which he worked as a Medical Registrar at Toowoomba Base Hospital on secondment from Royal Brisbane Hospital in 1978. He completed physician training in Scotland and set up his private practice in Toowoomba in 1982.

Dr Tucker is proud to have been part of building UQRCS Toowoomba’s brand, as well as contributing to the physical expansion and program offering.

“We have everything at our fingertips to educate students in our regional areas, and our students are so willing and keen to take on the opportunities,” he said.

Educating rural medical students whilst still having a finger on the pulse of the medical world is what Dr Tucker says has been the best part about the role, and it’s this exact balance which attracted incumbent UQRCS Toowoomba Director Dr Whitcombe to apply.

Dr Tucker deems himself as semi-retired but will leave one foot in the medicine door, volunteering for the Toowoomba Hospital Foundation and working a day a week as an Academic with UQRCS Toowoomba.

Found bicycles, Murgon

December 2020 At approximately 8pm on December 10, 2020, a child's push bicycle was located in the vicinity of the Murgon IGA on Lamb Street, Murgon.

If anyone has any information about the owner of the push bicycle, please contact Murgon Police Station on 4179 5222 and quote police reference number QP2002564446.

At approximately 4pm on December 29, 2020, a Repco push bicycle was located in the vicinity of Angel Avenue, Murgon.

If anyone has any information about the owner of the push bicycle, please contact Murgon Police Station and quote police reference number QP2002666330.

January 2021 At approximately 5.30pm on January 28, a foldable push bicycle was located in the vicinity of Heading Street, Murgon.

If anyone has any information about the owner of the push bicycle, please contact Murgon Police Station and quote police reference number QP2100203140.

February 2021 At approximately 9.40pm on February 11, a Repco push bicycle was located in the vicinity of Macalister Street, Murgon.

If anyone has any information about the owner of the push bicycle, please contact Murgon Police Station and quote police reference number QP2100277485.

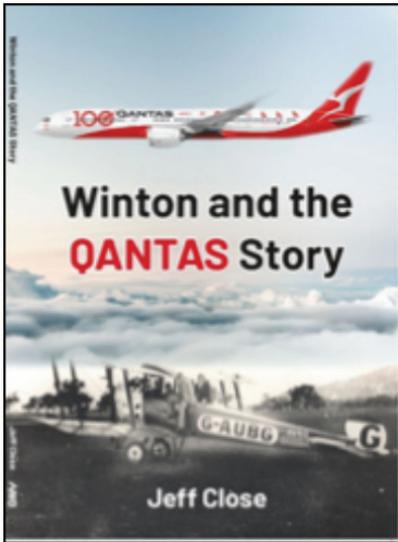


If you have information for police, contact Policelink by providing information using the online suspicious activity form 24hrs per day at www.police.qld.gov.au/reporting.

You can report information about crime anonymously to Crime Stoppers, a registered charity and community volunteer organisation, via crimestoppersqld.com.au 24hrs per day. QANTAS 100 Years

QANTAS 100 Years

WINTON has been there the whole time



When QANTAS was registered as a Company on the 16th of November 1920, Winton was the registered office. When the first QANTAS board meeting was held, it was at the Winton Club. When QANTAS' first bank account was opened it was with the Bank of New South Wales in Elderslie Street in Winton. "Winton has been around for as long as QANTAS has", said Jeff Close, author of a new book *Winton and the QANTAS story*, launched by Winton Shire Mayor Gavin Baskett exactly 100 years to the day since QANTAS held its first Board meeting in Winton on the 10th of February, 1921. And the venue for the book launch was exactly the same venue – the Winton Club.

The book launch at morning tea featured a guest appearance from Mr Maxwell, editor of the Winton Herald all those years ago. Reg Kavanagh played the part and recounted the jubilant scene just north of the town as two aeroplanes landed, "as gracefully as birds". The tow hosted a welcome, "and the King was toasted".

The other special guest at the book launch was local identity John East, who flew QANTAS Charleville to Winton, with stops in Blackall, Barcaldine and Longreach, just 19 years after the airline was founded. John was boarding at

school in Charleville. His recounting of boarding the plane, the flight, the care given to him by the QANTAS crew and the landing in the third of 4 landing strips that Winton has had kept the large audience spell-bound. "All the airstrip had for facilities was a tin shed", John recalled.

