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The Public Trustee of Queensland Annual Report for 2016–17 tabled today shows an extra \$3.3 million was added to the Public Trustee's unclaimed money fund during the year, taking the total of unclaimed cash to \$121 million.

Currently there are more than 1.2 million names listed in the unclaimed money database, with a total of \$121 million to be claimed, so there's a fair chance you may find some long-forgotten money that's owing to you.

It might not be a large amount of money, but it's worth having a look to see if there's anything there that's yours to claim.

Peter Carne, the Public Trustee of Queensland, said the unclaimed money came from a range of sources, including insurance, telecommunication, electricity and utility companies.

"Often people have money owing to them that they are unaware of. This can be for a number of reasons such as moving house or instances where a company has been unable to contact you to forward you your money.

"The largest claim we've had was over \$500,000 and the smallest claims are a few dollars.

"We have a simple process to locate and claim money, just go to Public Trustee website – www.pt.qld.gov.au – and enter your details in the unclaimed money database," Mr Carne said.

"If you find money you think is owing to you, download the claim form and follow the steps outlined.

"At the end of the day we are pleased to provide this valuable service, as people are often surprised when they are reunited with long-forgotten funds," Mr Carne said.

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South Burnett Toastmasters are proud to announce our winners from our recent Club speech contests held in August each year: And the winners are:

Best evaluation: Heather Castle. (Cloyna), **Best Humorous Speech:** Kathy Webb (Nanango)

International Speech: Lyn Schuh (Kingaroy), **Best Table Topics:** Heather Castle (Cloyna)

Congratulations to all the club members who participated. For more information about toastmasters please check out our website toastmasters.org

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NEW TOURISM CAMPAIGN TO ATTRACT YOUTH TO WIDE BAY

Tourism Australia has launched a new youth campaign, 'Aussie News Today,' to attract more young people to the Wide Bay region.

Aussie News Today was launched atop the Sydney Harbour Bridge by former Wallabies rugby union star Nick Cummins, aka the 'The Honey Badger'.

Aussie News Today will capture humorous and interesting stories about Australia and share them with young people through Tourism Australia's digital channels.

The Honey Badger will be joined by TV presenter Teigan Nash and former Home and Away actor Lincoln Lewis – all three will be the anchors for Aussie News Today.

In addition, eight winners of a competition announced earlier this year will travel around Australia in campervans collecting stories for Aussie News Today – including a stop on the Fraser Coast.

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien said the new campaign would highlight the attractions of the region and help lure more young travellers.

"Aussie News Today aims to make Australia the most desirable destination in the world for youth travellers, and the Fraser Coast will play an important role in the campaign," Mr O'Brien said.

The campaign will initially focus on four of Australia's largest youth markets - the United Kingdom, France, Germany and Italy.

Mr O'Brien said the new campaign offered a great chance for Wide Bay businesses to showcase their region, and encouraged business owners to submit news ideas to #AussieNewsToday.

This is the third in a series of youth and working holiday maker (WHM) campaigns funded through an additional \$10 million provided to Tourism Australia as part of the Coalition Government's WHM reform package.

"Young people travel more, go further, stay longer and spend more – and just over half of them also return to their favourite spots. This makes them a critical market for Australia, representing a quarter of arrivals and almost half of all spending by international visitors." Mr O'Brien said.

"They also share their travels on social media, attracting more young visitors – these are all reasons why we want to attract more of them to Wide Bay," Mr O'Brien said.

Australia is setting new tourism records as Tourism Australia continues to receive record funding from the Coalition Government.

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MEN'S SHED BUILDS UP THE MURGON COMMUNITY

The Murgon Men's Shed has completed construction of a second shed. The extension will give shed members additional work and meeting space. The Coalition Government invested \$25,000 toward the upgrade.

The members of Murgon's Men's Shed will have more space to work after the newly completed extension opened.

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien said the second shed was required to accommodate increasing membership and to provide space for the men's projects, which include restoration work on horse drawn vehicles and old farming machinery.

"I'm pleased to deliver on my election commitment to Murgon," Mr O'Brien said.

"Today everyone can see what Men's Shed projects are all about, with the displays of some of the restoration pieces they've been working on and already finished.

"The Men's Shed forms part of the historic Old Murgon Railway Station right in the heart of town, and is a local landmark as walkers make their way down the rail trail.

"The second shed opening is one of many events celebrated, with the community also welcoming the new Murgon section of the Kingaroy to Kilkivan Rail Trail.

"People in Murgon will benefit from this shed which will become a point of increasing activity and engagement in the region. Men's Sheds strengthen the community by encouraging participation and supporting volunteers. They can contribute to the growth and development of other local organisations too by sharing resources with them.

"They also serve an important health and wellbeing role by reducing social isolation and improving mental health, particularly among retired and older men, providing mentors for those facing uncertainty in life and who are looking to acquire new skills."

Minister for Regional Development Fiona Nash said Men's sheds provide a great meeting place for local men.

"The Men's Shed is a great place to work with your hands, learn a new skill or just sit and have a chat," Minister Nash said.

"I aim to build the kind of communities our children and grandchildren want to either stay in or come back to, and supporting men's sheds does just that."

The Federal Coalition Government invested \$25,000 to the project, with the Murgon Men's Shed Inc. providing the remaining \$25,545.

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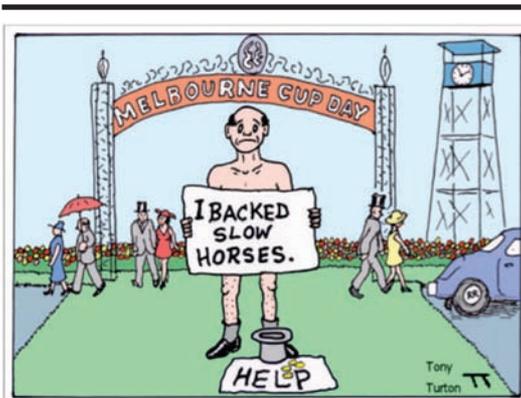


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Well maintained and offered in excellent order this family home has 4 good sized bedrooms, the 4th is used as an office. Modern built in timber kitchen with dishwasher. Separate spacious dining. The lounge extends into and enclosed sunroom making for 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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PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD REINSTATED FOR 828 WIDE BAY FORMER PART-PENSIONERS

More than 800 former part-pensioners in Wide Bay will have their Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) reinstated from today.

These former part-pensioners lost the card in January as a consequence of reforms to the pension assets test, which were designed to make the pension system more affordable and sustainable for the future.

Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien said the reforms provided an increased pension for people with lower asset levels, and some people lost their part-pensions if they had a high level of assets.

"The reforms meant that as a consequence, the people with higher levels of assets also lost their Pensioner Concession Cards and could no longer access a range of local government, state and private sector benefits like discounted property rates and public transport," Mr O'Brien said.

"The Coalition Government is reinstating the PCC which will ensure that these 90,000 former part-pensioners, including 828 in Wide Bay will be able to access those benefits again in the future."

The PCC will be automatically reinstated from today commencing Monday, October 9, and it's expected that all those eligible will have their card within the next fortnight.

Those expecting a reissued card don't need to do anything to receive it, it will be sent to them automatically.

They will also retain the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card, which continued to be provided after the January 2017 pension changes. This means they will continue to be paid the energy supplement that they formerly received with their pension.

For more information about reinstatement of the pensioner concession card, go to www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/news/pensioner-concession-card-reinstatement

For more information on assets levels go to www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/enablers/assets.

FORMER MURGON FOOTBALLER HOLD YOUR HEAD HIGH



The Queensland Cowboys Captain, former Murgon player Gavin Cooper led his team into the 2017 NRL Grand Final, taking on the responsibility of Captain after Australian and Queensland State of Origin player Jonathon Thurston received end of year term shoulder injuries.

This is a copy of the speech Gavin made recognizing Melbourne Storm and their players after his side was defeated in the NRL Grand Final.

"I just want to congratulate Smithy (Cameron Smith), Bellyache (coach Craig Bellamy) - the whole Melbourne crew. You showed tonight what you've been showing all year," Cooper said. "You were a cut above everyone this year - everyone should be very proud of what you've done and achieved. "Tonight, you gave us a lesson in the tough stuff. Congratulations and enjoy the trophy.

