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

MURGON MEN'S SHED RESTORATION OF A 4-WHEEL BUGGY



After seeing the Men's Shed display of restored items at the Wondai Show 3 years earlier, Graham Wilson offered to donate his buggy, also known as a Doctor's Buggy to the Men's Shed. The Buggy turned out to be in poor condition-rusty & covered in chicken & rodent droppings. It took some time before this venture could get started as other projects were already being worked on. Also the COVID closure hindered progress.

4 wheels had to be rebuilt; new shafts installed. Rust treatment & wood repair were required, as well as painting. The upholstery was attended to by Rick at Memerambi. Restoration took some 6 months.

Graham Wilson & family members were invited to come and see the restored buggy. A horse was supplied by Shed member, Spike Butler, who breaks & trains horses, to be harnessed to the buggy to pull it, enabling Graham & family members to enjoy a ride.

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My father, Graham Gilmore Wilson, bought this buggy some time between 1908 and 1912. I cannot give the exact date or the make. When it is cleaned up properly, there should be a brass plate with that information on it. It had rubber tyres on the wheels and in its heyday, was a very smart vehicle, side carbide lamps but it did not have a hood.

Dad had a very smart buggy horse named "Clip". Apparently he was a very good type of horse, fit to be a show hack. Dad said that if he had been entered in a show as a hack, he would have been sizing the judge up while he was being judged. Dad was living at "Tarong" at that time and would take the buggy to Brisbane with "Clip". I don't think that he drove it down, probably drove to either Jondaryan or Esk and put the outfit on the train. My mother, who was training to be a nurse at the Royal Brisbane Hospital between 1910 and 1914, had become engaged to Dad during that time. He would drive up to the hospital to take her out in his rather smart outfit and the other nurses would think

that it was one of the consulting doctors coming, because most of the doctors had smart outfits like that. Mind you "Clip" was an eye catching horse. Dad was riding him down Stanley Street Brisbane one day and a man standing on the footpath called out to him, "By Jove young fellow, that is a fine looking horse, you don't see too many like him these days!"

Below our house here is a gully, the Half Mile and in those days there were a lot of water holes in it, most have silted up now and when Dad wanted to give the buggy a good wash he would drive "Clip" into a hole, probably about 3 feet deep, wash the buggy and drive out, "Clip" would just stand there, up to his belly in water. When they

got married they still had the buggy as transport, mostly just going in and out then to Kingaroy, or to visit their friends. When my eldest sister was born in late 1917, the buggy was a bit small for the three of them, so Dad bought his first car, a single seater Buick, which as far as the seat was concerned, was not much bigger than the buggy, which by this time, was then slung up under the ceiling in the garage, which had been the buggy house.

Once when Dad was taking Mum out in Brisbane, he stopped in Queen Street and left Mum in the buggy holding "Clip", while he went into a shop. Apparently she was terrified, as she was not used to horses and was afraid of them. She need not have been, a bomb going off would not have frightened "Clip". I cannot think of anything more to tell about the buggy except to say that we are glad that it has found a new home where it will be restored to its former self and looked after. I know that my Mother and Father and "Clip" would be happy as well

GRAHAM JOHN GILMORE WILSON {2021}

Taking the pressure off high blood pressure for Australians in Wide Bay

The Liberal and Nationals Government is investing \$40.5 million for a new Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) item to improve the diagnosis and treatment of hypertension (high blood pressure).

From 1 November, people in Wide Bay will be able to claim rebates for ambulatory blood pressure measurement, which monitors a patient's blood pressure continuously over 24 hours through a wearable device to diagnose if they are hypertensive or not.

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, Llew O'Brien today said this important initiative will help to accurately identify hypertension so people can then access the treatment they need to manage the condition.

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New payment to help people escape violent relationships

The Liberal and Nationals Government is now providing people in violent relationships access to support of up to \$5,000 to help them establish a life free of violence.

Under the two-year Escaping Violence Payment trial, people leaving violent relationships can receive financial assistance of up to \$1,500 in cash with the remainder available for goods and services or direct payments of bonds, school fees or other support to help establish a safe home.

Minister for Women's Safety Anne Ruston said "the payments would help address the financial barriers that may stop people leaving violent relationships."

"We know that financial hardship as well as economic abuse, which may involve interfering with work or controlling or withholding money, reduces a person's ability to acquire and use money and makes it difficult to leave violent relationships," Minister Ruston said.

"The new Escaping Violence Payment aims to help address those issues so people have more security when making that brave decision to leave any form of intimate partner violence – including physical violence, coercive control and financial abuse."

"We know the size of the house a person is fleeing doesn't matter – often they bundle the kids into the car, maybe the dog too and they leave with nothing more than the clothes on their backs."

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien said the Escaping Violence Payments would help people in Wide Bay who need financial support to leave dangerous relationships.

"It doesn't matter if you are living in Maryborough, Murgon, Gympie or Noosa, people from all backgrounds can experience domestic violence," Mr O'Brien said.

As part of the individualised support packages, UnitingCare Network agencies will provide tailored assistance and engage with other relevant agencies that support parents and their children including other Commonwealth or state and territory government funded community services.

The Escaping Violence Payment is not considered taxable or reportable income and will not impact on any other social security payments a recipient may be receiving. Eligibility includes financial stress and evidence of domestic violence including, but not limited to, a referral from a family and domestic violence service provider with a risk assessment and safety plan, an AVO, court order or a police report.

Applications for the payment can be made through UnitingCare Network. More information will be available at unitingvictas.org.au/escaping-violence-payment

The Escaping Violence Payment will build on and complement existing programs offered by state and territories, as well as Australian Government support offered to people experiencing violence, including:

Services Australia's Crisis Payment for Extreme Circumstances of Family and Domestic Violence

No Interest Loan Scheme for Women Experiencing Domestic Violence
Emergency Relief

Keeping Women Safe in Their Homes.

The two-year trial will be independently evaluated to assess the benefit of the payment, including demand, eligibility criteria, needs of specific cohorts, and how it works with related services.

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A Nutty Surprise for Kingaroy As the town of Kingaroy and surrounds were sound asleep, a team of philanthropic South Burnett businesses, Council and the Big Peanut Committee met in the Lions Park Kingaroy to install the long-awaited Big Peanut. Kingaroy has been waiting for over half a century for its Big Peanut and thanks to the Kingaroy Needs a Big Peanut Committee, South Burnett Regional Council, community funding, an impressive line-up of industry sponsorship and in-kind support, the dream is now reality!

The Big Peanut is a steel sculpture, manufactured out of items gathered from peanut farms across the South Burnett and items donated from our major sponsors G Crumpton & Sons and Bega Cheese LTD, creating an extra special connection to the peanut farming community.

The Big Peanut will be illuminated at night by two specially designed lighting poles, which have also been installed today. More will unfold on the Big Peanut story as the official unveiling plans unfold.

To keep up to date on Big Peanut activity keep an eye on the Big Peanut Facebook page where you will find many posts and videos on the Big Peanut journey. <https://www.facebook.com/Kingaroyneedsabigpeanut>

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Scholarships for rural and regional students up for grabs

Federal Member Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of House of Representatives

Llew O'Brien said students from regional areas who started university this year could still apply for a scholarship worth up to \$18,000.

Mr O'Brien said Round 5 of the Liberal and Nationals Government's Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarship (RRES) program has scholarships available for eligible students who commenced study in 2021.

"If you haven't previously considered what financial support might be available, this is a fantastic opportunity for students from regional and remote communities from Wide Bay to have a close look at and check your eligibility," Mr O'Brien said.

"Round 5 is still open to students who are undertaking courses from

Certificate IV to PhD level and who started their study in 2021. I encourage everyone who is eligible to apply."

"The RRES program has delivered more than 3,000 scholarships to help students from regional and remote communities access a tertiary education," Minister McKenzie said.

"These scholarships have provided vital financial support to many students, some of whom may otherwise not have been able to afford higher education.

"The Australian Government is ensuring that no matter where you live you can benefit from our world-class tertiary institutions.

"We want to provide as many opportunities as possible for individuals in regional and remote Australia to pursue further study, and relieving the financial burden is one way to help them to do that."

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Dr Tim Topalov is now helping out at The Country Dentist in Murgon on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Dr Topalov recently sold his dental practice, River Dental, in Gympie and being a kindly soul offered to come out to Murgon to help Dr Stella Miller.

Tim hails from Surfers' Paradise originally, but has spent the last 32 years in Gympie working as a Dentist.

He is pictured here with Dr John Watt (retired Murgon Dentist) who was his colleague and friend from their University of Queensland days.

Grant helps Murgon railway museum go full steam ahead

The railway museum at Murgon Men's Shed will be a step closer to completion with \$33,000 for a steel shed, announced today by Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien.

"This new steel-framed shed and annex will provide a sheltered space for the growing railway display, including restored carriages, tractors, a Cobb and Co coach and a steam engine," Mr O'Brien said.

"Murgon Men's Shed has done a brilliant job to collect and restore important railway memorabilia, providing a fascinating glimpse into Queensland's past, and I'm pleased to support their work with this funding through this grant.

"The railway museum at the start of the South Burnett Rail Trail is growing to be a valuable tourism drawcard for the South Burnett region, so this funding will help boost domestic tourism and support local businesses and jobs."

The new shed will have inclusive access, ensuring all visitors can see the displays.

The \$44,000 project will be jointly funded with \$33,000 through the Liberal and Nationals Government's Building Better Regions Fund, and the remainder provided by the Murgon Men's Shed.

"I thank the Men's Shed for bringing the project forward and everyone who is contributing to it."

President David Mollenhauer thanked Mr O'Brien for his support, and said the Shed aimed to provide a worthwhile display of historic items that the town could be proud of and to increase tourism within the region.



