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



The Murgon Junior Rugby League Club were already feeling pretty good at the end of 2017, their Club had their three teams in their respective grand finals, with "A" Grade and under 12's taking out their premierships and the under 14's

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gallant in performance going down to a strong Chinchilla side. Numbers had built up in the sport in Murgon and the club had a good feel about it.

To the clubs surprise, the Central Division nominated the club for the 2017 NRL Grassroots Club of the Year award. This nomination was then endorsed by the QRL, meaning that the little club at the North end of the South Burnett was heading to Sydney as the Queensland representatives for the 2017 NRL Grassroots Club of the Year award.

Ten club members headed to Sydney on the weekend of the NRL Grand final, which was doubly exciting as Murgon's own Gavin Cooper was not only playing, but was captain of the North Queensland Cowboys side. Club representatives, Jamie Currin and Scott Prendergast were given the honour of representing the Murgon Club at the awards ceremony. At 4pm on Saturday the 30th of September the delegates attended the NRL Community Awards at Darling Harbour, overlooking the Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge.

During the function, NRL CEO Todd Greenberg applauded all clubs and volunteers for their commitment and dedication to their community, stating that there is no NRL without Grassroots' volunteers and clubs. Prior to the announcement, Club President Jamie Currin stated that the nomination was a massive honour, and for us to stand here and to represent the town of Murgon, the many dedicated committees from the past and the current members of the club, was a very proud day for him. Further it was a great payback to the commitment and dedication of the community and club members who enabled the club to be in the position it was in.

To the surprise of the two Murgon lads standing in a room full of past and present legends of the game, the Murgon Junior Rugby league Club was announced the NRL 2017 Grassroots Club of the Year. This culminated a fantastic year for the club, and again proved that the little Murgon District has plenty of heart.

The only downer on the weekend was that Gavin didn't get to hold the trophy high on Grand Final day, but true to his form he gave one of the most honourable losing captain speeches in living memory.

The Murgon Junior Rugby League Club wishes to thank every past and current member that has made the club what it is. The Club is ever so thankful of the community support, volunteers and this award is a small thank you to everyone who has been on that journey with the club.

Photo L-R: Sheree Prendergast and Kimberley Kunde representing

The Murgon Junior Rugby League Club proudly show off the trophy to football great & safety ambassador Shane Webcke who was attending Biedo Community Worksafe Month event at the SB PCYC in Murgon recently.

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AGE PENSION GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE

An Age Pension Guide explaining the terms and conditions that apply to the Age Pension has been released by the Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien.

"The Age Pension rules can be complicated and confusing, so this Guide is produced to ensure Wide Bay pensioners have access to information that is clear and easy to understand," Mr O'Brien said.

"The Guide contains a series of commonly asked questions as well as information about the guidelines, payments and eligibility tests that relate to the Age Pension."

Mr O'Brien said a range of factors could affect Age Pension payments, including the income and asset tests, deeming rates and other provisions.

"These asset tests and other provisions are adjusted from time to time and can change the amount of assistance that pensioners are entitled to receive, so it is important that people have access to the latest information about the support that is available.

"The Guide also provides useful information about the Pension Bonus and Work Bonus Schemes, the Carer Payment and Allowance, as well as health and concession cards that are available to pensioners."

Pensioners in Wide Bay who previously subscribed to the Guide should receive a copy in the post in the coming days. It is available free of charge and can be ordered by telephoning 4121 2936, or downloaded through the One Stop Shop section of Mr O'Brien's website www.llewo'Brien.com.au.

LIGHT THE NIGHT

Host your own Light the Night event and light the way for families facing blood cancer

The Leukaemia Foundation is calling for volunteers to host their own Light the Night event in October or November and light the way for families devastated by blood cancer.

Now in its tenth year, Light the Night is a unique fundraising event that brings Australia's blood cancer community together in more than 140 locations to remember and reflect during a moving ceremony and short lantern walk.

"Hosting your own Light the Night event is a way to proudly show people in your community facing blood cancer that, even in their darkest hour, they're not alone. You can fundraise by simply inviting friends, family or co-workers to a dinner party or movie night, every dollar counts," said Lillian Tebbutt, Community Fundraising Officer at the Leukaemia Foundation.

"We'll give you all the advice and tools you need to create a moving and inspirational night," she said.

"The Leukaemia Foundation runs flagship events in major cities but our wonderful Light the Night host kits give locals an opportunity to be part of this inspiring event."

Last year more than 35,000 people from every state and territory attended a Light the Night event, which can vary in size and location. Some may involve just a few family and friends meeting at a local park, while others are larger events supported by local council and with larger crowds.

"Our community hosts are fully supported by our fundraising team and receive a comprehensive guide on how to hold their event, along with posters, flyers, fundraising tools and dedicated phone support," Lillian added.

Learn more about becoming a Light the Night host at lightthenight.org.au/host or call Lillian Tebbutt 5430 6609.

The Leukaemia Foundation is the only national charity dedicated to helping more Australians with blood cancer survive and live a better quality of life.

Thanks to its supporters, the Leukaemia Foundation helps hundreds of families from regional Australia each year by providing free accommodation in capital cities so they can access life-saving treatment at major hospitals. The charity also offers free transport to medical appointments, counselling, information, education and practical support to families when they need it most.

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The Thrift Shop has been run by a small team of dedicated volunteers; some of our volunteers have been with the Thrift Shop for over 40 years and others over 25, 20 and 15 years. **Now that's dedication!** And let's not forget our dedicated newer team members.



Some of our dedicated ladies serving our community for many years from left –

Joan Beutel (19yrs service), Pat Smith (17yrs service), Val Harm (30yrs service), Nelma Hanson (28yrs service), Doreen Shailer (since inception 43yrs service), & Madge Ramke (43yrs service).

Our volunteers at the Thrift Shop welcome your donations of used goodies, be assured that they will certainly benefit others within our local community. Keeping in mind that not all donated items are suitable for resale, for example items like – second-hand bike helmets, electrical appliances, child car seats and baby capsules, are not able to be resold due to Health & Safety Regulations. Donated items can be received at the Thrift Shop business address of 66 Lamb Street Murgon,

between our opening hours of 9am to 2pm, Tuesday to Friday.

Excess stock or items we are unable to carry are passed onto other charities such Life Line or are used to support families in crisis. Thank you to our Murgon community & friends for your much valued support.

The Murgon Thrift Shop not only operates under the dedication of our team of volunteers, it's still operational

today because of the generous donations and support from our local community. Donations of clothing, books, toys, kitchen items, linen, and even money from individuals and local businesses alike, all have contributed to the longstanding achievements of the Murgon Thrift Shop. The donations and gifts received through the Thrift Shop helps support the Blue Care Murgon Community operations.

Our not-for-profit Thrift Shop has seen much change and has weathered many storms in its time; nevertheless due to the tireless effort of our volunteers and the support of our local community we continue to open our doors every Tuesday to Friday from 9am to 2pm.

PHOTO above: Doreen Shailer our longest serving Volunteer (since inception 43yrs service)



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\$16,362 GRANT FOR NEW KILKIVAN MEN'S SHED

A new Men's Shed will bring the Kilkivan community together after the project received a \$16,362 grant through round three of the Coalition Government's Stronger Communities Programme, Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien announced today.

"The Kilkivan Men's Shed will offer community facilities for woodwork, metal works, first aid, and other pastimes, giving people in the Kilkivan community somewhere to belong," Mr O'Brien said.

"The grant will allow the Men's Shed to offer assistance to seniors as well as undertaking activities to maintain the Health Centre, repair a railway carriage, and other projects.

"Men's Sheds across Australia are a valuable tool in creating strong community connections, and reducing the risk of preventable health issues that are related to isolation.

"This funding will therefore ensure the people of Kilkivan have a place to learn new skills and build new friendships."

The Federal Government's Stronger Communities Programme is designed to improve the resilience of communities by providing capital grants for small projects of between \$5000 and \$20,000. Up to \$150,000 is available in each electorate per year.

The grants are available to not-for-profit organisations and local councils. Applications for the third round of the program have recently closed and are now being assessed.

Further information on the SCP, including guidelines and frequently asked questions can be found on the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development's website at: www.infrastructure.gov.au/SCP.

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Steel framed home in quiet cul de sac. 3 bedrooms all with built in robes and ceiling fans. Open plan living and dining and modern built in kitchen with large corner pantry, wall oven and ceramic cook top, dishwasher plus excellent space for fridge/freezer. The master bedroom has an ensuite. The family bathroom has both a bath and shower. Toilet is separate. Fly screens and security doors. A huge gazebo offers excellent outdoor entertaining. Triple bay garage for 2 cars with a workshop to the side. Shade house. Orchard and veggie gardens. Town and tank water connected. \$250,000



Well maintained and offered in excellent order this family home has 4 good sized bedrooms, the 4th is used as an office. Modern built in timber kitchen with dishwasher. Separate spacious dining. The lounge extends into and enclosed sunroom making for spacious living. The lounge is air conditioned as is the main bedroom, there are built in robes in the bedrooms. Paintwork and floor coverings are all in good order. There is a nice private courtyard at the rear. An excellent lock up garage with workshop to the rear and lawn locker behind. Both town and tank water are connected to the house. Solar power is also connected. \$185,000

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Moffatdale Ridge Winery 2017 Italian Festival a huge success

Enjoying getting dressed up in Italian style was Penny Ruthenberg who won a great selection of wine.

South Burnett: Free NDIS information session

Getting communities and providers ready for the NDIS

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) will soon be available in the South Burnett region.

To support the roll out of the NDIS in this area, free information sessions are being held for families, carers and people with disability within the community, including service providers.

The sessions will provide general information about the NDIS, how it can be accessed and how to become a registered provider.

More details and registration information can be found on the Queensland event page, or visit ndis.gov.au for more information about the NDIS.

Blackbutt Library: 20 November, 10:00am-12:00pm

Nanango Cultural Centre: 20 November, 2:00pm-4:00pm

Kingaroy Council Reception Room:

- 21 November 10:00am-12:00pm

- 21 November 6:00pm-8:00pm with Auslan Interpreters

Proston Council Hall: 22 November, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Murgon PCYC: 23 November, 4:00pm-6:00pm

Closing date extended for Wide Bay Armistice Centenary Grants

Federal Member for Wide Bay, Llew O'Brien has extended the closing date for expressions of interest for the Coalition Government's Armistice Centenary Grants to Friday, December 1, 2017.

"I encourage Wide Bay ex-service organisations and community groups to take advantage of this date extension to submit expressions of interest for funding for special commemorative projects to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War in 2018," Mr O'Brien said.

Funding from \$3,000 to \$50,000 is available within the Wide Bay electorate to support local community projects and activities which commemorate the end of the First World War and remember Australian service men and women from all conflicts.

