



MURGON MOMENTS

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



Murgon's Anzac Day Guest Speaker Joseph Thompson.

Private Joseph Thompson the son of Elaine and Brian Thompson grew up in Murgon and brought his family back to Murgon with him for the Anzac Day celebration in Murgon.

Former Private Joseph Thompson served five years with the Australian Army and was wounded in Afghanistan.

Read his moving Anzac Day speech on page 26

SBR Council receives draft Regional Development Strategy

At the General meeting on Wednesday 28 April 2021, South Burnett Regional Council received the draft 2021- 26 South Burnett Regional Development Strategy and agreed to release the draft for community consultation. At the standing committee meeting on Wednesday 21 April 2021, Regional Development portfolio lead Councillor Kirstie Schumacher discussed the draft Regional Development Strategy and its three key enablers: 1. The South Burnett has appropriate infrastructure to support industry, investment, and liveability. 2. Council delivers streamlined investment support and promotes well planned growth. 3. Council attracts investment, growing the economy. Mayor Brett Otto said this strategy will help to shape Council's long-term strategic direction and inform the community of our approach. "Council is focused on providing the infrastructure needed to continue its participation in the global economy, supporting emerging industries including local manufacturing and processing, as well as delivering livability and lifestyle outcomes for residents and businesses alike," said Mayor Otto. "The strategy will guide private and government investment, and support Council's decision making and service delivery which reflect the priorities of our region. Council is committed to ensuring the lifeblood of our people, our businesses and local industries are supported in their decision to live, work and play in the South Burnett," the Mayor said. Councillor Kirstie Schumacher said bold thinking and real action is needed to leverage our region's competitive geographic location, diverse industry strengths and emerging opportunities. "Councillors and officers have been gathering feedback this past year that has been distilled and threaded throughout our draft Regional Development Strategy," Councillor Schumacher said. "Our region faces some challenging population trends and demographics; however, our diverse competitive advantages and many success stories prove we can rise above these challenges." "This strategy and the consultation that will follow has started a conversation on how we can share and replicate these success stories and will help us learn from the lessons of the past." "Once finalised and adopted, Council's Regional Development Advisory Committee will play a key role in supporting Council to implement the strategy," Cr Schumacher said. Mayor Brett Otto said, "further to the strategy, a regional work plan will be developed with actions and initiatives in attracting people to live in our region, create businesses and investment growth and offer meaningful employment opportunities in the South Burnett." FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 28/04/2021 Page 2 of 2 Mayor Otto said the strategy will be a living document and its regional work plan will continue to evolve over time, particularly once the members of the Regional Development Advisory Committee are appointed. "We value feedback and urge all residents, local industry bodies, business owners and the greater community to be involved in the development of this strategy," he said. The draft strategy and feedback form will be available shortly, with feedback being received until

Monday 17 May 2021. For further information or to submit your feedback, please contact Council's Executive Services team on 1300 789 279, 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.

Council budget committee meetings open to the community

South Burnett Regional Council has begun the next annual budget cycle, working through a series of discussions over the coming weeks. The 2021/22 budget is scheduled to be adopted at a special budget meeting on Wednesday 30 June 2021. To remain transparent in the decision making process, Council will be opening up budget committee meetings to the community via live streaming and the public gallery. COVID-19 restrictions apply. Regular budget meetings will take place in the Warren Truss Chamber, Glendon Street, Kingaroy from Wednesday 5 May 2021 until Wednesday 30 June 2021. Mayor Brett Otto said, "Council is facing a challenging budget and we are keen to take the community with us through the budget deliberations." Access the livestream of Council meetings on Council's website <https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/councilmeetings/request-address-council/2>. For further information contact Council's Executive Services team on 1300 789 279, 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.

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On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme extended for 12 months

Drought-affected Wide Bay farmers will be given another 12 months to apply for funding to help them build much-needed infrastructure, subject to the Queensland Government's participation in the scheme.

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien said growers and producers would now have until June 2022 to access up to \$50 million through the On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme (OFEWIRS) once the Queensland Government signs up.

"The Coalition Government has listened to farmers and we recognised the importance of the scheme by doubling the Federal funding available as well as extending the time-frames, giving our producers more time to access this assistance," Mr O'Brien said.

The scheme can be used to fund small scale on-farm drought-proofing water projects, including buying and laying pipes, installing water storage devices, such as tanks and troughs associated with stock watering and desilting dams and water bores.

"This is great news for farmers affected by drought, as these rebates empower farmers to take proactive steps to ensure their properties remain drought resilient," Mr O'Brien said.

"The OFEWIRS has been a hugely popular program that's made a real difference for thousands of farmers and producers who are continuing to work hard to overcome the devastating challenges of drought."

"This is funding that growers need, that the Coalition Government has allocated, and now we need the Queensland State Government to hurry up and sign up to the program so Queensland farmers can access this assistance."

For more information on the rebate please visit the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment website.

Funding to help grow community events in Tansey

The Australian Government is continuing to back drought-affected communities, with \$23,848 for Tansey Show Society, Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien announced today.

"This funding for Tansey Show Society will be used to purchase two shaded grandstands, making the showgrounds more comfortable for the community to use in hot or inclement weather," Mr O'Brien said.

"While we've seen good rainfall in some parts of Wide Bay, many communities like Tansey will still be feeling the effects of the prolonged drought, and has been further compounded by the additional challenges of COVID-19, making our ongoing support all the more vital.

"This funding for Tansey Show Society is part of a \$1.1 million investment under the Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal's Tackling Tough Times Together program to help build social connections in the community, encourage greater participation in events at the Showgrounds, and stimulate the local economy."

Mr O'Brien said the Government was pleased to support the Foundation's critical work of supporting and strengthening the capabilities, connections and wellbeing of drought-affected communities.

Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management David Littleproud said the latest funding was once again aimed at reducing social isolation or responding to individual and community challenges.

"Projects include the development of the Black Rock Wool Press Rotunda in Orroroo, the Aboriginal Women's Research Assistant and Evaluation Training Project at Carnarvon and the restoration and revitalisation of Gooloogong's meeting place," Minister Littleproud said.

"I urge all community groups in drought-affected areas to apply for funding under the Tackling Tough Times Together program to bring their much-needed initiatives to life."

More information on the Tackling Tough Times Together program and the latest round of recipients can be found on the Foundation's website at www.frir.org.au/grants/TTTT or by visiting the Australian Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications website at www.regional.gov.au/regional/programs.