On the evening of the 10th February, once again at the Winton Club, a large cast performed a 'radio play' recreating the first QANTAS Board meeting. The audience was introduced to Fergus McMaster, McGinniss, Kit Tighe, Charles Brabazon, Hudson Fysh, John Thompson, Harriet Riley, Allan Campbell, Mr Maxwell, John Cannan and Ainslie Templeton – all key players in the formation of QANTAS. The show was held together by the narrator and scene setter.



A packed COVID safe crowd enjoyed the performance, with all door takings donated to Jessamine Place. Cathy White gave an update on behalf of the Jessamine Place Committee.

The new book, *Winton and the QANTAS story*, is available from Corfield and Fitzmaurice or the Waltzing Matilda Centre in Winton, or on line at www.outbackbooks.info The full cast: Scene Setter Bente Moller, Fergus McMaster John Paynter, Narrator Anne Seymour, McGinniss Bruce Collins, Hudson Fysh Jeff Close, Maxwell of the Winton Herald Reg Kavanagh, Alan Campbell Gary Doak, Kit Tighe Robyn Stephens, Ainslie Templeton Gavin Baskett, Charles Brabazon Ed Warren, Harriet Riley Mary Pearce, John Thompson Dr Saph, and John Cannan Shane Mann. Further information: Jeff Close closeandmoller@gmail.com 0458532677

Photo: Fling QANTAS 81 years ago, John East recounts his early flights and landings with wife Elinor.

Window Displays

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

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

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

Break and enter, Wondai

Between Thursday, February 11, and Thursday, February 18, unknown offender/s have gained entry to a classroom at a school on Kent Street, Wondai.

The unknown persons have then stolen 11 musical instruments, including a Yamaha flute, three Yamaha clarinets, one Jupiter clarinet, two Yamaha alto saxophones, two Yamaha trombones, one Bach trumpet and one Encore trumpet.

The majority of the instruments or their cases have identifying features such as serial numbers on them.

If you have any information relating to this incident or to the whereabouts of the instruments, please contact Policelink or Crime Stoppers (details below).



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Quote this reference number: QP2100323636 within the online suspicious activity form.

IS JESUS CHRIST REAL????

This is a question that all of us face, and the answer to this question is the foundation on which we build our lives. If we decide that He is not real there is nothing to restrict us in our ways. We believe that there are no consequences for our actions, except the manmade laws that have been put in place.

On the other hand, if we acknowledge that Jesus is real and that He exists (and there is plenty of irrefutable proof of this), then suddenly we are faced with a raft of consequences that influence our lives. The simple acknowledgement of his existence requires an answer as to what he did during his life on earth and why he came to be among us! Was he indeed the Son of God? That also means that there is a God. And if there is a God then it follows He is our creator and that the life, death and resurrection of Jesus had an all mighty purpose.

It also means, that if Jesus is real, then hell also exists, because He spent all his ministry time to warn us of this fact, and to show us how we can avoid ending up in hell.

He preached about the Kingdom of Heaven, and told us how we can become citizens of this Kingdom, which brings with it a life eternal, that never comes to an end, where He is King with God the Father, an existence without sin, without tears, pain, disappointment, but instead everlasting joy!

On the other hand He warned us of the kingdom of darkness where we all are heading if we refuse the offered way out, where the Devil is king with his demons until he will be cast into the lake of fire. This kingdom is also eternal, with never ending pain, unimaginable suffering and sorrow. A place of no hope, a place of darkness, a place without water, where we will for ever kick ourselves for refusing to accept Christ's offered escape from this horror by asking him to forgive us of our sins, and to come and make his abode in our hearts.

When all is said and done, we will stand before the great white throne of all mighty God the father, and He will ask one question: "What have you done with the blood of my Son? Did you ask for your sins to be blotted out by that blood, or did you trample it under foot?"

If we did trample his blood underfoot, by ignoring the offered escape route, we face horrendous consequences. Just because we decide to believe that God does not exist doesn't remove Him from reality. Follow his directions and find out for ourselves what the truth really is? Is the price to obtain eternal life not worth it? If our life is in the hand of God, would it not be wise to make the effort to find out?

Pastor Adriaan Lens van Rijn, New Horizons church, Murgon.

Graham House Community Centre



A massive thank you to the Murgon Mens Shed for their assistance in our Community Garden this morning.

Community Garden is on every Monday from 8am if you are interested in taking part please come along ~ Everyone is welcome.