Up to \$50,000 in total is available to organisations for projects in Wide Bay.

The expressions of interest will be considered by a local committee and successful organisations will be invited to apply for funding. Expressions of interest should be emailed to Llew.O'Brien.MP@aph.gov.au by 5pm on 3 November 2017.

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MONTHLY SEEDS FROM THE GOOMERI PUMPKIN FESTIVAL OCTOBER 2017

October has seen the Pumpkin Festival hold its Annual General Meeting, chaired by Grenville Hughes, a difficult process for all voluntary not for profit associations to work through. Our local community has once again stepped up and all major committee positions have been filled. We welcome to the committee, Carol O'connell – Secretary and Penny Ruthenberg – Sponsorship Co-ordinator with Jennifer Pointon, retaining her position as Treasurer and Kim Boyter as Co-Ordinator.

Some of our sub-committee positions remain vacant and we are continuing to work with the community to fill these positions. Vacancies exist in the following areas:-

Advertising/Marketing, Street Parade Co-ordinator, Pumpkin Central Co-ordinator, Outdoor Set up/Pack down Supervisor

If you are interested in helping us out in any of these areas, please contact Kim on 0484 629424, any help will be greatly appreciated. This month also sees the launch of our new Equipment Hire Service, available to our local area only, (a 30klm radius from Goomeri). Check out our facebook, www.facebook.com/goomeripumpkinfestivalofficial/ for more information.

The next monthly meeting in November (Tuesday 7th) will see the group start planning and organising the 2018 Festival. After the success of this year's event, we are keen to continue with new and improved ideas moving

into the future. If you have some creative ideas you would like to put forward make sure you come along to the RSL Room at the Hall of Memory, Boonara St, Goomeri @ 7.30pm. Our meetings usually finish up about 9.30pm, with tea and coffee provided. We want our whole community to have a say in our festival and to be proud of what we, as a team can create, so get involved, have your say and a few laughs along the way.....we look forward to seeing you there.

Watch out for all the local events happening around our region leading up to Christmas, here's just a few;

Kilkivan Swimming Pool "Movies in the Park" - Saturday November 25th

Goomeri Lions Christmas Carnival – Saturday 2nd December

Murgon Christmas Fair – Friday 8th December

How many of us are rejoicing at the arrival of the rain? My grass is growing faster than ever and will see me out mowing as soon as it dries out, as for many of you the list of jobs will grow but will become much more enjoyable with a bit of green underfoot. Hope you all enjoy it while it lasts!!!

With a bit of rain and community input the pumpkin seeds for Festival 2018 will grow,

Until next month, Kim Boyter, Co-ordinator

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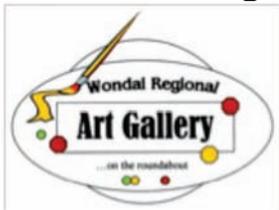
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Wondai Regional Art Gallery - December 2017/January 2018 Exhibition



“Focus On The ‘F’ Word” by The Childers Visual Arts Group



Along with the obvious flowers, furry friends and frogs, the artists involved in this exhibition have stepped away from their usual approach to art in order to create some very thought provoking works that give form to the feelings they have about life, love and the world around them. The members brought along their children and grandies on the school holidays so they could add their own dimension to the theme and the kids were very excited to be a part of the exhibition and have their work on display.

There will be cards and crayons available to the viewers, young and old, who are invited to make a connection with the theme by finding their own ‘F’ words and adding them to the exhibition.

Come and join in the fun!

“Kids Korner” Wondai State School

Opening Night: Friday 1st December 2017, from 6pm.

\$5.00 entry includes Hot & Cold Supper & Punch, Wine will be served by Clovelly Estate,

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The exhibition will remain in the Wondai Regional Art Gallery until 4pm on Saturday 27th January 2018.

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A MOMENT - with Murgon Local Ambulance Committee

The past month has been a busy one. Reports at the Annual General Meeting highlighted community engagement through CPR Awareness sessions and displays at local events.

Available members from the previous committee were re-elected for a further term, but more members, particularly representatives from local organisations, would be most welcome.

LAC State Conference was held at Hervey Bay with 250 people from all over the state in attendance. This year marks the 125th anniversary of ambulance services in Queensland and various historical items, including uniforms, equipment and several ambulance vehicles, were on display.

Two community programs were highlighted. The danger posed by Button Batteries has been a significant issue for some time and Cooloola LAC outlined their program to increase awareness. Mareeba LAC has updated Snakes Alive! a safety program, delivered in partnership by LAC volunteers and QAS staff. This program is now available in Murgon and adjacent areas.

Ambulance Week was marked with a lightly-attended Open Day at the Murgon Ambulance Station. Some of the historical material and other information were on display at the Rail Trail Opening.

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The Competition once again boasts a substantial prize pool, thanks to the generosity and sponsorship of Hancock Prospecting and the Georgina Hope Foundation.

Prizes include family holidays to Singapore, and cash payments of up to \$1000.

The main prize, for the South Burnett Champion, is a trip to Singapore for two (2) adults and two (2) children (up to 12 years) including return economy, full-service flights from Brisbane to Singapore. The trip includes five (5) nights' accommodation at the Shangri La Hotel in a tower wing, deluxe room, with breakfast daily. Return private transfers between Singapore Airport and the Shangri La Hotel, High Tea at Raffles, and comprehensive travel insurance are included. The holiday is worth an estimated \$15,000.

The second prize, for the South Burnett Champion Runner Up, is a trip to Singapore for two (2) adults and two (2) children (up to 12 years). This trip also includes flights, transfers, Raffles High Tea and travel insurance, with five (5) nights' accommodation at the Traders Hotel, in a superior room, with breakfast daily. The holiday is valued at an estimated \$10,000.

The competition closes on Monday 27 November 2017 and we ask that all competitors have their lights on for judging from Monday 4 December 2017 onwards between 7.00pm to 11.00pm.

Full details and nomination forms are available at <http://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/christmas-lights-competition> or by visiting Council's Customer Service Centres or Libraries.

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“Castra” resident Jean Maddison celebrated her 105th Birthday on 1st April 2017.

JEAN MADDISON and Eric Cridland

Sadly we have lost both Jean 105 and Eric 101 years this year.



South Burnett Community Agriculture Network Meeting
& NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY CELEBRATION

Primary producers and growers, industry bodies, agencies, businesses and organisations are invited to join us for the quarterly meeting of the 'South Burnett Community Agriculture Network' to be held in conjunction with **National Agriculture Day.**

Guest presentation - 'Reducing Energy Costs' with Andrew Chamberlin, Project Manager - Energy, Queensland Farmers Federation.

Tuesday 21st November 2017
5.30pm for 6pm Start
 Enjoy nibbles from a "grazing" table featuring locally grown produce
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Please RSVP for catering purposes to community@biedo.org.au
 OR Phone: (07) 4169 5456 by **FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER, 2017**

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Opening of the Outdoor Learning Centre at Ficks Crossing by Mayor Keith Campbell.

The extensions are at the old Silverlining which is now also run by Shaftesbury. The outdoor learning centre is for girls only.

Photo L-R: Kathy Duff, Glen Eggleston, Clint Kenyon Horse Shoer, South Burnett Regional Council Mayor Keith Campbell and Karen Eggleston



Joice Sempf and Chris Braithwaite celebrating 30 years of the Wondai Kennel Club



ONE NOTABLE PERSON NOT DRESSED OR CARRYING SOMETHING IN PINK
At the Wondai Garden Expo recently. (it's not the lady on the right, she has pink on her handbag).

MURGON BUSINESS & DEVELOPMENT ASSN. INC.



Photo L-R: Mark Smith - Vice President, Leo Geraghty - President, Margaret Long - Secretary and Stacey Perrett - Treasurer who will head up the Murgon Business and Development Association's executive committee in 2018 (Photo: Kathy Duff)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2017:

Murgon and our surrounding districts are synonymous with tough and changing times, but the recent rain and storms have set up our community for good summer crops, whilst also receiving record cattle prices. We have again worked closely with our council, to gain the best possible future for an expanding population, and a very progressive community.

Our whole community should be proud of our town and its achievements and be a part of it, and with your help continue to improve the local economy and our quality of life.

Our popular breakfast meetings during the year have been well attended, and we look forward to further input from our members.

We extend a warm welcome to all our new Murgon citizens and Business Owners to become part of our family. Murgon's main concerns as always in the coming year will be to get our share of any new development, and establishing further small industry and erecting houses on our estates.

We have seen record attendances at Bjelke-Petersen Dam and Boondooma Dam during this past year and

Murgon has thrived on tourism and the fishing has been excellent which has also encouraged the many fishing comps being held. Combine this with our World class scenic views, 1st class sporting facilities, the Wine and Olive industry and the Queensland Dairy & Heritage Museum, Our festivals and fun, We in Murgon have excelled in promoting these opportunities as well as our courteous and friendly nature.

We have few shops to fill and there has been a major increase in town development with a lot of new businesses being established & Gumnut Place who is producing thousands of pallets.

You all need to be congratulated and we wish you lots of success.

I would like to especially thank our hard working Secretary, Margaret Long and Treasurer Stacey Perrett, and all office bearers and promotional committees especially our Christmas Fair committee and all those who presented reports to our meetings.

We also wish to thank the volunteers for their commitment to our town at the Visitor Information Centre and the Museum and those responsible for some of our major attractions that have included the magnificent Murgon Rotary Music Muster with 237 on site vans, the Graham House Outawak Concert, major Festivities at the Wineries (Moffatdale Ridge Italion Festival, Dusty Hill Dusty Day Out), The Murgon High School Annual Speech Night and Senior Formal, South Burnett and Cherbourg on Show, The Murgon Men's Shed, the Rugby League

sporting events, the opening of the South Burnett Rail Trail, the Indigenous Golf Tournament, the Farmers Nights at Tablelands Hall, the Anzac Day celebrations, the ladies Pink Ladies Golf Day and many others including our annual local show and the Limousin Youth Camp. Congratulations to the Murgon Crusaders Cricket team and the Murgon Mustangs senior football side for their success in the sporting arena. Congratulations to local Aboriginal artist Max Conlon with his winning Australian Christian book of the year, (Our Mob, Gods Story), Depicting Christian Indigenous Art and Paintings. Congratulations to the Murgon Hospital Auxiliary who held their 20 Year Reunion recently.

Special thanks must go to Greg Griffiths and the council staff for their beautification of our central park area, and additions to the Rotary Park and skate board park area and also to the commitment shown by our area representative Deputy Mayor Councillor Kathy Duff.