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Active Clubs Kickstart Program - Grants for sporting clubs up to \$2,000. Closes 5 May.

Petition - Increased Overtaking Lanes on the D'Aguiar Highway - Sign the online petition being coordinated by the community

Qld Indigenous Youth Leadership Program - Applications now open. Closes 5 May.

Breastscreen Mobile - Kilcoy Hospital - 17-26 May. Book your free breast screen on 13 20 50.

Qld Carers Advisory Council - Nominate to join for a two year term. Closes 14 May.

Farm Safety Calendar - Entries from primary school students now open. Closes 25 June.

Review of Qld Defamation Laws - Have your say. Closes 19 May.

Qld Day - June 6. Learn more about hosting an event and what resources are available

Mining and Exploration Data - Now available online for resource explorers.

Olympics Unleashed - Nominate your school for a visit by an Olympian.

Australian Olympic Change-Maker Program - Recognising young leaders powering positive change in their communities. Schools can nominate two students per school from years 10-12.

Multicultural Qld Awards - Nominations now open. Closes 10 May.

Fred Hollows Humanitarian of the Year - Nominate someone who is making a difference. Closes 23 July.

Dept Environment Public Register Portal - New portal to access information about environmental licences and permits in Qld

Check in Qld App - Helps you check in to venues and be COVID Safe

Buy Smart Competition - Open to students in Years 4-12 to help learn about consumer rights.

Growcom National Lost Crop Register - If you are a fruit and veg grower and you've lost crops due to the lack of seasonal labor, see this initiative by Growcom

Rural Financial Counselling Service - Free service for primary producers and small business owners

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By Tony Turton

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Barambah Garden Club News



We met at the Bunya Landcare nursery in Memerambi on Friday 7th. The old school yard is being slowly transformed into a garden with a mixture of natives, exotics and vegetables. Using permaculture techniques to protect and improve the soil. A great place for a garden club meeting.

The Bunya Valley Landcare was started in 2007 with the goals of having self-sustaining gardens in the local area. They hope to start one in Tessmanns

Rd using the permaculture techniques know as water harvesting. If anyone wants to know more members of the Landcare group will be at the Wondai Garden Expo. I'm looking forward to visiting this garden when it is completed. A garden that does not need watering sounds great and has worked well in other areas.

Rob Griffiths was a competent speaker with a passion for protecting our fragile Australian soils. He recommends that we read books written by the Australian author Mary White. Listen our land is crying and Running down water in a changing land. Our next meeting will be held in Murgon and we will have a speaker from Brisbane talking about heritage roses. There will be plants for sale.

Anyone interested in coming to our meeting or going on a bus trip to a rose nursery in June please phone Ann 0438686238.

Until next time *Happy Gardening*

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Goomeri - Great views across town. Neat 2 bedroom, timber floors, concrete stumps. Eat in kitchen, lounge. Air conditioner in lounge and main bedroom. Bathroom has a shower vanity and toilet.



Boat Mountain Road, Murgon - Private living - This neat and tidy home is set on 2½ secluded acres. Tastefully presented with 2 bedrooms both with built in robes. Large open plan living with reverse cycle air conditioning. Bathroom has a clawfoot bath and separate shower. Large games/rumpus room built in under house. Enclosed verandah along one side and open at the front where you can enjoy some of the most stunning views and sunsets and sunrises. 3 bay colorbond shed with power plus car accommodation under the house. Country living with easy access to town amenities. \$350,000

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The Good Shepherd by Jordan Bennett, St Paul's Lutheran Church, Murgon

In most towns and cities, there will inevitably be a church or school called "Good Shepherd", which was a title that was claimed by Jesus, and recorded in John's Gospel. And that is great, anything that can draw our attention to the character of Christ is a good thing. But, I wonder how often do we actually stop and think about what "Good Shepherd" means. When Jesus laid claim to this title, to the culture of the time, it would have been an incredibly odd thing to say about yourself. Shepherds in the ancient near east weren't exactly celebrated. In fact, they were the social outcasts. Shepherds spent their entire lives with their animals. All day and all night, out in the field with their animals. They were dirty, uneducated, and, in the eyes of the society at the time, uncouth savages. When the shepherds were relieved and given some time off, people would pull their children off the street and lock the doors. I hope I have provided enough of a mental image for you to understand how odd this statement was.

But then Jesus comes along and says that He isn't just a shepherd, but the Good Shepherd. What does this mean? A shepherds entire life and world was wrapped up in his livestock. It was his job to care for and protect his animals. Should a thief come to steal one, it was the shepherds job to chase him away. If a bear or a wolf or some other wild animal came to have a munch, it was the shepherds job to protect the animal. If you were a good shepherd, it meant risking your life to save your flock. You would forget about your own wellbeing and think only of saving that which had no ability to save itself. 1 John 3:16, John says: ***"this is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us"***. That is why Jesus is called, the Good Shepherd.

John is saying in this verse that the very definition of love is found in the person and actions of Jesus Christ. But the important thing to note here is that it wasn't just sentiment or emotion, it's not just "thoughts and prayers", but rather actions and deeds. It is doing something about the situation. Because of His great love for us, Jesus laid down His life to set us free from sin and death, so that we might have life and love and peace. But it is no coincidence that verse 16 says that we know what love is through the actions of Jesus, and then immediately follows it up with ***"and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters"***. We know what love is because of what Jesus did. Now go and do love like Jesus did love: give of yourself. John isn't talking exclusively about dying for someone else. I pray that we never have to face that situation. But there is more than one way to "lay down your life" for someone else.

To love like Jesus loved, means to love one another without counting the cost. Without first deciding if that love is warranted, or deserved, or earned. God doesn't draw a line in the sand and says He will only love us to this point and no further. No! He continually loves us despite our failings. And we are called to do the same. The love of Christ was sacrificial. It gave everything of itself so that others may live. And that is now our duty. What does that look like? Well, it could look like mowing your neighbours lawn. Cooking a meal for someone. Calling someone and checking on them. Buying someone a coffee. It is taking the time to hold the door for someone. It is giving of yourself, your time, your energy, your passion, your resources, your wisdom. It is giving something of yourself to ease the burden of another.

Or to put it another way, I'll leave you with another piece of Scripture. One that almost everyone has heard, regardless of upbringing. 1 Corinthians 13, the love chapter, explains perfectly what this sacrificial love looks like: ***"love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres, endures all things...love never fails"***.



