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The 2017 Goomeri Pumpkin Festival - Sunday 28th May

With just a few weeks till festival, the nerves are starting to build. The plans are set and all the key players have been finalised. Even the weather has been kind to us, bringing the much needed rain to our area and turning everything a beautiful shade of green.

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PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDS OF ROAD SAFETY STATEMENT

This week marks the commencement of two very important initiatives; National Road Safety Week and the fourth UN Global Road Safety week.

Today, Parliamentarians will wear yellow ribbons in honour of the lives lost on our roads, in conjunction with the Safer Australian Roads and Highways, the Australian Road Safety Foundation and the Australasian College of Road Safety.

Sadly, last year we had a rise in our national road toll with 1,300 losing their lives on our roads. Thousands of people were also injured on our roads through road accidents. We must acknowledge and thank members of the police force, fire service, and importantly ambulance officers, who are often first on the scene and confronted with the harsh reality of road accidents.

It is also important to acknowledge the many road safety organisations and bodies around our country, who continue to work tirelessly to improve road safety outcomes.

Australia is not alone. Globally, road safety is a major issue. A World Health Organisation (WHO) report was published 2016 and sadly revealed 1.25 million deaths occurred on the globe's roads in 2013.

The Parliamentary Friends of Road Safety wants Australia to take the lead in road safety by adopting the highest possible standards in road design, vehicle design/technology and enforcement. By adopting the highest possible standards, we hope to be a shining light in the Asia Pacific region and reduce the road toll and injuries here in Australia and around the globe.

That is why the Parliamentary Friends of Road Safety will strongly advocate and push for measures that set an ambitious target to have road deaths reduced to zero.

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Shed Men

All Men & young Blokes are invited to the 36th meeting of

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1st Speaker: Michael Kiem runs DENMAR Apiaries and he breeds and exports Queen Bees, produces/sells honey, and has a beer & softdrink can collection numbering 18,000!!

2nd Speaker: David Edwards grew up and now lives in the Mary Valley, Gympie. David ran a trucking business for 8 years, has been a Farm Worker, spent time in Thailand & New Guinea, and now grows Tumeric on a 22 acre farm.

DATE: Saturday 27th May 2017.

Start – Can Collection Tours start at 4 pm. Honey Extraction Demonstration 5.30 pm.

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

RSVP: For attendance Mon 22nd May 2017.

Glen Vonhoff 41684134 joyglen3@bigpond.com David Mollenhauer 4168 5912 dlmolly@gmail.com

QUALITY SCHOOLS FUNDING ESTIMATOR FOR WIDE BAY

A new funding estimator is available to help parents, teachers, principals and school communities see exactly how they stand to benefit from the Government's new $18.6 billion needs-based Quality Schools plan.

Federal Member for Wide Bay, Llew O'Brien today said the new online estimator showed that funding for schools across the electorate would increase from $116.2 million in 2017 to $138.2 million in 2021.

"We are delivering the real 'Gonski' needs-based funding model. The new estimator will give school communities the information they need to make long-term plans for the future of each child and each school," Mr O'Brien said.

"The Quality Schools plan invests an extra $22 million of needs-based funding into Wide Bay schools over the next four years, delivering long-term funding certainty for schools and communities, ensuring everybody is treated fairly.

"The package will set students on the path to academic excellence and achieve real needs-based funding for students from all backgrounds and in every region. Our plan factors in the background, family life, levels of disability and socioeconomic status of each student and school to ensure funding is truly needs-based and fair," Mr O'Brien said.

Details on how the needs based schools funding plan will benefit local schools is available on the website www.education.gov.au/qualityschools and clicking through to the Schools Funding Estimator.

The improvements will ensure all schools transition to an equal Commonwealth share of the resource standard in a decade.

"We know a strong level of funding for schools is vital, but it's also important to ensure that funding is optimised."

The Government has appointed David Gonski to lead a new inquiry into improving the results of Australian students. Mr Gonski's inquiry will be focused not on how much funding there is, but how it is used through the most effective teaching and learning strategies to reverse declining results and raise the performance of schools and students.

"Our reforms will set our schools up for the future and deliver fair, needs-based funding for all Australian students." For further details of the Government's Quality Schools reform package are available at: www.education.gov.au/qualityschools

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What a Night

Once again a fantastic Cloyna Annual Dinner organised by Murgon Lions & catered for by the Cloyna Hall Committee to raise money for the Hall. The combined service clubs and their close affiliate clubs and guests enjoyed a great night of fellowship and raffles along with a very interesting and informative presentation by the guest speaker Jason Reimers.

Jason told of his life on large cattle stations in Western Australia and the Northern Territory before coming to Cloyna and establishing his present business Growup Organics and becoming the South Burnett Soil Doctor.

Cartoon by Tony Turton

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I found out in a hurry that I didn't. These are not trick questions.

They are straight questions with straight answers..

1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.

2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?

3 Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?

4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?

5. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?

6. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters ' dw' and they are all common words. Name two of them.

7. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least half of them?

8. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.

9. Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter 'S.'

Answers on page 27

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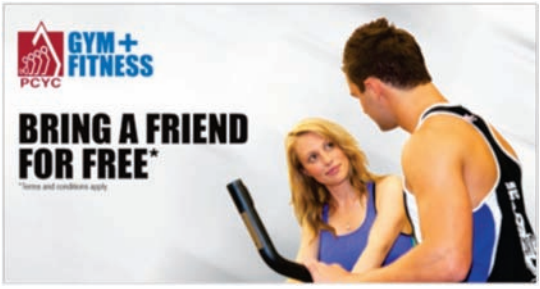

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South Burnett Shed Men

Nev Jorgensen invites all men & young blokes to our 52nd.. Meeting.

Saturday 20th. May 2017 at 4.00 pm. to 7.00 pm.

Venue: RBM Industrial Bags Pty. Ltd. (Mark Stallwood's Upholstery Shed) 4 Sawtell St. Kingaroy. Makers of Industrial & Canvas Tool Bags & Pouches - Guest Speaker: David Klingner - A Man with a purpose

Cost: $15.00 includes BBQ & dessert, tea / coffee, soft drink, under 15's free, BYO other drinks.

RSVP. 15th. May. 2017 , Nev Jorgensen 41622009 Lester Folker 41 621 833, Don Larsen 41627130.

Ladies Night Out Saturday 20th May 2017 (same night of the S.B. Shed Men's evening)

Glenice Larsen invites all ladies to an evening with guest speaker Belinda Klingner Time 4.00 pm at 19 Avocado Crescent Kingaroy, Please bring a plate (finger food) to share.

Please phone Glenice on (07) 41 627 130 for more information. RSVP: 15th May 2017

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NATIONAL SENIORS

The next meeting of Murgon & District Branch of National Seniors will be held on Thursday 15th June at the Murgon Bowls Club at 9.30 am , all members are requested to attend. The Photo competition will be Fishing. The Book from National Seniors for Anzac day is "Our Vietnam Nurses" by Annabella Brayley

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

The Big Raffle will be selling in May. Volunteers will be required. The July coach tour will be to Clifton on Thursday 20th $60 p/p For further information contact Paula (President) on (07) 41683114

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NO BRIEFING OFFERED FOR WIVENHOE DAM UPGRADE

In early April it was extremely disappointing for residents and property owners above the Wivenhoe Dam Wall to learn via media that plans to raise the Dam Wall by four metres were being considered by the State Government. I immediately asked for a briefing from the Minister for Energy and Water, Mark Bailey but unfortunately, this request has fallen on deaf ears. The response I received from the Minister was unacceptable and all I received were some fact sheets. It is obvious this Minister has no clue that an announcement like this has significant impacts on landholders above the dam wall. He has advised me that consultation with stakeholders won't take place until later this year, but it is just not okay that people will be left hanging for so long, they need answers now.

This is completely different to how the former Government handled this issue. In 2014 we announced scoping studies to investigate flood mitigation options and we immediately started consulting and including the community. In 2015 I wrote to the Minister for Energy and Water twice to ask if the scoping studies would proceed under this Government, as well as lodging a Question on Notice through Parliament. Each answer I received was vague, but we understood all scoping studies were on hold and the community have received no information since early 2015 from the Palaszczuk Government about their intentions.

While I understand the need for safety upgrades to Wivenhoe Dam, the way this is being handled shows once again this Government doesn't consider regional communities when making decisions.

Deb Frecklington, MP, Member for Nanango

Mother's Day Raffle Winners May 17

1st Prize Cathy Doolan Orange Ticket # D32
2nd Prize Madeline Steinhardt Gold Ticket # C26
3rd Prize Elma Campbell Purple Ticket #C55
4th Prize Dianne Pain Pink Ticket # E54
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Wondai Regional Art Gallery - June 2017 Exhibition

"The Wenlock River Project"
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A unique touring exhibition of paintings and photographs by a group of artists who draw their inspiration from travelling to the Steve Irwin Reserve on Cape York will be shown at Wondai Regional Art Gallery throughout June.

Their work, shown under the group name, The Wenlock River Project emphasises the beauty and unique nature of this Reserve and of the Wenlock River which forms its southern border. The river is a sanctuary for wildlife and a haven for landscape lovers. It is also the centre of the crocodile research carried out by the Australia Zoo team.

In 2015, the group of painters and photographers embarked on an artist camp to the Steve Irwin Wildlife Reserve, Cape York. After a week of creativity immersed in a wide range of diverse landscapes, The Wenlock River Project was born.