We extend a very big thank you to all our Voluntary organisers, Service Clubs, Police, Ambulance, SES, Fire Services, SB PCYC and Security officers and to all concerned in promoting "Magnificent Murgon at the foothills of Boat Mountain, in the heart of the Burnett Valley, part of the Great South Burnett 2.1/2 hours from city or sea and look forward to a great 2018. The 48 hour free camp ground in Murgon has seen many thousands of dollars being spent in our community whilst also promoting our other caravan parks for an extended stay and tour of our district. We are now RV friendly similar to other local towns.

To those wonderful people Stacey Perrett and Lorraine Goodchild, Murgon is very grateful for the updating of messages and news items on our web site murgon.net.au and our facebook page.

Many thanks to our Federal representative Llew O'Brien MP for his commitment to the \$400,000 lighting and security cameras, the extension to the Murgon Men's Shed, and to the upgrade of acoustics at the SB PCYC.

Congratulations to those recipients of local and Australia Day Awards and to sporting representatives who have achieved higher honours and remember the 2018 South Burnett Australia Day Awards night is being held in Murgon this year and we have some fantastic nominations.

We are currently printing a minimum of 3,800 copies, 48 pages of The Murgon Moments and have now printed 134 monthly issues since enlarging our local newspaper 11 years ago, (special thanks to our newspaper experts, script writers, the many story tellers, and committee's for backing this local news production and to Mick Kemp and Darryl and Lyn Koy in delivering to the Murgon town and outlying areas). I would also like to thank our print setter Linda Urch and publisher Horton Media for their understanding and help. Our long awaited 3 large town map signs were completed and two of them have been erected.

Once again during this past twelve months we have sadly lost some of our great community workers, volunteers and family and we extend our sympathy to all these families.

Our Christmas Fair committee has been hard at work this year organizing new entertainment and we wish to thank the business community for their valued support and I will leave our secretary Margaret tell you about the great world class entertainment that they have coming to this year's Christmas carnival.

I have enjoyed the time in the position but remember New blood can only help, and if you believe you would like to lead this organization now is the time to tell us. I will be committing more time to my own business as major changes have occurred in the motor industry which have dramatically affected my business.

With everyone's help and generosity we believe we will remain a major player in the promotion of a progressive and friendly Murgon.

Remember STAY AWHILE – TRY LOCAL - &- BE SURPRISED

And have a safe and wonderful Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

LEO GERAGHTY – PRESIDENT

Goomeri Duo do us Proud

Senior Constable Lorenzo MARABINI and Sgt Dave GILLIES of Goomeri Police completed the Smiling for Smiddy and Mater foundation challenge to cycle 1500 kilometres from Alice Springs to Darwin over 8 days with 34 other riders, and support crew from the 4th to the 11th of June 2017. The ride was the first of its kind and was in aid of raising funds for child cancer research. In total over \$220,000.00 was fundraised for child cancer research (Mater foundation). Sgt GILLIES said "It was an experience of a lifetime cycling through the middle of Australia and covering over 200kms daily, and any pain or suffering was insignificant compared to that of families with children battling cancer".

David and Lorenzo would like sincerely thank all who supported and donated toward the worthwhile cause. These two will be back on the child cancer fundraising trail in early 2018 as they take part in the regular 400km Townsville to Cairns ride over 3 days in July 2018.

EULOGY OF FAY CATHERINE COLLARD



Fay Catherine Collard nee Muller was born on the 29th November 1944 to the parents of Sophie and Henry Muller at Toowoomba General Hospital.

Fay was born into a dairy farm family. She helped her parents with the milking of the cows by machines. An early indication of Fay's integrity and love for her family was, when Fay was 14 and away at college her father suffered a heart attack. Fay packed up her dreams and belongings and went home to help her mother look after the dairy farm. When her father Henry saw her he asked what she was doing home. Her reply – well!!! Who else is going to help out!!

Fay started dancing lessons at the tender age of 4. Fay competed in esteffords with her mother making all of her costumes. Fay won a lot of competitions and was awarded certificates for her efforts. This led to a life that was never short of dancing nearly every weekend.

The love of music came from her father who was an accomplished button accordion player. Fay started learning the piano at the age of 10 when her parents bought her a brand new Piano from the Toowoomba show. She has played and taught on the same one all of her life. Some of the highlights of her music career were playing at weddings and at church with Lehanne. Fay on the piano and Lehanne on the organ. Fay also conducted choirs, transposed music for singers as well as for players of the Murgon Town Band. Fay taught music to all ages and thoroughly enjoyed watching them progress into accomplished musicians.

Fay also played at Castra for at least 10 years. Fay started her music-teaching career in Toowoomba at the age of 15. She started her music-teaching career in Murgon in 1974 after a knock on the door at the farm. Neil yelled out – who the hell is that. There standing on the porch was a very nervous looking Nev Cordell, stuttering out that he just wanted to ask if Fay would be interested in teaching music at the local music shop. Not only was this the start of a very long teaching career here in Murgon, but also a lifelong friendship between Neil, Fay, Nev, Carol, Wendy, Lou, Beryl and Bob.

Although Music was a very important part of Fay's life, the love of her life was her husband Neil. Neil and Fay met in 1959 at the local dance at the age of 16. Fay was attracted to Neil's thick black hair, while Neil was attracted to Fay's legs. Their courtship continued by going to dances every Saturday night often meeting up with Fay's life long sister by choice Sandra, and tennis on Sundays after church. They were married on the 25th of January 1964. The Collard family approved of this union as Fay seemed to also live by the Collard motto of "Live to eat, not eat to Live". All the love that was there on that day has never waned in the years that followed. The marriage blessed Neil and Fay with the 2 greatest kids anyone could wish for and one little rat bag - you decide who the rat bag was. Fay was the proud mother of Lehanne, Belinda and Rick, Mother in law to Brad, John and Prue, Nana to Ben, (Tahnee), Ashley, (Kayci) and Chantal, Zoe and Kyra, and Joel, Neil and Bridgett. She was also Great Nana to Chase and Max and Ollie and Ruby.

After their marriage, Fay and Neil lived in and around Toowoomba for eight years. They were involved in the community there especially the parish of the St John's Presbyterian Church. It was here where they met the lovely young Minster George Barnes and his beautiful wife Kay. This meeting would be the start of a very important life long friendship between the two couples along with Yvonne and Maurie Liekefett. Fay and Neil left Toowoomba and moved to their dairy farm in Murgon in 1974. Toowoomba's loss would be Murgon's gain when this lovely lady moved here, as Fay would become heavily involved in the community. Fay became involved in:- Girl Guides where she held every position possible for 7 years.

Porcollets where she held all positions including Presidency of the Australian Porcollets. In the position of president Fay travelled to Perth and Tasmania. Fay also organized a food van for the pork producers at the Ekka for 9 years.

Fay was involved with the Tableland Hall committee, and this involvement spanned 23 years. As a child I can remember Mum and Dad every Month dragging us to the tableland dance. If I grew tired, too bad I was wrapped in a blanket and shoved under a stool to sleep. Apparently being occasionally stepped on while asleep under the

stool never hurt anyone and was part of the fun.

Fay received life membership with the Murgon Show Society. A feather in her cap was being the first female president. Fay and Neil joined the society in 1975 and were involved until ill health took over. Fay organized the show balls, Miss Murgon and Show girls competitions for a number of years.

For 15 years, Fay was heavily involved in the QLD Rural Women's society, holding many of the office bearers' positions. A major event that Fay organized every year was the art competition at the QLD district conference. Fay was a Elder of Murgon Uniting Church for at least twenty years.

Quota also benefitted from Fay's energies, organizing the book fair as did the local Diabetes group, as Fay was one of the startup members for the Diabetes Support group.

An example of the esteem and regard people held of Fay is when, not long after being diagnosed with her life threatening illness, a member of the community was having problems with their son. Who did this person turn to but Fay! Fay immediately got on the phone and helped with practical advice .

Fay and Neil had a very active social life going to many of the dances around the district, being part of the Ulysses group and partying with all the many friends they made there, and travelling all around Australia on their Harley Davidson. Mum would sit on the back behind Dad occasionally falling asleep, occasionally talking, always enjoying herself. They travelled many miles like this, across the Nullaboor, around Tasmania, and across the top of Australia.

Fay and Neil's love of travel also took them on trips overseas, but their main love was travelling around Australia. It was on one such trip when they went on a bus trip to Sydney for the Bicentennial in 1988 where they met Lynne and Brian Head who would become very close friends.

Fay loved gardening, sewing and renovating houses with Neil.

Please don't let your last memories be of Fay with a terminal illness, as she was so much more than that. Remember her as being always up for a party, always ready to pitch in and help, and always with a ready smile and laugh. When you think of Fay, think of her with a smile on your face, as she would not want you to be sad.

Mum we will always remember you, always miss you, always be thankful you were part of our lives and most of all always love you!

Rick Collard

Southern Cross Castra Aux Raffle results

1st Prize S Reid (\$150.00 Grocery Voucher donated by S. Hickey)

2nd Prize Roy Baynton (Iced Cake donated by Muriel&Jeff Schultz)

3rd Prize (Roy Baynton (Yardley Products donated by Murgon Soul Patterson Chemist)

4th Prize Heide Lee (Towels donated by Muriel & Jeff Schultz)

5th Prize Blue Geiger (Handbag donated by Francis Todman)

6th Prize C Summers (Hand Towel donated by S Hickey)

I would like to thank all who donated Prizes and everyone who purchased tickets to support us . **Audrey Kapernick**



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SPRING HEAT BRINGS THE BIG FISH OUT!



It's a good feeling to know that summer is finally on its way, the water temps in both dams are rising considerably during the day which makes for some pretty intense fishing at times. This time of year is up there with my favourite times to fish for Australian bass and yellow belly in our impoundments because they can be caught thick and fast as the bigger bass and yellow belly become vulnerable. Our natives like to suspend in the deeper water when the water warms and this opens up a variety of techniques including trolling as a great way to catch some big fish during these hotter months.

Boondooma

The flavour of the month this month is Bass, and big ones at that, but it does pay to move around a bit in search of the right spot. Productive areas recently have been mainly the dam wall, the drop off from the shallower flats and the Spindly timber in the Stuart

and the Boyne arms of the dam. Sound around the flats in search of the schools and cast 1/2 ounce rigged soft plastics, 12 – 20 gram spoons, Tail spinners and Blades.