Goomeri Show turns 80

The weekend weather really turned it on for the Goomeri & District Show held on 27 March. Thank you for inviting me to open your 80th Show and congratulations to the President, Dave Pitstock (pictured) and his Committee for all of your hard work. Well done also to Miss Showgirl 2021, Jacinta Rockemer (centre).

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Community Grants Program successful applicants announced

South Burnett Regional Council recognises the important contribution community organisations and individuals make to the South Burnett region by providing support through the Community Grants Program.

This program encompasses the grants, donations, sponsorship and other assistance Council makes to community organisations delivering local programmes, activities and events.

Round 2 of the programme received 43 applicants requesting a total of \$99,214.71 worth of assistance. The assessment panel considered each application on merit which resulted in approval for \$61,337.00 to be distributed through Round 2.

Cr Danita Potter, Portfolio Councillor for Community said the calibre of applications has been outstanding. "Thank you to all applicants for taking the time to apply and the good work you do for our South Burnett community. I send my congratulations particularly to the successful applicants and we look forward to seeing the outcomes achieved through the Community Grants Program 2021," Cr Potter said.

The successful applicants for Round 2 of the Community Grants Program 2021 are:

Community Hall Public Liability Insurance Grant

- Durong Community Hall
- Queensland Dairy Heritage Museum
- Kumbia & District Memorial School of the Arts

Community Events Sponsorship

- South Burnett Endurance Riders – Endurance Ride
- Murgon Junior Rugby League - Domestic Violence Round
- South Burnett Mountain Bike Club - State Titles
- Relay for Life Organising Committee - South Burnett Relay for Life
- Bloomin Beautiful Blackbutt - Bloomin Beautiful Blackbutt Festival
- South Burnett Reserve Forces Day Committee - South Burnett Reserve Forces Day 2021

Healthy Communities Sponsorship

- South Burnett Western Performance Club - Come & Try / Open Days

Project-Program One-Off Sponsorship

- National Council of Women Queensland - South Burnett Regional Council Bursary
- Lions Club of Nanango - Supply hospital beds through community health
- Agricultural Shows of the South Burnett - 2021 Sub Chamber Finals showgirl, rural ambassador, and dark rich fruitcake
- Murgon Men's Shed - Building maintenance & security
- The South Burnett Pantry - Advertising letters and reckon fees
- Wooroolin Hall Committee - Repair of Wooroolin Memorial Hall ceiling
- Eva's Place - Eva's Place Kingaroy Establishment Project
- Bunya Mountains Community Association – Equipment
- Proston QLD - Proston Park Run
- Mondure District Rural Fire Brigade - Purchase and install of rainwater tank
- Kingaroy & District Vintage Machinery Club Inc - Old Hospital Canteen Building
- Proston Scout Group - New air-conditioning and stove for scout den/hall
- Taabinga State School P&C - Secure storage for outdoor equipment
- St John's Lutheran Kindergarten - Artist in Residence Program
- Wondai Country Club - Security camera system
- Nanango Men's Shed - Computer renewal
- Barambah Beekeepers - Website development

School Awards Sponsorship

- St Mary's Catholic College - School awards

Regional Arts Development Fund

- Kirstie Barganquast - Silversmithing workshop
- Robyn Dower - Arts of Top 2021 Regional Arts Forum
- Kingaroy Regional Art Gallery - Celebrating the Art of Craft 2021
- Nanango Theatre Company - Stand Up Comedy Workshop

Council's next round of funding will open on Sunday 1 August 2021..

Murgon Annual Bookfest



Murgon Red Cross will again be hosting the Bookfest in partnership with Murgon Men's Shed Monday 24th May – Friday 28th May 9am to 4 pm finishing on Saturday 31st, 9am to 12 noon. Come & browse tables laden with fiction, biographies, romance, thrillers,



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A 'SAUCY' TALE

A little three year old boy is sitting on the toilet. His mother thinks he has been in there too long, so she goes in to see what's up. The little boy is sitting on the toilet reading a book. About every 10 seconds or so he puts the book down, grips onto the toilet seat with his left hand and hits himself on top of the head with his right hand.

His mother says: "Billy, are you all right? You've been in here for a while".

Billy says: "I'm fine, mummy – I just haven't done it yet."

Mother says: "Ok, you can stay here a few more minutes, but Billy why are you hitting yourself on the head?"

Billy says: "Works for tomato sauce!"

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Suncoast Spinners are excited to report the successful launch of the South Burnett Wheelchair Basketball program on Saturday, April 17th, supported by South Burnett Peace of Mind Inc. and the Murgon PCYC.

This program was delivered as part of the Suncoast Spinners Reverse Inclusion Initiative.

The program commenced at 10am with Suncoast Spinners staff delivering a FREE Come & Try session to 10 eager participants. Ages ranged from 7YO up to over 50's. The program began with stretching and warm ups, followed by basic chair and ball skills that led into a very enthusiastic game.

Suncoast Spinners expect the program to run on a regular basis at the Murgon PCYC over the following months, follow the South Burnett Wheelchair Basketball facebook page for future dates.

Following a short lunch break Suncoast Spinner Mitchell Duncan led a wheelchair basketball training session for South Burnett locals keen to be the next wheelchair basketball program leaders, ensuring the program success is ongoing. Training included Wheelchair basketball skills, safely setting up and packing up chairs, correct use of chairs, safely assisting players if a fall occurs and all the essential aspects required to deliver wheelchair sport in a safe environment.

The Come & Try and Training sessions were overwhelmingly embraced by the Murgon PCYC staff and locals from the South Burnett Peace of Mind organization.

A huge Thank You to the six Suncoast Spinners staff who took the 2 hour road trip to South Burnett to deliver the program and support the expansion of the Suncoast Spinners Reverse inclusion Initiative.

Regards. Sharon Hill, Suncoast Spinners Wheelchair Basketball Inc.



Pupils 1930's and 1940's

Back row L to R: Coral Beutel (Kratzmann), Marcia McIntosh (Stephens), Paul Horstmann, Neville Kratzmann, Allan Noffke, Bill Baulch, Doug Tyerman.

Front row L to R: Ken Noffke, Lois Horstmann, Pam Alexander (Baulch), Elva Bishop (Baulch), Valerie Dale (Maudsley), Shirley Waldock (Noffke), Ivor Noffke, Jim Maudsley



Past Teachers at Winderera State School Centenary



It was a wonderful day at Winderera State School Centenary catching up with old friends, helping with the roll calls & being part of an awesome celebration. Thank you to

Amanda Dennien

& her team for the tremendous work organising memorabilia, books, roll calls, past teachers, music, food, fun & festivities. It was a fitting celebration for a champion school community celebrating a remarkable milestone!!