"To our members, fans, supporters - up north, south, from all around, right up there - to all the families that have travelled far and wide, it's been a heck of a ride this last month. No one gave us a chance in hell to do anything that we've done.

"We gave ourselves a chance to do something special. Unfortunately we fell short but thank you for your support.

"To our guys, it's been a tough year but it's brought us closer together. Like Bill (Slater) said we'll be better for what's happened

this year, we'll get a couple of names back and build on what we've done.

The sky's the limit.

"To Cooper Cronk and Bill - not sure what you're doing (next year) - whatever you guys decide to do in the future, congrats on everything you've achieved in the game.

"You've made our game a better place for the last 10 years and if you do leave, there'll be some big shoes to fill so once again congrats Melbourne and thanks everyone for your support."

QUEENSLAND ANZAC CENTENARY



I was delighted by the recent announcement of 16 new community projects funded through round three of the Spirit of Service grants program. Congratulations to the grantees from around the state—from Warrego to the Whitsundays—who will share in \$190,000 to deliver memorials, restorations, documentaries, historic research, theatre productions and many more exciting initiatives.

Including these new projects, 250 community organisations have received in excess of \$5.2 million in funding to date. I've been closely involved in assessing each application, and have been much impressed by Queensland communities' eagerness to research and

commemorate the sacrifice of their local servicemen and women.

With that in mind, we are now only slightly more than twelve months from Remembrance Day in November 2018—one of the most significant commemoration dates of the Anzac Centenary. I encourage all Queensland community groups to consider how they will mark the centenary of the end of the First World War fighting.

The Spirit of Service grants program is available to help enhance your Remembrance Day plans, with applications for round four accepted until 15 October 2017. Round six, the last round of the Lasting Legacies grants program, offering grants between \$20,001 and \$80,000 is also open and will close 28 January 2018.

To stay up to date with the progress of the current projects, and to stay abreast of the many more commemorative activities which are part of the Anzac Centenary program—including commemorations of the battles of Polygon Wood and Beersheba and more, please visit www.facebook.com/anzaccenentaryqld or our website.



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He kept on increasing the number of blocks but the cat kept coming home before him. A last he decided to drive a few miles away, turn right, then left, past the bridge, then right again and another right and so on until he reached what he thought was a perfect spot and dropped the cat there.

Hours later, the man calls his wife at home and asked her, 'Is the cat there yet?'

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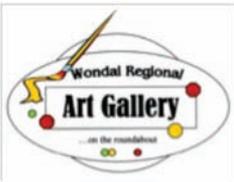
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November 2017 Exhibition



The month of November will see the Wondai Regional Art Gallery hosting three exhibitions.



“Colorful Reflections” by Glenn Kelly (Main gallery)

Glenn is an emerging artist, working mainly in acrylics and resin. He likes to partake in oils as well. His love of bright colours explodes on the canvas in daring splashes in an abstract manner. In his latest works he is endeavouring to capture the mood in spiritual realism.

“Mulga Bills Bicycle” by Darling Downs Textile Art Group (Front gallery)

This very talented group present a collection of eleven panels illustrating Banjo Patterson’s famous verse ‘Mulga Bill’. Each panel brings a different set of lines to life and the panels are arranged in sequence to take the viewer on his/her own journey with Mulga Bill. The panels show a wide range of techniques, all using textile fibres as the medium. Visitors will enjoy sophisticated felting, fabric dyeing and painting, hand and machine embroidery, applique, fabric piecing, quilting, drawing and various means of fibre manipulation. These panels showcase the artist’s love of literature and social history as well as the mastery of skills developed collectively over decades of life experiences.



“Soul Sisters” by Joy Carter and Trish Erkens (Third gallery)

Joy and Trish have been good friends and painting buddies for some 10 years now and have very much in common with their painting and gardening endeavours. Joy has a real love for flowers which reflects in her watercolours. She also dabbles in oils and acrylics and sometimes pastel. Trish loves anything that catches her eye and watercolour is her real love. She is fond of animal studies and uses all mediums to capture their images. Joy and Trish

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Council is legislatively required to adopt a five (5) year corporate plan which sets the strategic direction of Council for that period. The current corporate plan will expire during 2018 so it is timely for Council to commence the development of a new plan.

"I would like to encourage the community to provide feedback by completing the survey which is available via Council's Facebook page and website." Mayor Keith Campbell said.

An electronic survey is available via Council's website www.southburnett.qld.gov.au, Facebook or printed copies of the survey are available at Council's libraries and Customer Service Centers. The survey will close Thursday 26 October 2017.

Murgon RSL Sub Branch Inc. proposed dates for Community Luncheons

Thursday 7th December 2017, Thursday 8th February 2018, Thursday 10th May 2018, Thursday 9th August 2018, Thursday 29th November 2018.

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PROSTON QCWA NEWS

So much to do and so little time.

September has been exceptionally busy – Trivia Night with Australian Theme on 9th September. Fantastic fun night. This event primarily organized by Covertly Rural Fire Brigade with QCCWA Proston providing supper.

The second of three workshops of Country Kitchens Hands On Nutrition Workshops was held on 13th September. The third one on 11 October. A very worthwhile and informative part of QCWA.

On a sad note – we were asked to cater for the funeral of Gordon Buchanan. So many people came to pay their respects.

Two of our members took time out to visit Toowoomba to attend a craft school. Other members can now benefit from the skills they were taught.

The Wondai Spring Garden Expo was on 22 and 23rd September, and as usual we set up a stall showcasing some of our wares.

The flu virus laid up so many of us this period that a lot of extra work fell onto the shoulders of a few.

Now! Mark your calendars for the following events in November:

Melbourne Cup Luncheon on 7th November at the Proston Community Hall from 10 am.

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LNP tells power execs – no bonus until prices fall

- Liberal National Party to freeze executive bonuses until power prices fall
- New KPIs will reward executives who lower power prices
- Some government energy bosses earning more than \$900,000 per year and getting bonuses of more than \$100,000

A Tim Nicholls-led LNP Government will freeze executive bonuses at Queensland government energy businesses until electricity prices decrease to give families a fair go.

LNP Leader Tim Nicholls said under the Palaszczuk Labor Government wholesale power prices in Queensland had increased by 70 per cent and household electricity prices had hit record highs.

"The message is blunt: your bonus will be frozen.

"That means these executives will not receive their bonus until power prices fall.

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KILKIVAN TO KINGAROY RAIL TRAIL OFFICIALLY OPENS

The Kilkivan to Kingaroy Rail Trail, built with \$2 million in Queensland Government funding, was officially opened last week by the Mayors of South Burnett Regional Council and Gympie Regional Councils.



The ceremony at the Kilkivan Railway Station marked the culmination of two years' work that turned a disused rail corridor into a recreational trail to boost regional tourism and local recreation.

South Burnett Regional Council Mayor Keith Campbell said the benefits to the region were being realised even before the official opening.

“Feedback from visitors and locals has been very positive and the trail was ranked as one of the best they’ve ridden by visiting cyclists,” Cr Campbell said.

“The tourism and economic benefits to both our regions can only be more widely spread with the increased usage of the trail by locals and visitors alike.”

Gympie Regional Council Mayor Mick Curran said the project created a significant outdoor recreation asset for locals in the Gympie and South Burnett regions and a key economic driver to boost visitation of the townships along the trail.

“This will provide ongoing opportunities for future community activities and events to take advantage of this unique experience,” Cr Curran said.

Attracting hikers, cyclists and horse riders, the 89km rail trail runs from the Kilkivan Railway Station through to Goomeri, Murgon, Wondai, Tingoora, Wooroolin, Memerambi, Crawford and finishes at the Kingaroy Railway Station at O’Neil Square in Kingaroy.

The rail trail has two components of unsealed and natural surface. The 45.5km natural surface section starts at Kilkivan and runs through to Lamb Street Murgon, ending at the Murgon Post Office, and the 43.5km sealed section starts on the other side of Lamb Street next to the Murgon RSL and finishes at Kingaroy.