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New toilet block erected at BP Dam



Barambah Bush Caravan Park hosted the second event after the morning event in Wondai for #Orinteering Queensland which saw 42 bike riders tackle the mountain bike tracks and areas of our park, they were here in the afternoon when temperatures got to 29 degrees!



Wondai & District Garden Club

Thank you to everyone who supported our raffle at the Wondai Spring Garden Expo.

The lucky winners were 1st Colleen, 2nd Angela, 3rd Elizabeth, 4th Vince.

The recipient of the proceeds is Graham House and Transport Department.

Join us at the Autumn Expo April 2022.

Our club days, 2nd Tuesday of each month, start at 9.30 a.m., morning tea with a guest speaker. Enquiries Denise 41689736.

Vaccination Hub for Murgon

The Darling Downs Health, Darling Downs and Western Moreton PHN have organised a vaccination hub for Murgon on 16 and 17 November 2021. 9.00AM- 4.00PM at Murgon Visitor Information Centre.

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CLARK, Valerie Jessie, (Jess), (nee Mckewen), late of Maryborough, formerly of Murgon/Goomeri.

TURPIN, Alison Jane, (nee Campbell), Late of Black Street, Murgon

DOWLING, Helen, Late of Wondai and formerly of Biloela,

COX, Sylvia Pearl, Late of Wondai,

GSCHEIDLE, Esme Fay, Late of Wooroonden,

MADDEN, Terence Andrew, Late of Proston,

CUTLER, Rita Frances, Late of 'Forest View' ACF Childers, formerly of Fairdale, Wondai

PRATT, Earl David Sealy, Late of 'Karinya' Murgon,

BOYLE, Gregory "Greg" Alan, Late of Mondure



To celebrate the Wondai Timber Museum's 20th birthday this month, we will be giving you twenty facts in twenty days.

Our first fact comes from timber cutter George Mackellar, who lopped the log which resides in the Timber Museum's car park.

This massive log comes from Dooloo Tops in Central Queensland. Being 9.9 metres long and 1.6 metres wide meant the log was too large for Mr Mackellar to fall with a standard chainsaw. To overcome this he welded 2 x 25-inch bars together and formed a chain to match.

Too heavy to load by machine, a hole was dug using a bulldozer to allow a truck to back up and roll the log onto the rear of the truck.

After being rejected by the sawmill because of its size, it came to rest at the South Burnett Timber Museum, where it has become a popular attraction for visitors.

Did you know that some of Queensland's best known and well-regarded wood cutters in the early 1900's were women? The Lynch sisters - Nell, Mary, Kate and Rose Lynch – often gave demonstrations at local shows and were invited to Brisbane to display their skill.

Visit the Wondai Timber Museum on 80 Haly Street Wondai to see the log for yourself and discover the stories behind the timber getters of the South Burnett.



Fantastic fun, wonderful company, a great venue and awesome support for the annual Kindy's Ladies luncheon at the Royal Hotel in Murgon. I was pleased that Rhys and Amy Innes won my bracelet because Amy loves & wears silver. It was great to see Margaret Long win heaps of prizes including a holiday. She now has lots of friends wanting to be invited to the resort to share in the fun. Kathy Duff.

Listen Up! The Hearing Australia Bus is coming to your community.

The Hearing Australia bus is stopping by **Kilkivan, Murgon, Wondai and Kingaroy** to offer free* hearing checks and raise hearing health awareness in the local community.



With a 12-strong fleet of Hearing Australia buses, the mobile hearing service has provided over 175,000 free hearing checks in communities across Australia since the first bus service launched in 2009/1.

Hearing Australia buses travel around the country, not only visiting busy city centres, but also smaller regional towns where it might be difficult for people to get their hearing checked. The bus also stops by retirement villages and aged care facilities to make it easier for people to have their hearing checked.

The team at Hearing Australia want to help people take control of their hearing health and experience the joy of sound in all aspects of their life.

Healthy hearing is a big part of life. It keeps us connected to the people and life we love. Good hearing plays a significant role in helping people stay active, happy and involved in the world around them.

An estimated 3.6 million Australians are affected by hearing loss, and this is projected to more than double to 7.8 million by 2060, meaning nearly one in every five Australians will be affected².

A hearing check is a quick and easy way to help identify if your hearing might not be as sharp as it used to be.

As well as having a hearing check, visitors to the Hearing Australia bus can also find information on how to keep their hearing in good shape and view a display of easy-to-use hearing devices for around the home. This includes headsets for watching TV and alert systems for doorbells.

Not everyone who is experiencing problems hearing may need a hearing aid. Sometimes people might just need support listening to the TV at normal volumes, hearing at noisy social events, or hearing their friends and family on the phone.

No appointment is necessary. Hearing Australia will provide hearing checks to any interested adults over 18 who visit the bus on the day. The Hearing Australia team is on hand to guide you through what your next steps may be to help you rediscover the sounds you love.

Bus Location	Address	When
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Murgon Library	42 Stephens Street, Murgon Qld 4605	Wednesday 2.00pm – 4pm 17th Nov
Kingaroy Library	Civic Centre, Glendan Street Qld 4610	Thursday 9.00am – 12.30pm 18th Nov
Wondai Library	Mackenzie Street, Wondai Qld 4606	Thursday 2.00pm – 4.00pm 18th Nov

26th Transport Squadron are visiting Murgon and Goomeri to provide ceremonial support for Remembrance Day. 32 members of the ADF on the Officer Commanding and Squadron Sergeant Major



will be arriving in Murgon on Wednesday 10th November where they will be staying overnight at PCYC prior to attending to their duties on 11th November.

The group will be touring the Welfare Centre and viewing the Art Exhibition on Wednesday afternoon where it is hoped they will be joined by local school children



A moving war time art exhibition by Ross Driver was officially opened by Mayor Brett Otto .



The 'Road to Victory' exhibition at the Murgon RSL Drop in Centre was well received when it opened on Saturday night and will be on display until 15th November.

Photo L-R: Ross Driver (Artist), Olive Ford and brother Roy Latham holding a photo of their uncle Harold Latham.

Wine Industry unites behind new leader

Welcome spring rain is not the only thing injecting positivity into the South Burnett Wine Region.

Kingsley Grove Estate winemaker, Simon Berry was elected the new President of South Burnett Wine Industry Association (SBWIA) at the recent Annual General Meeting held in Kingaroy.

Nine enthusiastic attendees representing seven wine producers from the South Burnett voted unanimously to elect Mr Berry as President and Vikki Stewart (Lightning Tree Wines) as Secretary/Treasurer.

Mr Berry (pictured right) said it was a pleasing outcome, resulting in the SBWIA effectively emerging from months of limbo after facing the possibility of being dissolved.

“Fortunately we have a strong core of wine producer members who have worked hard behind the scenes in recent months to find a way forward for the association which has a 30 year history too valuable to lose,” Mr Berry said.

The local wine industry and tourism networks have seen a consistent influx of visitors in the past 18 months as a direct result of Covid-19 travel restrictions.

“So many of our visitors consistently say they had no idea there was a wine region in this area. It’s crucial beyond the borders re-opening that we keep attracting visitation to the region.

“We’ve had incredible support from Queenslanders who’ve embraced the ‘shop local’ concept during Covid while discovering the hidden secrets of the South Burnett,” he said.

Under Mr Berry’s leadership, the SBWIA intends to have a two-pronged focus:

- To re-establish relationships with local government, industry and tourism bodies to increase awareness of the South Burnett’s strong and vibrant wine region.
- To coordinate industry workshops and seminars to benefit existing and attract new wine producers and employees.

With increased visitation and sales, the need to increase wine production becomes critical.

As Mr Berry explained, the welcome October rains have re-filled farm dams and soil profiles which can only auger well for the 2022 vintage.

“Now is a critical time to promote our wine region and the SBWIA is the perfect vehicle to help drive increased public awareness.

“We have nine enthusiastic wine producers who are eager to take the region forward. It is in all our interests to see the South Burnett Wine Region continue to flourish and become widely known as a must-visit wine tourism destination,” Mr Berry said.



VITAL FUNDING FOR KINGAROY AIRPORT UPGRADE

The Kingaroy airport will be soon be upgraded with state-of-the-art lighting thanks to \$266,878 in Federal Government funding, Maranoa MP David Littleproud announced today.

“Being connected to regional centres is vital for every remote community and I am pleased today to announce that Kingaroy will receive the airport upgrade they need,” Mr Littleproud said.

The Kingaroy airport is among 89 regional airports nationwide which will benefit from grants totalling nearly \$30 million under Round 2 of the Australian Government’s Regional Airports Program.

“Works at the Kingaroy airport will remove the existing lighting and reinstate with new compliant lighting to help make night landings and takeoffs safer.

“Keeping our regional airstrips in top-notch condition will help locals to remain well-connected, improve the delivery of goods and services and ensure emergency services continue to have quick and easy access to our towns.

“Every dollar spent on local infrastructure is a dollar well spent and I look forward to working with the community to deliver this vital funding as we continue recovering from the pandemic.”

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Barnaby Joyce said the program supports important safety and access upgrades for regional airports.

“We’ve committed \$100 million over four years from 2019–20 to 2022–23 to help owners of regional airports right across Australia deliver upgrades to improve runway and taxiway pavements, install new lighting or fencing,” the Deputy Prime Minister said.

“This is a great example of our Government backing the aviation industry whilst boosting local economies to help secure a stronger future for these regional areas.”

In total, Mr Littleproud secured \$1.1 million through Round 2 of the Australian Government’s Regional Airports Program, where upgrade works will also be carried out at the Warwick, Stanthorpe, Millmerran and Dalby aerodromes.