The timber is the place I would head to first as the fish hit hard and it's a real challenge to get them out with your gear still in one piece. For this type of fishing I always use a stiff spin rod with some guts, a 2500 size spin reel for extra torque, spooled with 12 pound braid and 14 to 20 pound leader. This may sound heavy but just imagine a 50cm bass hitting your lure as it's rolled between two big clumps of spindly timber, it really counts for some exciting fishing. The lure of choice for this type of fishing is definitely a spinnerbait, or a lipless crankbait. I like to throw a Bassman Compact in 3/8 or 5/8 ounce. Once you have a combo similar to the above mentioned, head up the arms of the dam and cast in as close to the spindly trees as you can, let the lure sink for 3 to 5 seconds and start a slow roll. Make sure the drag is done up solid so they can't get you in the timber without a hard fight. Once the bite comes give him everything you've got to get the fish away from any structure otherwise the fight will be short and you'll be left wondering what happened.

If the timber isn't producing, the next place I'll look are the deep water off any prominent points or parallel to any steep rock walls. I'll use my sounder to sound the fish sitting in that optimal depth, which is generally 20ft in the Thermocline. When I'm happy that I've found a good concentration of fish, I will pull up and begin casting 3" to 4" soft plastics rigged with a 1/2 ounce or 5/8 ounce head. With a big long cast over the areas that I found the fish, I will let the jig head sink 7 to 10 seconds and begin a slow retrieve back to the boat with a couple of twitches mixed in. The same can be done with a 12 gram Norries spoon. Continue this technique until you start to feel a few taps on the plastic or spoon, when you feel a tap it's important to keep that slow wind going until you feel weight on the line, slowly lift the rod tip until you feel the weight of the fish. At this point the fish will know it's hooked and make some great runs back down into the deeper water. Keep your drag fairly loose so that the hook doesn't pull on the way back to the boat.

Trollers have been starting to pick up some nice Golden Perch and Bass trolling up in the arms of the dam as well as the main lake points and edges using deep diving hard bodies.

Bait fisherman have been bringing in consistent catches of yellow belly, bass and eel tail catfish fishing in the timbered arms. Best baits have been live shrimps, saltwater yabbies and worms jigged off the bottom.

Red claw have just started to pick up a bit with the consistent warm weather around the rocky edges.

Lake Barambah

The fishing at Barambah has been spectacular with lots of fish being caught on everything, casting lures, jigging a bait and trolling. The key however is moving around to find the fish. The fish this month have been moving around considerably, I've found that the fish will be on one flat or bank one day then the next day they have moved a few hundred meters. This is not uncommon during the warmer months because the fish are active and purely moving around the dam with the bait they are feeding on.

I always love fishing BP and I always like to go and start on the banks in the morning, I commonly cast lipless cranks or spinnerbaits to get an early reaction bite. The banks I'll fish will generally be fairly steep with a bit of rock or structure. Another thing to keep an eye on is the sounder whilst you're fishing a bank. It pays to make sure that there is bait or fish sporadically coming through. This obviously increases the chances of fish being

caught on the bank that you're targeting. Later in the day when the sun starts to get high I move out to the flats and commonly target areas in the 15 to 20 foot range. The fish seem to really relate well to this depth in BP and it pays to visit multiple areas like this until you find a good school. Another thing to note that in summer time in BP the fish like to sit high in the thermocline (or comfortable water) If you're on the water and this is the case slow roll any smaller bait like a blade, through these suspended fish. In this situation it's not uncommon to have a great session when the fish are sitting high in the water column.

Trollers are having the same luck by trolling the edges of the dam and out in the 15 to 20 foot range with deep diving hard bodies, most trollers won't have to go far before hooking up with a fish or two.

Those using bait, the fish are coming from most locations close to the bank using, live shrimp, salt water yabbies and worms fished hard on the bottom.

Red claw are also on the comeback as the water warms considerably.

Park News

Make sure you book your camp site for the 2018 Boondooma Dam Yellow belly fishing comp being held on the 10th and 11th of February. \$20 entry for adults and \$5 for juniors (16 years and under). There are live and dead weight divisions with prizes for Bass, Yellow belly, Silver and Spangled perch. There are thousands of dollars' worth of prizes up for grabs, with food and drinks available at the event. It's one comp you don't want to miss. Call Lake Boondooma kiosk to make a camp site booking on (07) 4168 9694. Finally also don't forget that this year's New Year's eve party at Lake Boondooma is shaping up to be the biggest and best we've seen, so write that down in your calendar and book a site for this year's fireworks spectacular.

If you'd like to keep in regular contact with what's happening on the dams don't forget to like the Yallakool and Boondooma dams Facebook page. Until next time, tight lines and bent rods

Matthew Langford

Photo : Dean Thompson with a couple of very nice fish caught from the deeper flats of BP

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Beautifully renovated property, close to the CBD. Fully air conditioned with split system units. The kitchen has been renovated with solid top of the range Tasmanian oak timber cupboards with lots of space and walk in pantry. Off the kitchen is a covered verandah for entertaining. Polished floors in the lounge room and main bedroom with a walk in robe. Bathroom consists of a shower over bath and built in vanity. Solar hot water and a 3.45kw solar system with 16 panels. Underneath the house is all concreted, providing a great entertaining area. Fully fenced, with beautiful gardens and established shrubs and trees.

MURGON \$219,000



Modern executive style home, is situated on a 607 sqm block close to the school. 3 spacious bedrooms all with quality carpet, fans and b/ins. Main room has A/C with heated floor, WIR & ensuite. Large family bathroom includes underfloor heating, towel dryer and separate toilet. Open plan kitchen has quality s/s steel appliances and cabinetry with plenty of storage. Covered outdoor ent area and backyard. Laundry has DLUG with remote control door and cupboards. S/screens throughout with loads of storage. **GOOMERI \$310,000**

\$310,000



Excellent scrubby steer paddock, will run 50 to 70 steers. Fenced into 5 paddocks, all the fences are good. 5 dams, water holes in creek. Head bail with scales and shed. Water at yard, trough is supplied from a tank on the shed and there are 3 bore sites which could be developed. Recent clearing and spraying of regrowth will allow the property to continue to support the stock run. **\$480,000**

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South Burnett Libraries

National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo)

Writer's Workshop

Kingaroy Library - Saturday 18 November - 9.00am - 10.00am

Are you an aspiring author? Would you like to improve your writing skills?

Join author Imogene Nix at the Kingaroy Library on Saturday 18 November 2017 from 9.00am to 10.00am, as she inspires creativity and shares helpful tips about writing and publishing as part of National Novel Writing Month.

Participation is FREE. To sign up, please visit: nanowrimo.org

Every November, aspiring writers around the world sit down to fulfil their dreams of writing a novel. NaNoWriMo is a nonprofit which inspires creativity in people of all ages. NaNoWriMo has been incredibly successful in helping participants reach their creative potential and challenge their imaginations. Part of what makes the event so successful is the community it inspires.

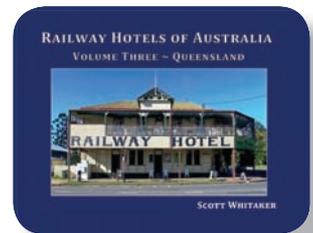
Author Talks

Scott Whitaker

Kingary Library - Wednesday 22 November - 2.00pm

Join Scott Whitaker, author of 'Railway Hotels of Australia' for an informative and entertaining talk about the history of Railway Hotels in Queensland.

This talk will be of great interest to local historians, rail enthusiasts, researchers, genealogists and those interested in hotels and the past. Scott will be talking about his latest book in the series.



"This new book by Scott Whitaker, railway enthusiast and amateur historian, details the history of every Railway Hotel that trades, or once traded in Queensland. The book contains a wealth of information on the history of the railways in that state."

To book for this event, please contact the Kingaroy Library on ☎ 4189 9256

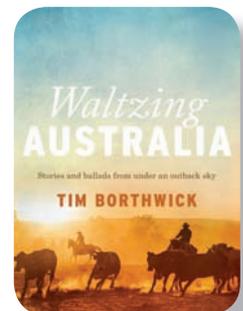
Tim Borthwick

Wondai Library - Tuesday 21 November - 2.00pm

Kingary Library - Thursday 30 November - 10.00am

Tim Borthwick will be joining us to speak about his book "Waltzing Australia". A unique collection of original Australian bush ballads and the stories that inspired them – in the tradition of Banjo Paterson and Henry Lawson.

Waltzing Australia is a wonderful celebration of the Australian bush and the people who live there, written by a gifted storyteller who's spent much of his life working on the land. Featuring 50 poems and stories that tell of the heartbreak, humour and hard yakka that come with living and working in the bush – many of which were written on long days droving sheep and cattle, on the back of a motorbike, or by the fading light in camp hundreds of miles from anywhere.



To book for this event, please contact the Wondai Library on ☎ 4189 9252 or the Kingaroy Library on ☎ 4189 9256.

Christmas Closures

Libraries across the region will close early on Friday 22 December and reopen on Tuesday 2 January 2018.

Discover the Magic... @ your library

QRRRW Barambah Branch Christmas Function

A Christmas Party with a Cause.

Join QRRRW Barambah Branch to give back to those who gave us so much when we needed it most.

This year our Christmas Party will focus on raising much needed funds for Downs West Community Support.

Saturday 2 December 2017
Wondai Diggers Club
11:30am

\$30 per person
Tables of 6 are available

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R&D Tax Incentive

The Department of Industry, Innovation and Science's Central Queensland office is holding a practical information session to help businesses better understand the R&D Tax Incentive, the Australian Government's flagship programme for encouraging business investment in R&D.

Learn about your compliance obligations and see from case studies how the Incentive has helped other businesses maximise innovation and maintain competitiveness.

Agenda

Recap key elements of programme *Workshop - group discussion * Self assessment * Registration * Eligible Activities - Core and Supporting * Excluded Activities * Compliance and Record Keeping

Case Studies

Places are limited - book now! **Wednesday 29th November 2017** 10.30am – 12.00pm

Location Kingaroy Visitor Information Centre, 1938 Chambers, 128 Haly Street, Kingaroy QLD 4610
RSVP 12.00pm, Tuesday 28th November 2017
Enquiries AusIndustry Central Queensland Office, Phone: 07 4151 0660

Email: deborah.mead@industry.gov.au



Linda Rea & Kathy Crane at the Reinke Scrub Re-dedication in Proston, as Reinke brothers give land for Public Nature Reserve.

2017 BARAMBAH CLONTARF ACADEMY
End of Year Awards Clontarf Awards night





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2017 MURGON MUSIC MUSTER

Presented by the Rotary Club of Murgon



A record number of caravans and campervans pulled into the Murgon Showgrounds for this year's Murgon Rotary Music Muster. Rotary president – and co-chair of the Muster organising committee – Heath Sander said that 237 vans booked in for the 2017 Rotary Murgon Music Muster. The SB PCYC cancelled the weeks activities in

the main hall to allow more than 750 avid supporters listen to a great mixture of modern and country music suitable for all ages and performed by some of Australia's leading entertainers.