South Burnett Regional Council’s section of the rail trail consists of a 43.5km sealed section that has had two coats of bitumen and 13km of natural surface. Nine timber bridges, two floodway crossings and a level bridge at Barambah Creek were built and Tingoora Bridge restored.

Along with the entire infrastructure works carried out, Council also planted more than 7000 native plants along the rail trail as part of the Australian Government Biodiversity Fund Program. Council worked in partnership with CTC employment services to engage planting teams through Gumnut Place in Murgon to undertake the project.

The planting will enhance the trail by providing shade and shelter for trail users and over time will also increase habitat and safe vegetated pathways for local wildlife and create a corridor between existing vegetation hubs such as Mount Wooroolin, Wondai forest reserve and Boat Mountain.

Interpretive signage has been installed at strategic locations along the trail, displaying past and present local history, the rail trail code of conduct, maps and distances for users.

Photo 1 L-R: Gympie Regional Council’s Cr Hilary Smerdon, Member for Gympie Tony Perrett MP, South Burnett Regional Council Deputy Mayor Kathy Duff, Gympie Regional Council Mayor Mike Curran, Department of State Development’s Regional Director Wide Bay Burnett Fiona Bowden, South Burnett Regional Council Mayor Keith Campbell, Member for Nanango and Queensland Deputy Leader of the Opposition Deb Frecklington MP and Member for Callide Jeff Seeney MP

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SOUTH BURNETT DAMS BOASTS HOT EDGE BITE!

The lakes edges and deeper flats have really come alive with some cracking fish caught at BP and Boondooma and the fishing is red hot.

Boondooma

Good numbers of big bass and yellow belly have been caught all around the dam using a variety of techniques. If you're a keen lure fisherman the best place to start is on the edge, look for rocky points or weedy edges with a bit of structure and you're sure to pick up a fish or two casting lipless cranks, spoons, plastics or spinner baits. I like throwing a Bassman spinner-bait 3/8 in Olive colour tight to the edge, let it sink to the bottom and use a slow wind back to the boat with a couple of rod shakes in between to entice a strike. I like to 'Burn' or quickly crank a lure back occasionally to really get them to hit aggressively. If you're doing this hold on to your rod cause the bite is usually hard and fast. Some cracking Golden Perch and Bass have been caught over the last month from the edge, so it will pay to start this way early on your day out.



The Author with a cracking Toga from the edge

The best way to keep catching quality is to move deeper as the day starts to heat up. The bigger bass have been caught out on the flats of the dam later in the morning as the wind and warmth starts to pick up, areas such as the junction through to pelican have been productive, as well as Death Valley the Barbour's pole and the main lake points near the dam wall in 30ft of water. Make sure to check with the kiosk if you're unsure of the names of areas of the dam. I like targeting the areas just wider of the flats as they start to drop off into deeper water. I've been finding the fish have been sitting on these ledges and are usually more willing to bite. Ambush points like this are great for our predatory bass.

plastics in darker green or florescent colours, 5/8 ounce spinner baits rolled slowly along the bottom and 1/4 and 3/8 ounce blades hopped or slow rolled along the bottom in silver or gold colours.

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.

Trollers have been starting to pick up some good numbers of Golden Perch trolling up in the arms of the dam using deep diving hard bodies. Make sure you have a lure retriever hand as you'll be bound to get caught up in the timber. Red claw have just started to pick up a bit with the consistent warm weather around the rocky edges using rockmelon, pumpkin and dog biscuits.

The best techniques on the flats and ledges have been slow wound Spoons, 1/2 ounce rigged

Lake Barambah

BP dam has really been making the customers happy with the Bass coming up from the deeper flats and creek beds to feed heavily on the edges. The fish aren't afraid to hit anything that resembles a bait fish.

Young Harry Goldie with a thumping Bass from BP



The best methods for getting amongst the action is to look for a good rocky edge, position yourself about 40 to 50 meters from the bank and cast towards the edge, let the lure sink to the bottom and start a slow consistent wind. I've found the best techniques have been lipless cranks, spinner baits, tail spinners, 1/2 ounce rigged plastics, jerk baits and blades cast up

near the edge. Realistically, if you throw your favourite lure to the edge long enough it's bound to get smashed by a hungry bass or yellow belly. Likely areas to target are all over the dam from the dam right through to the shallows up the back of the dam, just look for a rocky edge, sit out wide and cast towards the bank, it's truly that simple.

Trollers are having the same luck by trolling the edges of the dam with deep diving hard bodies.

Bait fisherman are in much the same boat with fish coming from most locations close to the bank using, live shrimp, salt water yabbies and worms fishing close to the bottom. Red claw are also on the comeback as the water warms considerably.

Dam news

Last weekend saw the opening of the Rail Trail from Murgon to Kingaroy, so if you've had enough fishing at the dams or looking to do something different, I would highly recommend riding the trail. It takes you through some of the best locations in the South Burnett and you can do it all at your own pace. Accommodation is available at BP and Boondooma, so if you're staying overnight, don't hesitate to give us a call and we'll have you resting comfortably. Until next time, tight lines and bent rods

Matthew Langford

MURGON VALUES IMPROVE



Numbers were back to just 400 in Murgon on Tuesday with between 30 and 70 milometers falling in the Burnett on Monday. Values for most descriptions improved slightly. Cattle were consigned from Coringa, Mt Perry, Mundubbera, Gayndah, Nanango, Kingaroy & locally.

Heavy Bulls sold to \$2.57 c/kg, an improvement of 5 -10 cents per kilo. Few **Heavy Steers** were yarded and sold to a top of \$2.79 c/kg for \$1700.00. **Cows over 500 kg** averaged \$2.02 c/kg. **Cows 400 – 500 kg** averaged \$1.99 c/kg and topped at \$2.27 c/kg. **Cows under 400 kg** were firm on the previous sale. T & B Schulz Moffatdale sold **Charolais steers** for \$2.77 c/kg for \$1420.00. Senepol cross steers a/c S & J Finney Memerambi sold for \$1265.00 at \$2.89 c/kg. 390 kg Charolais cross steers from I & M Buckley Gayndah sold for \$1112.00 at \$2.85 c/kg. Their lighter brothers weighing 334 kg sold for \$966.00 and \$2.89 c/kg. R Sudull Booie sold Droughtmaster cross steers for \$939.00 at \$2.97 c/kg. 2 pens of Droughtmaster cross steers a/c Myora Pastoral Co Johnstown sold to \$3.16 c/kg to return \$953.00 & \$928.00. A

& J McLennan Corndale sold 275 kg **Angus cross weaner steers** for \$858.00 at \$3.12 c/kg. Brangus weaner steers from J & J Oppermann Gayndah sold for \$848.00 and \$3.27 c/kg. 208 kg Angus cross weaner steers from "Holroyd" Boobyjan sold for \$698.00 at \$3.34 c/kg. G & T Campbell Paradise Dam Coringa sold Santa weaner steers for \$687.00 and \$3.32 c/kg. Light Brahman weaner steers from S Oppermann Gayndah sold for \$3.15 c/kg to return \$615.00. Daddamarine Trust Boobyjan also sold Brahman steers for \$635.00 at \$2.87 c/kg. 440 kg **Charbray Heifers** from D & M Hoogstraten Goomeri sold for \$2.63 c/kg returning \$1164.00. C & J Finney Manumbar sold Senepol cross heifers for \$813.00 at \$2.70 c/kg. 275 kg Devon cross heifers from Goomeri sold for \$754.00 at \$2.74 c/kg. 2 pens of Santa **weaner heifers** from G & T Campbell sold for \$2.85 c/kg returning \$670.00 & \$588.00. 218 kg Brangus weaner heifers from Koobooda Grazing Gayndah sold for \$571.00 at \$2.62 c/kg.

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.



Over 35 footy match between Kingaroy & Murgon attracted some old faces and was a lot of fun.

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.