For a full list of successful projects and more information on the Regional Airports Program, visit [Regional and Remote Aviation \(infrastructure.gov.au\)](https://www.infrastructure.gov.au)



ANZ Kingaroy the latest branch to close its doors

This month saw the announcement of yet another regional bank closing its doors and this time it's ANZ Kingaroy who will abandon their customers. ANZ Kingaroy will close its doors in March 2022, leaving behind thousands of business, community group and individual customers. This will be the third ANZ branch to leave the Nanango Electorate, with Kilcoy and Toogoolawah also closed over recent years.

Unfortunately, this is now the common theme for the big banks, who believe they can service their customers just as well online. However, it will always be necessary for community groups, businesses and many individual customers to have access to face-to-face banking services. And we all know that many people in regional areas have poor internet connection, or no computer access at all, so internet banking isn't always the answer.

Federal Taskforce Announced

I was heartened to hear however, the recent announcement by the Federal Government of a taskforce to examine the impacts of regional bank branch closures. The "Regional Banking Taskforce" has been established to assess the impact of bank branch closures on regional communities. The Co-Chairs for the Taskforce are Assistant Treasurer Michael Sukkar and Senator for NSW Perin Davey. The Taskforce will hold its first meeting in early November and will release an issues paper for public consultation. I would encourage anyone affected by bank branch closures to have their say when consultation begins.

Well done to all our students who are graduating this year, and congratulations to those who have been announced as our 2022 school leaders!

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[Stronger Communities Program](#) (Round 7) - Federal grant. Submit an EOI through your Federal Member.

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[Qld Reconciliation Awards](#) - Nominations now open. Closes 3 Dec.

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[Australian of the Year](#) - 2022 Nominations now open!

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[Roadmap to easing Queensland Restrictions](#)

[Qld Health Direction on Home Confinement, Movement and Gathering](#)

[Qld Health Directive on non-essential business activity](#)

New ablutions block a revolution for Goomeri Showgrounds

A new shower and toilet block at Goomeri Showgrounds will create local jobs and provide an amenities facility that can be used by the community and visitors for decades to come, Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien announced today.

The Goomeri and District Show Society will receive \$93,500 towards its \$187,000 new toilet and shower facilities with up to 24 stalls and six showers, through Round 5 of the Coalition Government's Building Better Regions Fund.

"Goomeri Showgrounds are used for large-scale events like the annual Pumpkin Festival, rodeos, the local agricultural show and horse and cattle events, as well being a popular camping spot, so this funding will ensure the new amenities block will meet the needs of all users," Mr O'Brien said.

"In addition to making the Showgrounds more comfortable and accessible for visitors, supporting local tourism and accommodation providers, the project will also create up to 15 jobs throughout the construction phase.



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A lovely well maintained 3-bedroom home with immaculate gardens. This home is wheelchair friendly with a large lounge room that has air conditioning, open plan modern kitchen and dining. 2 bedrooms with air conditioning and

built ins, plus a ceiling fan in the main. The spacious bathroom accommodates for a wheelchair, with a open shower, vanity, and storage cupboard, plus a second toilet. Laundry with storage cupboards and a ramp to go out to the backyard featuring a garden shed, colour bond garage, and carport. Immaculate gardens and lawn fully fenced. Front and back security doors and all windows have fly screens. 5k solar system. **MURGON \$225,000**



Located within walking distance to the centre of town. With a tastefully renovated modern kitchen providing plenty of space, with a walk-in pantry, large fridge space and an island bench. Flows through

into the dining and lounge rooms with polished floors throughout. Featuring 3 large bedrooms all with built-ins and carpet in 2, with the third waiting for carpet. A built-in study room plus a front sunroom where you can sit back and relax. Bathroom with shower over bath, vanity, and separate toilet. Walk out the back door into the spacious built in BBQ area on the right and to the left, 2 double garden sheds with laundry, toilet, and electricity connected. Also, a separate double garden shed up the back for storage. Along with a 2-bay roller door shed with a mezzanine timber floor for indoor entertaining. Completely fenced with a fence dividing the front and back yards. Established gardens, tank, and town water connected, carport at the front. **WONDAI \$240,000**



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20 & 24 Moore Street Goomeri are being offered for sale as one! 20 Moore Street Goomeri is situated on a 670m2 parcel of land featuring two bedrooms, one-bathroom, open plan kitchen, carpeted lounge area, and fully fenced! 20 Moore Street Goomeri is currently rented out at \$100 per week with a lease until the 1st of

June 2022. 24 Moore Street Goomeri is situated on a 1,133m2 block of land and features three spacious, carpeted bedrooms, open plan carpeted lounge room with a fireplace, roomy kitchen with plenty of storage space, bathroom with a cubicle shower, and separate toilet. Spacious backyard with plenty of shed space, as well as a timber deck entertainment area. 24 Moore Street is currently rented out at \$220 per week with a lease until the 1st of August 2022. These properties are being sold together for **\$250,000**.

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Murgon Report 26/10/21 Weaner Steers \$7.15 - \$2097.00 Numbers were back to 400 in Murgon on Tuesday. Export cattle sold to fully firm rates with feeders and young cattle dearer. Heavy Bulls sold to \$3.85 per kilogram and \$3640.00.00. Heavy Cows over 500 kilograms sold to \$3.81 per kilogram and \$2270.00. Cows 400 to 500 kg sold to \$3.70 per kilogram averaging \$3.32. Cows under 400 kg topped at \$3.22 for an average of \$3.06. Export heifers sold to \$4.20 per kilogram and \$2160.00. Cattle were consigned from Mundubbera, Gayndah, Mt Perry, Kingaroy, Durong, Kilkivan & locally. Brangus steers 425 kg sold to \$5.32 c/kg for \$2260.00. 360 Charbray steers from Tansey sold for \$5.56 c/kg and \$1990.00. Brahman cross steers from Hivesville sold for \$5.66 c/kg returning \$1880.00. 360 kg Droughtmaster steers from Nanango sold for \$1920.00 at \$5.34 c/kg. Droughtmaster steers from Tansey weighing 384 kg sold for \$1940.00 at \$5.06 c/kg. 2 pens of Brangus weaner steers from Mondure sold for \$7.15 c/kg to return \$2097.00 & \$1790.00. Charolais cross weaner steers from Proston sold for \$1838.00 at \$6.38 c/kg. Charbray weaner steers from Tansey sold for \$1800.00 and \$6.36 c/kg. Brahman weaner steers sold for \$7.10 c/kg and \$1615.00. Local Droughtmaster cross steers sold to \$1520.00 at \$6.72 c/kg. Droughtmaster weaner steers selling for \$6.68 c/kg realised \$1430.00. Braford weaner steers from Mt Perry sold for \$1567.00 at \$6.44 c/kg. 445 kg Charolais cross heifers sold for \$2038.00 at \$4.58 c/kg. Droughtmaster heifers weighing 405 kg also sold to \$4.58 c/kg and \$1855.00. Brangus heifers from Wondai sold for 1805.00 at \$4.78 c/kg. 395 kg Droughtmaster heifers sold for \$1850.00 at \$4.69 c/kg. 305 kg Brahman heifers sold for \$1605.00 at \$5.26 c/kg. Local Brangus weaner heifers sold for \$6.38 c/kg and \$1330.00. Braford weaner heifers sold for \$6.05 c/kg to return \$1390.00. Better quality weaner heifers sold in the \$5.50 - \$5.80 c/kg bracket. The next Murgon sale will be on Tuesday the 9 th of November at 8.00 am.



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The late Earl Pratt.



It is with much sadness that the Australian Livestock and Property Agents advise the passing of industry giant Earl Pratt, aged 84.

Mr Pratt was a massive supporter and foundation ALPA Board member, Life Member (2004) and longtime Queensland Stock and Station Agents Association senior statesman.

Fellow ALPA Life Member Noel Grant paid tribute to Mr Pratt from a Queensland perspective.

“Earl made a tremendous contribution to the Queensland Livestock Agents Association over many years, fighting the battles for the industry and taking up the cause for smaller agencies and never seeking any accolades for it,” Mr Grant said.

Mr Pratt had a life-long association with the livestock industry and was a massive contributor to the local community through the Murgon Show Society, St Joseph’s Catholic Parish, the Murgon Dairy Museum and countless other personal and rolled up sleeves contributions to the local district.

He served as a Councillor on Murgon Shire Council for 16 years and was Deputy Mayor for two terms.

But above all Mr Pratt was a terrific family man who loved spending time with his family.

He was born in 1936 in the small town of Goomeri, and completed his schooling locally before becoming a drover working on the livestock trains from the railway siding to Cannon Hill.

His grandfather Basil who had served in New Guinea during the Second World War returned home and established a stock and station agency selling out of his own saleyards in Murgon in 1946.

Mr Pratt joined his father in 1954 but soon after took time out to complete National Service in 1955-1956, returning back home to work alongside his father.

In 1962 father and son named the business B.D. Pratt and Co, and later the business was sold to Australian Estates Co Ltd in 1979,

Mr Pratt then became a commission buyer for the next seven years.

In 1986, with his wife Rita and son Paul they formed Pratt Agencies with Paul’s wife Stacey joining the business in 1988.

This year marks 75 years of Pratt family involvement in the livestock agency business in the Burnett.

Mr Pratt is survived by his son Paul and wife Stacey, their children Mitchell, daughter Candice, and daughter Helen and her children, Ashleigh, Tyler and Georgia. His wife Rita pre-deceased him in 2017.

A Requiem Mass and funeral service was held on Saturday October, 9 at St Joseph’s Catholic Parish Church, 24 Angel Avenue Murgon at 11.00 am.