Deputy Mayor Kathy Duff conducted the opening ceremony on Friday evening and Multi-Golden Guitar winning country singer Gina Jeffreys performed the National Anthem at the opening ceremony whilst a Welcome to Country by Aunty Vera Sullivan, a performance by the junior Wakka Wakka dancers plus Emily Kinsella, from Moffatdale who performed two songs complemented the opening ceremony.



Two charities will be supported from profits by Murgon Rotary from this year's event:

the Palliative Care Unit at Murgon Hospital who are endeavouring to purchase a new pressure redistribution mattress for their Palliative Care Unit and HeartKids who are the compass to help navigate the lifetime journey of the 64,000 Australian children, teens and adults affected by congenital/childhood heart disease – the largest cause of infant death in Australia.



Former Murgon police officer Cory Schmidt took to the stage to explain to the audience how important HeartKids had been to his family when his daughter Olive, now 4, had required a heart transplant.

In a heart moving presentation Cory and his family explained how they had to temporarily re-locate to Melbourne while their daughter Olive waited a year for a suitable transplant organ. For most of this time she was connected to a pump which was keeping her alive.

However, she had to be constantly monitored at her bedside. Cory and his wife – also a police officer – did alternate 24-hour shifts. Their only break? From HeartKids

Cory was overwhelmed when a former colleague from Murgon police station, Sgt Ken Slater, presented him with a cheque for \$1000 for HeartKids, raised by a car club of which he is a member, the Goomeri Chrome Bumpers.



After being entertained since 7 o'clock in the morning by some great walk up artists local entertainer Arthur Nettelfield and then popular group Muddy Flats performed on Thursday night.

A new Muddy Flats CD which was specially produced and available for their opening performance is now available for purchase from Mark Smiths Menswear in Murgon or the Murgon Rotary Club.



The large stadium was packed on the Friday night for Multi-Golden Guitar winning country singer Gina Jeffreys and her husband / CMAA producer of the year 2004, 2008, 2010 Rod McCormack and supported with Brendan Radford and James Gillard.



When you thought you had heard everything out comes Rex Dallas Multi Golden Guitar Award Winner followed by Brian Letton Australian and International acclaimed singer and song writer just to wet your appetite for Saturday night.



The poets breakfast had some fine poets and joke tellers but I think the master was the MC. What an entertainer, Bill Kearns had everyone in stitches and laughter whilst also being the MC.



Photo L-R : Bill Kearns and Glen Albrecht the Leading Guitar

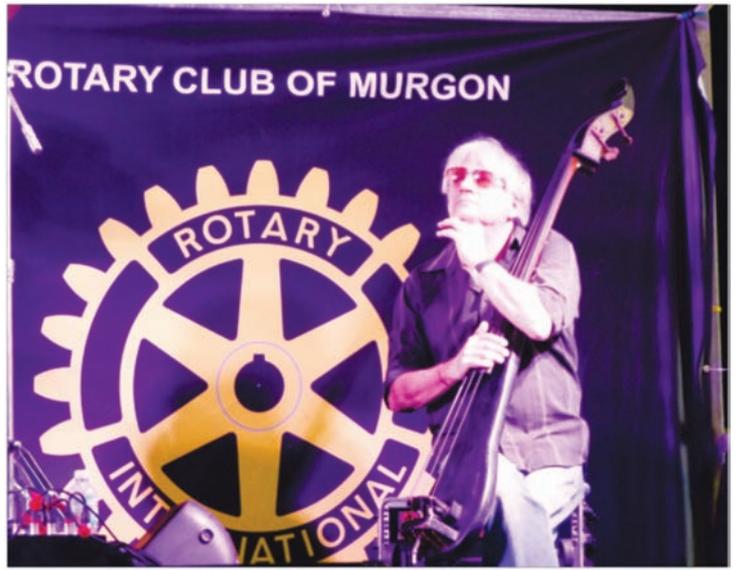


Photo L-R : Award winning singer Dean Perrett and Laura Downing performing at the Murgon Rotary Music Muster

Other main artists that entertained at the Murgon Rotary Music Muster included :

Jann Maree Mitchell, Vanessa Sanger, Rob Breese, Clarrie Weller, Alice Benfer, Ash Williamson, Bridget O'Shannessy, Brett Albrecht, Alec Beckett and Bruce Rowbotham, combine these with the walk up artists and the many poets at the breakfast sessions all made up

A Fabulous Weekend of Entertainment



Michael Rose with his Pedal Steel and Michael Vidale on the Bass Guitar played for many all weekend.



Brian and Margaret Chippendale from the Gold Coast loved to dance to the music whilst Just call me Brownie, yes he parked the 237 vans so as everyone could enjoy their stay on the grounds.



And many thanks to all the clubs and volunteers who combined to feed our many visitors



Behind the scenes there is those that are the most important and sometimes forgotten,

On behalf of the Murgon Business & Development Assoc Inc, congratulations Murgon Rotary Club and many thanks to the many visitors that patronized our businesses whilst you stayed in our town, we hope you enjoyed our company as we did yours and look forward to seeing you again soon.

Wondai State School

The years 3, 4, 5, 6 recently attended a 'Past, Present and Future' camp at 'The Barambah Environmental Educational Centre'. Where students learnt many new skills and had a lot of



fun. Many of the activities were challenging though exciting.

Students panned for gold, completed a steep climb up 'One Tree Hill', learnt to throw spears, completed a low ropes course, made dampers, learnt about Astronomy, learnt to brand and crack a whip, heard stories around the camp fire, studied Indigenous tools and weapons and built some shelters.

Nanango and District Netball Club are over the moon with a \$1000 donation towards their fundraising for new courts from the CMCA Solos Network who are predominantly motorhomers from all over Australia.

Assistant Rally Coordinator Glenyce Mills said, 'We are always glad to spend money in the town which we stay in, this \$1000 donation is just a small proportion of what income was generated in Nanango. There was a regular bus to town most days which took people to the local stores and back to their motorhomes.'



Over 300 motorhomes (nearly 350 people) pulled together their loose change to donate towards the Nanango Netball Courts. 'The courts are in terrible condition, we could see that the club definitely needed all the help they can get.' said Glenys.

Sheena Lindholm, President of Nanango and District Netball and her daughter Emma received the total amount on Tuesday from the Rally Coordinator Elaine Bowls. Sheena said, 'We can just not believe the generosity of all of the Solos Members who heard of our need to fund our courts when they came to town. They called us a couple of months ago with the opportunity to welcome visitors through their gate to their markets for a gold coin donation where we thought we'd just make a few dollars. We walked away from that day having had great company and stories

of travel, but for the SOLOS club to feel like they wanted to go onto raise over \$1000, we can't find the words to express our gratitude. This money will go into our \$240,000 fundraising goal to get four (4) new courts for our members.'

Photo: Handing over money to the Nanango Netball Club rep Emma and on right Elaine Bowls, CMCA SOLOS Rally Coordinator

Country of Origin labelling a boost for Nestlé's Gympie coffee factory

Nestlé Australia is one of the growing number of companies rolling out Australia's new Country of Origin Labelling (CoOL) early, making it easier for consumers to buy locally made products.

Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister, Luke Hartsuyker, and the Member for Wide Bay, Llew O'Brien, visited the Nestlé factory in Gympie, Queensland to see how Nestlé is working to rollout Australia's new CoOL, ahead of the 30 June 2018 deadline.

Minister Hartsuyker thanked Nestlé for its commitment to informing their customers about how much of their products are produced in Australia, including coffee, which is not mandatory under the changes.

"By voluntarily adding the CoOL to its products, Nestlé is recognising the importance of keeping customers informed," Minister Hartsuyker said.

"Australians want to know the origin of what they are buying at the grocery store, including where it was packed and how much was sourced from Australian farmers.

"For most food made, grown or produced in Australia, labels will feature the kangaroo in a triangle symbol and a bar chart indicating the percentage of Australian ingredients.

"It's a system that's good for Australian consumers and for local food producers—a win-win.

"We want to help businesses with the process, and a range of assistance is available including an online tool to help them identify appropriate labelling for their products," said Minister Hartsuyker.

Mr O'Brien said he was delighted to see well-known Gympie businesses adopting the changes early on, and encouraged other businesses, both in Wide Bay and across the country to get on board with the new reforms.

"Nestlé's coffee processing factory is a major local employer and an important part of the Gympie community and has been for over 60 years," Mr O'Brien said.

"We are already seeing the new labels on a number of Nestlé's products and they will continue to rollout the labels across their range.

"It's exciting to see the new labels on a number of Nestlé's products and they will continue to rollout the labels throughout its product lines including its iconic Nescafe coffee brand," said Mr O'Brien.

"These labels will help more Australians to choose this locally processed product and that's good for jobs in Gympie."

The tool and other support for business can be found at business.gov.au/foodlabels or by calling the contact centre on 13 28 46.

More information for consumers can be found at foodlabels.industry.gov.au

SOUTH BURNETT ENGINEERS WIN

At this year's Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia, Queensland (IPWEAQ) Excellence Awards held in Townsville this week, two (2) of the South Burnett Regional Council's Engineers were awarded for Public Works Service.

Council's Senior Engineer Frank Scheele was awarded the President's Award and newly appointed General Manager for Infrastructure Aaron Meehan took the award for Young Engineer.

The awards recognise councils and individuals who have demonstrated best practice and innovation in public works projects across Queensland.

Over the past couple of years, our Council and our Engineers have been recognised at these awards" said South Burnett Regional Council Mayor Keith Campbell. "It reinforces that this Council is supported by remarkable staff that go above and beyond in an effort to provide the best service for our community and region as a whole."

Frank was awarded for his leadership of the recent review of the Queensland Urban Drainage Manual (QUDM). QUDM assists council engineers and stormwater designers in the planning, design and management of urban stormwater drainage systems. It addresses the technical, legal, regulatory and environmental aspects of effective drainage systems to achieve best practice within Queensland communities.

Aaron was recognised and awarded Young Engineer in recognition of his work whilst working at Western Downs Regional Council. He had successfully delivered Western Downs Regional Council's largest works programs for flood damage and resource works and implemented a reorganisation strategy to manage an economic downturn, and deliver a future fit Works Department to align within their level of service expectations and budget.

The 2017 awards had attracted a record number of nominations, with 55 projects and 11 individual nominations submitted from councils both large and small across Queensland.

"Introduced in 2002 the awards aim to recognise excellence, innovation, forward thinking and sustainability in the delivery of projects that benefit Queensland communities," Chief Executive Officer Leigh Cunningham said.

"Winners are selected by a judging panel of experienced public works professionals.

The winners of each award will be featured in IPWEAQ's quarterly e-journal, Engineering for Public Works and in the annual awards commemorative book.