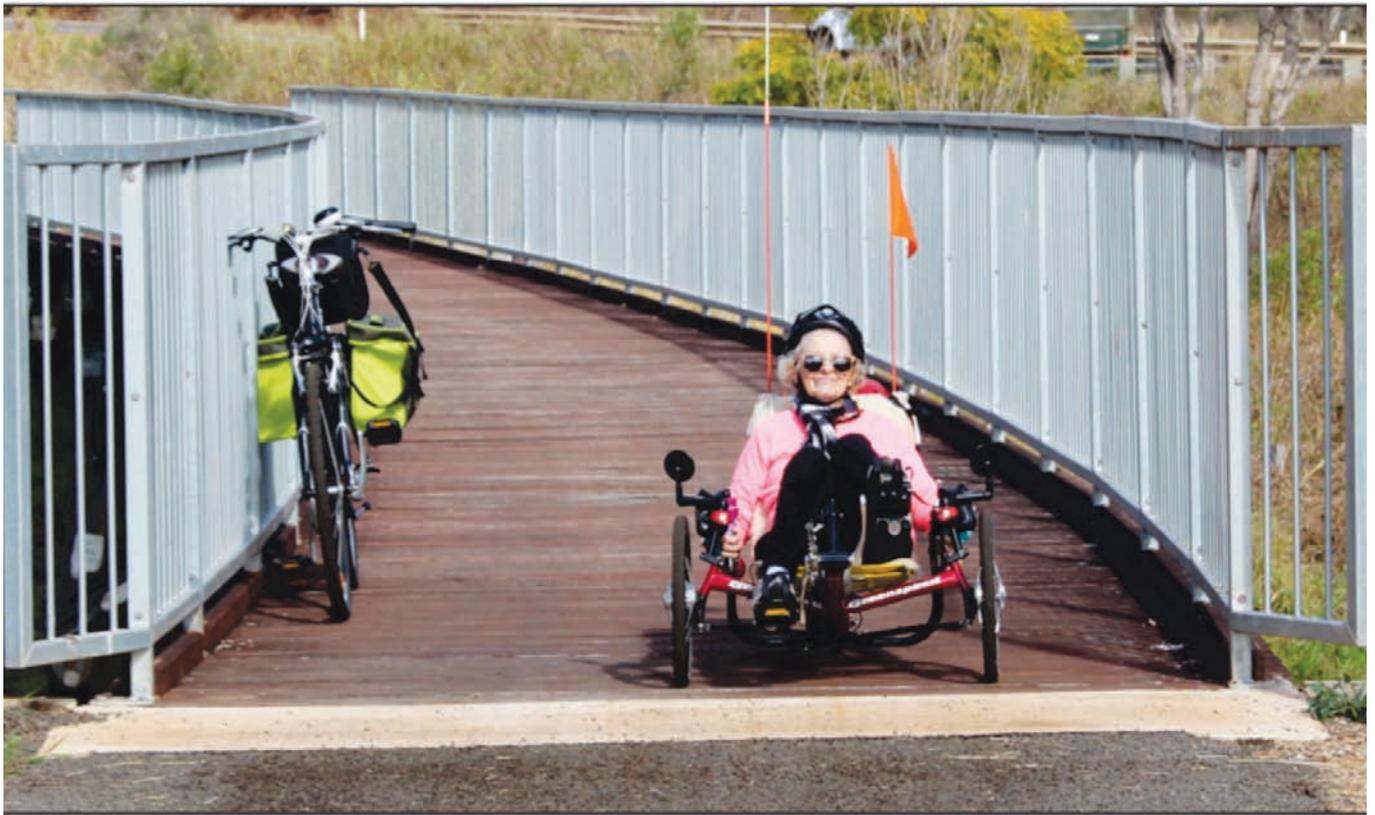


Photo from Al and Barb Villiers Hervey Bay who rode the South Burnett Rail Trail , Barb on her recumbent trike riding over the bridge near Tingooora.



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**The Centenary Wondai Show was opened by
the Governor of Queensland, His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC.**



Photo L-R: Mrs Kaye de Jersey and the Governor of Queensland, His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC.

At least four Queensland Governors and two Queensland Premiers have opened the Wondai Show since it was first held in 1911

Linda Silburn enthralled the crowd with the dresses of yesteryear at the 2017 Wondai Centenary Show and thanked the ladies and gentleman for their help



Congratulations to the following young men and women who won awards at the Presentation Evening:

Miss Showgirl - Bianca Wenck; Rural Ambassador - Josh Retschlag; Junior Rural Ambassador - Cameron Rutledge; and Runner up - Poppy Rose.

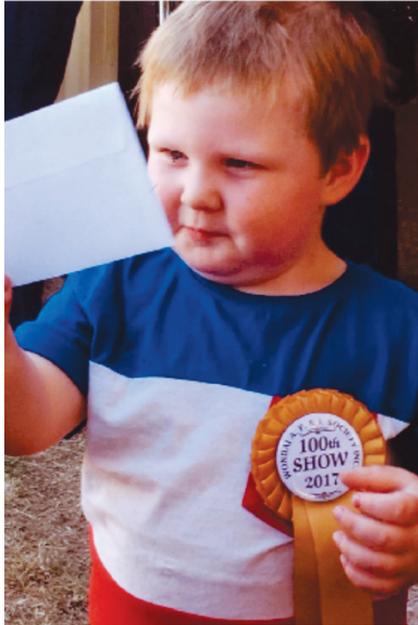
WONDAI SHOW 2017 POULTRY RESULTS

The poultry section remains as one of the big attractions at the Wondai Show with 387 entries.

Champion Bird of the Show shown by Ken Graves from Esk, OEG Black Red Cock.

Reserve Champion Bird shown by Nev Ballinger from Maryborough, White Wyandotte Cockerel.

Large Soft Feather shown by J&D Rutledge, Black Langshaw Pullet.



Large Hard Feather shown by Ken Graves from Esk, OEG Black Red Cock

Soft Feather Bantam shown by Nev Ballinger from Maryborough, White Wynandotte

Hard Feather Bantam shown by K&M Clifford, OEG Black Red Cock.

Champion Breeding Pair shown by Jason Thomas.

Reserve Champion Breeding Pair shown by Jack Robinson from Hivesville,

Champion Junior entry shown by Tyson Copier.
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A well-presented 4 bedroom family home on 10 acres, just 10km west of Kingaroy. Three bedrooms are large with built-in's, the main having an ensuite & walk in robe, fourth room is smaller with no built-in. Large open plan kitchen, dining & living area with a wood heater & ducted a/c. Outdoor patio area is a great for entertaining. Double garage attached, 6x3 garden shed, 6x9 workshop with a double bay concrete floor, both have power connected. The property is broken into 5 paddocks, all with troughs & water. There is a small set of cattle yards and Tarong water is connected plus 10,000 gallons of rainwater. This property also offers solar hot water, bitumen road frontage, school bus past the gate and a wheelie bin service. **KINGAROY - \$425,000**



Set on a 1100sqm block in the quiet 'Parkside Estate' in Wondai. A 3 B/R brick home that is only 7 years old and is in immaculate condition. All the bedrooms have good built in robes and are a generous size. The two way bathroom has a separate shower and bath and has access from the main bedroom and the hall. The living area is open plan and has a/c. Ceiling fans throughout the home. The kitchen boasts quality cabinetry with self closes, glass display, large pantry and room for a large fridge. Fully screened outdoor area, complete with kitchenette and TV. There is accommodation for 3 vehicles with a 3.6m wide garage. Town water and 5000gal Rain water both plumbed into the house.

WONDAI - \$289,000



This immaculately presented home is situated on a 1/4 acre block with views out to the Bjelke Petersen dam. Weathertext cladding on the outside of the home, steel stumps and timber verandahs on three sides. The home has been designed to be open plan allowing the breeze to flow through at all times of the day and night. Vinyl covers the floors throughout the home. Two bedrooms both with built in cupboards, ceiling fans and good quality blinds. The home is insulated with a gas heater plumbed in, Gas oven and cooktop with a gas hot water system as well. Three bay colourbond shed with an extra bay added on.