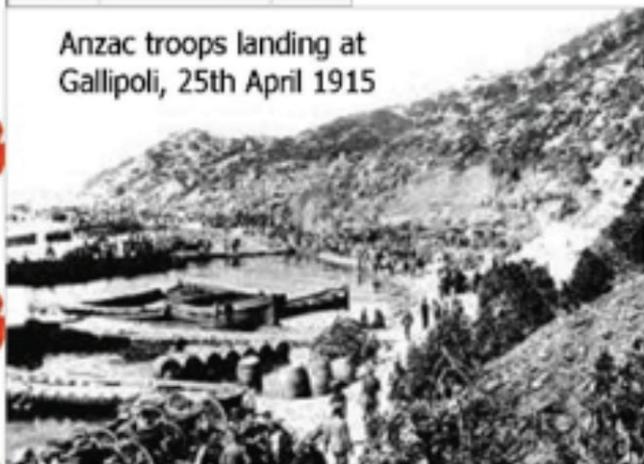
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Anzac troops landing at Gallipoli, 25th April 1915



Crammed on the beach, under constant fire from the Turks on the high ground, in eight months there, 8,700 Australian and 2,800 NZ men were killed. They gained the admiration of the enemy, the Turks, whose commander (later President): Mustapha Kemal Ataturk wrote:
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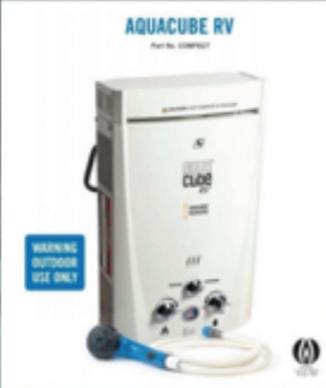
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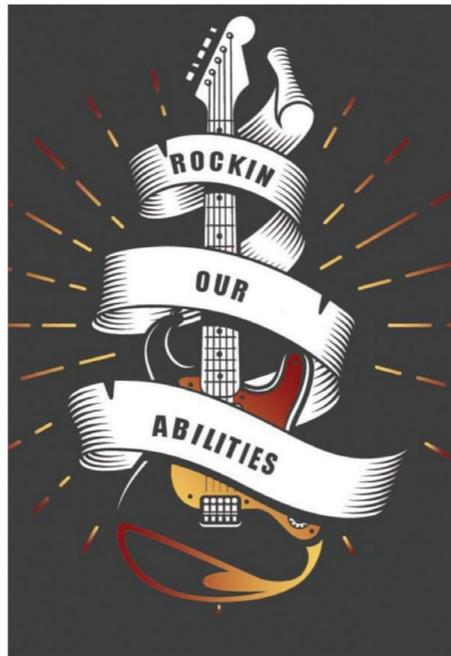
Numbers totalled 600 in Murgon yesterday. Values for all descriptions remained fully firm. Bulls topped at \$3.16 per kilogram and \$2560.00. Bullocks topped at \$3.70 and \$2300.00. Heavy Cows over 500 kilograms sold to \$3.05 per kilogram and \$2120.00, averaging \$2.91. Cows 400 to 500 kg sold to \$2.85 per kilogram for an average of \$2.78. Lighter Cows under 400 kg sold to \$2.74. Export heifers topped at \$3.60 per kilogram and \$1800.00. Cattle were drawn from Mundubbera, Gayndah, Nanango, Proston, Durong, Kingaroy, Kilkivan & locally. 3 pens of Santa steers from Gayndah averaging 341 kg sold for \$4.58 c/kg returning \$1570.00. 2 pens of Brangus steers from Crownthorpe sold for \$4.23 c/kg & \$4.23 c/kg respectively returning \$1698.00 & \$1921.00 for 400 kg & 454 kg. 310 kg Charbray steers from Gayndah sold for \$4.82 c/kg and \$1500.00. Murray Grey cross steers from Durong weighing 321 kg sold for \$4.64 c/kg and \$1490.00. Charbray steers weighing 360 kg from Nanango sold for \$4.64 c/kg returning \$1670.00. Angus weaner steers from Proston sold to \$5.36 c/kg and \$1140.00. Charbray weaner steers from Tansey sold for \$1110.00 at \$5.30 c/kg. 323 kg Angus heifers from Proston sold for \$4.36 c/kg to return \$1400.00. 326 kg Droughtmaster heifers from Hivesville sold to \$4.30 c/kg and \$1405.00. 330 kg Santa heifers from Gayndah sold for \$1400.00 and \$4.26 c/kg. Droughtmaster heifers from Goomeri sold for \$1300.00 at \$4.23 c/kg. Angus weaner heifers from Proston sold for \$1140.00 and \$5.12 c/kg. Brangus weaner heifers from Nanango sold for \$1050.00 at \$5.08 c/kg.

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Reopening of the South Burnett Aquatic Centre in Nanango

South Burnett Regional Council advises residents of the reopening of South Burnett Aquatic Centre in Nanango on Saturday 17 April 2021. Following completion of renovation works, regular pool hours will resume from this date onwards. Renovations of the South Burnett Aquatic Centre include upgrades to the flooring, additional expansion jobs and general maintenance to the facility. The funding for this programme was received as part of the State Government's Works for Queensland programme and the South Burnett Regional Council's Capital Works programme. Council would like to thank the community for their patience and cooperation throughout this time.

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This home boasts four roomy bedrooms all with security screens, first three positioned at the front of the home. The main bedroom perfect for wheelchair access is off the ramp at the front of the home, featuring a shower,

toilet, and air-conditioner. The second bedroom is very roomy with a built-in wardrobe, carpet, and air-conditioning. The fourth bedroom is around the side of the home. Original bathroom with a separate toilet, kitchen with a large walk-in pantry, extra toilet downstairs, internal laundry. The home is complete with a double lockable garage and two small water tanks. **MURGON \$350,000**



This cladded home is in good condition including an access ramp. Plenty of opportunity to renovate or as a rental. 3 carpeted bedrooms, a good old-style kitchen, modern bathroom.