The Project Team members are: painters Annabel Tully and Noel Miller and photographers Russell Shakespeare and (Steve's son), Robert Irwin. Together they are presenting a total of over 40 stunning works of art, which will appeal to both art and nature lovers.

The Steve Irwin Wildlife Reserve (SIWR) is a wetland conservation property and a tribute to Crocodile Hunter Steve Irwin.

All four artists have impressive records in their chosen fields which include finalists in major art prizes and a Walkley Award. Robert has already had animal photographs chosen for major photographic prizes.

"Kids Korner" Cherbourg State School

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The exhibition will remain in the Wondai Regional Art Gallery until 4pm on Friday 30th June 2017.

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

Telephone: 07 4168 5926 or email wondaiartgallery@southburnett.qld.gov.au

Photo: Wenlock River Project artists and photographers(L to R) Noel Miller, Annabel Tully, Robert Irwin, Russell Shakespeare.

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Federal member for Wide Bay, Llew O'Brien made a very welcome visit to Murgon last week.

In the Visitor Information Centre on Lamb Street, he announced $400,000 of the Coalition's Safer Streets Programme will soon fund closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras in Murgon. Mr O'Brien was joined by Snr. Sgt Lance Guteridge and many community group and organisation representatives including members of the Murgon Business and Development Association, who applied for the grant.

Speaking in front of the gathering, Mr. O'Brien said this commitment will deliver more than 40 CCTV cameras in Murgon's CBD, along the main business district and surrounding areas and will include some additional lighting access by police at the Murgon Police Station.

"The Murgon CCTV cameras network will enable police to monitor and respond to any suspicious activity. The presence of CCTV cameras also acts as a deterrent to those who are considering breaking the law. Potential offenders will think twice about possible criminal behaviour if their chances of being caught on camera," Mr. O'Brien shared.

Getting support for this project has been years in the making, but Margaret Long from Murgon Business and Development Association said the wait has been worth it.

"Murgon is open for business and closed for crime. We have a wonderful town with some great businesses who support our community and our Murgon police work very closely with us. This funding will complement the great work that our police already do and will be strong deterrent to criminals ensuring that Murgon continues to be a wonderful place to live and work," Mrs. Long said.

She added the business group are excited that after a seemingly long wait we can now forge ahead with this project. It is hoped that the project will start within the next four to six weeks.

"The presence of CCTV cameras will help people to feel safer and more secure in our community. Whether people are going about their business, shopping, out to dinner with friends or enjoying a night out, CCTV cameras provide an additional layer of security to help protect businesses, residents and their property," she said.

Further information on the Safer Streets Programme is available at www.ag.gov.au and to learn more about the Murgon CCTV cameras network, contact Margaret Long on 4168 2922.

JEFF SEENEY MP

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MOTHER'S DAY

According to "Google" Mother's Day is steeped in history going back to the Romans. In 1600's England, Mothering Day took place on the 4th Sunday of Lent when children would present their mothers with flowers.

The Mother's Day date in Australia is the same as the date observed in America, which is the 2nd Sunday of May each year. However, it is an Australian who is credited with having started the tradition of giving gifts. Janet Heyden started a campaign in 1924 to collect gifts for lonely aged mothers.

Today Mother's Day is celebrated in many countries around the world, usually in March or May. However we may feel about this day, it has been around for a long time, confirming what we all know – that Mums are very special people – and every now and then we should acknowledge them.

Happy Mother's Day to all Mums!

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BACK TO BASICS BUDGET BASED ON FAIRNESS, SECURITY AND OPPORTUNITY

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien, said the 2017 Coalition Government Budget is based on principles of fairness, security and opportunity.

"The Budget papers confirm my election commitments and funding for local projects," Mr O'Brien said.

These include the $20 million Wide Bay Burnett Jobs Package to encourage business to create new jobs; $2 million to upgrade the Cooloola–Noosa coastal link road; Men's Sheds at Tin Can Bay and Murgon; Maryborough's Portside Cultural Precinct; as well as National Stronger Regions funding for the Fraser Coast Military History Trail; and Gympie's Pavilion.

"Building a better Bruce Highway is a top priority for me and the Budget includes an $11.2 million allocation to upgrade the intersection of the Bruce Highway and Wide Bay Highway at Bells Bridge. This funding will fix this notorious intersection and will be welcomed by people in Gympie and the South Burnett," Mr O'Brien said.

"I am continuing to highlight the need for the Section D Cooroy to Curra project with the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Darren Chester. I will again press the importance of this project, together with the need for upgrades of the Highway between Gympie and Maryborough, when I speak in the Parliament on Thursday.

"The Government simply cannot ignore the need for the Section D project when we already have 25,000 vehicles on the Bruce through Gympie every day, increasing by 3 per cent per year, and 3.5 per cent per year for heavy vehicles," Mr O'Brien said.

"The Budget also includes funding to complete the Tinana interchange at Maryborough, which is expected to be open to traffic in August this year."

Mr O'Brien said local councils in Wide Bay will receive funding to upgrade local roads through the Coalition Government's Roads to Recovery programme.

"Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council will receive $55,510 to improve local roads; $3,320,308 has been allocated to build better local roads in the Fraser Coast Regional Council area; $1,880,961 has been allocated to upgrade roads in the Gympie Regional Council area; Noosa Council will receive $1,107,221 for roads; and the South Burnett Regional Council will receive $2,285,323 to upgrade local roads."

Mr O'Brien welcomed the resumption of indexation of Federal Government Financial Assistance Grants.

"Financial Assistance Grants provides vital Federal Government funding to local councils enabling them to deliver better services to local communities in Wide Bay.

"I also welcome the extension of the Building Better Regions Fund and Stronger Communities Programmes, and I will advocate strongly to ensure organisations in Wide Bay are able to secure a fair share of these funds."

Mr O'Brien said the Coalition Government is strengthening Medicare and fully funding the NDIS to provide a secure future for Australians with a disability.

The Coalition is also launching a fairer schools funding model that is needs-based, simple and transparent, delivering an extra $22 million to schools in Wide Bay over the next four years.

A new Child Care Package will also deliver affordable, accessible childcare for families.

Small businesses in Wide Bay will be supported through recently legislated tax cuts and those with a turnover of up to $10 million will be able to write off expenditure up to $20,000 for a further year.

The Coalition has abolished 457 visas and established a new Skilling Australians Fund to give permanent funding for skills training. When matched with State and Territory funding, it will support up to 300,000 apprentices, trainees, pre-apprentices and higher level skilled Australians.

People with a mental illness including severe depression, eating disorders, schizophrenia and post-natal depression resulting in a psycho social disability will be assisted through an $80 million commitment.

The Coalition Government is also restoring the pensioner concession card to people who were affected by changes to the Age Pension asset test, to help them regain access to state concessions.

A simple, more accessible Australian Financial Complaints Authority will act as a one stop shop to obtain binding outcomes will assist people to resolve their disputes with banks.

A modest drug testing trial for 5,000 new welfare recipients will be undertaken to help ensure their responsibilities are met.

The Government is also toughening Multinational Tax Avoidance Law to ensure they pay their fair share of tax.

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien.

Editors comment : We do remain neutral in political opinions but this is in response to a statement by a leading Queensland Politician who made the statement Queensland got nothing, When are politicians going to realize this state of Queensland is made up of other areas other than Brisbane

Con't Front page

We have had such an overwhelming response to our festival this year, with in excess of 400 Stall Site applications received and, even though applications closed 31st March, people are still trying to get in. It has been a huge task, sorting and deciding on which ones to say yes to or which ones to say no to... it has been a marathon effort. Hopefully this will translate to a new variety of stalls and products available throughout the day.

We have established a new information hub within our festival this year. Located in the car park at BGA and called "Pumpkin Central", this area will take care of all things festival, including Registrations for all competition events, merchandise sales (check out the new range of merchandise just released on our Facebook page), program distribution point, Giant Pumpkin Competition entries, Decorated Pumpkin entries and look out for the sale point for "Atlantic Giant Pumpkin Seeds". Also in this area you will find coffee and refreshments to enjoy whilst listening to the live entertainment on the BGA stage.

Our competitions this year, take up a new location as well. All conducted in our central Event Arena and running throughout the day, there's sure to be an event to suit your skill set, so register early on the day and join in the fun. With some great prizes on offer, it'll be fun to have a go. You can try -:

Whip cracking, Pumpkin Bowls, Pumpkin Power Shot Put, Pumpkin Pull, And of course, always held on Policeman's Hill, the signature event of the day, **"The Great Australian Pumpkin Roll"**

All registrations will be taken at Pumpkin Central, from 8.00am on the day.

Check out the full program of events on our website, www.goomeripumpkinfestival.com.au

To delight everybody this year we have a variety of attractions on show, some of the main attractions are -: Base Zero Rock Climbing Wall, Peak Pig Races, Barnyard Babies with Sheep Shearing, Chainsaw ripping demonstrations and competitions, Australian Skateboarding Assoc workshops and lessons, Giddy Up Pony Rides, Cruizey Camel Rides, Maryborough RSL Pipes and Drums, Buskers/live entertainment and lots lots more.....