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Saturday 21ST May 2022

PCYC MASQUERADE BALL

Congratulations Zala...awarded the 'Manager of the Year' in recognition of his outstanding work with Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council.



Congratulations to Council CEO Zala, one of our local Cherbourg Champions attending the LGMA Queensland Annual Conference. Zala was awarded the 'Manager of the Year' in recognition of his outstanding work with Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council - the award was announced at the LGMS Flamingle Gala Dinner for the Local Government Managers Australia Queensland - the conference was held in Cairns.



Murgon Golf Club is at The Star Casino Gold Coast.

Some of the Murgon Members enjoying a night out at the Queensland Golf Industry Awards Night! Noel Dowdle was nominated for Volunteer of the Year Award but unfortunately didn't win but it's never about the recognition, volunteers do it for the love of the game Noel would like to thank Mark Smith and Paul Orchard for the nomination.



Loving the Dunn's housing development in Hastings St, Murgon with amazing views. The Mayor Brett Otto & Councillor Kathy Duff met with them last week to check out their future plans as there is a major housing shortage in Murgon & across our region.



Councillor Kathy Duff had the honour of presenting Richie O'Neill OAM with a certificate of appreciation for 24 years of dedicated work leading the Murgon Anzac Day Committee. Richie has helped to build the Service into a magnificent tribute to our Anzacs & we thank him sincerely for all that he has done. Richie has decided to retire from the Committee!!

Time for a facelift – come and have your say



GORE STREET

FOOTPATH

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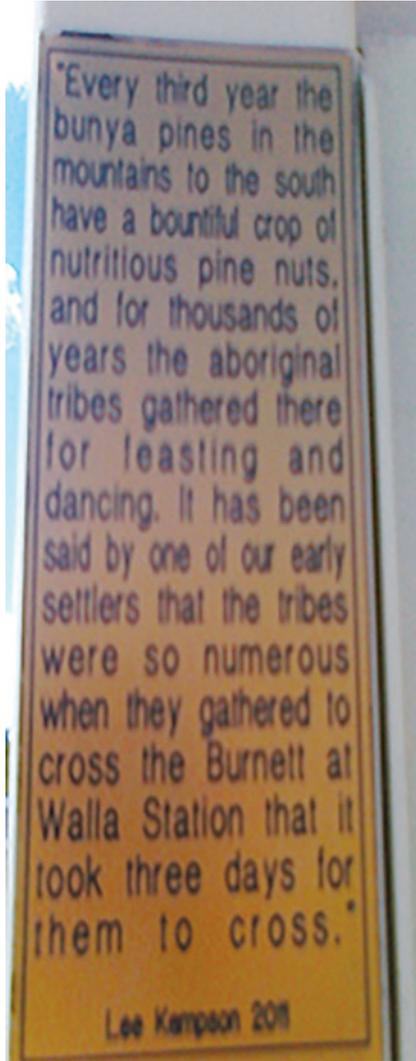
PROPOSED UPDATE TO PARK PLAN STAGE 1

The concrete around the tables should be 16 1/2 ft x 16 1/2 ft for wheel chairs
 The concrete paths up the centre are a little over 6 ft wide now, increase to a maximum 8ft
 wide and paths to the tables 7 ft wide maximum

break the colour of the paths to the tables with the diamond shapes with lilies or other of your choice

Our *Murgon CBD* parks are looking a little tired and bare. Some of the old Portuguese Elm trees have been dropping large limbs and have had to be removed so shade is now very much lacking in places. Therefore, plans are underway to give Murgon's QE11 Park a much-needed upgrade. Cr Kathy Duff from the South Burnett Regional Council has been consulting with members of the Murgon community seeking out ideas and suggestions for the re-vamp. The work will be carried out in stages. Cr. Kathy Duff said they are hoping to have the **planning and design for stage one**, which is from the eastern end of the Visitor Information Centre to the intersection with Gore Street, finished by Christmas. "We would like to do the work in the new year with an opening of that section and the footpath upgrade possibly in early April. Levelling the area is also included in the plans" she said.

Community members are once again invited to come along to another consultation meeting with the public on **Wednesday 10th November at 5.30pm** in the park.



Some of the Suggestions/Ideas put forward so far include:

- *A walk of fame around the rock at the top of the park with plaques similar to those on the new footpath.
- *A pattern of the Murgon lily in the path to the tables is another suggestion.
- *Bike racks for the rail trail users.
- *Solar Fairy lights for night-time.
- *Concrete paths for wheelchairs
- *New trees and seating areas – hardy flowers (succulents) around the bottom of trees
- *Re position Speakers, security cameras, removal of old signage and poles etc. rotunda makeover.
- 8 History boards 7ft x 2ft with story and photos either side of the ergon poles about Murgon and Cherbourg and what Murgon was like 65 million years ago, the first people 65 thousand years ago, the establishment of Murgon and Cherbourg and the dairy industry, Murgon today, the wineries and bp dam, the wars and our locals who volunteered, the scenery around boat mountain & bike trails.

closing in about 2ft down from the top of the rotunda and putting a table and chair in the rotunda and 8 old photos of both Murgon & Cherbourg on the top of the walls inside , the bottom of the rotunda would be closed in with green painted slats on 90% of the sides like we do at Christmas and easter fest, the floor would be in the red with a cream stairway at the front

The concrete around the tables should be 16 ½ ft x 16 ½ ft for wheel chairs

The concrete paths up the centre are a little over 6 ft wide now, increase to a maximum 8ft wide and paths to the tables 7 ft wide maximum to allow for wheel chairs.

Colour of paths to be the same as on our footpaths except where going to the tables but red around tables so as easier to keep clean.

Leo's plans also does not take away any parking lots and includes all the ideas that have been raised by interested parties including I'm sure that Alan raised that the paths need to be two wheel chairs wide as they have trouble with the narrow paths on Market day's. it's a bit hard for people in wheel chairs on grass.

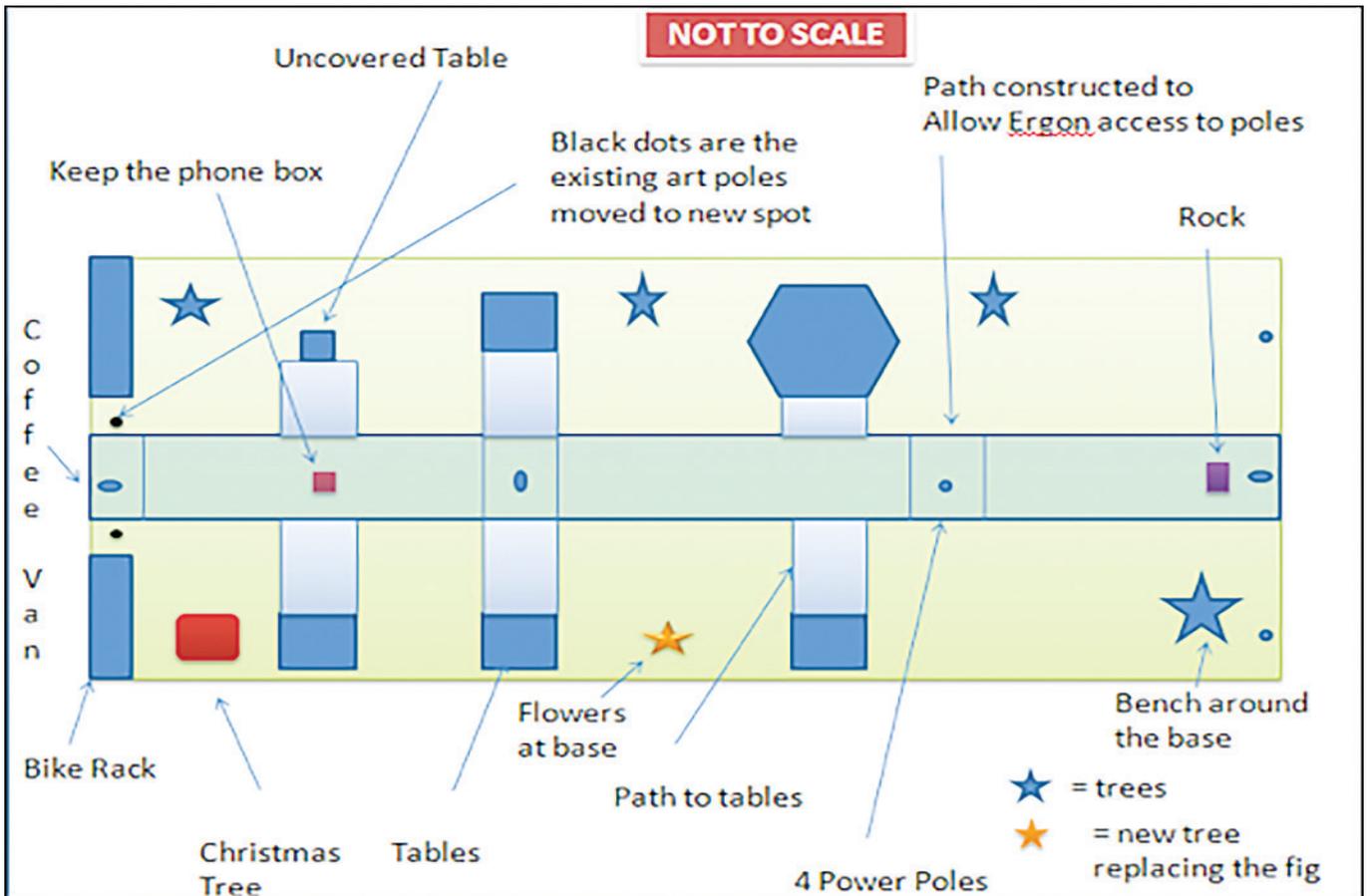
It has been a team effort and will certainly cause some comment , I said I have tried to produce something for 50 years not just for the present and stage 2 & 3 covers the entrance to Murgon from the Lions Park coming from Wondai to Perkins Street coming in from Goomeri.