Garden shed and ample water tanks for the property. **MOFFATDALE**

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South Burnett Libraries

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Rhyme Time

Recently local Mums and Bubs joined Librarian Julie Manning, Community Health Nurse Kathy Crane and local QAS Officer Nolan 'Jonesy' Jones to present a Rhyme Time Session that included a CPR awareness and infant first aid.



The regular Rhyme Times sessions are focused on making talking, reading and singing with your child a part of your daily routine and this session was organised to include additional health information.

A group of 13 parents and their babies took part in the discussion and demonstrations.

Rhyme Time is held at the Proston Public Library on the first and third Tuesday of the month from 9.00am.

Kingaroy Library

Oral Health Storytime

Several young library patrons now have extra shiny white teeth after a visit from the Darling Downs Health Service's Dental Van. They brought with them a book written to help children understand the importance of oral health from a young age. The children lined up eagerly to take a turn at brushing the teeth of some oral health puppets.



Book Launch

Sharon Pearson presented her first book "Fences, Gates and Posts" to a captive audience of 40 people at Kingaroy Library in August. Sharon and her husband have travelled around Australia where she has taken photos of unique and interesting fences, gates and posts in regional Australia. The book featured the stories and character of some of Australia's best outback yarns. Her book is available to borrow from South Burnett Libraries.



Spanish Speakers Group

Are you a Spanish Speaking person? Do you live in the South Burnett Area? The Kingaroy Library will be hosting a conversation group for those interested in speaking with others in Spanish. If interested, please contact the Kingaroy Library for more information on ☎4189 9256.

School Holiday Activities

South Burnett Libraries were once again hubs of activities during the school holidays with children flooding in to make DIY Fidget Spinners, Springtime Mobiles, Pet Rocks and to even play Library Mini Golf. The children enjoyed designing, decorating and building throughout the holidays.



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Marie and Bevan Routledge were the first to sample the delicious stake burgers whilst Margaret Long can't wait to test the food that Lion member and son Dillon Long was presenting at a trial tea evening held recently.

The Murgon Lions Club has been fortunate to get many new members this year and it was great to see the young members (men and women) at work and they will continue to make the Lions mark on the many areas in the Town of Murgon and enjoy their friendship.

History was made in the South Burnett on Sunday 1st October 2017 with the official opening of the South Burnett Rail Trail.



Mick Freeman, from the Kingaroy Nutters running club is handed the Rail Trail baton by Mayor Campbell. It's been a long time in the making, and has had a few false starts along the way.

The Theebine-Kingaroy rail line was officially closed on Christmas Eve 2009 after being mothballed for some years. Planning soon began to develop a recreational trail, but in 2011 the South Burnett Regional Council decided to hand the project back to the State Government. In the dying days of the last Federal Labor Government, \$550,000 was promised to Council to develop a trail and hopes were again raised; sadly, this money never eventuated. But in July 2014, the dream began to turn into a reality when then-Deputy Premier Jeff Seeney signed over \$2 million from the Royalties For Regions program to the South Burnett and Gympie councils to develop the trail from Kilkivan to Kingaroy. The South Burnett section of this trail runs from Murgon to Kingaroy along the

southernmost section of the former railway line. The opening celebrations for this southern section drew large crowds of local residents and visitors on Sunday, eager to be part of history. Celebrations were scheduled in each major town along the route.

Photo: Two of the penny farthings cycle leisurely into Crawford ... there's still a long way to go!

First up was Kingaroy, where cyclists, runners and walkers gathered at Kingaroy's former Railway Station building at 6:00am.

The runners from the Kingaroy Nutters and the Go Getta Girls took turns at carrying the baton to Murgon

After the official ceremonies, they hit the track with the sound of an old steam train whistle ringing in their ears. This brass whistle, now powered by compressed air, was made in the Ipswich Railway Workshops in 1925. It stayed in service on Queensland steam trains until 1963, after which it was



bought by Moore resident Bob Howe.

Several dozen cyclists – including three on penny farthings – and smaller groups of runners and walkers took up the challenge of travelling the 43.5km to Murgon.

Water stations were set up along the way at Crawford, Memerambi, Wooroolin, Tingoorra and Wondai.

Morning tea was available at Wooroolin and a lunch at Wondai.

Shuttle bus services, sponsored by Stanwell Corporation, allowed spectators to follow the action along the trail or participants to complete smaller sections.



There were many family groups enjoying a day out on the South Burnett Rail Trail, The Rail Trail baton makes its way past the old Wooroolin rail sheds for its first morning stop.



A quick handover ... and the baton is on its way again for the last stretch to Murgon

In Murgon, a large community celebration featuring live music, over 40 market and food stalls, pig races, billy cart races, animal farm, Aboriginal Dancers and displays of fishing boats and live fish, historic wagons, classic cars, paintings, Judo displays and pottery awaited the arrival of the Rail Trail baton.



The Murgon celebrations began at 8:00am with the Cherbourg Warriors Fun Run, and continued all day on the land surrounding the Murgon Men's Shed and the former Murgon Railway Station.



The Wakka Gubbi dancers performed in front of the stage



Nev Sommerfield, from Murgon, and his vintage squeezebox



'Deadly' Hedley Fisher, from Goomeri, was playing on stage with Harold Chapman



Enjoying driving the train of Barry Brierley's at the model railway were Kendal Murray, Peter Bligh and Neddy Bond, from Cherbourg





Viv White, from Viv's Farm Animals, with a four-day-old Dorper sheep ... the animal farm is always popular with the kids



Cherylin Buttle, from Kingaroy, and Andrea McGee, from Crawford, were having fun in the billycart races



The Murgon Services Club sponsored novelty pig races drew a big crowd around their miniature racetrack





Quentin and his father Jack Morris display a two-piece water-based enamel Quentin painted for Sunday's event. And was later sold for \$250.



A group of cyclists makes its way into Murgon just in time for the official ceremonies and one of the beautiful photos that can be seen at the old railway sites.



Plus
 Two legendary Murgonites, Peter Angel & Trevor Otto, who completed the whole 44kms from Kingaroy to Murgon on Sunday!!

Another special guest was long distance runner Ron Grant, now 74, who set off along the trail before sunrise so he could claim to be the first person to walk it from end to end.

About 1:00pm on Sunday, a weary but happy Ron Grant walked into Murgon an hour ahead of schedule to meet up with other officials who had climbed aboard two restored horse-drawn wagons near Schultz Crossing.



Ron Grant, 74, walks into Murgon with his wife Anne after his 43.5km trek from Kingaroy



Ron was handed the Rail Trail baton to carry the last few metres of its journey



Two riders completed the inaugural Cherbourg Horse Ride from Goomeri to Murgon along the unsealed portion of the trail

At 2:00pm, the official party then paraded to a stage set up next to the former railway station, preceded by six members from the 5th Light Horse Regiment's Gympie troop.

The official part of the day's proceedings opened with a welcome To Country from Cherbourg Mayor Arnold Murray, followed by a blessing of the rail trail by Glen Vonhoff from the Murgon Church of Christ.



Jeanette Brown, Uncle Cecil Brown and Cherbourg Mayor Arnold Murray ... Mayor Murray performed a Welcome To Country to kick off Murgon's official proceedings



Two antique wagons and tractors restored by the Murgon Men's Shed full of VIPs were pulled to the main stage, Dignitaries attending these celebrations included Member For Callide Jeff Seeney, Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien, Cherbourg Mayor Arnold Murray, and the "fathers" of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail, Reg McCallum and Kerry Mercer.



5th Light Horse Regiment Gympie troop horse riders Jim Boyle, Suzanne Chapman and Helen Ainsworth, accompanied by Terry Parkin and Allan and Helen Chapman, led the official party into Murgon.

Member for Callide Jeff Seeney told the audience the Rail Trail had its genesis in 2006 when he was first told the former railway line was to be closed, and he had struck a deal with then-Transport Minister John Mickel to keep the railway land in public ownership.

It had taken a further eight years to find the \$2 million Royalties For Regions funding that paid for the new trail to be created, but Mr Seeney said he was very proud of being able to do that.

“The bitumen seal on the South Burnett Rail Trail is unique in Australia and allows many more people to use it,” Mr Seeney said.