The Gourmet Destinations stage will be running all day with cooking demonstrations by Jason Ford, Matt Golinski and Dan & Steph (MKR winners). Tom McKenzie will be performing on the Chef stage during cooking intervals. Tom and his

Saxophone are well known, long time locals to Goomeri and his music is renowned throughout the district.

On the main stage throughout the day, we have performances by Ian Campbell and Arthur Nettlefield supporting our main act, Glen Albrecht and Ricochet. All of these performers are well known to our local area and

we are proud to promote these wonderful performers through our festival.

And, always a huge attraction at any event is the food!! We have on offer a great variety of food vendors all offering up their tasty morsels. Just to get your mouth watering here are few that will be on display -:

Dios Mio street Food, Mexican Tucka, Come On Mate Japanese, Wildwood Smokehouse, The Bundy Burger Company, This Little Piggie Food Truck, Rolling Scones, Hot Baked Potatoes, Woodfire Pizza

and the list goes on.....are you hungry yet?

With three separate food hubs throughout the town, we have tried to cater for everybody's taste and wants. Be sure to check out the selection of local produce and regional specialties at "Gourmet Destinations". A foodie paradise with three great chefs showing us all how to use the fantastic range of goods available from these local producers

And, our trusty team of volunteers will again be presenting the Pumpkin Festival Food Hall, serving up all the regulars, including pumpkin scones, pumpkin pie and the Pumpkin Soup van will be right next door !! Be sure to pop in and say thank you to a great team of workers, without them the festival would not go on.

So, in a pumpkin seed, the festival is ready to go with everybody confirmed and the momentum growing, all we pray for now is the best weather that Mother Nature can afford us and a great crowd to make the day another success. Hopefully we will see you there.....Sunday 28th May.....that's the day

The 2017 Goomeri Pumpkin Festival

Steam trains needed water.

Macalister Street Murgon opposite the Holden dealership of Clifton Motors.
In later years the water tank was replaced with a large round tank that stood as high as the one shown, today all that remains are the cement blocks it stood on.

Pratt Agencies Weaner Sale – May 2017

Pratt Agencies held their Annual Weaner Show & Sale in Murgon last Friday with 1400 outstanding weaners being yarded. It was one of the best yarding's as far as overall quality of weaners since the events inception. It was very pleasing to see the weight in the calves considering the ordinary summer season we have experienced. Rodney Phillips from Taroom was the judge and he also commented on the excellent quality and condition of the cattle. Greg & Julie Zahl Gayndah sold a draft of Charolais cross steers for an average of $1062.00 with the tops returning $1233.00. Charolais steers a/c Russell Dower Tingoora sold to $1259.00 averaging $1034.00. Bandamill Murgon also sold Charolais steers for $3.75 c/kg and $1177.00 and $1224.00 at $3.60 c/kg. Alec & Robyn Barsby Tansey sold Charbray steers for $1184.00 at $3.69 c/kg. Prize winning Charbray steers from Peter & Judy Angel Murgon sold for $1151.00 at $3.87 c/kg. Barry & Ann Gannon Gayndah sold Droughtmaster steers for $1217.00. A line of 50 Euro cross steers from Paul Blanch Proston sold for an average of 1021.00 topping at $1132.00. Glen & Ann Sippel Murgon sold Red Angus steers for $1106.00 and $3.53 c/kg. Braford steers a/c Arthur & Vanessa Bambling Gayndah sold for $1178.00 & $1026.00. Terry Court Goomeri sold Charbray steers for $1041.00 and $3.79 c/kg. Charbray steers from Mike Smith Gayndah sold to $953.00 at $3.86 c/kg. 262 kg Charolais cross steers from Buddy Hunter Tingoora sold to $3.80 c/kg returning $996.00. Mark & Robyn Ferling Kingaroy sold 218 kg Santa steers for $834.00 at $3.81 c/kg. 209 kg Santa steers a/c Wild Horse Pastoral Manumbar sold to $3.85 c/kg returning $807.00. Charbray heifers from Tansey sold for $992.00 at $3.20 c/kg. Charbray heifers a/c Keith McDermott Goomeri sold for $911.00. Tom Hefferan Moondooner sold Simmental cross heifers for $3.41 c/kg and $783.00. 214 kg Euro cross heifers a/c Paul Blanch sold for $730.00 at $3.40 c/kg. Charbray heifers from Smith & Cherry Gayndah sold to $3.39 c/kg for $798.00. Charolais cross heifers a/c of John Muller Murgon sold for $3.35 c/kg returning $871.00. 243 kg Charbray heifers from Daddamarine Trust Booubyjan sold for $811.00 at $3.33 c/kg. Droughtmaster heifers weighing 221 kg a/c Troy & Amanda Dennien Windera sold for $733.00 at $3.32 c/kg. The total yarding averaged $3.45 c/kg.

Class 1 – Heifers for Trade: 1st G Bernie-Gayndah, 2nd G & A Sipper-Murgon, 3rd G & J Zahl -Gayndah

Class 2 –Steers for Trade: 1st AJ Bambling-Gayndah, 2nd G & A Sipper-Murgon, 3rd S & K Steinhardt -Hivesville

Class 3 – Heifers for Replacement Breeders: 1st B & A Gannon-Gayndah, 2nd Koobooda Grazing-Gayndah, 3rd T & A Dennien -Windera

Class 4 – Steers for Export: 1st P & J Angel-Murgon, 2nd T Court-Goomeri, 3rd R Dower-Tingoora

Class 5 – Best Overall Steers/Heifers: 1st AJ Bambling-Gayndah, 2nd P & J Angel-Murgon, 3rd G Bernie -Gayndah.

Most Successful Exhibitor: AJ Bambling-Gayndah

Photo: Barry & Ann Gannon Gayndah with their prize winning Heifers for Replacement Breeders.

New Starts with South Burnett Regional Council

As one of the larger employers in the South Burnett, the South Burnett Regional Council welcomed ten (10) new trainees to Council on Monday 3 April.

Council made application last year for funding to employ a number of people identified under the Queensland Governments 'First Start Program' as part of skilling Queenslanders for work initiative. The program focused on development skills for individuals and to provide direct assistance to those Queenslanders that most needed support to enter and stay in the workforce.

Council partnered with South Burnett CTC, Local Government Association Queensland (LGAQ) and the Queensland State Government to fund, recruit and select the right people to train in Council for the 12 month traineeships.

Mayor Keith Campbell met with the new Trainees and congratulated them on their successful appointment to their chosen fields and commended the efforts of all parties involved in the selection process. "I was particularly impressed with South Burnett's CTC's selection process in screening some 337 applications and the seemingly endless interviews. They presented to Council a pool of applicants who could then be further interviewed to determine the successful applicants." Mayor Campbell said.

The structured training for Council's trainees will be monitored and supervised by TAFE Queensland and Apprenticeship Support Australia to ensure they meet all requirements and targets of their traineeships. The trainees have been spread across our region in the area of library, administration, civil construction, warehousing and horticulture. During their 12 month traineeship with Council the trainees will complete a Certificate qualification in their relevant field.

Photo: (Front row – L to R) Travis Bice, Cheyenne Haley-Manders, Holly Wilson-Heise, Stacey McCallum

(Back row – L to R) Luke Holland, Keith Gadd, Hamilton Gillingham, Clinton Miller, Sharlyce Adams, Lara Hodson, Mayor Keith Campbell.

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GOOMERI WELCOMES THEIR TWO NEW POLICE OFFICERS

Goomeri Police has two new Police officers, Sgt David GILLIES. the new officer in charge who arrived on November 1st 2016 replacing Warren LOHMANN who had been a police officer in Goomeri for the past 34 years.

Sgt GILLIES has 24 years policing service with 7 years in the New Zealand Police Force, and 17 years in the Queensland Police Service. He is married to Stacey and has a two and half year old daughter April and has moved from Dysart where he spent the last 4 years.

Joining Sgt David GILLIES is Senior Constable Lorenzo MARABINI who has 5 years policing experience and has taken over from James WEIMAR as the Senior Constable. He has moved to Goomeri from Mackay with his partner Hannah, who is working at the Goomeri State School.

Both Dave and Lorenzo are actively involved in the community and events.

Currently both are entered and gearing up for the first **"Smiling for Smiddy"** cycle event from Alice Springs to Darwin, 1700kms in 8 days commencing the 4th of June to 11th of June 2017.

This is to raise much needed funds for child cancer research. There are 50 cyclist's taking part in the first event of its kind for the Smiling for Smiddy and Mater foundation.

If you wish to make a donation to child cancer research this can be done through, www.smiddy.org.au and select Alice to Darwin event and find either Lorenzo or David.

Both are keen to become more involved in Goomeri and look forward to the future.

Photo top: Stacey and their daughter April with husband Sgt David Gillies.

Photo below in their cycling gear Left: Sgt David Gillies and Right: Senior Constable Lorenzo MARABINI.

Editors comment, Sgt Gillies and Constable Lorenzo the quiet town of Goomeri comes alive with up to 13,000 people at the end of this month for the Goomeri Pumpkin Festival and sadly it all settles back to normal come Monday morning, we wish you well and congratulate you both on your commitment to be part of the community and events and especially to child cancer research through the **"Smiling for Smiddy"** cycle event.