Proston Show will be “all go” on the Saturday the 13 March 2021.

Dagwood dogs, fairy floss, coffee, ice creams, food trucks, rock wall, jumping castle, slippery slide, interactive animal farm, poultry, cattle, show dog competitions, pavilion competitions and lots more.

Grand Opening at 2pm then followed by the Multi draw raffle, the champion judging of the Stud Cattle and Poultry and top the day off with “Walter Whips” will be performing in the ring.

The Theme for this year is “Pigs” this theme is in the pavilion and the cut out pigs are being decorated by those who wish to do so (ph 0412016564 if you wish to receive a pig cut out to decorate)

QR registration on entering and leaving the show grounds are essential.

Tap n Go will be available

Please Pre purchasing of entry tickets <http://www.prostononline.info/show.html> in doing this it speeds up the gate entry delays. A refund is available for those who find they are unable to attend.

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Congratulations Ross on winning the fire pit and well done Rick from Collards Fuel Supplies for running the comp to encourage everyone to 'shop local'. . Ross was the winner off my Christmas promotion thanks for supporting a local business.

*MBDA Member



Barambah Garden Club



The February meeting of the Barambah Garden Club was held on Friday 12th at the home of Jan Reitmajer in Dutton Street with fifteen people in attendance.

Jan will soon be departing to live in WA to be close to family and a farewell luncheon was enjoyed on the patio.

As usual a lucky door and a raffle was drawn with Ann Rehbein winning the Raffle and Barbara King the lucky door prize. There was not a lot of flowers on the competition table this meeting and the overall winner was Marlene Emmerton who entered many categories.

The members walked around Jan's expansive garden with its diverse collection of trees and shrubs, including many natives. Jan with her

keen interest in plants, especially

orchids will be missed in our Garden Club. She is a diligent gardener with the firm belief that a lovely garden enriches a home which is so true.

Our next meeting will be March 12 at the home of Jean Green from Tansey with guest Speaker, Damien O'Sullivan on the subject of Grasses.

Happy Gardening everybody.

Photo: Jan Reitmajer with Ethne Kinsela in the Dutton Street Garden.

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Windera State School Centenary is “Good to Go!”



After the unfortunate events of 2020 which forced the Windera State School P&C to postpone their Centenary celebrations, the event is now “Good to Go!” This slogan, recently announced by the Queensland State Government, is designed to be used for events meeting COVID-safe Plan guidelines. The Windera P&C is ready for action and have set a new date for their 100 Years celebration: Saturday 10th April 2021. Everyone is most welcome to attend this long-awaited and well-organised event!

The day will begin at 8:30am, with the all-important registration for the event occurring at the front gate. Visitors will be directed to park in allotted areas and a drop-off zone for those with mobility challenges will be situated right in front of the entrance. Morning tea and

socialising will follow, with plenty of time to catch up with old school mates and people travelling from afar. Children’s games have been organised by the teaching staff, and social tennis has always been important to our district, so bring your racquet!

The official part of the day will begin at 11:00am and will be signalled by the ringing of the school bell. Our wonderful Head Teachers and Principals from across the decades will take turns at reading the roll, in what is hoped to be a memorable moment in time. Following the cutting of the Centenary cake, each decade of students, as well as other important official photos, will be undertaken for posterity.

At the end of the official ceremony, in good old country fashion, the bar, barbeque and music will begin! There will be plenty to do, with the Kratzmann brothers, Mark and Andrew, looking for doubles partners to join them for a couple of sets of exhibition tennis; providing lots of fun and laughter for the crowd. No seeded players need apply! Old time games will also be provided by school staff on the oval, and all are encouraged to enjoy the opportunity to relive memories and revisit their own childhood! We’re hoping for fine weather, if only for just one day, so remember to bring your hat and a chair. Seating will be limited.

A fabulous multi-draw raffle, with over thirty prizes, has been organised by the P&C. Donations for prizes have been collected over the past two years from generous Windera folk and a few local business owners. The prizes are amazing and truly worth the two-dollar ticket!

Of course, a School Centenary would not be complete without memorabilia to mark the occasion. A range of items; including tumblers, stubby holders, personalised pavers and monogrammed calico bag, can be pre-ordered (rachelcooper5693@gmail.com) or purchased on the day.

Don’t miss out on the iconic Windera Cookbook or the historical and comprehensive “100 Years of History” book, which also pays homage to both the Glenrock and Boobyjan State Schools. Unfortunately, no Eftpos facilities will be available on Centenary day.