“This trail will increase the tourism assets of the South Burnett and provide valuable recreation and health benefits for locals who use it.”

Ron Grant made a surprise admission that he had only “discovered” rail trails a year ago, but was now a confirmed fan.

Earlier this year he had travelled the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail from Wulkuraka to Yarraman over three days, so he was determined to be the first person to walk the South Burnett Rail Trail end to end.

Runner Mick Freeman officially passed the Rail Trail baton back to Mayor Campbell, who presented medallions to all the runners who had taken part in the relay.

After this the Mayor declared the Trail officially open to the sound of the steam train whistle.

“This is an historic day and a momentous one,” the Mayor said.



“The railway arrived in Murgon in 1903 and made it to Kingaroy in 1904, and it changed everyone’s lives for the better. “I believe the South Burnett Rail Trail will do the same, bringing economic benefit to all the towns along it and a great facility for locals as well as visitors.”



A painting by World renowned local Indigenous artist Max Conlon was auctioned and raised \$2500 for the Murgon Men's Shed



Murgon Business and Development Association president Leo Geraghty shows a railway lamp used by former Murgon Railway porter Arthur Joice



Runner Ron Grant joined the official party on stage in Murgon and told of the beautiful scenery and the stars in the sky when he set out at 4am today.

Cr Gavin "Spud" Jones' Charity Challenge donated \$1200 to RACQ LifeFlight and \$1100 to the Murgon Men's Shed. And left Cr Kathy Duff \$200 poorer

Cr Kathy Duff was sure her other Councillor Cr Jones would not make the distance, riding his cycle from Kingaroy



to Murgon!

Photo L-R: MBDA President Leo Geraghty, Mayor Keith Campbell, Federal Member Llew O'Brien, Deputy Mayor Cnr Kathy Duff, Stanwell Rep John Carey, Cherbourg Mayor Arnold Murray, State Member Jeff Seeney, Champion Long Distance Runner Ron Grant.

The Railway Man

Railway clothing outfit and his tools of trade, Lanterns for use at night shunting supplied by former porter for 37 years at Murgon Railway station Arthur Joice.





The winners of the day's prizes were announced by committee member Greg Mitchell
Isabella Burke, 7, won the U12s billycart race; Claire Dennis and Chloe, 6, won the open event

Many Thanks.

We sincerely thank all the members of our committee who put this carnival together in Murgon, You were all outstanding and should feel very proud of your achievements. We also wish to thank The Murgon Services Club for their sponsorship of the pig racers, The Murgon RSL and Clifton Motors for the use of their ground for much of the entertainment, The Murgon and Proston SES who assisted all day from 1/4 to 5 in the morning, the Proston Scouts who sold tickets in the raffle, the Murgon Men's Shed who built the billy carts and partnered with the Murgon Business Assoc, the South Burnett Regional Council for their sponsorship, Greg Griffith, The South Burnett Times, 10/71 4SB radio, Crow/FM, the MBDA Murgon Moments, South Burnett online, Pursers Coaches, Stanwell, Barry Brierley with his model train, the Murgon Lions Club, the Murgon Rotary Club for the stage, the SB PCYC, Q Gap, the Murgon Judo Club, Eric Schlieff with his steam car, John Kraft rope maker, the fishing display, Stewart Whitaker, Mick Rees, Kathy Duff portable PA system, Vivs Animal Nursery, Max Conlon, Show & Shine Club, Arthur Joice railway clothing and memorabilia The Murgon local Ambulance, South Burnett First Aid Volunteers, Gilmore Family Entertainment, Larry Ford, 5th Light Horse Regiment Gympie troop, Margaret Laughton, all the entertainers - the Barber Singers, the Murgon Melody Makers, Bob & Robyn Riek, Wakka Wakka Dancers, Nev Sommerfeld, Hedley Fisher, Muddy Flats, Daure Moses, Andrew Beckett the master of the sound system, the volunteers and all the stall holders who all made this day such a success..

Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien, who secured a \$25,000 Federal Government grant to help with an extension to the Murgon Men's Shed, also took advantage of the celebrations to declare the new building officially open.



Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien, Member for Callide Jeff Seeney and Murgon Men's Shed president Glen Vonhoff at the unveiling of the plaque to mark the official opening of the \$50,000 extension of the shed

We are in the planning mode for next year with a bigger and better carnival including the Bjelke Petersen Dam Fishing comp, a revamped light show that was a highlight years ago, and a new name T.... & T.... Festival.

Do you want to be part of it ???? We would love you to come on board. Ph 0429 024 041

Could even have Red Claw Racing

Steve Hart (Billy Meade) Night Show

Progressive Dinner

**History was made in the South Burnett, Media Story and Photo's courtesy South Burnett Online,
Many Thanks.**

Murgon Hospital Auxiliary 20 Year Reunion



Mayor Keith Campbell and Deputy Kathy Duff congratulated the Murgon hospital auxiliary on the great job they have done over the past 20 years at a commemorative dinner held at the Murgon Services Club recently. The office bearers are Mrs Judy Fuller President, Mrs Heather Purser Secretary, Mr Ashley Rewald Treasurer, two of whom have served on this committee for 20 years.

Mrs Julie Kelly of the Murgon Hospital thanked the President Judy and members of the hospital auxiliary for inviting her to be part of the 20 year celebration. Julie said Hospital Auxiliary's are an important part of any hospital as they provide much needed support through their fundraising and volunteer efforts. The support provided over the past 20 years has been amazing for such a small organization.

One of the first projects tackled by the auxiliary was to develop a palliative care room. The auxiliary applied for a grant through the AMP foundation to renovate an area within the hospital. This made a huge difference for patients and their families (including my own), providing a homely area where families could stay.

The auxiliary was heavily involved in the combined service clubs upgrade to the palliative care led by the Rotary Club. The auxiliary have continued to insure it is maintained to a high standard, purchasing a replacement sofa and recliners, re-oiling the deck and providing security screenings. Their efforts are appreciated by all members of the community.

It's not just all about palliative care, it does not matter where I look within the hospital, I can see the auxiliary support. Each bed has a TV, radio, bedside tables, chairs and curtains supplied through the generous donations of the hospital auxiliary. The waiting room chairs, sun sale and outdoor settings, UHF radio, pressure relieving cushions, wheel chairs, shower chairs, infusion pumps and syringe drivers have also been provided by the auxiliary.

Most recently the auxiliary has painted the conference room, replaced the blinds and installed air-conditioning to improve the comfort for patients utilising the telehealth services or staff attending a meeting.

Over the years the auxiliary has been asked to manage money donated from community members to support the hospital. The recent upgrade to the emergency department is an example of this.

Over the past 20 years the auxiliary has raised \$199,350 a further \$110,000 was raised via donations, goods and services by the community for the palliative care upgrade. In addition to this they have supported the "Focus on You" health promotion.

The auxiliary is a small dedicated group and its members volunteer a massive amount of time to their fund raising efforts, spending many hours selling raffle tickets, purchasing gifts for the Christmas fair staff, making and icing the cakes which are so popular for every raffle. I cannot thank the auxiliary members past and present and the community enough for their support of Murgon Hospital.

Leo Geraghty also thanked the hospital auxiliary for their tireless efforts in upkeeping the many accessories that we all take for granted and the hospital where his two children were born. When I took the above photo I wasn't quite sure if the Mayor Keith Campbell was looking at me or perusing the glamorous legs that were set on the tables.

A beautifully presented cake, similar to the ones that have been sought after for years in raffles, was enjoyed by all. Congratulations and many thanks to the Murgon Hospital Auxiliary.



Ottawak again in Murgon proudly brought to you by Graham House Community Centre

We laughed all night, and what about the new member of the troop Grant, might make a special appearance at the Murgon Rotary Music Muster if he can get enough sponsorship. Grant the world awaits you!

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Good news item for Sam, Brothers Ipswich and Cherbourg Hornets.



Photo L-R: Junior President Brothers Ipswich Rugby League Club donating football gear to Sam Perrett.