Lounge room and an air-conditioned sitting area that could be a separate dining room. There is a second toilet in the laundry. The large level 1012sqm block provides lots of room and has a fully fenced back yard with carport. A ramp has been installed at the back door making for easy access. 10 Solar panels installed. **MURGON \$189,000**



This three-bedroom, two-bathroom home is located within minutes from some of The South Burnett's best wineries. The property features two poly rainwater tanks, a spacious back deck. Timber inspired floors in the open

plan lounge and dining. Master bedroom features a walk-in robe, an ensuite, carpet, ceiling fan and an air conditioner. Large back deck over looks the Bjelke Petersen dam. **MOFFATDALE \$260,000**



354 acres of undulating to flat black soil country in the sort after farming area of Redgate. This property offers loads of potential with lightly timbered, open clean contoured country. The block is fenced into 5 paddocks and has an excellent set of timber cattle yards with a covered vet crush. Water is a

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South Burnett Parkinson's Support Group



A belated birthday morning tea for coordinator Carmen, was held at the **Wondai Diggers' Club** on Monday April 19. As it was a special birthday, Merrilyn, Lyn and Carmen provided some entertaining jokes, poems and games. Alison won the prize for her goldfish suggestion as the most unusual birthday gift. There were the usual Lucky Spot and Lucky Number prizes with Ancy and Col taking home the offerings. Col was particularly pleased to win a CD by local Michael Pincott and Ancy was happy to choose some colourful coasters donated by supporter Annette. Carmen read a list of 20 Amazing Facts about herself ; some which were unknown to members.

Caterer Ann excelled as usual, to provide a wholesome brunch. Dessert was as requested by the birthday girl, with everyone enjoying individual mango cheesecake and ice cream. Most of us went away maintaining that we would not need any dinner that night.

Alison & Col, and Emily & Ron travelled many kilometres to attend the meeting. We hope that these special couples will be frequent attenders.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY MAY 31 VENUE: Social Morning Tea @ MURGON DAIRY & HERITAGE MUSEUM COST: \$6 per person

ALL WELCOME BUT BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

CONTACT: DARRYL 4168 3116 or CARMEN 5486 1268

Parkinson's Disease is a chronic, progressive disease for which there is presently no cure. Each person with Parkinson's presents differently. Symptoms are wide and varied, ranging from motor difficulties to emotional issues and sleep disturbances etc. There appears to be an increasing number of people being diagnosed with PD. The local Parkinson's group is small but friendly and would welcome new attendees.

Carmen Emery-Strathdee, Coordinator, South Burnett Parkinson's Support Group
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Larrikin Puppet Show at the Kingaroy Town Hall

South Burnett Libraries are excited to announce that an extra special story time will take place at the Kingaroy Town Hall on Wednesday 19 May from 10.30am as the Larrikin Puppet Show takes the stage.

This puppet show will be colourful, interactive, and crowd-pleasing, with a puppetry style like The Muppets and Sesame Street. Funded by the State Library of Queensland's First 5 Forever initiative, children under 5 and their families are encouraged to come along to sing, dance and play.

Bookings for the Larrikin Puppet Show are essential. Please contact your local library to secure a ticket. Those in attendance will be required to adhere to COVID safe requirements.

Fabulous Lemon Drops visit Kingaroy and Wondai!

On Thursday 17 June, young members of the South Burnett community are in for a treat as the Fabulous Lemon Drops visit the Kingaroy Town Hall at 10am and the Wondai Town Hall at 1pm!

A Fabulous Lemon Drops concert is all about the kids! The performances are highly interactive and children can choose their level of involvement by dancing to the catchy original tunes, joining the band on stage to play a variety of exciting percussion instruments or even dressing up in colourful costumes.

Bookings for these shows are essential. Please contact your local library to secure a ticket. Those in attendance will be required to adhere to COVID safe requirements.



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Reintroduction of Library Programming



Regular First 5 Forever Rhyme Time and Story Time programs are once again being hosted at each South Burnett Libraries branch. Bookings for these sessions is essential, with attendance limited due to COVID restrictions. This program delivery complies with Restrictions on Businesses, Activities and Undertakings Direction (No. 4) directives - <https://bit.ly/2OnfptO>

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- Bookings are essential for all attendees
- All attendees are to maintain 1.5 metres social distancing as required by COVID-19 health directive.
- All attendees must be in good health prior to attending the session. If any of the attendees booked in feel unwell please cancel your booking.

The introduction of other library programs including card groups, book clubs and crochet groups is also due to take place, COVID permitting. Please enquire at your local library if you are interested in beginning an interest group.

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Record Crowds At Commemorations



Members of the 177 Army Cadet Unit, Nanango, stand guard on the Nanango Memorial after the main parade.

And Wreaths surround the Murgon Memorial

April 26, 2021

Any suggestions Anzac Day commemorations are losing public support were blown away in the South Burnett on Sunday.

After last year's pandemic-enforced private "Light Up The Dawn" activities, there were fears that Anzac Day could be forgotten by some people this time around.

But record crowds turned out on Sunday for Dawn Services and Anzac Marches right across the region.

There were all the traditional solemnities in just about every town, parades, hymns, wreaths and soundings of the Last Post.

There were also a number of RAAF flyovers: an F/A 18A Super Hornet in Murgon and Wondai; C-17A Globemaster III in Kingaroy; and two Chinook helicopters in Yarraman.

But Anzac Day is not just about the past, something which the guest speaker at Murgon's commemorations emphasised.

Former Private Joseph Thompson grew up in Murgon, served five years with the Australian Army and was wounded in Afghanistan.

Afghanistan is the longest conflict Australian troops have been involved in, but has slipped out of the public consciousness.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced recently all Aussie troops would be withdrawn by September.

More than 26,000 Australian soldiers have served in this almost-forgotten conflict: 41 were killed and 249 wounded.

Tragically, more deaths have continued at home in Australia, prompting the recent announcement of a Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide.

Murgon

Murgon's annual commemorations began with fellowship in the Diggers Room of Murgon RSL at 4:45am, followed by a Dawn Service at the Murgon War Memorial at 5:30am, and then a Gunfire Breakfast back at the club.

The traditional community parade was led by pipes and drums and featured a strong turnout of marchers.

Vehicles belonging to Winderera militaria collector John Kratzmann also featured, including a bren gun carrier and a 1942 Jeep.





"Simpson" and his donkey also appeared along with World War I nurses and students from all local schools





Guest Speaker Joseph Thompson's moving speech, which sums up what Anzac Day is all about in 2021:



Good Morning

Firstly, thank you very much to the organizers for inviting me out here to my home town and giving me the privilege of speaking about the importance of Anzac Day and what it means for me being part of a younger generation of veteran.

Some of the things I was asked to touch on were my reasons for joining the Army and some of my experiences during my time in the service.