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CANDLE LIGHT CEREMONY

Thursday 18th May 2017,
Mudjimba Women's Safe House Cherbourg

10:00 Morning Tea
10.30 Welcome to Country
10.35 Opening blessing (AIM Church)
10.40 Guest Speakers (Police & UCC guest speaker)

11.00 Candle Light Ceremony
Light a candle for those who have passed on due to domestic violence.

11.30 Gathering – Art project to create a new banner for Mudjimba.
Balloon Release.
Community members will be invited to contribute to create a banner that will be displayed at Mudjimba.

Across Country Real Estate & Livestock

FOR SALE OR LEASE MURGON MECHANICAL A1 EXHAUSTS
Mechanical Workshop & Approved Inspection Station, This business is offered including a Colour-bond Shed 24 x 12 x 5m on a 1254sqm allotment, Office & staff rooms, Split system air con, Large showroom & reception, Disabled toilet, customer car park. workshop includes an internal wash down, drainage, pit, 3 phase power, flood lights, mezzanine floor, security fence to rear. Also available for purchase is all tools and equipment – so you can purchase only what you need. This is an excellent opportunity with limited competition and good reputation. $229,000 Adjacent 1254 sqm block available for sale also—$75,000.

3.3 ACRES BRICK HOME – SHEDS & CLOSE TO TOWN
Solid well-built family home, three carpeted bedrooms, built in cupboards and the main has an ensuite. Office, dining & lounge area. Ample sheds for storage & covered outdoor area, Tennis court. Merlwood water scheme, 3 large rain water tanks. There is a lovely views. School bus service & mail delivery three days a week. A lovely setting for a family home that is priced to sell at $325,000.

FOR THE GROWING FAMILY
Set on 1012sqm block close to town and at the end of a cul-de-sac in a peaceful rural setting, the renovated Queenslander is ideal for the family.
3 Queen size rooms with built-ins & en-suite to the main bedroom. The fourth bedroom could be used as a home office. Large modern kitchen with island bench, Separate dining combined family room. Spacious lounge room, wood heater, Large bathroom, Double bay lock up garage, main shed, chook pen, 3km solar system. Concreted driveway and under deck, easy care landscaping. Priced at $260,000 this property has all the hard-work done.

Beautifully restored and renovated home could make a great Bed & Breakfast. - A large 4 bedroom home that has been renovated with accommodation in mind but not losing charm. Bedroom 1 includes an ensuite, sitting room and a separate entrance. Bedroom 2 includes walk in robe and ensuite and Bedrooms 3 & 4 are single rooms. office/study, spacious lounge full of character & kitchen/dining area large enough to accommodate a full house. new wiring & plumbing throughout, new roof, concrete under, painting & all external windows replaced. Carport, garden shed & large 1012sqm block round off this package. This property is priced to meet the market as the owner is ready to move back to family. OFFERS OVER $298,000

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Proston Library

Angel Flight Presentation

The Proston Library in conjunction with the Proston CWA will be hosting a Presentation by Angel Flight with a guest speaker to talk about the services they provide. Join us at the Proston Town Hall on Wednesday 24 May 2017, starting at 10:00am. To book, please contact the Proston Library on ☎4168 9103. All are welcome!

South Burnett Libraries

Rocket to Reading

The first week of the Easter school holidays marked the launch of South Burnett Libraries' new "*Rocket to Reading*" Library Loyalty Program for children 0 to 12 years old. This program has been designed to encourage children to not only to use and visit the library, but also to be comfortable and confident in asking staff for help and support when needed. So far, over 160 children from the South Burnett Region have joined in the fun of this exciting new program.

With the '*Rocket to Reading*' Loyalty Program:

- Children can present their loyalty booklet to library staff every time they visit the library even if they do not borrow.
- The child needs to be present for the booklet to be stamped or to receive a sticker.
- Once a booklet is full of stamps and stickers the child gets to choose a reward!
- There will be a special "*invitation only*" craft session held for all children who finish three (3) stamp books in a 12 month period.

Club Detective Online Puzzles Have Arrived at South Burnett Libraries

We are excited to announce that our patrons can now enjoy solving their favourite puzzles from the comfort of their own home via The Clue Detective Puzzle Agency's online puzzle and crosswords portal.

To access hundreds of crosswords, codeword & sudoku puzzles, simply:

1. Visit the Clue Detective Puzzle Agency's Portal:
   http://cluedetectivepuzzlesonline.com/member-login/
2. Login:
   Username: SouthBurnettLibraries
   Password: puzzles4southburnett
3. Enjoy!

School Holidays Activities

Library Mini Golf at the Kingaroy and Nanango Libraries

School holiday activities have once again proven to be a success with the first week's activity being library mini-golf. Six (6) holes were set up around the Kingaroy Library and Forecourt with many budding golfers manoeuvring their way around the obstacles of the themed holes. The fun was then shared by the local PCYC vacation care group who walked to the library to join in the golfing fun.

While in Nanango, the obstacles at each hole proved to be both challenging and rewarding as the happy voices of the children could be heard throughout the library creating an exciting atmosphere. The highlight of the event was the "under-shelf pipe" which was a skill testing adventure for most the participants. Even some of the mums had a turn, eager to show off their golfing prowess. Many of the children returned to complete the course again trying to improve on previous performances. A range of ages proved to be no barrier as everyone joined in, cheering one-another on and taking pleasure in each performance, all showed the true Aussie spirit.

MURGON DAIRY AND HERITAGE MUSEUM

On the 22nd April I had the pleasure of travelling to Boondooma Homestead with four of our volunteers to attend the Spirit of The Bush Music Muster. The Dairy Museum volunteers have been demonstrating butter making and selling damper at the Muster for several years. The atmosphere was great and for those who enjoy country, it is the place to be.

On Easter Sunday the Museum had a bus of 26 from Sunrise Tours. The group enjoyed a butter making display and tour, with some of them commenting that they would return for our Heritage Day later in the year.

On Friday 28th April, the volunteers once again catered for breakfast for the Rotary Club Members before they left for their annual "Bush Bash". We appreciate the support that we receive from this group each year.

Also on the 28th we have a bus from the Buderim Probus Group. They will enjoy a tour, butter making display and morning tea.

As well as our Dairy and Heritage displays, the Museum has a wonderful Lapidary display for those who are interested in rock collecting. Mr Vic Rewald who resided in Murgon with his wife Agnes started his collection in 1966. The Beitzel brothers, Stan, Gordon and Colin, who had been collecting agate for several years, cut and polished some stones for Vic and from there his interest grew. He then purchased his own equipment. Much of the agate was found locally in the Merlwood, Cloyna and Windera areas.

The display consists of a large range of cut and polished stones as well as pieces of jewellery and novelty items.

Vic passed away in 1996 and in 1997 Agnes gave the display to The Murgon Shire Council. It is now on display at the Museum.

Well worth a look.

Eulogy for Ron Koy

It seems very timely that the day that Dad died was the day of a major weather event in Queensland, namely Cyclone Debbie. If there was one topic that Dad liked to talk about it was the weather! It seems that there may be a genetic trait for this as Melinda, Stuart and I all have rain gauges - as likely do all the Koy relatives here today!

Dad was born in the General Hospital in Boonah in 1929, the year of the Great Depression and came from very humble beginnings. His favourite saying was "waste not, want not", no doubt coming from his early life experiences. He was the second youngest of six siblings and lived on a dairy farm in the Boonah area before moving to a farm in Manyung , just outside of Murgon, when Dad was nearly 2 years old. The family is of German heritage, with Dad's grandparents emigrating as free settlers from Germany in 1884. Unfortunately Dad lost his mother when he was only 7 years old and then his father when he was 14 years old, so he never enjoyed the really strong parental ties that Melinda, Stuart and I had with him and Mum. Dad was fortunate, however, to be raised within a very close family of brothers and sisters and he became like an older brother for my Murgon cousins as he lived with his brother Frank and his family on the farm after his father died. The family bond continued after Dad married Mum in 1957 and moved into the town of Murgon, with Christmas Eve every year being celebrated with Uncle Frank's family and many a morning or afternoon tea happening with everyone present. Many of my cousins from Murgon are here today and I thank you for being so good to Dad and Mum after Melinda, Stuart and I left Murgon to further our education in Brisbane. Of Dad's brothers and sisters only Uncle Les and Auntie Marjorie are still alive. Les is with us today but Marjorie, who is 95 and still drives herself around Melbourne, was unable to attend today.

Dad had a varied life experience, having been a farmer on his brother Frank's farm, a sawmill worker and then he began work as a labourer for the Wide Bay Burnett Electricity Board in 1955. He progressed to being a Trades Assistant and obtained his Linesman's ticket in 1957, going on to become a leading hand and in 1969 he commenced Distribution Lay out work (which is like surveying), which he continued to do until he retired at age 65 in 1994 after 39 years with the electricity board. I remember going out with Dad in the "tilly" (meaning the work utility) in the school holidays and tromp over the fields and contour banks, holding up the pole for Dad to look at from a distance with a theodolite to map out the lay of the land. I am sure workplace health and safety would not allow such things these days, but I had fun.

Tennis was an important part of Dad's life and he played tennis until his mid 70's. He was very good at tennis and I spent a lot of my young life on a tennis court while Mum and Dad played social tennis with people from work, the church and with other friends. He and Mum actually met playing table tennis in the Murgon Town Hall and we always owned a table tennis table and played table tennis every Friday night at the Electricity Board social night, along with indoor bowls and darts. He also enjoyed a social game of golf and Nick and I would always play a quick 9 holes with Dad and Mum in Murgon when we went to visit for the weekend. None of us were very good and still aren't, but we had fun.