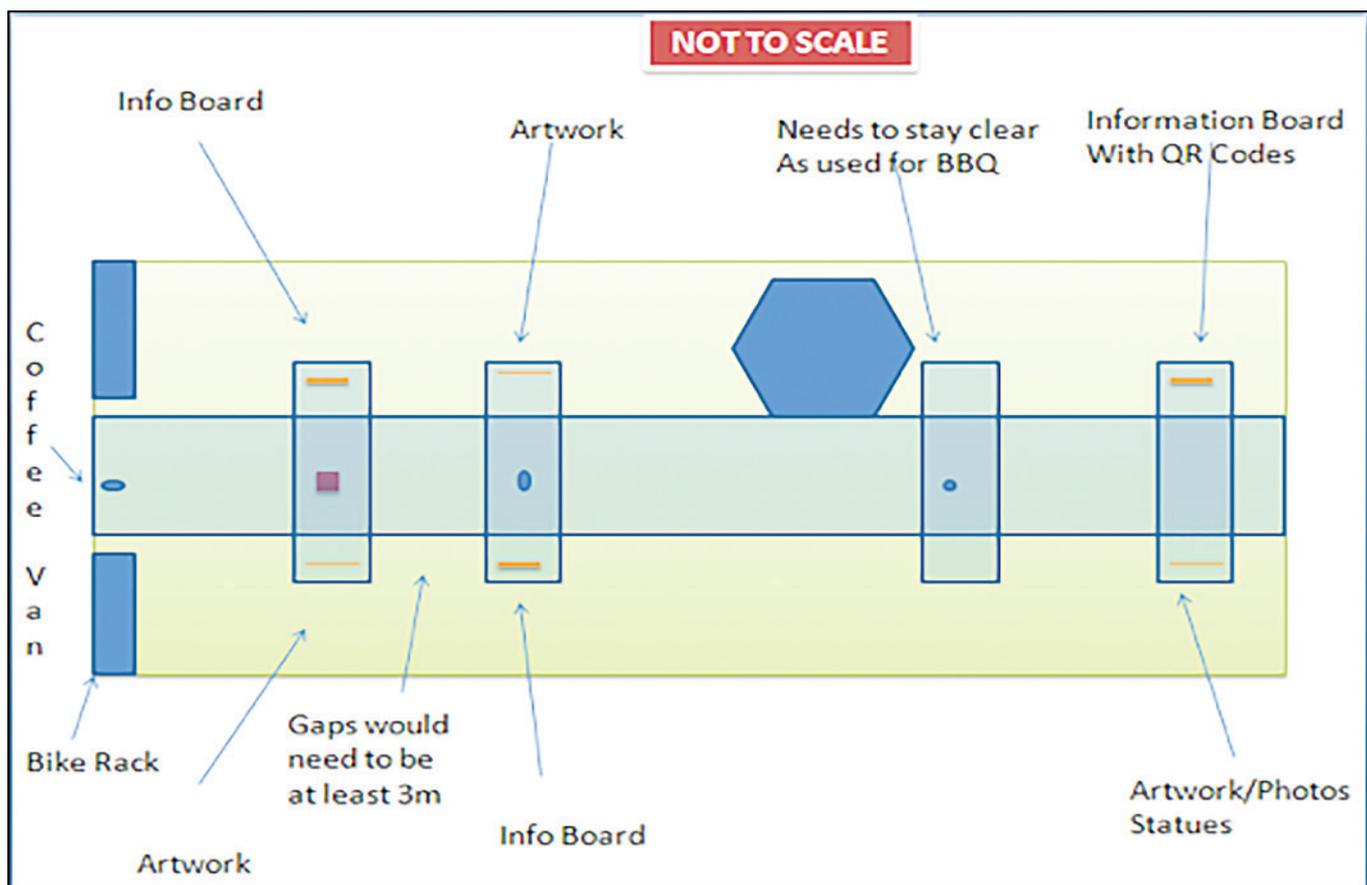
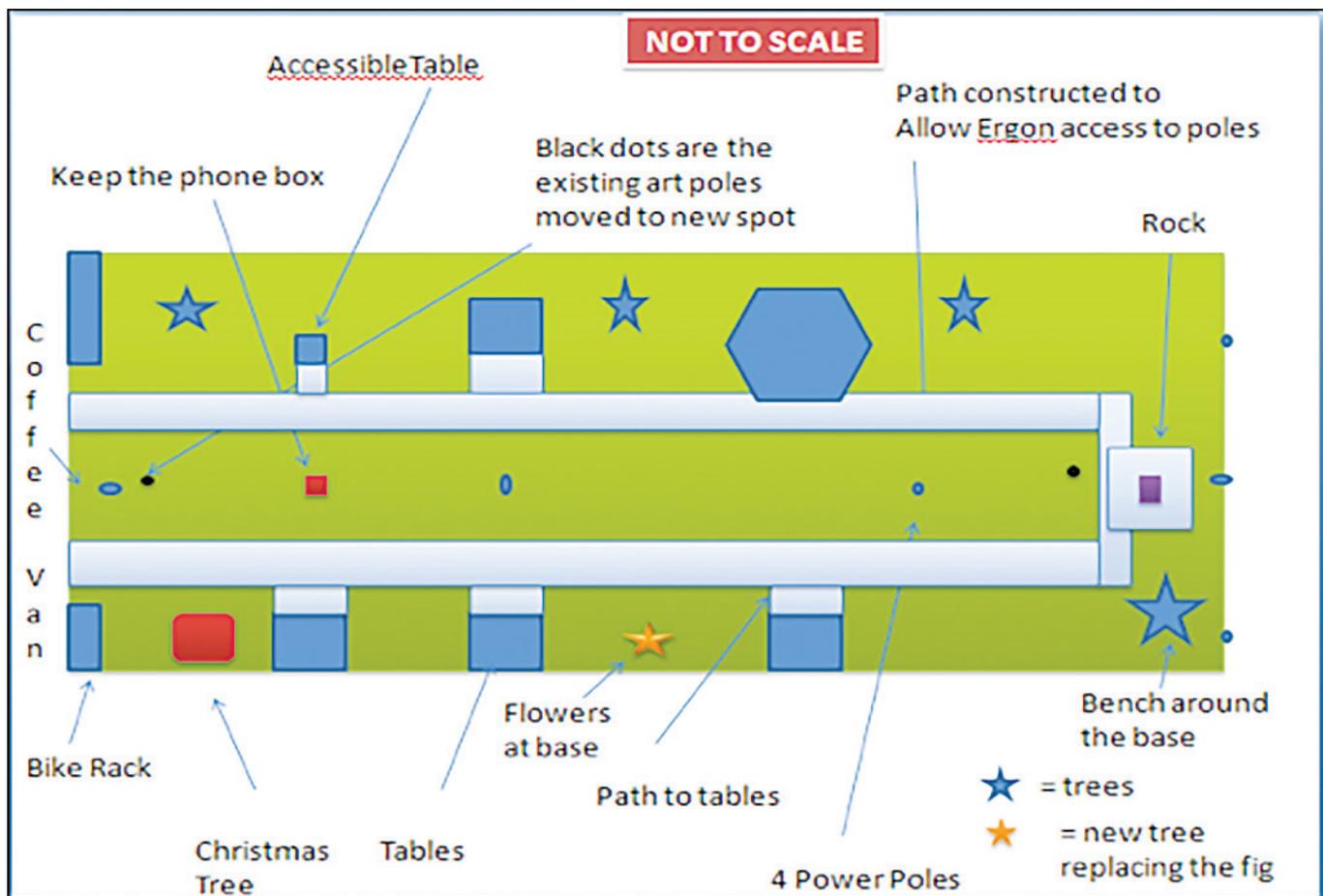


If you can't get to the meeting, contact Cr. Kathy Duff or Leo Geraghty to let them know your thoughts. (Leo has been appointed the delegate by SBRC to gather ideas). Leo has placed planning ideas and photos etc for stage 1 on the Noticeboard in the park...take a look and give it all some thought. Feedback welcome.

Alan Trim (from the Murgon Markets) has also drawn up a plan along with ideas. Come and have a look...see what you think of it all and add your thoughts or ideas.

Please note: the plan designs are not to scale and not professionally done....just all ideas at present.





Thank you. Follow us on our facebook page
 Murgon Business & Development Assoc. Inc. in conjunction with SBRC.



Carney's Feed Store is at Carney's Feed Store

Congratulations to Tim & Annette Euler on winning a Webber BBQ, our major prize in Saturday's multi draw! Congrats to all winners on the day, it was a ton of fun!



This design for Wondai's updated Bunya Highway roundabout was the preferred choice of almost 3 in every 4 residents who took part in an extensive community consultation process (Design: SBRC)

The redesigned roundabout will feature a smaller central garden area encircled by a three metre wide, semi-mountable kerb of dark-coloured concrete that will be much easier for large trucks to navigate.

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL SATURDAY 10AM - 12 MIDDAY MURGON PCYC

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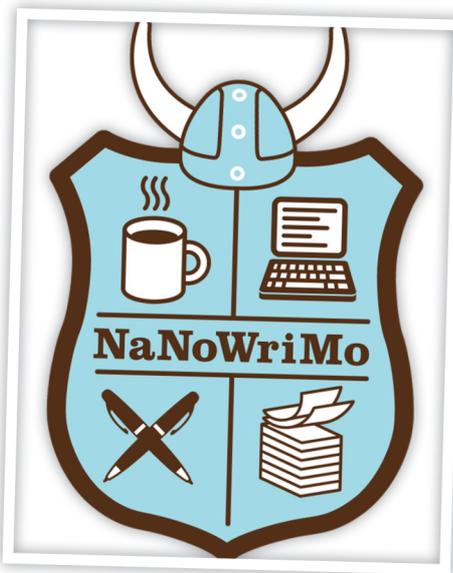
Kathy Duff said It was a wonderful morning with the Murgon State School students planting out their new gardens with mostly native plants. I also got to check out the beautiful murals painted by the Langton's that our Council sponsored!!