The moment I decided to serve my country was a moment I will never forget.

It was a normal spring morning just like any other here in Murgon and before school my father came and woke me up early and told me that I better come and watch the TV, we were never allowed to watch TV in the morning so I knew something had happened. Then all I remember was seeing footage of an aircraft flying into the World Trade Centre. The date was Tuesday, September 11, 2001. I was 16 years old.

Like most of the world, we watched the carnage unfold that day, but there was one piece of footage that really stuck with me and that was of a Taliban insurgent in Afghanistan firing his weapon in the sky in celebration of the attack while crowds cheered on. Up to that date, I had never been so angry in my entire life. That footage would serve to motivate me and drive me to enlist, train hard and ultimately fight in

this new war, which was dubbed the global war on terror.

Fast forward a few years and I was a recruit marching through the gates of Kapooka having enlisted as a rifleman.

Growing up I had always celebrated Anzac day but it wasn't until I started my basic training that I was completely immersed in the culture and ethos of the Anzac Spirit. Words like COURAGE, INTEGRITY, RESILIENCE and above all MATESHIP became a source of pride. That's when I truly learned of the Anzac legend.

On this day 106 years ago at 4.30am, the first soldiers of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corp landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey. By the end of the first day over 16,000 men had surged ashore and more than 2,000 were lying dead or wounded.

By the time they left Gallipoli in December 1915, over 10,000 ANZACS had lost their lives in such battles as Lone Pine, The Nek, and Chunuk Bair. These names have since become folklore.

These men were then sent to fight the Germans on the Western Front where a further 50,000 ANZACS would lose their lives over the next three years, in some of the fiercest battles such as Paschendalle, Fromelles and Villiers Brettenaux, where two of my mother's uncles fought and Great Uncle Hugh lost his leg. (Mum and Dad went to France in 2014 to try to find it but had no luck.)

Australian soldiers continued to serve with distinction in the Second World War, in such battles as El Alamién, Crete and Kakoda, where young men barely trained were flung into the jungles of New Guinea and defended our very doorstep. They also saw service in Korea, Malaya, Vietnam and many peace keeping operations.

I had the honour to serve with the 6th Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment in East Timor and Iraq but it was in Afghanistan that I really cut my teeth as an infantry soldier. It took 9 years from September 11 but I finally had my chance to pick a fight with the Taliban.

I served on Mentoring Task Force 1 from February to October 2010. Little did we know it but we were about to face the worst fighting season in the war to date. This deployment would earn my Task Force a battle honour, The Meritorious Unit Citation, also four Medals for Gallantry, 1 Star of Gallantry (which is the 2nd highest honour an Australian soldier can receive) and no less than 2 Victoria Crosses, awarded to Cpl Dan Keiran and Cpl Ben Roberts-Smith. The media can try and fling mud on RS as much as they want but I know for a fact if it wasn't for him there would be a lot more names on the honour roll in Canberra.

In terms of casualties, the deployment was an extremely violent one, with the battle group suffering 10 Killed in Action and 58, including myself, Wounded in Action. I won't go into details on my close calls because my Mum is here listening.

Today is about remembrance so there are 10 names I would like to mention because if I don't these men will be forgotten by our nation

Sapper Jacob Moreland (who grew up in Gayndah), Sapper Darren Smith, Private Timothy Aplin, Private Benjamin Chuck, Private Scotty Palmer, Private Nathan Bewes, Trooper Jason Brown, Lance Corporal Jared MacKinney, And finally, Private Thomas Dale and Private Grant Kirby

These last two men are especially important to me as we were in the same platoon, the very same section and I watched them die during an IED ambush on a worthless patch of earth in the Baluchi Valley during the largest clearance operation the Australians had fought in since the Vietnam war.

That patch of earth is not just another part of the planet, an Australian soldier met his end there.

It's now hallowed ground and I hold it in just as much significance as ANZAC COVE.

Of the 102,000 Australian soldiers to die in war, these are the men I will be remembering today.

Australia is by no means a perfect country, but regardless of your political and social views we must all come together and rejoice the fact that we are a free people, a freedom written in blood by brave men and women who will continue to defend our beloved island.

Again, I would like to thank the organizers for the opportunity to share my thoughts on Anzac Day and if I'm lucky I might even get a free drink out of my old man Brian.

I'll see everyone at the rissole for a cold one shortly.

LEST WE FORGET.



Cr Kathy Duff and Wide Bay and Burnett RSL District president Trevor Williamson OAM presented a Quilt Of Valour to Murgon RSL Sub-Branch's oldest World War II veteran Alf (Mick) Purser.



Mr Jim Kingston OAM with Councillor Kathy Duff



Photo of Corporal Bree-Anna Cheatham talking to Jade Burgess and McKenzie Kratzmann



photograph of the contingent of 14 soldiers who provided support to Murgon, Cherbourg and Goomeri.
Pictured with Kevin Gill and Trevor Williamson OAM.
Warrant Officer Class Two, Miriam Phillips.

Cherbourg

Cherbourg's annual Anzac march and commemoration ceremony attracted a crowd to the town's war memorial at 8:00am on Sunday.

Guest speaker was Joe Flick, from Dubbo, who spoke about the Indigenous servicemen who served on the bloody battlefields of France and Belgium during World War I.

Cr Kathy Duff and Wide Bay and Burnett RSL District president Trevor Williamson OAM presented a Quilt Of Valour to Wakka Wakka Elder and Vietnam veteran Eric Law.

Community members and visitors laid wreaths at the foot of the Memorial wall.

Children from Murgon State High School, St Joseph's Murgon and Cherbourg State School also took part in the ceremony.



Nanango

Nanango's commemorations began with fellowship at Taras Hall at 5:00am followed by a Dawn Service at the town Memorial and a pilgrimage to local war graves.

The march later in the morning down Drayton Street was led by cadets from 177 Army Cadet Unit, Nanango, followed by a large contingent of former defence force personnel and community members.



Captain (AAC) Jenni Wilson, from 177 ACU Nanango, Member for Nanango Deb Frecklington and Nanango RSL Sub-Branch president Chaz Kemp took the salute during the Nanango Anzac parade





Bunya Mountains

The largest crowd seen at an Anzac Day commemoration on the Bunya Mountains turned out on Sunday morning.

Rev Ian Harris welcomed residents and visitors and Mrs Ruth Wright said the Prayer of Remembrance and Prayer of Commitment.

The National Anthem and "O God Our Help In Ages Past" were sung and wreaths laid, before the Last Post sounded.