Dad was a very intelligent man who could do really difficult mathematical calculations in his head and one wonders what he could have become if he had been able to have more education than was possible due to his family circumstances. Mum was also really clever but similarly didn't have the opportunity to do tertiary education, so both she and Dad were very keen for their children to pursue University education. Dad and Mum spent many hours driving from Murgon to Brisbane to settle us all into city life so that we could pursue the education that they were denied. There were many trips over the years to attend special University events and graduations and I know it made Dad and Mum very proud to participate in these occasions. It is thanks to them that Melinda, Stuart and I are all in the fortunate life circumstances that we find ourselves today, and for this we are very grateful.

Dad was a very quiet man (some would say he couldn't get a word in edgeways when Mum was around),

however he was very up to date with all the goings on in the world due to being an avid news watcher. We were all thrilled when he and Mum were able to take a trip to Europe in 1995 and another trip to New Zealand in 2007 so that what they had seen of the world on television was able to be experienced by them as well. When my children were younger Nick and I were very happy to take Mum and Dad on some holidays within Australia with us, flying to wherever we were going (on Qantas of course) and then travelling around in a Tarago for one or two weeks. In this way they got to see Tasmania, Adelaide, Canberra and Melbourne and enjoyed spending time with David and Gabrielle, their first two grandchildren. They subsequently became grandparents to four more grandchildren and interestingly enough we all had a boy child first and a girl child second. Mum and Dad delighted in their grandparenting role and made many trips to see the children as they grew up.

Another important aspect of Dad's life in Murgon was his involvement with the Murgon Baptist Church. Although born a Lutheran, he became a Baptist after meeting Mum and they had many friends within the church, some of whom are with us today. Melinda, Stuart and I are very grateful to Pastor Des Limkin for officiating at today's service – I am sure that Dad would be very happy to know that it was Des who led his funeral, as Des and his wife Dorothy were good friends to Mum and Dad in Murgon.

Due to ill health Mum and Dad were forced to move to Brisbane in September, 2011 and they both spent time in Zion Lutheran Home in Nundah before their deaths. Our family is extremely grateful to the staff of Zion for the wonderful care and love they gave to both Mum and Dad in their time there. Our organist today is Heidi Smith, the chaplain at Zion, We thank everyone from Zion for the best care anyone could have had.

Ron Koy, our father, was a quiet man, one of the real gentlemen of the world, and I don't think anyone would be able to come up with a single bad thing to say about him. From humble beginnings he made a successful life with Shirley and produced a happy family, a happy home and a very close bond exists and will always exist between all of his children and grandchildren. To me that is the sign of a great man.

Thank you.

Written and presented by Andrea Crofts – elder daughter of Ron and Shirley Koy on 5.4.17.

Some residents from Southern Cross Care "Castra" recently enjoyed morning tea, with the horses, at the Dunn's farm. Eric Cridland, 101 years young, enjoyed meeting "Drop Dead Fred" who is 30 years old.

Please Note: **Road closures on Sunday 21st: Cherbourg Murgon Road and Barambah Avenue Cherbourg from 8 am – 10 am.**

ParaBoss set to expand to cattle

Beef producers will soon have a valuable new tool to assist them in the fight against parasites, which cost Australian cattle producers in excess of $350 million annually, with the development of one national website for parasite control resources.

This new extension and adoption (E&A) project will see the resources for cattle parasite management centralised and added to the suite of products provided by ParaBoss – the existing 'go to' website for sheep and goat parasite management in Australia.

The project will be undertaken in partnership by Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA), the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (QDAF), the University of Queensland's Queensland Alliance for Agriculture and Food Innovation (QAAFI) and the existing ParaBoss team at the University of New England, commencing this month.

Meat & Livestock Australia's General Manager – Producer Consultation & Adoption, Michael Crowley, said the project would result in a comprehensive and convenient resource for beef producers to help them develop their integrated pest management (IPM) plans.

"This project will align parasite management resources for beef producers into an existing successful framework used by sheep producers," Mr Crowley said.

"Treatment, prevention and production costs vary by region. Cattle tick costs $156 million per annum and buffalo fly costs $94.6 million per annum, and they have the greatest impact on northern cattle.

"Southern herds suffer more from worms, costing producers $82 million per annum."

Previously, MLA, Sheep CRC, and Australian Wool Innovation developed three websites that serve as national information sources for the management of the major parasites for sheep. Together, WormBoss, LiceBoss and FlyBoss are referred to as ParaBoss.

Since January 2014, ParaBoss has been managed by University of New England and has become a relied upon resource for the sheep industry. In November 2016, the resource was expanded to include goats.

ParaBoss has an average of 12,500 users each month and 3,300 subscribers to ParaBoss News.

ParaBoss Executive Officer Dr Lewis Kahn said the project would develop TickBoss, WormBoss, FlyBoss and LiceBoss for cattle with the aim of having the new web interface available to producers by the end of February 2019.

"It will mine the current literature and scientific and advisory knowledge base for up-to-date information on cattle parasite control and deliver it in a practical and producer-oriented format," Dr Kahn said.

"The 'what to do' and 'when to do it' approach, supported by information on parasites, control programs and treatments has been at the core of the ParaBoss success.

"The process of developing the content will engage with animal health and biosecurity advisors throughout the country which is the strength of the ParaBoss network."

The project is being led by QDAF's Dr Jess Morgan and QAAFI's Dr Peter James.

"Producers are currently forced to hunt for information regarding parasite management from a range of different sources, including Department of Primary Industries' factsheets, chemical companies, MLA reports, internet links, research papers, producer experts and vets," Dr Morgan said.

"ParaBoss for cattle will provide a centralised resource for this information in a consistent and user friendly format.

"Experts from many cattle-parasite disciplines will be sought out to contribute the latest technical information, and review the content of each of the ParaBoss for cattle pages.

"The control of ticks, flies and worms are a priority for the cattle industry but lice can also pose a problem for producers. These are the four key areas we will be focusing on."

By kind permission MLA Meat and Livestock Australia.

TABLELANDS RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Deputy Commissioner Mr. Mike Wassing, Regional Director Mr. Peter Hollier & Mrs. Hollier, Area Comander Mr. Mark Long & Mrs. Long, Area Director Mr.

Andrew Marnie, Deputy Mayor Kathy Duff, and guests,- on behalf of members of the Tablelands Rural Fire Brigade I would like to welcome you all here today to celebrate the official opening of our fire station and the presentation to

Glencoe Rural Fire Brigade of their new appliance.

The Tableland Brigade as formed in 2007 along with other rural brigades in the former Murgon shire which was driven by the amalgamation of Kingaroy, Wondai ,Nanango and Murgon shires. Evidently Murgon was one of the only shires not to have rural fire brigades. The appliance arrived 2008 was based at various farms in the area until the shed was finished to lockup stage in February 2012 .

With the amalgamation of Tablelands and Redgate Brigades in 2013 the 41 unit from Redgate was relocated to this fire station. The building had its final inspection by council in mid-2016 after the amenities extension had been completed. A lot of groups and individuals have assisted over the last ten years to make the Tablelands brigade the success that I feel it is, and I would like to thank them all on behalf of the members of the brigade. The list would be too long to read through here and some may feel embarrassed as they may not think their contribution was worthy of recognition, but I can assure everyone who has helped that everything done for this brigade is very much appreciated. The establishment of a regional office in Kingaroy with staff who have given us assistance on a person to person basis has also been most helpful.

I would like to thank all the members of the brigade for their service and contribution over the years especially - for example, when the phone rings on a hot summer afternoon and you know that after you answer it you're in for a long, hot, dirty night. At least you usually end up eating out with a lot of friends

in a secluded location. The comradery that develops between all the brigades and services when attending these incidents certainly helps you get through the difficult jobs. Not everyone can do this kind of service as it can be very strenuous and we suffer from the same problem as most of rural Australia which is an ageing population,

but all assistance with the running of the brigade has been appreciated.

The rural fire service is a volunteer organisation which has thousands of members around the state and I am sure DC Wassing could give us an exact number which would probably surprise everyone here. While trying to think of what to say today the first thing that came to me was why did I volunteer, indeed why do any of us volunteer ? It is certainly not because we look good in bright yellow clothing or that we get to drive cool vehicles. It's not because the pay is good or the work hours suit our life style. It' not because we like spending our Sunday learning how to give someone CPR or how to use a chainsaw, so why did I volunteer.

Personally I feel there is an innate desire in people to help their fellow man. It is certainly not for public recognition as there are much easier ways of getting that. Being a member of an organisation such as the RFS gives a person a sense of achievement that is hard to find in the modern world. When you arrive at an incident and there is a situation that requires immediate action you must respond in a way that is rare in the modern world, no toolbox talks, no calling someone on the phone, no waiting for someone else to arrive, you must have the conviction to act. The sense of satisfaction that comes from this is reward in itself, and it doesn't always go to plan but you have done your best and the outcome is always better than if you hadn't done anything.

You have to have tolerance of, and trust in other people as a fire ground can appear to be a chaotic place and you have to be able to accept the tasks assigned to you. You must have patience as you could end up waiting for something to happen and that can be very hard. You must be able to integrate and work with other groups, some of whom you have never met before. You have to be prepared to learn skills you never thought you needed and be able to pass on the knowledge you have acquired through experience. We all have these skills and abilities; the RFS just seems to bring them out.