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NANOWRIMO AND WRITE IN THE MOMENT

What is NaNoWriMo? Well, it's National Novel Writing Month! Every November, writers, novelists and want-to-be authors come together to challenge themselves to write a novel in 30 days. Breaking down a novel into a daily word target makes it an achievable goal. Fifty thousand words in 30 days is an exciting challenge to take on.

Although NaNoWriMo will take place virtually this year, local authors and budding novelists are invited to attend the Kingaroy Library's Write in the Moment sessions, held every Thursday morning from 9.30am. These sessions are a great way for local writers to meet each other to share their ideas or tips and tricks to get started writing or how to market their book and more.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - WONDAL LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

Are you a book worm living in Wondai or the surrounding area? Why not register your interest in creating a book club that would meet monthly at the Wondai Library. For more information, please contact the Wondai Library on 4189 9252.



STORY TIME

Kingaroy 10.00am, every Wednesday
Nanango 10.30am, every Wednesday
Wondai 10.00am, every Tuesday

RHYME TIME

Kingaroy 9.30am, every Monday
Murgon 9.30am, every Tuesday
Nanango 9.30am, every Monday
Proston 9.00am, first and third Thursday of each month

CHILD HEALTH DROP IN CLINIC & RHYME TIME

Blackbutt 8.30am, every second Thursday
Kingaroy 9.00am, Tuesday 16 November 2021
Nanango 9.00am, Monday 22 November 2021

NEW at the Kingaroy Library

STAY & PLAY 10.00am, every Friday



BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

TALK, READ, SING AND PLAY AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

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South Burnett Libraries offer a range of interactive sessions that encourage reading and sharing books, singing songs and nursery rhymes and learning through play. Session times can be found on the library website.

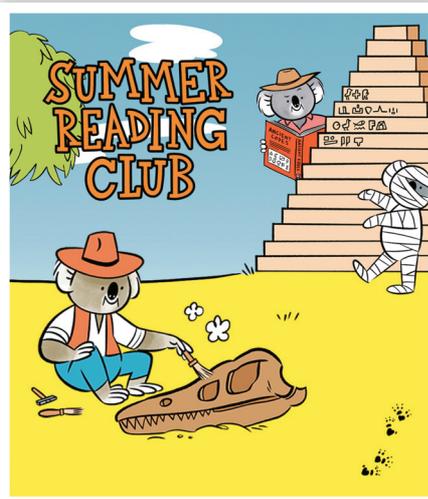
We'd love to see you!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & SUMMER READING CLUB

Have fun for **FREE** during the summer holidays at your local South Burnett Libraries branch!

To help keep boredom at bay during the summer holidays, the Blackbutt, Kingaroy, Murgon, Nanango, Proston and Wondai libraries will once again be partnering with the State Library of Queensland to take part in the Summer Reading Club! Held each year, the Summer Reading Club program connects children, young people and families with their local library in fun, creative and educational ways.

This year's club will run from 1 December 2021 through until 31 January 2022 with the theme "Uncover and Discover". Our libraries will have take-home craft packs available for collection during this time to keep young ones entertained. More information about the Summer Reading Club will be posted on the South Burnett Libraries Facebook page so be sure to keep an eye out.



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Murgon Christmas Festival 2021

Friday, December 10

At Murgon Central Park

Featuring— Christmas Songs

By

Beenleigh Baptist Worship team

4:30 pm— Rides & Local artists

6:30-7:30 pm— Beenleigh Baptist
Carols

7:30 until 9:30 pm— Rides
Face Painting

Fairy

Food & Drinks 4 Sale Rides & Activities

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There's more to MURGON...
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Shopping and local businesses

Murgon is a vibrant and friendly country town based in the northern end of the South Burnett region. It is a town with great facilities and amenities including loads of great shopping outlets with something on offer for everyone. MBDA president and owner of a local menswear store, Mark Smith explained how the businesses in Murgon love the feedback from locals and tourists. "Customers often comment about how friendly not only the shopkeepers are, but also the townspeople," he said. "Murgon is a friendly place with so much character." "With wide streets and plenty of easy-access for parking. Visitors and our local residents are able to explore the town of Murgon with ease and with safety," Mark said. Treasurer of MBDA, Lorraine Goodchild said "We have a great range of businesses available here in Murgon and visitors to our town are often pleasantly surprised and remark on how many great shops we have and how the town seems to be bustling. We are so proud of the vast-range of options available for shoppers," she added. The main shopping centre has Lamb Street running both ways through town with the wide streets being separated by parkland in the middle where you can take a rest... perhaps with a treat from the Bakery. There are plenty of options available for a nice casual lunch at one of the Cafes, Hotels or the Murgon Services Club and of course the Moffatdale wine region is just a 10-minute drive from town. Take a browse through the well-stocked Newsagency which includes beautiful giftware and a toy section. Murgon has a great selection of Gift & Homeware stores... be sure to visit them all...each with their own point of difference. A Menswear Store, Ladies Fashions, Sports Store & Country Clothing are all located within easy walking distance of each other. Keep an eye out for a brand-new store opening soon which will be bringing you clothing for all the family. You can shop for plants and garden supplies, hardware, and pet supplies...all your purchases will be carried and loaded into your car for you with the friendliest of service. And after all that shopping, take some time out for yourself and enjoy some pampering at one of the Hair & Beauty salons. Murgon also has a choice of Service Centres and an Industrial Estate for all those vehicle and machinery needs along with Supa IGA, Murgon Fruit Mart and a great Pharmacy for all those weekly essentials. The Murgon Business & Development Assoc. Inc. (MBDA) supports their local businesses and community, meeting regularly to promote ideas and actively lobby on various issues on behalf of their members. Any business servicing Murgon and district is welcome to apply for membership at any time. Visit www.murgon.net.au for more information on MBDA. Come and explore all the shopping options that Murgon has to offer...you'll be pleasantly surprised.

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There's more to MURGON...
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"Caring for our Community" - Cr Kathy Duff.

I love the Murgon community because everybody works together. I have been attending the Murgon Business Meetings ever since I was elected to the amalgamated Council in 2008. The MBDA meets 11 times a year and I have only ever missed one of their meetings when my Dad was in Brisbane hospital. I worked out that I have attended 142 of the MBDA business meetings in the 13 years since amalgamation. I was a Wondai councillor for four years before amalgamation and have been a Councillor in total for 17 years. I have enjoyed every minute

of the time I have been part of the South Burnett Regional Council. I love working for the community and helping people get better outcomes in the community. The Murgon Business community is tight knit. They love Murgon through and through and work together which is what makes them a united business community and a powerful town in our region. Murgon has a strong economy supported by a strong buy local campaign and is also well supported by other towns across the region. The free overnight stay attracts visitors to the town as well as the local Barambah Bush Caravan Park which offers a magnificent place to stay with power and all of the modern conveniences. 12513203-HC40-21 The Bjelke Petersen Dam is nearby and has great accommodation, fishing, boating and skiing. The Qld Dairy and Heritage Museum is totally volunteer run and takes you on a trip down memory lane. There is a Visitor Information Centre in the centre of the highly used Queen Elizabeth Park in the centre of the Murgon CBD. The rail trail goes through town with bitumen one way and gravel the other to give wonderful variety for walkers, runners, and cyclists. Murgon has a Men's Shed, a 9-hole golf course, and bowls and tennis are on offer. There is a beautiful memorial monument for the ANZACs, a modern RSL Club and a newly-opened Drop-in Centre. Murgon has a wonderful PCYC, a skate park and a soon to be opened Fossil Museum. Murgon has a hospital, ambulance service, and a Family Medical Centre along with a choice of shops until you drop. The Murgon Police do a wonderful job of keeping the community safe. The crime rate is very low and I feel safe and comfortable in both the towns of Murgon and Cherbourg. I would like to thank the Police for walking the streets regularly and keeping the community safe. I meet regularly with the local police and they keep me updated. The former South Burnett Mayor, the late Bill Robert, referred to Murgon and Cherbourg as Twin Towns. The Murgon Motto was, and I believe still is "Uintaite Fluoresces" - "In Unity We Flourish". Murgon is at the foothills of Boat Mountain, in the heart of the Burnett Valley, part of the great South Burnett, two and a half hours from city or sea. I am proud to represent the beautiful community of Murgon. Cr Kathy Duff "Town Proud"



Focusing on Old Mate

Broker Matt Buckley has been in the financial services industry since 1985, focusing on the insurance aspect since 1997, when a twist of fate led him to go solo; now, his insurance business Old Mate caters to clients from all over the Burnett. "I started brokering in regional New South Wales before moving to Bundaberg in 2013," Matt explained. "Although based in Bundaberg, I was attached to BGA Agriservices in Kingaroy as Insurance Manager and looked after all BGA branches in the Burnett and Wide Bay regions," he added. "At the time I joined BGA/Ruralco Insurance in 2013, they had just purchased the insurance business of Don Peel who had taken care of the needs of Murgon businesses, farms and households for many years." "I had big shoes to fill taking over from Don, but his former clients were very supportive and over the years some strong client relationships were built," Matt said. 12515042-BL40-21 At the end of 2016, Ruralco made the decision to sell off its insurance business interests to a city-based broker in Brisbane. "I was increasingly unhappy and frustrated with this, so I decided in September 2020 to go out on my own so that I could go back to providing the kind of services my clients were used to," Matt said. This, Matt said, is when Old Mate was created. "What makes Old Mate different is that I keep it simple." "Insurance can be complex and confusing, but I help my clients to understand what their risks are and then work with them to find a suitable and cost-effective cover." "I don't charge any broker fees - the commissions paid by insurers are already quite generous, so to charge an additional fee on top is not really justifiable in most cases," Matt added. "I also offer a Mates Rates scheme where I strive at reducing the cost on eligible policies transferred to Old Mate," he said. Old Mate provides all types of general insurance including farm, business, home and motor and also offers referrals for income protection, life insurance and superannuation. The business also has access to a car insurance policy that offers excess-free claims for kangaroo damage, which has proven to be popular in the country areas. "As most of my clients don't work 9-to-5 office hours neither do I," Matt said. "I'm available for enquiries and claims seven days a week, [and] I also operate a mobile service," he added. "I come to Murgon at least a couple of days each month and appointments can be made by phone, email or via the Facebook page." Old Mate Rural & Regional Insurance ABN 12 319 165 680 is an Authorised Representative of Oracle Group (Australia) Pty Ltd ABN 75 131 025 600, AFSL 363 610.