Hivesville

About 150 people attended the Dawn Service at Hivesville's Memorial Park.

Children from Wheatlands State School and St Mary's Catholic College joined local residents for the commemoration at 5:30am.

The crowd then enjoyed a community breakfast in the park.



Kingaroy

Kingaroy guest speaker Chief Petty Officer Barry Thompson and South Burnett Mayor Brett Otto took the salute for the Kingaroy Anzac parade



Kingaroy's Anzac Day commemorations included a Dawn Service at 4:28am, visits to war graves and the traditional march to Memorial Park.

The Dawn Service attracted a huge crowd, including a big contingent of Kingaroy Scouts.

The community commemoration later in the morning included a parade, led by pipes and drum and students from St Mary's Catholic College and Kingaroy State High School bearing flags.

Veterans were joined by emergency services personnel, schoolchildren, community groups and local residents.

In Memorial Park, Elgan Leedie played the Lament on didgeridoo. the Resolutions were read, hymns sung and wreaths were laid as the Honour Roll was read.

Matt Phillips, from Kingaroy State High School, played the Last Post and Rouse before the KSHS choir and symphonic band played the Australian anthem, and Eri Carey sang the New Zealand anthem.

Guest speaker, Chief Petty Officer Barry Thompson, shared his thoughts on the spirit of Anzac Day, especially the valour of sailor Teddy Sheean in 1942.

Sheean was finally awarded a Victoria Cross in 2020 for his actions in protecting his fellow sailors from being strafed by Japanese aircraft after HMAS Armidale was torpedoed in the Arafura Sea.

Despite being wounded himself, Sheehan kept firing as the Armidale sank, giving his life to save his crewmates.

Carolyn Farmer with her father, Doug, 97, one of the oldest members of the Kingaroy-Memerambi RSL Sub-Branch and a stalwart at Kingaroy Anzac Day Commemorations.

In Memorial Park, Elgan Leedie played the Lament on didgeridoo

Wondai

Wondai's commemorations also began with a Dawn Service.

The march later in the morning was in two parts, with community members leading the way followed after a short gap by the Wondai Town and District Band leading ex-service personnel.

At the Memorial, guest speaker David Scrimgeour explained the significance of Anzac and Anzac Day before wreaths were laid on the Monument in front of the Memorial Hall.





Goomeri held its traditional Dawn Service at 5:15am at the War Memorial Clock on the Burnett Highway. This was followed by a pilgrimage to the war graves at Goomeri Cemetery in Goomeri West Road at 7:30am, and then a March and Service from Dickinson's Park to the Cenotaph for wreath-laying at 9:45am, followed by a Commemorative Service at the Hall Of Memory in Boonara Street.

Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien and Murgon RSL Sub-Branch vice-president David Pitstock unveil the statue on Friday morning. A bronze statue of a World War II digger was unveiled on Friday morning at the Goomeri Memorial Clock, just in time for Sunday's Anzac Day commemorations.

The \$43,950 statue was unveiled by Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien and David Pitstock, from the Goomeri chapter of the Murgon RSL Sub-Branch. Funding for the project came from the Federal Government's "Saluting Their Service" commemorative grants program.

The statue has been mounted in front of Goomeri's "Lest We Forget" town clock memorial which was dedicated in 1940, while World War II was still raging.

Mr O'Brien congratulated the Goomeri residents who had initiated the project, and singled out Kim Boyter and Liz Williamson for praise for writing the funding application.

"We don't celebrate war, that is obvious," Mr O'Brien said. "What we do is acknowledge the incredible sacrifice that has been made by our serving and former defence force personnel."

But he told the crowd it was also important to look after the veterans that were still with us.





Mr O'Brien said he had threatened to "cross the floor" in Federal Parliament to ensure a Royal Commission into veteran suicides was held.

"We entered into a covenant with our veterans that we would give them the highest standard of care, the highest standard of service, post them giving us their highest standard of service to keep us safe, to help us prosper," Mr O'Brien said.

On April 19, Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced a Royal Commission would be held.

Mr O'Brien said the terms of reference were now being considered.

Photo below : Gympie Regional Council mayor Glen Hartwig, Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien, Murgon RSL Sub-Branch vice-president David Pitstock, Wide Bay and Burnett RSL District president Trevor Williamson OAM and Gympie deputy mayor Hilary Smerdon

David Pitstock, the compere for the ceremony, with Murgon RSL Sub-Branch president Kevin Gill ... David was president of the former Goomeri RSL Sub-Branch and is now vice-president of the Murgon Sub-Branch

Wooroolin

A small community committee organised Wooroolin's Anzac Day commemoration.

The short march along the Bunya Highway featured the Wondai Town & District Band as well as students from Wooroolin State School.

The official proceedings were held inside the hall, led by former councillor Ros Heit.



Cherbourg, Hivesville, Kingaroy, Murgon, Nanango, Wondai, Wooroolin

[Photos are by southburnett.com.au, Cherbourg Radio, Murgon Moments, Cr Kathy Duff, Ros Heit and the Bunya Mountains Community Association Inc]

For a full coverage and photos please view this exceptional comprehensive coverage courtesy South Burnett OnLine

Then we were off to the South Burnett Race Club Wondai Anzac Day Race Meeting

Where we witnessed full fields in a 6 race program over 850m, 1000m, 1100m and 1575m and bumper crowds urging their backed horse to be a winner. Coupled with Good selection of bookmakers, great food and beverages and the much loved male and female fashions of the field organized by Councillor Kathy Duff made this a great finale to the Anzac Day commemorations.

Lindsay Anderson was particularly happy about the result Race 3 winner 'Kentford' produced for his stable, Bevan Johanson, Dan Sullivan and Gary and Geoff Etherington ... part-owners were also all smiles

Successful Jockey Hannah Richardson rode three 2nd place getters and two 3rd place getters whilst Hannah Phillips rode the first place getters in race 1 and 2.

The 6 race program was sponsored by Wondai IGA, Harleys Heavy Diesel, Original Hair By Gina, Wondai Diggers Club, Hivesville Hotel, Murgon Outdoor Equipment and AMCAL Pharmacy Murgon.



Next Wondai race meeting 3rd July 2021



Celebrating the centenary of Christ Church, Anglican Church Murgon.

The Most Reverend Dr Phillip Aspinall delivered the sermon and was ably assisted by Ven Donald Campbell, Father Norman Wagstaff, John Pryce-Davies and Julie Lobwein during the service whilst Graham Beuck played the organ. Refreshments and fellowship continued after the service in the adjoining hall. Copies of the celebration books (\$20) are still available at the Murgon Info Centre.