The Tablelands Rural Fire Brigade has easily returned to the community many times over the financial investment represented by the facilities you see here today and the brigade is very proud of this.

All in all personally and on behalf of all the members I feel that being a member of the RFS is a very rewarding, character building experience.

To finish off I would again like to thank all those who made today possible and all of the members of the Tablelands Rural Fire Brigade for your service.

Col Coulson.

Answers To Quiz:

1 The one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends: **Boxing**.

2 North American landmark constantly moving backward: **Niagara Falls** . The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.

3 Only two vegetables that can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons: **Asparagus and rhubarb**.

4 The fruit with its seeds on the outside: **Strawberry**.

5 How did the pear get inside the brandy bottle? **It grew inside the bottle.** The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems.

6 Three English words beginning with dw: **Dwarf, dwell and dwindle.**..

7 Fourteen punctuation marks in English grammar: **Period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation mark, brackets, parenthesis, braces, and ellipses**.

8 The only vegetable or fruit never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form but fresh: **Lettuce.**

9 Six or more things you can wear on your feet beginning with 'S': **Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stilts.**

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Wondai 2017 Autumn Garden Expo

The South Burnett Orchid Society held their annual show and complemented the weekend

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GRANTS FOR WIDE BAY VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY GROUPS

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien today announced that 40 community groups in Wide Bay will share in more than $160,000 to support the work of almost 1,200 volunteers.

"The Government's Volunteer Grants program has allocated $163,857 to 40 community groups in Wide Bay, enabling them to purchase new equipment, and meet training and transport costs," .

"These grants of between $1,000 and $5,000 enable local organisations to better support their volunteers.

Provider Name	Funding	Requested Items	No. of Volunteers to benefit
Tin Can Bay Fishing Club Inc	$3,725	Indoor furniture and appliances, I	55
Bauple & District Recreation Ground Association Inc	$2,400	Kitchen Appliances	20
Murgon SES Support Group	$5,000	Contribution to the reimburseme	20
Gympie Volunteer First Aid Services Inc	$5,000	Contribution to the reimburseme	35
South Burnett First Aid Volunteers Inc.	$5,000	Contribution to the reimburseme	15
Kilkivan Bowls Club Inc	$5,000	First aid and safety, Kitchen Appli	17
Murgon Lions Club Incorporated	$5,000	Electronic / audio / video (non-co	11
Moffatdale Primary P&C Association	$5,000	Computer equipment, Whitegoo	15
Cherbourg Historical Precinct Group Inc.	$4,900	Contribution to costs of Heating/	10
Goomeri Pumpkin Festival Inc	$3,000	First aid and safety, Outdoor furn	120
Cooloola Coast Medical Transport Inc.	$3,099	Computer equipment	2
Pony Club Association Of QLD Burnett Zone 7 Inc	$5,000	Contribution to the reimburseme	13
Tin Can Bay Resource And Referral Association (Inco	$1,650	Computer equipment, Office Equ	9
Kandanga Tennis Club Incorporated	$2,500	Computer equipment, Contributi	7
Widgee District Hall & Recreation Association Inc	$2,063	Kitchen Appliances, Storage, Whi	40
Tin Can Bay Community and Men's Shed Inc	$4,500	First aid and safety, Landscaping /	29
Peter Maher, Gympie	$3,500	Computer equipment, Landscapir	114
Peter Maher, Noosaville	$2,300	Heating/Cooling, Household / cle	15
Heart Of Gold International Short Film Festival Inc	$4,988	Contribution to costs of undertak	79
Antigua & District Community Association Inc	$4,440	First aid and safety, Heating/Cool	40
The Lions Club of Tin Can Bay Inc.	$4,640	Landscaping / Gardening, Tools /	6
Gympie Diggers Football Club Inc	$5,000	Contribution to the reimburseme	10
Cooloola Trail Care Alliance Incorporated	$4,800	Contribution to the reimburseme	4
Cooloola Cove Residents & Friends Inc.	$5,000	Computer equipment, Contributi	22
Rattler Railway Company Ltd	$4,800	Computer equipment, First aid ar	30
Maryborough Clay Target Club Inc.	$5,000	Computer equipment, Indoor fur	100
Noosa Touch Association Inc	$2,500	Outdoor furniture and equipmen	15
Mary Valley Stags Rugby League Club Inc	$3,000	Computer equipment	4
Cooloola Coast Youth Activity Project Inc	$5,000	Contribution to the reimburseme	24
Friends Of Amamoor Inc.	$5,000	Storage	15
Rotary Club Of Murgon Inc	$5,000	Contribution to the reimburseme	17
Cooloola Human Services Network Association Inc	$5,000	Contribution to costs of undertak	35
Pomona/Cooroy & District Australian Football Club I	$4,500	Contribution to the reimburseme	25
Kandanga Cemetery Assoc Inc	$5,000	Contribution to the reimburseme	25
Manumbar Campdraft and Hall Association Inc	$5,000	Kitchen Appliances, Whitegoods	25
Chatsworth Hall Committee Incorporated	$2,100	Whitegoods and major appliance	8
Doonvilla Football Club Inc	$5,000	Computer equipment, First aid ar	75
Elizabeth Lowrie & Deborough Hannam AFT Marybo	$2,955	Computer equipment, Contributi	6
Queensland Police-Citizens Youth Welfare Associat	$4,497	Computer equipment	20
Kim Walters, Gympie	$2,000	Contribution to the reimburseme	50
	$163,857		1182

"Our communities wouldn't be the same without the efforts of local volunteers, doing the extraordinary, improving the lives of others.

"In a diverse range of ways, community groups supported by volunteers, deliver services, support and assistance. This funding recognizes the work and contributions of volunteers, who give their time and energy to help build stronger, more cohesive communities.

"I'm glad that our local organisations will have this support to continue their valuable work and I congratulate the organisations on the success of their applications," Mr O'Brien said.

Mr O'Brien added that next week, from 8th May, is National Volunteer Week, and encouraged everyone to acknowledge the important work of our volunteers and their organisations in building stronger communities.

"The energy, expertise and time our volunteers give to our community supports those most in need and represents what Australian communities are all about – giving a helping hand.

"If you know of a volunteer who deserves special recognition, please visit the One Stop Shop page on my website www.llewobrien.com.au to access a volunteer nomination form, or call my office on 4121 2936 and I can arrange to present them with a certificate to thank them for their service."

CASTRA DEB BALL

Bunburra 2017

Bunburra: Part of the Sport and Culture Corroboree Event Series

Bunburra is an initiative of PCYC Queensland Indigenous Community Sport and Recreation program with the support of the Queensland Government.

Bunburra, since beginning in 2015, is an annual beach touch football competition for young men and women aged from 14 to 17. Bunburra is a grass roots youth engagement program delivered in many indigenous communities throughout Queensland which culminates in a beach based competition held on the main beach at the Gold Coast.

This year Bunburra was held on April 29 and involve over 160 players from 18 communities coming together to

celebrate their indigenous culture through sport, dance and storytelling, attracting thousands of spectators.

In its third year, Bunburra is a successful event on many levels. Bunburra provides a modern day event for indigenous young people from all around Queensland to meet in a context that supports pride, identity and achievement. Bunburra fosters sporting skills and leadership qualities and rewards motivated young people. One of the ripple effects from this event is that participants grow the confidence and ability to play a key role in sports development, participation and community engagement within their own communities.

PCYC Queensland has welcomed the support of Rugby League legend Petero Civoniceva through a series of sport and recreation programs delivered across Queensland. Petro Civoniceva, our proud event ambassador said, “Bunburra provides opportunities to engage with young people, it inspires them, and it also offers opportunities to chase their dreams... it’s all about testing yourself, team work and building friendships – those are really important qualities you need in life as you grow and develop. PCYC do an amazing job within the community and for young people.”

It all starts here at PCYC... Where it ends is up to you.

Working with over 50,000 young people each year to achieve our vision of “building safer, healthier communities through youth development” PCYC Queensland is a not-for-profit organisation focusing on youth development throughout Queensland. With 54 clubs throughout Queensland, PCYC offers many and diverse activities catering to the specific needs of young people in each local community. In addition to the day to day activities at our clubs, PCYC delivers a range of exciting life-changing leadership and crime prevention programs. PCYC South Burnett.

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SOUTH BURNETT DAMS SEE WATER LEVELS RISE

Boondooma and Lake Barambah have seen a recent influx of water from Tropical Cyclone Debbie. With the rain, came the run off, and we've seen some welcome water flow into our two dams. Currently Boondooma is sitting at 53% and BP 24%. The fisherman haven't been disappointed as both dams have been fishing well but have been a little slow due to the weather and the recent rain. It's great to see so many people coming to our dams as the water levels rise, the next few weeks should see the fishing improve considerably.

Lake Barambah

BP has been a little tough of late for the lure casters due to the weather but fish are still getting caught if you're willing to put in the time. Bass and goldens in some areas have been thick and sessions in the double digits still aren't uncommon. Best areas have been around the lightening ridge area and the quarry, fishing down the drop offs. The deeper water from Bass point right down the middle to the public boat ramp. Best baits have been 1⁄2 ounce rigged plastics, 1⁄4 ounce blades spinnerbaits and chatter-baits. Anglers young and old are still enjoying the fishing at BP, this bass was caught casting a 1⁄2 bassman spinnerbait.