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Focusing on Supa cheap Carpets

Supa Cheap Carpets has been servicing the South Burnett for almost 10 years. Owners, Geoff and Janita Kington, have over 45 years experience in the floor covering industry with Geoff being a qualified carpet and vinyl installer. "Our first retail store opened in Rockhampton in 1975," Janita said. "In 1993, over 17 years later we moved to the Sunshine Coast and opened another store in Technology Drive Warana, which was taken over in 2009 by our sons who had worked with us for many years." "After a failed attempt at retirement we settled into Murgon and decided to open our store here in October 2011. Our range encompasses carpets, vinyl, planks" she said. Geoff travels far and wide throughout the South Burnett and offers mobile quote services to all areas of Kingaroy, Nanango, Yarraman, Kilkivan, Goomeri, Murgon, Wondai, Wooroolin and in between. As always, Geoff offers his customers the benefit of his experience and knowledge as well as prompt reliable service, best prices, and product advice. "Our prices are 'Supa Cheap' but not our product, which is always up to date and the best quality available. Specials and stock are available across our ranges, as well as remnants of carpet and vinyl when available. These remnants are fantastic for those small areas in your home or office." Geoff said. Lillian, a Supa Cheap customer, felt her home looked complete after her purchases at Supa Cheap. "I had a great time choosing the carpet we wanted with the help of the staff at Supa Cheap Carpets in Murgon. Now our house looks complete," Lillian said. Supa Cheap Carpet is a member of the Murgon Business Development Association and is proud to call Murgon their home. There's more to MURGON... a great place to live work and play Focusing on Supa cheap Carpets. Supa Cheap Carpets is situated on the corner of the Lamb St and MacAlister St Mobile quotes are available A large range of carpets to chose from

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Focusing on J.A. Carroll

JA Carroll Solicitors has been providing quality legal services to the people of the South Burnett for over 90 years and more recently since the amalgamation with South Burnett Lawyers they have another office, based in Murgon. "WE ARE MOVING!! That's right, we have acquired our own building located at 104 Lamb Street, Murgon and after some minor building renovations, we will be moving into our new premises early 2022," "We are excited to prepare and present a fresh office with additional space for meeting with clients and a more professional and inviting setting. We will be presenting an official opening for our past, current, and future clients and friends so keep your eyes open for this date to be announced. " Prim Laurentiussen from JA Carroll Murgon said. Paul and Prim Laurentiussen have owned JA Carroll's for over 12 years and are pleased to have continued to provide a quality legal service for people living locally in the Murgon area. The JA Carroll team works across both the Kingaroy and Murgon sites and they would like to take this opportunity to introduce them. Rebecca Willett is their full-time legal assistant, and she is supported by our Kingaroy-based executive services staff who you are likely to meet at different times in the Murgon office. Amy is the practice manager of JA Carroll Solicitors and is based in the Murgon office on Wednesday's. Emma is the team leader for executive services and is based in Murgon on a rotational basis. Tracey is the team leader for conveyancing and is also based in Murgon on a rotational basis. Cassidy, Rebecca and Shannen form our well commended conveyancing team. Leigh, Cass, and Tara are exceptional executive supports and they provide legal assistance across both Kingaroy and Murgon. Solicitors in Murgon JA Carrolls' solicitors practice in varying areas of law which allows them with the ability to tailor services

to clients' needs that ensures local communities have access to a broad selection of legal experience. Monday – Sjaana works in estate planning and residential and commercial property law. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday – Fiona works in family law, criminal law, estate planning, personal injury. Thursday – Paul is the principle of the firm and provides broad legal expertise in a range of areas of law. Mark works in criminal law and helps clients through the local courts in Murgon. Solicitors in Training “We look forward to increasing the range of areas of law within our practice and we are committed to opening opportunities for local talent to learn and practice locally,” Prim said. Prim has completed her law degree and is currently working on admission to the Supreme Court Queensland. She currently provides paralegal services to the Murgon office and once admitted, will be seeking to work in employment law having also completed a HR degree. Tara is currently working as a law clerk and studying Bachelor of Laws with University of Southern Queensland. “Please take the time to review our website for further information at jacarroll.com.au, or alternatively call our office on either 07 4162 1533 or 07 4168 3333



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Is the Bible Irrelevant?

Many people today think that indeed the bible is irrelevant. However, to do so denies the basic facts recorded in history – the bible was the basis of the laws of most Western Democracies, including Australia, and therefore, in an historical sense, it is still relevant today as it is an integral part of our legal system. Our country was established on Christian foundations. The first church service took place at Port Jackson on the 3rd February 1788, only a few days after the first fleet landed. A scholar stated ‘the longest enduring book, the Bible, contains the basics of our current legal system in the Ten Commandments. Law is very much a part of who we are as a species.’ Indeed, it is.

That is all well and good, but what about the rest of it. Is it relevant today, the parts about God creating the universe, the earth, Adam and Eve etc? And what about Jesus dying on our behalf for our sins? I suppose one would have to wonder why anyone would write a book which had all these very good laws in it and then write about some fanciful imaginary God who created everything and his son who died on a cross for us. Why would you do that? However, the bible has plenty of references to people and places including cities and towns, and claims to be a record of history itself. If you write those things, you are certainly leaving yourself open to investigation by people looking for errors. And you can be certain that indeed many people have written about so called ‘errors’ in the bible. They have stated that ‘such and such a town’ mentioned in the bible never existed; that ‘Jesus’ was a figment of someone’s imagination, and that scientists have proven beyond doubt that the ‘Big Bang’ created the heavens and the earth and that evolution created all life. However, as time has gone by, a funny thing has happened. Many of those ‘mysterious’ towns have been found by archeologists, just where the bible said they were. In fact, no one has yet proved that anything in the bible is incorrect. Not one thing. Pretty amazing. Similarly, those atheists and skeptics who have honestly and earnestly investigated the existence of Jesus have come to the same conclusion-he did indeed live on earth. As one skeptical investigator, Josh McDowell, said, there is so much concrete evidence that a man called Jesus did live on earth and was crucified that ‘if it was presented in a court of law, the verdict would be that Jesus was indeed real!’ (He wrote a book called ‘Evidence which Demands a Verdict’). Yes Jesus lived and died on a cross alright.

Now to ‘The Big Bang.’ If ever there was a con, this is it. For there to be a big bang, there has to be something to explode, right? So where did that come from? And evolution – every day the Theory of Evolution changes because what they claimed yesterday is found to be wrong today. But you won’t see that in the news headlines. Honest evolutionists will admit that it is still an unproven theory.

So where does all this leave us? Can I prove to you that there is a God and a Jesus? No, I can’t. And God wants it that way. He wants you yourself to check out if he is real – I can’t do that for you. But you have to be fair dinkum and you have to be fair in your search. If you really want to find out if God is real then YOU will find him. Why? Because he says so. ‘You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.’ That is Gods promise to you.

God bless you as you seek Him. Glen Vonhoff. Murgon Church of Christ

New Police Vehicle for community was unveiled at Cherbourg State School - the artwork was created by Uncle Rocko Langton as part of a project with school children and the Police Rangers



National strategy to prevent and respond to child sexual abuse

The National Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Child Sexual Abuse

(2021-2030) announced today, will provide vital protection and support for Australia's young people.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison said the landmark National Strategy was the first of its kind.

"This is a watershed day for Australia. Today we deliver the first ever long-term, truly national plan to protect our children from the scourge of sexual abuse," Prime Minister Morrison said.

"We must stop the abuse, and we must better support those who have been abused. We are doing our bit with an initial \$307.5 million commitment to implement the National Strategy."

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien said this whole-of-nation effort is welcome news for victims and survivors, children and families in Wide Bay.

"The safety and wellbeing of our community has always been a top priority for me, and since the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse we've been working with organisations on building child-safe cultures," Mr O'Brien said.

"This National Strategy is a significant development in Australia's capacity to support survivors and to hold perpetrators to account."

"Through this strategy, we are more united than ever in our approach towards law enforcement, community awareness, intervention, and support."

The National Strategy was developed in partnership with Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments and in consultation with hundreds of stakeholders, including victims and survivors of child sexual abuse and their advocates, children and young people, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and people with disability and their advocates.

The first phase of the National Strategy will be driven by two, four-year action plans.

The First National Action Plan – delivered by Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments in a coordinated and consistent approach – includes a national awareness raising campaign, new ways for survivors to access support, and the implementation of a National Victim Identification Framework.