Photo L-R - Frank Scheele - Senior Engineers – SBRC, Aaron Meehan - General Manager Infrastructure - SBRC (previously with Western Downs Regional Council).



Kingaroy Town Revitalisation Project in early stages

Council has commissioned JFP Urban Consultants Pty Ltd to commence the civil and landscape design for the Kingaroy Town Revitalisation Project. This project encompasses the Kingaroy CBD and includes Haly Street, George Street, the Rail Corridor, Kingaroy Street, Alford Street, Short Street, Markwell Street, Youngman Street and Glendon Street.

This project will include reviewing elements within the road corridor including roads, kerb & channel, footpaths, landscaping, pedestrian crossings, pram ramps, car parking arrangements including the proposed George Street carpark linking to the King Street carpark, traffic movements, road medians, road furniture, signage, lighting and open space furniture.

It is proposed that the Kingaroy CBD will be a safer, more inviting and visually rewarding place for business to be conducted while allowing residents and visitors to enjoy what is on offer in the Kingaroy CBD. The design and community engagement will be undertaken during this financial year with a series of consultation workshops, with the final delivery of the detailed design package expected in April/May 2018. The delivery of construction will be across a number of financial years from 2018/19 onwards.

Mayor Keith Campbell said "It has been long desired by Council to reinvigorate the Kingaroy CBD as it has become tired in appearance and work needs to be done to return its vibrancy and attractiveness."

"It is important for residents that their town is presented in an attractive manner and essentially important with tourism being a big feature of our economic drive that people have a lasting memory of Kingaroy's appearance that is positive."

For any further enquiries or questions relating to this project, please contact Council's Customer Service Centre on (07) 4189 9100.

Stride4stroke for the month of November for the stroke foundation raising awareness and much needed donations.

Hi my name is Leisa, and I'm a stroke survivor. Just over 3 & a half years ago at the age of 43 I suffered an occipital stroke, which affected my vision, short term memory function and some weaknesses just to name a few. My life took a different direction which was difficult but with strength and determination and with the love and support of my 2 beautiful children and family and friends I've had to learn to do things a little bit differently, but am blessed to be able to do most things I love to do. Stroke can happen to anyone from babies in the womb, the young, the young at heart, to the elderly. My new passion is walking so I've chosen to walk for a fantastic cause. My goal for the month of November is to raise awareness and much needed donations for the stroke foundation in the stride4stroke . I aim to walk 200 kilometres this month and any donations or sponsorship would be greatly appreciated, every dollar counts.

On Saturday 25th November @ 8am I am organising a community fun walk. Starting from the men's shed on the Murgon rail trail to the creek. I'm inviting everyone of all ages to come and join me. Doesn't matter your fitness level, if you are in a wheelchair or on a walker, we can do this together, there are so many out there who have been effected by stroke or have loved ones who have. You can walk as little or as far as you like, bring the kids, bring their bikes or scooters. Everyone will receive a ticket at the beginning of the walk which will go into a lucky prize draw. A number of prizes will be up for grabs which have been kindly donations by local businesses in Murgon.

Come along & join in & remember to bring a hat, plenty of sunscreen, plenty of water & a smile. Hope to see you there.

To check out my fundraising page or to donate go to stride4stroke.org.au

There will be a sausage sizzle as well after the walk around 9.30-10 provided by the men's shed, & an auction of donated prizes will be held at the Murgon services club on the Friday night 24th November kindly donated by local Murgon businesses.

Leisa Peterson

STH. BURNETT PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP:



Kathy Baker travelled from Wondai to be our *Guest Speaker*, in October. Kathy's presentation was about the ancient art of **Tai Chi** which she has personally been practicing for more than 12 years. Kathy brought along several DVDs to show what was available for home use. There are several different styles of **Tai Chi** and Kathy practices the **Dr. Paul Lam** form. **Dr. Lam** has produced several **Tai Chi** DVDs including specific ones for arthritis and diabetes.

Kathy gave an overview of the health benefits of this type of exercise, including its benefits for balance, breathing and stress reduction etc. **Tai Chi** is able to be performed while seated as well as standing. Her talk was followed by a demonstration of some warm up exercises which several members also performed to relaxing music playing in the background. Thanks Kathy for an engaging presentation.

We also welcomed Robert and Beth from Gympie to the meeting and thank them for their effort in travelling to Murgon.. Donna was the winner of the **Lucky Prize** for October. Lunch @ the **Murgon Services Club** was enjoyed by all following the meeting.

Raffle tickets now for sale with 8 small prizes available. Phone Darryl **07 4168 3116 - 50 cent tickets.**

NEXT EVENT : CHRISTMAS PARTY on MONDAY, NOV.27 at Murgon Uniting Church hall. Start Time: 11.30 am. Cost: \$16 per person. Entertainment: Pat & Michael Pincott. An event NOT to be missed. Book before MON. NOV.20 - phone Carmen **07 5486 1268 or email calmesttoo@gmail.com**

Carmen Emery-Strathdee, Co-Ordinator, South Burnett Parkinson's Support Group 07 5486 1268.

Photo: Kathy Baker seated with Donna Hindley presenting a small appreciation gift



Noel Cheshire and Kathy Duff at the Murgon Tennis Tournament & Dinner

Murgon State High School 2017 - 59th Annual Speech Night



Photo L-R: Maurice Ware Principal, Darryl Bridges Sportsman , Nicole Gibson Special Guest, Rachel Kapernick School Dux, Courtney Sippel Sportswoman, Deputy Mayor Councillor Kathy Duff.



Nicole Gibson Special Guest

The Rogue & Rouge Foundation dream of an Australia that is free from mental health stigma. We're an Australian charitable organisation that helps decrease mental health challenges using a community-based approach. Through engaging young people through schools and community groups, alongside service providers, parents and teachers to cultivate much needed discussion, we believe that mental health can be tackled as a normal part of everyday life.

Mission: Transform Young Australian's into Masters of Their Lives.

Vision: Every young Australian feels connected to themselves and each other

Nicole is committed to making a positive difference in the lives of young people. After overcoming mental health challenges as a young person, in particular anorexia nervosa, Nicole is channelling her energy into motivating

other young people to be the best they can be. In 2011, Nicole established The Rogue & Rouge Foundation to reverse the stigmatisation of mental health, body image and self-esteem issues in Australia's young people.

As the Foundation's Chief Executive Officer, Nicole dreams that every teenager can look in the mirror and smile. Nicole is tackling the epidemic of low self-esteem by creating community outreach programs and working directly with schools, service providers and education departments in both central and remote parts of Australia. Nicole has recently completed her national youth motivation tour, 'Champions for Change', which has since seen her facilitate workshops at 300 schools and communities with 70 000 young people across Australia to encourage young people to champion change in their communities through the development of innovative solutions.

Ms Gibson was a finalist for Young Australian of the Year 2014, one of Australia's top 100 most influential women, was appointed onto the National Mental Health Commission as the youngest ever commissioner, named as one of Australia's 2012 Young Social Pioneers and won The Pride of Australia Inspiration Medal in 2014.

Nicole says: **"It's crucial to listen to those who have had lived experience, if we really want to see a shift in the way we percieve mental health"**

Kingaroy & District Vintage Machinery Club Inc. ‘Preserving the Pioneers Ingenuity’ Est. Oct .1997

Highlights of the 2017 Vintage Machinery Rally

With the club’s 20th Anniversary and its Vintage Machinery Rally now over until year, let’s reminisce this year’s event. With over 140 exhibitors, the oldest traction engine was Luke McBride’s, 1909 IH 1 cylinder 20HP tractor engine, that served its time in the West Australian cotton fields. Two other old timers on display were Matt Lonsdale’s 1924 ‘N’ and ‘F’ Fordson tractors which no doubt, have seen better days. So much so, they led the Fordson parade. Other noted machines on display were an Evolution Mining company’s 10.5 ton, Detroit 4 turbo, 2000 HP, V12 all-electric dump truck diesel engine ,headed for an open cut gold mine at Mt Rawdon, near Gayndah. Once installed, this \$307, 000 engine will consume 4000 litres of fuel a day. These engines are replaced after 40,000 hours of continuous use.

From big to small was Arthur Hassam’s 1/4 scale ‘Waterloo Boy’ John Deere. Arthur put in over 7000 hours over a six year period.

Over in the Small Engine compound, were dozens of huffing and puffing engines all showing off what they can do. Darren Cramb from Dalby had his 1933, Sth Cross, 12HP, 2 cylinder chugging away and Elyon Cloete also from Dalby, had his 1909 kero fuelled ‘Clarrie’ Campbell, 6HP, 2 cylinder engine, Justin Hood who has 60 engines in his collection, showed off a 1928 3HP farm engine.

Grand Parade:

On the Saturday morning and that afternoon, and again on Sunday morning, Fordson led the parade, followed by a huge range of vintage and classic tractors, crawlers, cars and trucks. This event is always a great way of showing off the owners’ pride and joy, much to the delight of an enthusiastic crowd, in particular a lot more younger onlookers, who could not believe their eyes and ears, that those old workhorses passing by, shaped and tilled the land and powered many cropping farms with traction power, so many years ago.



Rod Lonsdale and his mini tractor that taught local Scouts how to drive, park reverse a tractor. Rod said he had a tyre that lasted 40 years.



Arthur Hassam and his 1/4 size ‘Waterloo Boy’ John Deere. Saturday morning Parade begins.....

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR ROUND TWO OF THE BUILDING BETTER REGIONS FUND

Applications now open for funding under the Building Better Regions Fund Round Two

Two streams available: Infrastructure Projects and Community Investments

Applications close on 19 December 2017

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien has urged organisations to apply for Round Two of the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF), with applications now open for funding to support further job creation and economic growth.

Mr O'Brien said the region had already benefitted from Round One, with \$1.5 million delivered toward Gympie's Upper Mary Street Precinct revitalisation, and a further \$200,824 for six local projects in Kilkivan, Gympie, Noosa, and the South Burnett across the two streams.

"Round One's community investment stream has supported events including the Kilkivan Great Horse Ride Festival, Gympie's Rush Festival, business development events and a Floating Land exhibition in Noosa, and business innovation sessions in the South Burnett," Mr O'Brien said.

"The funding provided for the Upper Mary Street Precinct through the infrastructure stream will help ensure the Gympie community remains strong and vibrant for many decades to come, and I am delighted it will now be delivered."

Mr O'Brien said projects like these would support local businesses and job creation, while also ensuring the needs of the community were met.

"Because the BBRF has two streams - Infrastructure Projects and Community Investments - Wide Bay organisations have even more flexibility in developing proposals to help their communities," he said.