To complete our provision of entertainment and refreshments, there will be a coffee van, a small number of stalls, jumping castle, barbeque dinner, bar and musical artists including The Stolzenberg Brothers, Guy Davis and others. We are all looking forward to a social celebration that will travel into the evening!

Please celebrate 100 years of education and community with us on Saturday 10th April. Remember to RSVP to the above email address; or simply come along on the day and have a yarn! Amanda Dennien, P&C President

Jammin’ on a Saturday Afternoon

Yes, the Music Jam is on again. Sat Feb 17 was a great success and enjoyed by all. We had to turn the coolers on. Why not come to the next session? Treat yourself to an afternoon out. Tea and Biscuits is served at the venue. Alcohol is not permitted on the grounds, it is at a church after all.

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

The session starts at 2pm, going to 5pm.

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

Anybody can just come along and listen in.

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

All instruments and music styles are welcome. Come along, join in, share, learn and have fun.

Enquiries to Wayne on 0409870853. Call after 4pm.



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- ✓ Reporting issues in your neighbourhood to the council, police or relevant authorities so that they can be addressed.
- ✓ Supporting local small businesses.
- ✓ Helping to keep the neighbourhood beautiful by keeping your house and yard well-maintained.

Local Achiever – Wooroolin / Memerambi

The nominee is:

- Ros Heit



Ros has been an outstanding member of the Wooroolin, Wondai and Tingoorra communities for several years. She's a founding member of the South Burnett Rail Trail Users Association, helped to start the now four-year-old Wondai parkrun and is one of the organisers the Wondai Country Running Festival. Both parkrun and the Wondai Country Running Festival are going from strength to strength despite the challenges COVID threw during 2020. She is a member of several other committees and her support is greatly appreciated by organisations such as the Wondai Regional Art Gallery, where she is the patron. Ros is also a member of the Wooroolin QCWA, chairing AGMs for organisations such as The Laurels in Wondai and the QCWA.

The winner of the Wooroolin / Memerambi Local Achiever Award is Ros Heit.

Editor: My apology for somehow missing you Ros with all the other recipients



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Kathy's Comments

Footpath Cleaning Program

The new Murgon footpath is due to be extensively cleaned by Council contractors. I am also working with Council to provide a plan for shop owners to be able to keep the area in front of their shop clean and tidy in between Council cleans.

Council's Draft Corporate Plan

The Mayor, Councillors & staff are out and about talking about the Draft Corporate Plan. This Corporate plan is a strategic document that should have everything in it that we want to see happen in the South Burnett over the next five years.

The vision statement should reflect how we would like to see this region in five years. Our draft vision is "The South Burnett..unique communities working together in a strong and vibrant region. Our draft purpose statement is "South Burnett Regional Council..making a positive difference in peoples lives through the quality of the work we do"

There are five key priorities that we have identified across our region. They are enhancing liveability and lifestyle, providing key infrastructure for our towns and villages, growing our region's economy and prosperity, safeguarding our environment and organisational excellence.

We have tried to make this document very clear and purposeful. Some examples of initiatives are to include a tree planting strategy and perennial (drought tolerant) shrubs and flower planting program. Another one is to continue to provide and investigate options to improve the slashing and spraying programmes on state and local road networks. To help improve our economy, one initiative is to advocate for enhanced digital connectivity. We have also included providing and investigating options to improve our environment by waste reduction, land management and recycling. In organisational excellence we have a big focus on improvement of our customer service.

It is a legislative requirement that we must go out to public consultation on this document because everything that Council does over this term relates back to the Corporate Plan. Please have a look at this draft plan and provide feedback. You can have a look at it on Council's website, in the library or at one of our Council offices.

Town Plans

This is an initiative of our new Mayor. I think it is very exciting and a huge opportunity for everyone to have a say in what they would like to see happen in their own town or village. There are forms online and I have been trying to get them out and about and encouraging people to have their say. Once we have collected all of the ideas we will put together a draft plan to go back out to each community. The final plans once adopted, will be used to help drive projects for that community into the future. The individual plans include Murgon, Hivesville, Mondure and Proston so please don't miss this opportunity to have your say!!

Duff Stuff!!