The First Commonwealth Action Plan – which will be primarily delivered by Commonwealth agencies – includes \$59.9 million worth of initiatives to be delivered by the Australian Federal Police (AFP) to combat child sexual abuse, and \$13.1 million to fund an independent national service to provide free legal advice to all victims and survivors of child sexual abuse.

Each action plan also includes co-designed approaches and resources for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

For more information, visit: the National Office for Child Safety website at <https://childsafety.pmc.gov.au>



Congratulations to the newly elected Committee for the Murgon Show Society...working hard all year round to keep a level of interest going and to raise funds for improvements around the Showgrounds with events throughout the year all leading up to the Annual Agricultural Show held each year in March. The Rodeo will now be coming up in 2022.

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Funding for local groups to boost organ and tissue donation awareness

The Liberal and Nationals Government is providing up to \$750,000 in the

2022 Community Awareness Grants for initiatives that will reach key audiences and provide creative ways to raise awareness of organ and tissue donation.

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien, is encouraging community groups, local businesses and not-for-profit organisations to apply for a grant of between \$10,000 to \$50,000 to help drive community awareness and family discussions about the importance of donation, and increasing the number of registrations on the Australian Organ Donor Register.

"Organ and tissue donation are life-saving and life-changing for recipients," Mr O'Brien said.

"We know nine out of ten families will agree to organ donation if their loved one is registered and they've spoken about it as a family, so these types of grants are crucial in helping us get the message out and ultimately saving the lives of those on the Australian transplant waitlist.

"These grants will help to encourage the 13 million eligible Australians who have not yet registered their decision on the Australian Organ Donor Register to do so."

Mr O'Brien said it was very easy to register as an organ and tissue donor at either donatelife.gov.au or through myGov or the Medicare Express Plus app when downloading your COVID-19 vaccination certificate.

Mr O'Brien said applications were invited in one of three categories:

Broad-reaching national events;

Media, public relations or digital activities; and

Research/behavioural change projects or the development of education resources.

Regional Health Minister, Dr David Gillespie said the grant round is particularly looking for applicants to help reach audience groups with low awareness about donation, including young Australians, First Nations Peoples and multicultural groups.

"We know community groups and local businesses often have great ideas but do not have the resources to bring their ideas to life – these grants support those ideas," Dr Gillespie said.

The 2022 Community Awareness Grants are provided by the Organ and Tissue Authority as part of its national Community Awareness and Education Program.

"The easiest way to increase our donation rate is to get more families talking about donation and registering to be organ and tissue donors," Mr O'Brien said.

"I hope to see a number of applications from Wide Bay, and I encourage everyone to talk to their family and register to be an organ and tissue donor at donatelife.gov.au."

Applications for this round of funding open on Friday 22 October 2021 and closes at 10:00am AEDT, Wednesday 17 November 2021. Multi-year funding of up to three years is available for national events applications. Successful applicants will be announced in February 2022.

For more information about the Community Awareness Grants, including the assessment criteria and the application process, visit donatelife.gov.au/grants

JOKE

A man who decided it was time for him to seek out a church that would meet his spiritual needs went into one when the congregation was being led by the minister in prayer. We have left undone those things we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

Praise the Lord! sighed the man, sinking into a back pew. "At last I've found my kind of people!"

Dairy & Heritage Museum Murgon



Twenty-three members of The Downs Wanderers Caravan Club visited the Museum on Friday 22nd October. They enjoyed a morning tea served by our volunteers, a butter making demonstration followed by a tour of the Museum. All comments were positive. They were staying at BP Dam and making the most of our region.

October has been a busy month with 3 School groups visiting this week for tours. It is pleasing to have the schools back once again this year. November is also shaping up to be a busy month with School visits and a caravan club booked in for morning tea, butter making and tour. Bookings are also coming in for 2022.

Our grounds are looking great after the rain and a big thank you to our volunteers who keep everything maintained, could not be done without them.



Congratulations to local cricketer Courtney Sippel!

She took 3/25 off just four overs for the Brisbane Heat against the Hobart Hurricanes on Tuesday night at Launceston, helping the Heat to victory and cementing their position at the top of the Women's Big Bash League table!



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Kathy's Comments

Covid-19 Vaccination Hubs in Murgon and Proston

On Tuesday the 16th & Wednesday the 17th of November there will be a Pfizer vaccination hub at the Murgon Visitor Information from 9am until 4 pm. This is a walk-in hub with no need to book in. The Murgon Men's Shed will be providing a free sausage sizzle throughout the morning and they will also have their land rover MAVIS on display. There will be a vaccination hub in Proston on Saturday the 13th of November from 9.00am until 12.00pm in Blake Street opposite the Library. There will also be a vaccination hub at Murgon State High School on 13th and 14th of November.

Relay for Life Fundraiser walk from Murgon to Kingaroy

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Mayor and I walking 43 kms from Murgon to Kingaroy to raise money for Relay for Life. I would also like to thank Kerri Le Du for providing a medical bike and riding the whole way to ensure we made it safely. Also, a big thank you to Trevor Otto for riding the pilot bike and to Sharon Trim for being there for us at every stop to provide the food and beverages. It was also great to have Daniel Pelcl from South Burnett Today walk from Murgon to Tinny and Anne Martindale from South Burnett Online together with Michelle Hansen join in for the last leg. It was a team effort so thank you to everyone especially those who donated towards the cause.

Australia Day Nominations now Open

Please make sure that if you know someone or an organisation that is deserving of an award, that you put in a nomination. The nomination forms are available on Council's website or at the Council Offices. Nominations close at 4.30pm on Friday November 12th. The categories are Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Junior and Senior Cultural Awards, Junior and Senior Sportsperson, Sports Administrator/Coach/Official, Community Organisation of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, Local Achievers for each town and Rural Local Achiever.

QEII Park Upgrade Feedback Wanted

Council has allocated \$150,000 to go towards upgrading the eastern end of Queen Elizabeth Park in Lamb St, Murgon. We are wanting everyone who is interested to let us know what you would like to see in the park. There is another opportunity on the 10th of November at 5.30pm in QEII Park near the VIC to meet and have a look at the plans so far and provide further feedback.

Pinking up for the month of October

Thank you to everyone who once again pinked up for our region. We are waiting on final figures for the donations to the McGrath Foundation as there are still funds coming in. A big shout out to Sue Cox, our local breast care nurse, who attended most of the events. I enjoyed some wonderful events including a big fundraiser at the Proston Golf Club where they raised over \$1500.

Proston Park Run



I had the honour of officially opening the first ever Proston Park Run, Congratulations to Linda Rea, Kathy Crane and the volunteers who have helped to make this happen. The 5 km track is very beautiful and it is wonderful to have an opportunity now every Saturday to join in for exercise or simply fun and fellowship, so well done everyone.

100 years of Di Di

On the 27th of November our family will be celebrating 100 years of our property Di Di Station. Di Di has been in the Duff family name for all those years, and we have a proud history in the South Burnett. We are holding a church service on the property at 10.00am followed by lunch and a bull walk at 2.00pm. Warren Webber has been working on a book and it will be launched at 4.00pm followed by the cutting of a cake made by our local Murgon cake guru, Gloria Berry. The Murgon Lions Club are providing catering and the Murgon Show Society are doing the bar. Mondee Coffee are also coming as well as Spike Butler with his horse and buggy. I think it will be a great day, everybody is welcome but please rsvp to angela@duff.com.au for catering purposes.

Duff Stuff

I want to give a big shout out to Denise and John Welsh from the Proston Golden Spurs Hotel for sponsoring a segment every Wednesday afternoon on Crowfm at 4.30pm called the Duff Stuff. Matt Collins and I talk a little bit about Council but mostly have a light-hearted chat, a quiz, a joke or talk about events that have happened or are coming up. I have had people message or phone me with quiz questions or jokes so thank you to the community for sharing in the fun and thanks again to the sponsors, the Proston Golden Spurs Hotel.

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Our October meeting at Graham House was an educational one with Kerrie and Bob from the **Murgon Local Ambulance Committee** doing a life saving presentation on CPR and the use of a defibrillator. There were many questions from the members on such an important topic. Phil and Alison put their hands up to demonstrate on the mannequins, what they'd learnt about the techniques.

Kerrie and Bob have committed to return in 2022 to give 2 more presentations. Thank you to you both for your dedication and ability to impart knowledge with humour.

A special thanks also to Graham House for setting up, providing drinks and transporting member Gay to the meeting.

Garry won the box contents for guessing **how many band-aids** were in the box. Some think he may have had some insider information. Phenella was the holder of the **lucky ticket** and chose the cake of Dove for her prize.

We had our normal poem reading time with Merrilyn reading a poem written by Lyn.

Happy October birthday to Margaret and Dell.

Our Christmas party is at the Wondai Diggers Club on **MONDAY NOVEMBER 29**.

Bookings are essential by **MONDAY NOVEMBER 22**. Our charity of choice to donate to on the day will be **Graham House**. **Cost for the meal will be \$20 per person (subsidised cost)**.

Start time is 11.00 a.m. Prizes awarded for creative thought. Carmen is currently "brain searching" to come up with some original game ideas for the day.

Parkinson's Disease is a neurological disease for which there is presently no cure. It is a chronic disease which worsens over time, has a variety of symptoms, and is extremely debilitating.

Our group is small and friendly and we welcome people to attend and support the group. Without new members our group is diminishing in size.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT DAY



To be held at Mondure Hall on Thursday 11th Nov. Starting 9.30 until 2.30pm Learn to make Tree Decorations, Bon Bons; Cards, Diamond Dotting, Etc. Kits available for purchase for work shops. Christmas gifts available for purchase.

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