Free family fun with the Larrikin Puppets show

South Burnett Libraries are excited to announce that the Larrikin Puppets will take to the stage in an extra special story time on Wednesday 19 May 2021 at the Kingaroy Town Hall from 10:30am!

Larrikin Puppets are known for their highly entertaining and captivating feel-good puppetry aimed at children aged 0-9 and their families.

The show celebrates fun, kindness and play while nurturing child development, encouraging audiences to talk, dance, sing and play along with wide eyed wonder, joy and laughs from beginning to end.

The performance concludes with a demonstration of how all the different puppets operate in the show. The puppeteers have received training in the USA under Jim Henson puppeteers from The Muppets and Sesame Street. Featuring intriguing characters, catchy original songs, funny skits and live interaction, this is one you and your family do not want to miss!

The Larrikin Puppets show is proudly funded and supported by the Queensland Government and the State Library of Queensland.

Bookings are essential for each family member attending due to COVID-19 regulations, with a strict cap on audience numbers.

Please book through the Kingaroy Library on 4189 9256. Doors open at 9:30am for a 10:30am start, to allow attendees to register and find a seat.

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Kathy's Comments

Leo's Birthday

Every year Leo Geraghty's birthday falls on ANZAC Day. It seems to go by unnoticed because I see Leo at the ANZAC Day Services and then the Wondai Races every year working away taking photos and getting stories for the Murgon Moments. Thank you, Leo, for all that you do for our community on an ongoing basis. It does not go unnoticed and best birthday wishes for the 25th of April, Leo Geraghty OAM.

Wondai Garden Expo, Proston High Tea and the Spurs

The South Burnett is a remarkable place for events. I find that there is an amazing number of things to go to and the recent weekend with the Garden Expo, the Golden Spurs High Tea and the Proston Campdraft were no exception. The town of Proston was abuzz with trucks parked all along the road and on any spare spot they could find for the Campdraft. The Garden Expo and the High tea also had packed crowds.

Council's Corporate Plan

The Mayor, Councillors & staff were really pleased to present our completed Corporate Plan at the last Council Meeting. This Corporate plan is a strategic document that has everything in it that we want to see happen in the South Burnett over the next five years.

The vision statement reflects how we would like to see this region in five years. Our vision is "The South Burnett; unique communities working together in a strong and vibrant region. Our 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.

Thank you to everyone who provided their feedback. The final document can be seen on Council's website, in the library or at one of our Council offices.

Draft Regional Development Strategy

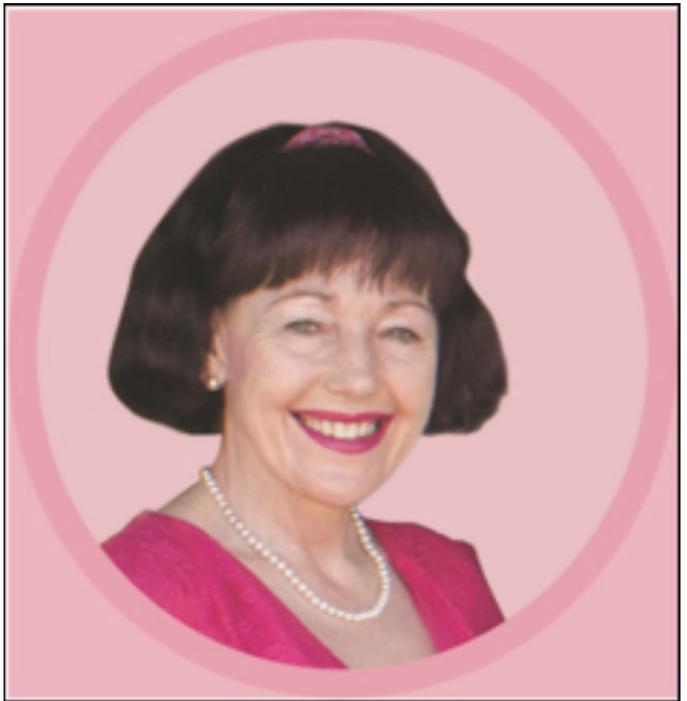
This plan is to provide a platform to support economic growth and a stimulated economy in our region. It is out for public feedback. Please have a look at it and provide feedback if you have any ideas on what you would like to see happen in economic development across our region. The draft plan is available on Council's website, in the library or at any one of our Council Offices.

Centenary's in the Community.

It was wonderful to attend the recent Windaera School Centenary. Congratulations to Amanda Dennien and everyone who put the day on. It was great to see the history captured in a book and to check out some of the good old-fashioned country recipes in the Windaera centenary cookbook. I also had the pleasure of attending the centenary of the Barambah Anglican Parish which was a great celebration with the Archbishop attending.

Moving Anzac Day Services across our region

I attended the Proston State School Service which was led by the students and was a fitting tribute to our ANZACs. The



Hivesville Dawn Service had a record crowd of around 150 with Wheatland's School and some St Mary's students there as well. Well done to Barbara Hockey and members of the Hivesville Progress Association for putting it all together. At the Cherbourg and Murgon Service I had the honour of holding quilts over my shoulder while Trevor Williamson OAM read out the meaning of the quilt of valour. We presented one to Veteran Uncle Eric Laws at Cherbourg and veteran Mick Purser in Murgon.

Spirit of the Bush at Boondooma

Congratulations to Bruce Metroth, Judy Brandt and the Homestead Committee on a fabulous event at Boondooma. I had the honour of officially opening the six-day event that included non-stop country music, poets' breakfasts, an Anzac Day service, a church service, homestead tours, stalls and camp oven cooking. Well done everyone!!

The Rock at Hivesville

It was my honour to be part of the unveiling of a plaque on a beautiful rock at Hivesville Memorial Park. This plaque is in remembrance of the late Robert Smith who was killed in a train accident on Tuesday October 1st, 1929. It was lovely to see the Smith Family hold a reunion at the park as part of the day.

Proston and Murgon Shows

Congratulations to both the Proston and Murgon Show Societies for running your shows with the challenges of the Covid restrictions. The adage that "the show must go on" was lived up to. I loved the Billy Boiling competition on the Friday night at the Murgon Show and I have to say that Annabelle Dennien and I outshone the boys to win the competition!! It was great to see large entries in the beef section at both shows with exhibitors getting their cattle ready for Beef 2021.

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