Sam who is 14 attends the West Moreton Anglican College at Ipswich. As part of a "Leadership Experience" (Doing something good for his community) he decided to engage the Brothers Ipswich Rugby League Club Community and collected footy gear from donations to be passed onto Indigenous kids at the Cherbourg Hornets Rugby League Club. The gear included over 270 individual items and all are of good quality, footballs, water bottles, training shirts, jerseys, shorts, socks and boots. All these items were generously donated through a footy gear drive Sam organised at Brothers Club. We hope the boys and girls at Cherbourg may get some

enjoyment from these items and use them in their football endeavours. Everyone including players, Brothers Juniors and Brothers Seniors helped out with the drive and made it a highly successful endeavour. Sam got much pleasure out of the fund raising and part of the experience was to meet and exchange the gathered items to the kids of Cherbourg through Warren Collins.



On Saturday the 22nd of Sept Sam and his Dad loaded the trailer full of gear and drove to Cherbourg where Sam handed the items to Warren Collins. (President of the Cherbourg Hornets).

Warren was very much appreciative of the gear and said it would go to good use around the club. He presented Sam with a Cherbourg Hornets Supporters Shirt. We hope to make this an annual event.

Photo L-R : Sam Perrett and Warren Collins (President of the Hornets) with the ute full of gear as well as a trailer full in tow meet up in Murgon on their way to Cherbourg.

Editors Comment : Your father Gary Perrett must be very proud of you and the community salutes you.



GRAND FINAL AND PRESENTATION REPORT



Quotes from Nanango and District Netball Association President, Sheena Lindholm:

The Envirospheres Junior final was a well played, hard fought final, with Sassy Unicorns who was top of the ladder beating Twister Sisters 15 - 5. The Player of the Grand Final as Sassy Unicorns Maleah Roberts who also won Junior Player of the year later in Presentations.

The Envirospheres Cadet Final was between the top two teams in the competition Dangerous Divas vs Rapid Fire and it was the nailbiting final the crowd expected. The game was very close, with both teams drawn at full time at 26 all. The game went into extra

time, with Rapid Fire scoring the final two goals that would win them the game, 28 - 26. Cadet Player of the Match, went to Jessica Frohloff from winning team Rapid Fire.

“The Junior Final had great spirit, with teams running out through the arms of other players and handmade banners hanging up over the spectators benches. Not all of us get to experience a grand final, the nerves, the excitement; but these Junior players played very well under pressure, especially Twisted Sisters who came from 4th on the Ladder to be in the grand final. Sassy Unicorns deservedly took the win, but both teams played really well. Maleah Roberts from Sassy Unicorns who was Player of the Final, played another excellent game which demonstrated her leadership in her division and both her attack and defense netball skills which is why she is also an outstanding player in the U 11’s Representative Team and later took out the Junior Player of the Year trophy.”

“The Cadet Final had every emotion expected in a final, spectators standing on their seats cheering, loud commentary on the sideline from previous opponents, audible gasps at a mistake and celebrations at a turnover of the ball. This game displayed some outstanding netball, and the top teams Rapid Fire and Dangerous Divas showed why they made it to the last centre court game of the season. The win came down to the team who held their stamina in extra time and converted their centrepass and a turnover. Rapid Fire defeated Dangerous Diva’s 28-26. Congratulations to Jessica Frohloff who has played excellent all season and shone in the Grand Final to be awarded Player of the Final. All of the girls and boys played exceptionally well.”

Presentation Awards:

McDonalds Kingaroy Encouragement Awards

Juniors: Sassy Unicorns - Lily Worbs, Devils - Jazz Mladenovic, Purple Divas - Karen Jacobs, Flaming Outlaws - Lachlan Ryan, Sunshine Girls - Charlotte Bourke, Fire Chix - Nellie Saltner, Twisted Sisters - Mackenzie Bygraves

Cadets: Mockingjays - Reide Fitzpatrick, Rapid Fire - Chantelle Lenane, Dangerous Divas - Kayla Peters
Pink Ladies - Zoe Larsen, The Assassins - Tayissa Bosel

Junior Division Awards: Junior Defence Player of the Year 2017 - Beth O’Conno, Junior Attack Player of the Year 2017 - Ty Clarke, Junior Goal Shooter of the Year 2017 - Nellie Saltner, Junior Player of the Year - 2017 - Maleah Roberts and Kadie Dow

Cadet Division Awards : Cadet Attack Player of the Year 2017 - Ella Nicholson, Cadet Defence Player of the Year 2017 - Lauren Beutel, Cadet Goal Shooter of the Year - 2017 - Bonnie Gardiner, Cadet Sportswoman of the Year - 2017 - Kate Perrett

Tafe South West Queensland Kingaroy Umpire Awards : Junior Umpire of the Year 2017 – Sienna Spencer, Umpire of the Year Award – Mia Glenny

Club Person of the Year : Clubperson of the Year 2017 - Julie Watt (Vice-President, Umpiring Coordinator, Carnival Coordinator)

With great thanks, Sheena Lindholm, President, Nanango and District Netball Association

Photo Courtesy The Weekend Australian: Australian Diamonds prove too hard for New Zealand Silver Ferns in Constellation Cup.

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.llewobrien.com.au.

TIP TOP TIPS

May I please pass on my opinion in regard to the closing of local Tips, as they were always called?

Every householder in our Shire has been informed that our Tip will be closed at the end of September and that we will be provided with Wheelie Bins for our use.

Their reasons for doing this is very obvious to us - many years ago, we took our refuse up to the Tip which had been supplied with large bins with lids. We were astounded at the utter mess that some person(s) had left - it must have been a few truck loads and they just threw it everywhere, for us all to drive around - having to be aware of broken glass bottles etc. Well someone would have had to have cleaned their mess up, and of course, it would have to have been our Council Workers.

To me, this is a very UN-AUSTRALIAN attitude to fellow Aussies. I have always found the men and women who man the tips are extremely well mannered, and we have said "This is the only Tip where you get Valet Service!" Every employee we have encountered has been extremely kind and helpful to us oldies and we feel that it has never been right to treat them

by giving them more work because some clowns are too lazy to put their own rubbish in the bins provided.

No doubt these people will be the ones who bleat the loudest should they get an increase in their Rates and we say "Tough," It is your own fault! Get on with it!

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JOKE FOR THE MONTH

A bunch of blokes are in the changing room of a golf club. A mobile phone on a bench rings and a man engages the hands-free speaker function and begins to talk. Everyone else in the room stops to listen. **Bloke:** Hello.

Woman: Darling, it's me. Are you at the club?

Bloke: Yes. **Woman:** I'm at the shopping centre and found this beautiful leather coat. It's only \$1000.

Is it okay if I buy it?

Bloke: Sure, go ahead if you like it that much.

Woman: I also stopped by the Mercedes dealership and saw the new 2017 model. I saw one I really liked. **Bloke:** How much? **Woman:** \$90,000.

Bloke: Okay, but for that price I want it with all the options.

Woman: Great! Oh, and one more thing, the house I wanted to buy last year is back on the market. They're asking \$950,000.

Bloke: Well then, go ahead and give them an offer of \$900,000. They will probably take it. If not, we can go the extra \$50,000. It really is a pretty good price. **Woman:** Okay, I'll see you later!

I love you so much! **Bloke:** Bye! I love you too. The bloke hangs up. The other blokes in the changing room are staring at him in astonishment, mouths agape. He smiles and asks, "Anyone know who this phone belongs to?"

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The Goomeri SES Support Group conducted their very successful Annual afternoon cent sale in September at the Hall of Memory. There were 30 large accumulative prizes on the table to be won. President Phyllis gave a short talk, telling what the SES can do for you in times of storms, floods and other disasters. During the process a delicious afternoon tea was served.

We had a major raffle with 5 worthy prizes. First was a chain saw donated by Murgon Outdoor Equipment P/L and won by Kim Boyter. We would like to sincerely thank these major donors, Murgon Tyre & Auto, John & Cindy Goomeri Garage, Phyllis, Maroske Service Centre and the Murgon Butcher. The winners of these prizes came from Kimbombi, Kilkivan, Hivesville, Murgon and

Goomeri areas. Also a big thank you to the businesses of Murgon and Goomeri and areas around who donate to us each year. Your support helps us buy equipment needed, so that we can help you better in time of need. We will have our Annual fundraising cent sale again next September 2018 getting bigger and better each year. Thank you to everyone who assisted us with selling tickets, prizes, donations and help in any way, we certainly appreciate and value you all. President Phyllis.