"Fresh, creative ideas are often the starting point for successful applications, which have potential to make a real difference in the community. It is also important to clearly define the objectives and outcomes of the project to demonstrate how it will benefit Wide Bay.

"Submissions are closing on 19 December 2017 for both streams, so I encourage all eligible organisations to get their application in."

Acting Minister for Regional Development Darren Chester said BBRF was designed to back projects that create further investment in the community.

"Applicants should demonstrate how their project will drive economic development, make their region a more attractive place to live and foster partnerships across their community," Mr Chester said.

"Infrastructure investment, and planning and capability building are significant to improving outcomes in a community. A clearly articulated regional aged care strategy, for instance, can have as big an impact on residents as building a new aged care facility in a single town".

"When combined, both streams will encourage job creation, economic growth, and encourage social cohesion across Australia".

For more information on the Fund, or to submit an application, visit <https://www.business.gov.au/assistance/building-better-regions-fund>

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MURGON DAIRY & HERITAGE MUSEUM

The months of September and October have seen a number of visitors from interstate as well as local. It is gratifying to hear and read the positive comments from our visitors and to talk to them about where they have travelled from.

September was busy with several tour groups, a visit from St Joseph's year 1 & 2 as well as a wedding in our chapel. Some of our group tours involved butter making displays, morning tea and lunch. We have bookings for October which include visits from St John's Lutheran School in Kingaroy. It is great to see the schools visiting and using the museum for educational purposes. We currently have bookings for November and have a booking for early 2018. Our "Barn" is edging closer to completion and once completed will open up endless opportunities for fundraising activities.

The museum held a very successful stall at the Rail Trail opening. The volunteers are to be congratulated for the contribution they made towards this stall. Also we must thank everyone who supported us on the day. We had a raffle of a fruit tray on the day and this was won by Muriel Schultz.

During the long weekend in October a photography competition was held entitled Snapshot in Time. Photographers were asked to photograph heritage buildings in the South Burnett. Heather Stanton Murgon, chose the Murgon Museum as her subject. Heather won the Architectural Significance award with a photo of "Trinity Homestead" and was overall winner with a photo of The New South Wales Bank building. We would like to congratulate Heather and thank her for using the museum to showcase her talents.

Although small in numbers, the volunteers aim is to maintain and keep making improvements to the buildings and surrounds. We are always looking for new volunteers. The amount of time given is entirely up to you. Keeping our history alive is important and we can all contribute in some small way.

The museum is open 7 days a week, except for some public holidays, from 9.30am – 12.30pm. Visits for groups outside these hours can be arranged if necessary.

To make enquiries, call the museum on 41 681896.

Joy Fennell



Time to celebrate
Lindsay & Jody Anderson after two wins and one dead heat at the Wondai races.



Photo L-R: Deputy President RSL Wide Bay & Burnett Districts Trevor Williamson OAM , Deputy Mayor Councillor Kathy Duff, President Murgon RSL Sub Branch Trevor Sanderson, Special Guest Jason Scanes and wife Jackie, Mayor SBRC Keith Campbell, Vice President RSL Wide Bay & Burnett Districts Neville Terry and wife Karen at The Murgon RSL Sub Branch Annual Dinner 2017.



Special Guest Jason Scanes served as a soldier and was promoted through the ranks to Warrant Officer Class Two before being commissioned to the rank of Captain in the Australian Regular Army. Jason has seen active duty in Afghanistan from December 2012 through to September 2013. A very heartfelt presentation of his life in the Australian Regular Army in 1996 through to 2015 was delivered by Jason, CEO Maryborough RSL and Treasurer Fraser Coast Military Trail project, and Army Captain. The roles fulfilled during Jason's deployment included the provision of advising and mentoring the Chief of Plans and staff for the 205 Afghan National Army (ANA), in the South Zone of Afghanistan. This role required refining Afghan National Strategy, as well as ANA Operational Plans and integrate intelligence information to frame Corps level planning operations to effectively deliver security to the Afghan people in the southern region. This involved some 20,000 ANA soldiers. The position required close, direct daily mentoring in all aspects of planning corps level operations. In addition, Jason also fulfilled the roles of Intelligence Mentor to the 205th HERO Corps Intelligence Officer and was involved in the collection and analysis of intelligence that would feed directly into the planning of joint, large scale operations in the south zone. In the later stages of his deployment he was also providing direct mentoring to the Information Operations Officer conducting Psychological Operations, having a strong focus on non-kinetic effects across the battlespace and creating a sense of nationalism within the ANA and the local population.

Jason has also served as a Ground Surveillance Radar Detachment Commander on OPERATION Resolute (Border Protection) and completed a seven-month deployment on OPERATION Mazurka (Sinai) in 2004-2005.

Jason holds a Masters in Business, Post Graduate in Management Studies, from the UNSW Australia is a Chartered Manager and a Fellow of the Institute of Managers and Leaders.

NATIONAL SENIORS

The Coach Tour on Thursday 16th November is to the Sunshine Coast, Yandina Ginger Factory & Tour Superbee, Live Bee Tour. Lunch at the Ginger Factory. Cost \$80 p/p. Leaving Murgon at 6.30 am. Pick up to Kingaroy

Our 2017 end of year Party is at the Oasis Motel Restaurant in Kingaroy, all members that have attended meetings, assisted during the year & all Passengers on our 2017 coach tours are welcome to attend. A Coach will be available from Murgon to Kingaroy & return.

The first Coach Tour for 2018 is on January 18th, pick up to Kingaroy.

The next Meeting at the Murgon Bowls Club at 9.30 am is on February 15th 2018,

Photo competition is Kangaroo. There will be a CPR training session after the meeting.

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

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



Today at the Italian wine festival I managed to come across Dan and Steph at their stall and if you don't already know them they are the winners from MKR 2013. They have an amazing restaurant in Hervey bay called "eat and Dan and steph's" and is very successful. Dan and Steph got to spend lots of time cooking together at the wine festival as they are very busy with work and doing other things in the restaurant. They had a food stall set up cooking together making Porchetta, caper mayo & rocket rolls & Italian Dog snags! And both of them had an amazing time and they can't wait to come back to the wine festival next year. The couple loved coming out to the country side for the day and they felt honored to be there from a friend they had known for a few years sent them an invite so shout out to Jason and his family!

The reason why they applied for MKR was to win the money so they could start a family because they need to do ivf to have babies, and with good aspiration they managed to win and had a little girl named Emmy who is now 2 1/2

years old and she is their miracle. Dan and steph have had the restaurant now for over 4 years and they have an incredible fan base of a total of 150,000 fans from across all their social media and the people enjoy what they do. Their main attraction for Eat at Dan and Steph's is the lovely, freshly grown ingredients from there wonderful farmers and Dan's homemade sausages. They have been cooking together since they got together and moved in with each other. For the past 10 years they have been sharing their love and desire in the kitchen together and they love to cook for their friends and family on weekends.

Whilst we were at the Italian wine festival there were lots of Italian singing and cheese and if you haven't been next year drive out to the Moffatdale winery and go visit the winery because there are amazing wine testing stalls,

and cheese tasting plates and lots of Italian singing. There are Italian chefs demonstrating cooking and plenty of other amazing stalls. That's all I have for you this month Thank You for your time in reading my 2nd article...see you next month. Photographer and writer: Fayanne. ☺



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JOKE FOR THE MONTH

A guy shopping in a supermarket noticed a little old lady following him around, staring at him. At the checkout she overtook him, then turned and said: "I hope I haven't made you feel ill at ease - it's just that you look so much like my late son."

"I know it's silly, but if you'd call out 'Goodbye, Mum' as I leave the store, it would make me feel so happy."

So they went through the checkout, and as she was on her way out of the store, the man called out, "Goodbye, Mother."

The little old lady smiled back. Pleased that he had brought a little sunshine into someone's day, he went to pay for his groceries.

"That comes to \$121.85," the attendant said.

"How come it's so much?" he asked. "I only bought five items."

The attendant replied: "Yeah, but your mother said you'd pay for her things too."

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WIDE BAY PRESCHOOLS ENCOURAGED TO OFFER LANGUAGE LEARNING IN 2018

Federal Member for Wide Bay, Llew O'Brien, is encouraging local preschools to introduce their preschoolers to a new language in 2018.

Applications are now open for participation in the Early Learning Languages Australia (ELLA) program which engages preschoolers with languages other than English through a series of fun, play-based apps, which are aligned to the Early Years Learning Framework.

Mr O'Brien said the ELLA program is part of the Coalition Government's efforts to boost language learning backed by \$15.7 million in funding.

"I encourage eligible services in Wide Bay to apply as soon as possible to give our local preschoolers a head start in language learning and spark their interest in other cultures," Mr O'Brien said.

"Next year preschools in Wide Bay will be able to select from languages including Chinese (Mandarin), French, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese and Spanish as well as new additions to ELLA in 2018, Hindi and Modern Greek.

"The Coalition Government is also providing 1,000 grants of \$500 to assist with the purchase of tablet devices and accessories to help preschools take part in the program."

Recent independent reports had shown the ELLA program was successfully engaging children with language learning and raising awareness of other cultures.

"There was an incredible response in the first year of the roll-out of the program, with over 1,800 preschool services and more than 60,000 children across Australia participating in learning different languages," Mr O'Brien said.

"By providing the opportunity for preschoolers to learn a new language, they're not only getting exposure to another language, they're also improving their developmental and cognitive capabilities as well."

ELLA is designed for use by educators who do not have formal language training, with extensive support provided through a suite of resources, including training support and apps for educators and families to assist in the effective delivery of the program.

Applications close on 15 December 2017.

For more information and to submit an application, visit www.ella.edu.au.



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Kathy's Comments

Murgon Music Muster

Thank you to the Murgon Rotary Club for your hard work and effort in bringing a bigger and better Muster to Murgon than ever before. There are so many stories to tell about the Muster and wonderful experiences that I have heard from people. The feedback has been all positive. Visitors to our region were very impressed and they certainly spent some dollars in and around Murgon. Gina Jeffreys was fantastic and I loved to see the Castra Residents besotted when Gina spent the morning with them singing songs and sharing snippets of her life's journey. I was honoured to MC the Official Opening and I was blown away by the talent of our very own Emily Kinsella. She sang two songs and had everyone captivated with her amazing voice. I was incredibly proud of my niece, Bridget O'Shannessy, when she did her set. The Poet's Breakfast that I went to was as funny as a circus. The food was fantastic, the sound was spot on and we had the pleasure of Federal Member Llew O'Brien officially open the acoustic curtains. The support from Rotary for Heartkids and the story from a Dad with a little girl with a heart condition was very moving followed by a donation by Sergeant Ken Slater from his club for \$1000. Congratulations Murgon Rotary Club led by Heath Sanders on a job well done!!