I am very excited to have my own radio segment on Crowfm every Wednesday around 4.30pm. It is with Matt Collins and is mainly around having a bit of fun. Matt does not want a lot of Council talk; he wants it to be more about the lighter



side of a Councillor. We are having fun with the odd quiz, a game of chess and a bit of lighthearted talk about what is happening in the community. I feel flattered to have the Proston Golden Spurs help sponsor the segment. They have even made up a cocktail called "Fluffy Duff" which is pink in colour and quite sweet to taste. I would really like to thank Di & Andy Grant for their support but also for what they are doing to help to promote Proston.

BBRF Funding Applications

We are putting the water park project for BP Dam aside as it needs more scoping for a future funding round. We are submitting applications for an upgrade to Wondai Pool and Coolabunia saleyards. We are also applying for a small amount of funding to do an agricultural study to include a focus on rural mental health.

Creative Country Sod Turning & Men's Shed Extension

It was exciting to be in Murgon for the sod turning with Llew O'Brien of the, soon to be built, Art Gallery and Fossil Museum. The spot across from Clifton Motors is the land where this will be built. I believe that it will be a perfect addition to the attractions that we already have in that area including the rail trail and the Men's Shed. The Men's Shed team now have a magnificent display shed that was opened on the same day. The renovated vintage machinery that they have worked on for many years can now be viewed in one safe place.

Proston and Murgon Shows

It's Show time again and even with the COVID restrictions the Shows are going ahead. They will be reduced back to keep them compliant, but they will still be important opportunities to showcase our region. I hope everyone supports our local shows.

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EYCI loses momentum but still at eye-watering high

Despite an expectation that cattle supplies will continue to tighten in 2021, the Eastern Young Cattle Indicator (EYCI) experienced its highest throughput in just over 12 months for the week ending Thursday 4 February 2021. 18,592 EYCI-eligible cattle were sold through MLA reported saleyards, well above average January levels in 2020, at 10,545 head. The return of many key saleyards after the Australia Day public holiday has resulted in more cattle being offered as producers look to capitalise on red hot prices.

The bulk of cattle sold offers a truer reflection of the market, further highlighting the strength of young cattle prices. When the indicator hit its current record of 888.25¢/kg carcass weight (cwt) two weeks ago, 6,615 head of cattle went through for the week, a third of the current level. In that two-week period to now, the EYCI has eased just 13¢/kg cwt. This highlights that large shifts in supply aren't having a significant impact on price given the current high levels, reinforcing that there is strong buyer intent within the supply chain to attain a market share.

Restockers continue to drive the premium for young cattle. As can be seen in the graph below, the price restockers are willing to pay for young cattle directly mirrors fluctuations to the EYCI. The restocker margin widened in January to break away from feeders and processors, but has started to realign again recently.

Upwards pressure on price continues to be predominantly fuelled by restocker demand out of southern Queensland yards, with cattle still heading south to fill grass-heavy paddocks.

Courtesy Meat & Livestock Australia Limited, 2021

Reminder:

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2021-22 Commemorative Grants open to help Wide Bay Salute Their Service

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien is encouraging local organisations to apply for funding to honour the Wide Bay's military history.

Applications are now open for the 2021-22 Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program, with Community Grants of up to \$10,000 available for local, community-based projects and activities, and Major Grants of up to \$150,000 for commemorative projects and activities that are significant from a national, state, or regional perspective.

Mr O'Brien said eight Wide Bay organisations have shared in more than \$75,000 through the program, including the Murgon RSL for a statue at Goomeri, Gundiah Memorial Hall, Cooroy Pomona RSL, Mary Valley RSL, Tin Can Bay RSL, Rainbow Beach cenotaph, Maryborough Military Aviation museum and Kilkivan RSL.

"Wide Bay has an incredibly rich and important military history, and I have seen first-hand the valuable work that results from the Saluting Their Service program funding," Mr O'Brien said.

"People in Wide Bay are rightly proud of our military history and those who have served from our region, and I encourage local organisations to apply for funding through the Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program to ensure we remember those who served and their efforts in defending our nation and our Australian way of life."

"2020 had an unexpected impact on our community due to COVID-19 and we are still feeling the impacts today, so as we enter into the 2021-22 grant funding year, let's make sure that we use the support provided by the Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program to carry on the commemorations legacy."

The Grant Opportunity Guidelines have also been revised for 2021-22, which includes more information around coronavirus support and new opening and closing dates.

For more information, including access to the latest guidelines and information on how to apply, visit <https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/grants/saluting-service>

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