Photo L-R: Heidi Lee - Owner Murgon Outdoor Equipment P/L, President Phyllis and the lucky winner of the chain saw Kim Boyter.

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Kathy's Comments

South Burnett Rail Trail Launch

Congratulations to everyone involved in an incredible day for the South Burnett with events in Kingaroy, Wooroolin, Wondai and Murgon. There was fantastic attendance at all venues and it was an amazing spectacle to see riders, runners and walkers leaving from Kingaroy at 6.30am. Congratulations to Cr Gavin Jones who was sponsored by Murgon Businesses and donated \$1100 to the Men's Shed when he completed the ride. Hats off to Ron Grant for walking the whole way. Well done to Murgon on an amazing festival. I was excited to see the large crowd in attendance. The ride in the pink billy cart was a highlight for me and it was great to see the success of the Murgon Services Club sponsored pig races. Congratulations to the Men's Shed on the opening of the extensions by Llew O'Brien. It was pleasing to have Jeff & Therese Seeney attend the event and I know they were thrilled to receive their own personalised mugs from the Men's Shed Committee. Everyone should be very proud of the day and particularly the Murgon Men's Shed and the Murgon Business & Development Association led by Leo Geraghty. I have had great feedback from the Mayor and the Rail Trail Committee on the effort Murgon put in and as chair of the Rail Trail Committee I would like to personally congratulate everyone involved on a job well done.

Proston on Show

Saturday the 30th of September was an amazing day for Proston. I had the privilege of launching the re-dedication of the Reinke Scrub. Members of the Reinke family returned to Proston for this ceremony along with field management officers from the Qld Department of National Parks. It was great to see numerous locals and young people attend and particularly members of the Proston State School and Proston Scouts who served damper for morning tea. Thanks to Will Barrett, Linda Rea and Kathy Crane for organising this event and for their commitment to preserving this important part of Proston's history. Unfortunately I missed the Heritage Trail Walk but heard great reports about its success. I had the privilege of launching the "Fire the Brand" night. I was given the special task of branding the first piece of timber with our family brand JD over an angle. We still use this brand that belonged to my Grandfather John Patrick Duff who pioneered our property "Di Di" in the early 1900's. It was fantastic to see so many local families with their brands to etch their mark as part of the history of our rural communities. Congratulations to everyone involved in this great day for Proston.

Australia Day nominations now Open

Australia Day nominations are now open so please don't forget to nominate an individual or a worthy organisation for an award. The nominations close on Friday the 10th of November this year. The categories are Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Organisation of the Year, Lifetime Achievement Award, Volunteer of the Year, Junior Cultural Award, Senior Cultural Award, Junior Sportsperson, Senior Sportsperson, Sports Coach/ Administrator/ Official Award and Local Achievers (Town and Rural) for each town. The celebrations for the South Burnett awards will be in the Murgon Town Hall on the eve of Australia Day on January 25th 2018. There will be celebrations in each town on Australia Day where the awards from the previous night will be presented again to honour the recipients in their home communities. Nomination forms are available at Council Customer Service Offices or on the Council website. Our communities have some amazing



local organisations and community members so please use this opportunity to honour them.

Vision Radio

It was fantastic to attend the launch of Vision Radio for Durong and Boondooma. This is a Christian Radio Station that can be picked up on Channel 88.0 FM for Durong, Proston, Murgon and Gordonbrook or 87.6FM for Kingaroy, Wondai, Hivesville and Goomeri. Nanango is on channel 1692AM. Congratulations to Bruce Wilding from the Barambah Ministers Association for his vision to get Vision Radio to the Durong/ Boondooma community. It is the 696th vision radio station to go on air and I was pleased that Council was able to help out by providing the use of a tower.

Limousin School in Murgon

Congratulation in particular to Alan Eagleson for the success of a well-attended Limousin Youth Camp in Murgon. There were young people from everywhere learning cattle handling skills. It was a huge effort to host this event at the Murgon Showgrounds and I was pleased to attend and see the successful event in full swing.

Murgon Music Muster on the first week in November

Please support the Murgon Rotary Club and help to make this event another great success for Murgon.

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 :

H A N D F O R D, Ross Trevor, Late of Emerald formerly of Wondai

H A N S E N, Joyce Dorothy (nee Johnson), Late of Kingaroy, formerly of Kinleymore, Speedwell, Stalworth and Proston

S M I T H, Malcolm John, Late of Kingaroy, formerly of Murgon and Johnstown West.

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Friday	20	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's,
Saturday	21	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club,
Sunday	22	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Catholic Mass, Hivesville Markets,
Monday	23	SES,
Tuesday	24	Squash, Creative Friendships, Diabetes Support Group, Lions, Uniting Church Friendship Group,
Wednesday	25	Bowls, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Rotary, Murgon Moments Deadline, Burnett Bird Keepers,
Thursday	26	St Joseph's Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Golf, The classic way to dance,
Friday	27	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Goomeri & District Garden Club,
Saturday	28	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Catholic Mass, Murgon Museum Meet,
Sunday	29	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Camera Club,
Monday	30	SES, Parkinsons Support Group Murgon,
Tuesday	31	Squash, Cattle Sale, Creative Friendships,
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Wednesday	1	Bowls, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Rotary,
Thursday	2	Murgon Music Muster, St Joseph's Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Golf, The classic way to dance, APEX, Mainly Music, Nursing Mothers, South Burnett Cake Decorators, Spinners & Weavers,
Friday	3	Murgon Music Muster, Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Friday Night Live,
Saturday	4	Murgon Music Muster, Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club,
Sunday	5	Murgon Music Muster, Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Catholic Mass,
Monday	6	SES, Quota,
Tuesday	7	Melbourne Cup Luncheon, Creative Friendships, Queensland Rural Womens Network Inc
Wednesday	8	Bowls, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Rotary,
Thursday	9	St Joseph's Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Golf, The classic way to dance, Ambulance meet, MBDA Meet,
Friday	10	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Barambah Garden Club,
Saturday	11	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Catholic Mass, Nanango Stamp Club,
Sunday	12	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Murgon Markets,

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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. 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

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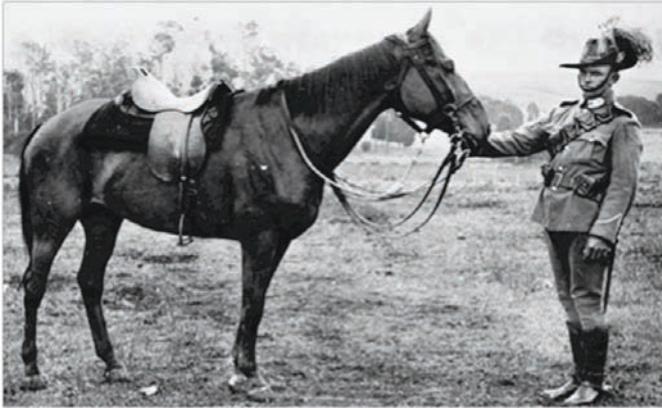
a street parade and memorial service in Barcaldine on 19 September

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re-enactments, street parades, festivals, gala dinners and more at Winton between 21 and 24 September 2017.

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Horse. Learn more about this historic commemoration.

Photo: Harry Topp posing in his Light Horse uniform, ca. 1915. Source: SLQ Image 65822 and the 5th Light Horse Regiment Gympie troop that we see at many local events

YOUTH PROJECTS FOR ROTARY?

Brittney Haim & her sister Isabella Haim attended RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) on 11, 12, 13 August, and for the first time ever we had 2 students going to NYSF (National Youth Science Forum) – Chelsea Rose and Jasmine Beddows.

This is an amazing opportunity for these girls and a great achievement for our club and the high school to have two students selected out of the thousands that applied for NYSF, it is a very competitive application process. The teachers at the High School do an amazing job not only with teaching but mentoring and preparing these students for their futures.

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