Because BP is a shallow dam most fish generally congregate around areas in the dam where drop offs are. Cast your lure up shallow and slowly wind it down the slope and try to keep it close to the bottom. I consistently let the lure touch the bottom so that I know I'm always close as I wind my lure back to the boat. 1⁄2 ounce rigged plastics are the stand out bait at BP recently. Be wary from Bass point onwards towards the timber as the water is still quite shallow.

Trollers are getting some nice bass and goldens trolling over the drop offs out from Bass point and down the middle of the dam between bass point and the caravan park boar ramp.

Bait fisherman are getting heaps of table fish, anywhere on the dam that is over 10 feet deep and near any structure. Best baits have been shrimps and worms. There is some red claw so make sure you pack the pots.

Boondooma

Boondooma has been fishing reasonably well in the main basin of the dam. The deeper water around the dam is holding big Bass and Yellow belly suspended in the Thermocline (comfortable water). Sounders are the best way to locate concentrations of fish. The fish in the basin have been the bigger ones, Bass over 50cm have been caught, Sound around areas like the rock walls near the dam wall and the major rocky points around the front of the dam. Here, the water is at its clearest due to the recent inflow. When a school has been located start by casting 5/8 spinnerbaits, 20 gram spoons and 1⁄2 rigged soft plastic and count from 5 to 7 seconds depending on how deep the fish are sitting. Consistent fast retrieves have been working best and it pays to put in multiple casts before you get a bite or a fish. 1⁄2 ounce rigged plastics have been a popular choice amongst anglers as the bait is a smaller profile and can be burnt fast as well to initiate a strike from any hungry fish.

The timber is another great option, especially if you're a bait fisherman as the fish are still holding around the trees in both arms. Live shrimps and worms are the best option.

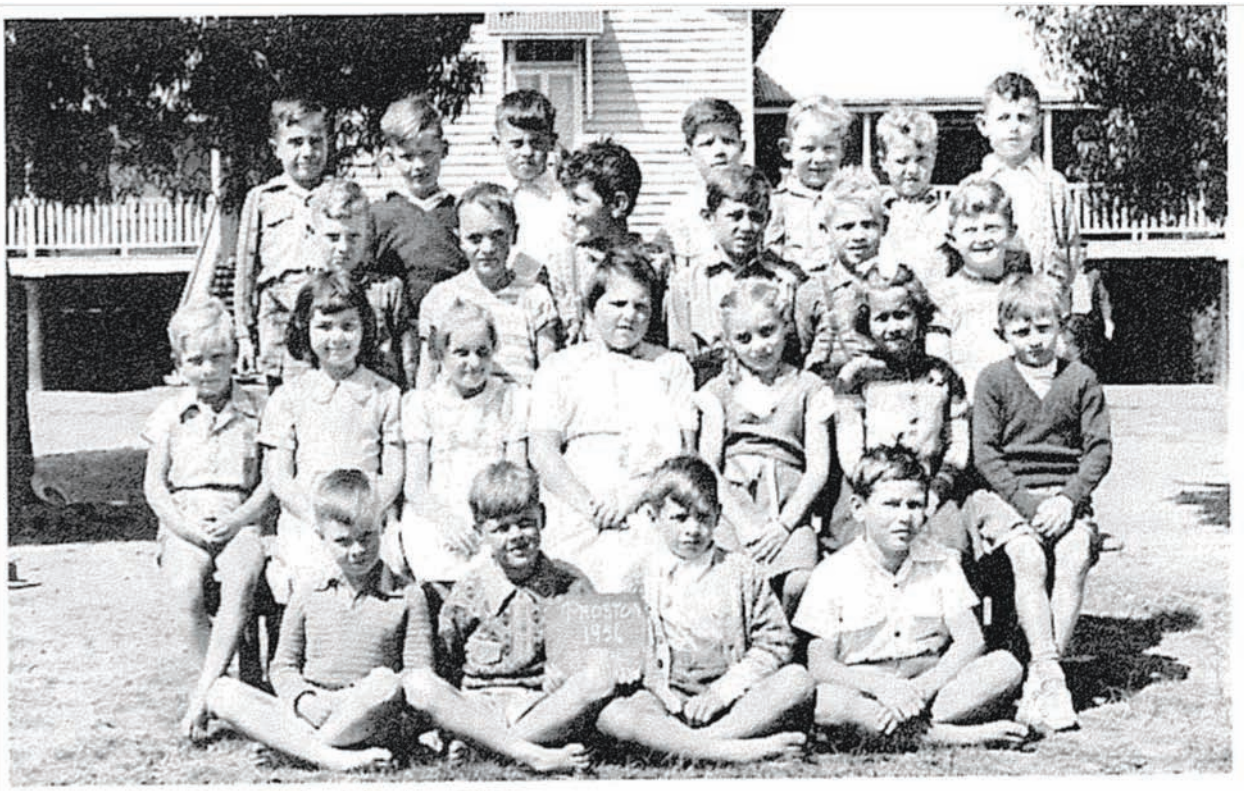
Trollers are catching some nice bass and goldens in the main basin trolling 5/8 spinnerbaits and deep diving hard bodies.

Red claw have been coming in pretty thick of late and some big lobster size ones as well. Set your pots close to any rock structure or thick timber, soft fruit, vegetables & dog biscuits have been the best bait.

Park News

On a final note, if your needing to know any information about fishing spots on the dam or want any tackle for your weekends fishing, both Kiosks have a great amount of information and all the latest tackle that will help you on your way to some great fishing. Hope to see you on the water soon,

Tight Lines and Bent Rods, Matthew Langford.



Proston State School Grade 2 circa 1954
Back Row L to R: ?, Peter Krause, Clive Barrow, Doug Creagh, Tony Rose, Leslie Dionysius, Michael Nash.
2nd Row: Lindsay Ditchman, Colin Lakin, Jim Dionysius ?, Rodney Sanewski, Kenneth Platt.
3rd Row: Errol Cox, Heather Blanch, ?, Cathy Harcla, Avril Duffy, Rhonda Wyer, Eddie Stockill.
Front Row: Perry Finn, ?, Tom Reinke, ?.

Ken J Platt 8/7/1947-10/2/2017

Proston boy, became a successful and well respected cotton grower at Pilliga NSW.

Ken's Dad and mate George Platt died when Ken was 9 years old, this was a great loss to Ken at such an early age. Ken attended Proston School but was not a good student. On leaving school at a young age Ken worked at various jobs, milking cows, fruit picking, cane cutting etc. He was a hard worker with great ambitions.

Ken married Lou Cochrane at Dorrigo in 1970.Together with their two sons they purchased a property "Lowana" on the Wee Waa/Pilliga Road. They worked hard at "Lowana", clearing the land, building water storages and growing cotton. Ken won many awards for cotton growing, including being a finalist in the Australian Cotton Grower of the year in 1990's.

Ken and Lou's son Aaron tragically died from an accident in 2007. There other son Dwain now runs the property.

Ken's achievements go to show that if you have hard work ethics, ambition and vision you can achieve anything.

Ken's sister Dianne Platt passed away in 2015 and his other sister Margaret Angel lives in Goomeri.

Members of the Murgon Business & Development Assoc Inc at their monthly breakfast meeting in the Royal Hotel looking at ways to make Murgon an Even Better Place.

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It was late at night, and Heidi, who was expecting her second child, was home alone with her three year old daughter, Katelyn. Heidi started to go into labour and called 000. Due to a power outage at the time, only one paramedic was able to respond to the call.

The house was very, very dark, so the paramedic asked Katelyn to hold a flashlight high over her mommy so he could see while he helped to deliver the baby.

Very diligently, Katelyn did as she was asked. Heidi pushed and pushed, and after a little while Connor was born. The paramedic lifted him by his feet, and spanked him on his bottom. Connor began to cry.

The paramedic then thanked Katelyn for her help, and asked the wide-eyed three-year-old what she thought about what she had just witnessed. Katelyn quickly responded, "He shouldn't have crawled in there in the first place. Spank him again."

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Kathy's Comments

Anzac Day Tributes

I was moved beyond words to see the support at the three Anzac Day ceremonies I attended. The Hivesville Dawn Service with the Wheatland's School and a large crowd paying their special tribute, the Cherbourg Service with a large crowd paying tribute to the Indigenous soldiers who sacrificed their lives for our freedom and the Murgon Service with the release of firstly red and white balloons and later pigeons into the air to symbolise the sacrifice of our Anzacs. It is wonderful to see so many people and particularly more young people attending Anzac Day Services right around the region.

Boondooma Homestead Spirit of the Bush

This event as always brings droves of travellers to the north west of our region to witness life in the bush as it was in yesteryear. The spirit of the bush is captured at Boondooma with the Homestead tours, the Australian bush balladeer music and the march back to yesteryear with the Qld Dairy & Heritage Museum fresh butter and damper and the display of old engines and the list goes on. Congratulations to Buddy Thompson and Lynne Bennett and the team of volunteers who do a fantastic job each and every year with this magnificent event in our region.

Bikers in the Burnett

This is an exciting project led by Mark Smith to attract motorcycle riders to our region. I have had lots of positive feedback about the potential of this project. The committee are working to get all of the businesses across our region on board and I know they are planning a launch in the near future.