Rain for our Region

It rains dollars when rain falls on our region and the recent rain really has helped to put a smile back on a lot of people's faces. Agriculture is the South Burnett's core business and when it won't rain our whole community feels the pinch. We were blessed with some decent falls recently but we still need more to fill our farm dams as well as Bjelke Petersen and Boondooma Dam.

BIEDO Workplace Health & Safety Workshop

Hats off to Kristy Frahm for organising to get Shane Webcke to the South Burnett to talk about Work Place Health & Safety. Shane told his life story and the tragedy of losing his father in a farm accident. Anyone who was there on the night would have received a strong take home message about farm safety. We all tend to be blasé about it and think it won't happen to me. The message was that it is not the victim of the farm accident that has to suffer it is those who are left behind. It was a strong message to all of us to take more care when doing jobs on our properties.

Hivesville Birthday Markets

Congratulations to the Hivesville Market Committee on another milestone anniversary Market. It is wonderful to see the support from so many stall holders to help keep the Markets strong.

Murgon Pink Ladies Golf Day

Congratulations to Janelle Smith and everyone who organised this fantastic event. There were pink ladies everywhere and I had the difficult but fun task of judging the best outfits. I have been told that there was a heap of money raised for breast cancer so well done everyone

Christmas Lights Competition

The Christmas lights competition is happening again this year. Gina Reinhart has sponsored both a winner and runner up prize with a trip to Singapore. The details will be on the Council website very soon.



Christmas Events in the area

Christmas is just around the corner and we have lots of events in our area. The Murgon Christmas Carols are in the Park this year on the 2nd of December and the Fair is on the 8th of December. Boondooma Homestead's Christmas Party is on the 9th of December. Hivesville is having a Christmas Carnival on the 15th of December and Proston is celebrating with their Carnival on the 16th of December. Wondai has their Christmas Carnival on Christmas Eve so there are lots of Christmas festivities coming up in our communities.

Urgent feedback needed for our Sport & Rec Plan

We are developing a Sport & Rec Plan for our region that has been funded by a grant. It is extremely important that anyone who has an interest in sport or our sporting facilities has some input into the plan. If things aren't included it will be extremely hard to get funding from Grant providers or support from Council for future projects. I was very concerned to hear that so far there has not been very much feedback from Murgon, Wondai, Hivesville or Proston. Please contact Helen Ross on 0427355101 or 07 39010730 or email helen@rossplanning.com.au. There is a survey that is being sent around online and I think in hard copy. Please make sure you ask Helen to send it to you so you can fill that in as well as giving her your direct feedback.

Contact Details

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

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We sadly mourn the loss of :

C O L L A R D, Fay Catherine, Late of Murgon

C R O W E, Patrick Thomas, Formerly of Ficks Crossing.

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H O W L E T T, Charles James Richard, (Royal Navy TJX336533 DEMS Member) Late of Wondai

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Only a handful of weeks to Christmas, can you believe that!

The Proston Lions Community Christmas Carnival will be on again on Saturday 16th December, and they are seeking community involvement to make this event as good as it can be.

This year the Carnival will be held in Railway Park surrounding the Cultural Centre, so a whole new layout is being constructed. The Lions Club is donating new lighting which will floodlight the area including the adjacent playground which is presently unlit.

Proceedings kick off at 5pm and there will be several entertainment options including Face Painting, Mini Golf, the Jumping Castle as well as giveaways for children and a visit from Santa. A variety of interesting stalls with Christmas goodies will be there, and raffles and food stalls.

This is always a wonderful time for families and friends to welcome Christmas, so let's get together to make it bigger and brighter than ever!

Major sponsors South Burnett Regional Council and Proston Men's Shed, as well as Proston Lions, have contributed again, but extra donations are always welcome to help with the costs of children's entertainment. Local community groups are invited to organize donations and ideas for fundraising and stallholders are welcome to apply. Please contact secretary Del on 4168 9246 for more information and stall booking forms.

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For your diary: The Proston Show Society's Show Dance will be held on Saturday 24th February 2018 in the Proston Community Hall.

This will be the event to introduce the winners of Miss Showgirl and the Rural Ambassador, and everyone is invited to get into the swing of the mood of the 60's as a prelude to Proston's 60th Annual Show.

For all the latest news about Proston Show, visit Proston Online.

Do you have a story to tell regarding your business or organization which you would like to see on this page? Please contact Helen on 4168 9297 or email nelyoung@bigpond.com

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Friday	17	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Murgon High School Yr 12 Graduation & Formal
Saturday	18	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Murgon Museum Meeting,
Sunday	19	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Catholic Mass,
Monday	20	SES, Murgon Neighbourhood Watch Christmas Party,
Tuesday	21	Creative Friendships, Bjelke Petersem Dam fish stocking meet, National Agricultural Day Celebration,
Wednesday	22	Bowls, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Rotary, Burnett Bird Keepers,
Thursday	23	St Joseph's Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Golf, The classic way to dance, NDIS information session,
Friday	24	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Goomeri & District Garden Club,
Saturday	25	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Catholic Mass, Murgon Moments Deadline, RBS Dance Academy, Stride 4 Stroke family fun run,
Sunday	26	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Camera Club, Hivesville Markets,
Monday	27	SES, Murgon Parkinsons Support Group, Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd Christmas Lights Competition closes,
Tuesday	28	Cattle Sale, Creative Friendships, Diabetes Support Group, Lions, Uniting Church Friendship Group,
Wednesday	29	Bowls, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Rotary,
Thursday	30	St Joseph's Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Golf, The classic way to dance, APEX, Mainly Music,

DATE CLAIMER DECEMBER 2017

Friday	1	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Friday Night Live,
Saturday	2	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, QRRRWN Barambah Branch Christmas Party,
Sunday	3	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Catholic Mass,
Monday	4	SES, Quota,
Tuesday	5	Creative Friendships, Queensland Rural Womens Network Inc
Wednesday	6	Bowls, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Rotary,
Thursday	7	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, Lunch Learn Laughter, Murgon RSL Sub Branch Community Luncheon (sorry no vacancies)
Friday	8	MBDA Murgon Christmas Carnival, Community Bingo, Shab's, Barambah Garden Club,
Saturday	9	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Burnett Flyers Fly In, Catholic Mass, Nanango Stamp Club,
Sunday	10	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Murgon Markets,
Monday	11	SES, SB Parkinsons Support Group,
Tuesday	12	Cattle Sale, Creative Friendships, Lions, Murgon Show Society,



It was a pleasure to meet him, a true legend, Shane Webcke

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14/11/2017 Murgon Weaner Steers \$1149.00

A yarding of 850 sold to strong market values in Murgon on Tuesday. Export Cattle made up about a quarter of the total numbers. Cattle were consigned from Biloela, Mundubbera, Gayndah, Mt Perry, Nanango, Kingaroy, Gympie & locally.

Bullocks sold to \$2.87 c/kg and \$1595.00. Heavy cows over 500 kg topped at \$2.44 c/kg for \$1610.00. **Cows in the 400-500 kg** weight range averaged \$2.06 c/kg topping at \$2.44 c/kg. **Lighter cows** under 400 kg sold to \$2.01 c/kg. **Heavy Export heifers** sold to \$2.75 c/kg for \$1420.00. **Heavy Bulls** sold very strongly to a top of \$2.77 c/kg and \$2280.00. **490 kg 2 tooth Charolais** cross steers from Murgon sold to \$3.00 c/kg for \$1477.00.

J & H Morris Woorooden sold Droughtmaster cross steers for \$3.02 c/kg and \$1435.00. 440 kg Brangus steers a/c G & E Pidgeon sold for \$1309.00 at \$2.97 c/kg. Charolais steers from N & L Pearce Tansey sold for \$1197.00 weighing 359 kg at \$3.33 c/kg. 380 kg Charbray steers from Moffatdale sold for \$3.29 c/kg returning \$1253.00. Charbray steers from Mondure weighing 390 kg sold for \$1170.00 at \$3.00 c/kg. M Ferling Manumbar sold Charolais cross steers weighing 358 kg for \$1139.00 (3.18). R & F Nichol Mt Perry sold **Charbray weaner steers** for \$3.61 c/kg returning \$1149.00, \$922.00 (3.61) & \$842.00 (3.70). Koobooda Grazing Gayndah sold 2 pens of Brangus weaner steers for \$938.00 (3.38) & \$872.00 (3.43). 266 kg Droughtmaster weaner steers from B & A Gannon Gayndah sold for \$894.00 at \$3.35 c/kg. **Charbray heifers weighing 385 kg** sold for \$1086.00 at \$2.82 c/kg. 340 kg Brangus Heifers from Murgon sold to \$992.00 at \$2.90 c/kg. 308 kg Murray Grey cross Heifers from Stonelands sold to \$2.90 c/kg returning \$894.00. Charbray weaner Heifers from P & J Angel Murgon sold for \$881.00 and \$3.19 c/kg. 238 kg Droughtmaster weaner heifers sold to \$3.10 c/kg returning \$737.00. P & A Dingle Mt Perry sold Braford cross weaner Heifers for \$717.00 at \$3.05 c/kg. Aged Droughtmaster Cows & Calves sold to \$1240.00.



Well known former South Burnett resident Rod Lonsdale has been accepted as a Baton Bearer for the Commonwealth Games, his leg will be around Hervey Bay.

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GRAHAM HOUSE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

"We believe in the magic of Christmas"

Graham House Community Centre has again teamed up with the Uniting Care Christmas Appeal and Murgon Target to help us spread the Christmas cheer this year. Few things are more magic than watching a child open a gift on Christmas morning or families enjoying a festive Christmas feast. Graham House Community Centre will deliver food hampers and gifts to vulnerable families in the South Burnett Community the week of Christmas.

Please donate a gift and brighten up a child's Christmas. Donation boxes can be found at Murgon Target, Soul Pattinson Chemist, South Burnett Shire Council Office Murgon, Wondai Art Gallery, Graham House Community Centre and Graham House Transport Centre. Toys and Books no perishable items please.



Graham House Community Centre will also be running a raffle. A Wheel Barrow full of Christmas Goodies to the value of \$500.00 to raise money for the appeal. Tickets available at Graham House Transport and Graham House Community Centre. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5 drawn Thursday 14th December.

Date to Remember

Next **"Lunch Learn Laughter"** is on Thursday 7th December at 12pm at the Murgon Golf Club. Come and make new friends, enjoy good food and conversation within a welcoming atmosphere. Last Luncheon this year and the theme will be Christmas. Bookings Essential.

The Hivesville Country Markets Inc, celebrating 9 years, raffle results

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- 3 Black B27 Cec Wilkerson
- 4 Green D50 Sheriff
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