All Roads lead to Tablelands

There has been a lot happening at Tablelands recently and I felt privileged to be part of a great afternoon to open the Tablelands Rural Fire Brigade Station. The same night Joan Adams and her team had another successful Farmers Dinner. Tablelands also recently had a successful Market Day where I had the pleasure of auctioning a number of items with spirited bidding to raise money for the hall. Well done to everyone involved on the success of these events.

Easter Meet & Greet & Camping Ground Launch in Proston

Proston hosted a wonderful Meet and Greet over the Easter weekend to welcome visitors and launch the free 48 hour Camping Ground. It was great to see the first travellers from Bundaberg enjoying the facility and hopefully this venture will bring some real economic benefits to the town.

Wondai Garden Expo and South Burnett Orchid Show

The Wondai Garden Expo is not just an event it is a destination. This is the logo but it is the reality as thousands of people flock to Wondai twice a year for the Garden Expo. The South Burnett Orchid Show is another attraction that compliments the event and makes it a spectacular weekend for anyone who loves to garden. Congratulations to Helen Young and the hard working committee on another successful weekend.

Thanks Llew O'Brien MP for supporting Murgon

It was great to have Llew O'Brien in Murgon recently to thank him for helping obtain the funding for the PCYC Acoustic curtains, the Men's Shed extension and the lighting and cameras for the CBD. The lighting and camera project is just under $400000 and it is about to be rolled out so it should be a huge help for the safety of our town.

WAGS Day Success

Women in Agriculture Days are attracting huge interest. These days not only offer an opportunity for women to network and learn new ideas from each other but there are industry reps to provide advice, share new ideas and offer one on one assistance to ladies wishing to advance their agricultural pursuits. Well done to BIEDO for driving this initiative and to BMRG for providing funding.

Agricultural Network Support

The South Burnett is an agricultural region and so we need to make sure that our farmers are supported in as many ways as possible. The Ag Network days are attracting a large number of service providers in the rural sector who are bringing to the table some valuable ideas. We now need to attract more producers to ensure that we have grass roots feedback from as many industry sectors as possible. The natural disasters have highlighted that we need to be more aware of what's happening on the ground across our region. We need to have relevant and up to date data on industry activities so that we can lobby for support in natural disasters and also for funding in general to specifically support rural activities. The next meeting for anyone interested will be in the Wondai Town Hall on August the 2nd 2017 and for more details contact BIEDO on 41695456.

Contact Detials

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

Cr Kathy Duff (Division 5) South Burnett Regional Council

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We sadly mourn the loss of :

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S I P P E L, Raymond Arthur (Ray), Late of Redgate via Murgon.
KOY, Ronald Arthur, Late of Zion Lutheran Home, Nundah. Formerly of Murgon.
HUTCHINSON, Gordon, Late of Bribie Island, Formerly of Murgon.
R O D G E R S, Daphne, Late of Castra Aged Care, Murgon .
NOTHDURFT, Gordon Charles (Jack). Late of 'Heatherdeen'Tansey and formerly of 'Devon Park' Oakey.
REWALD, Valda Marcia, Late of Murgon
S T E H B E N S, Adrian Colin, Late of Chinchilla, Formerly of Murgon,
B E D D O W S, William Ernest (Bill), Late of Windera
BURNS, Ian Maxwell, late of Chippy Creek, Goomeri
EVANS, Dudley Frank, late of "The Jungle" Crownthorpe via Murgon.
POKARIER, Evelyn Mavis, late of Murgon

Many thanks to these volunteers that ensure everything goes to plan at the Tableland Farmers Night.

Over 300 Caravaners attended the 2017 Boondooma Homestead Spirit of the Bush Heritage Muster

IN MURGON THIS MONTH

Particulars available at the Visitor Information Centre

Thursday	18	St Joseph's Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Golf, The classic way to dance, Mainly Music, National Seniors, PCYC Meet, Spinners & Weavers, Mudjimba Women's Safe House Cherbourg Candle Light Ceremony,
Friday	19	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Night Bowls, Not Now-Not Ever Sth Burnett.
Saturday	20	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Museum Meet, South Burnett Shed Men, Ladies Night Out,
Sunday	21	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Buffalo Lodge, Catholic Mass, The Cherbourg Ration Shed's Reconciliation Fun Run,
Monday	22	SES,
Tuesday	23	Squash, Creative Friendships, Diabetes Support Group, Lions, Uniting Church Friendship Group,
Wednesday	24	Bowls, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Rotary, Burnett Bird Keepers,
Thursday	25	St Joseph's Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Golf, The classic way to dance, Murgon Moments deadline,
Friday	26	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Night Bowls, Goomeri &Dist Garden Club,,
Saturday	27	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Catholic Mass, Goomeri Pumpkin Festival, The BARAMBAH SHED MEN,
Sunday	28	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Camera Club, Goomeri Pumpkin Festival, Hivesville Markets,
Monday	29	SES, Local Sth. Burnett Parkinson's support group,
Tuesday	30	Squash, Cattle Sale, Creative Friendships,
Wednesday	31	Bowls, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Rotary,
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Thursday	1	St Joseph's Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Golf, The classic way to dance, Mainly Music, Nursing Mothers, South Burnett Cake Decorators, Spinners & Weavers,
Friday	2	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Night Bowls, Friday Night Live,
Saturday	3	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club,
Sunday	4	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Catholic Mass,
Monday	5	SES, QUOTA,
Tuesday	6	Squash, Creative Friendships, Queensland Rural Womens Network Inc,
Wednesday	7	Bowls, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Rotary,
Thursday	8	St Joseph's Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Golf, The classic way to dance, Ambulance meet, MBDA Meet,
Friday	9	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Night Bowls, Barambah Garden Club,
Saturday	10	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Burnett Flyers Fly In, Catholic Mass, Nanango Stamp Club,
Sunday	11	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Murgon Markets,
Monday	12	SES, SB Parkinson Support Group,
Tuesday	13	Squash, Cattle Sale, Creative Friendships, Lions, Murgon Show Society,
Wednesday	14	Bowls, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Rotary,
Thursday	15	St Joseph's Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Golf, The classic way to dance, Mainly Music, National Seniors,

STH. BURNETT PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP:

Parkinson's Disease (PD) is the second most common neurological disease after Alzheimers. It is a debilitating disease which is progressive and for which there is presently no cure.

The local Sth. Burnett PD support group provides an avenue for sufferers, carers, friends and interested community members to share experiences, gain new knowledge and form strong friendships.

The support group meets on the LAST MONDAY of each month, excluding December. Meetings are held at either CASTRA AGED CARE FACILITY, MURGON or at selected social venues.

In May (29th) the group will have a special morning tea @ MOFFATDALE RIDGE winery. Jason & Sue Kinsella have kindly offered to open and cater for us .We THANK them for their support. We are expecting to enjoy something tasty with our cuppas and have lots of happy conversation in a scenic setting. Carmen is hoping to purchase a nice bottle of wine or two while there.

Our June meeting (26th) at CASTRA should be a popular one with John from CARERS QLD.(Hervey Bay office) being our guest speaker. John is the regional counsellor so we expect he will have much relevant information to share with us. Members of the public can attend but please phone your intention.

For further information on the group and coming events phone Darryl 07 4168 3116 or Carmen 07 5486 1268.

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Numbers were back to 400 at Murgon's fortnightly sale on Tuesday. Generally the market was frim for all descriptions based on the quality of the yarding. Cattle were drawn from Mundubbera, Gayndah, Nanango, Kingaroy, Kilkivan & locally. Bullocks topped at $2174.00 at $2.75 c/kg. Heavy Bulls sold to $2.61 c/kg and $2510.00. Heavy Cows over 500 kg sold to $2.33 c/kg and averaged $2.21 c/kg. The best of the heavy Cows returned $1520.00. Cows 400 – 500 kg topped at $2.21 c/kg and $1090.00 averaging $2.06 c/kg.

447 kg Droughtmaster steers from D & S Sippel Redgate sold for $3.13 c/kg returning $1400.00.

G & M Dent Gayndah sold 485 kg Brahman cross steers for $1514.00 at $3.12 c/kg.

466 kg Charolais cross steers from B & M Sanewski Goomeri sold for $1403.00 and $3.01 c/kg.

Campbell & Dawson Wondai sold **Charolais cross weaner steers** for $1102.00. Droughtmaster cross steers from R Svenson Nanango sold to $1010.00 at $3.22 c/kg. Charbray weaner steers a/c Emjay Charbray's Tansey sold for $3.29 c/kg returning $976.00. 272 kg Charolais weaner steers a/c N Sarquis Kingaroy sold for $906.00 and $3.33 c/kg. Droughtmaster cross weaner steers form Nanango sold for $935.00 and $3.32 c/kg. A line of light Bazadais cross weaner steers a/c Balgree Grazing Goomeri sold for an average of $3.65 c/kg and $640.00, topping at $706.00 and $3.80 c/kg. **Droughtmaster cross heifers** from D Vine Hivesville sold for $1157.00 and $3.10 c/kg. 368 kg Droughtmaster heifers from Moffatdale sold to 1105.00 at $3.00 c/kg. **252 kg Charolais weaner heifers** sold for $787.00 at $3.12 c/kg. Emjay Charbrays sold weaner heifers for $759.00 and $3.09 c/kg & $829.00 and $2.93 c/kg. Balgree Grazing's run of Bazadais cross weaner heifers sold to $538.00 at an average of $3.05 c/kg and 170 kg.

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