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

Well deserved Michael...formerly OIC at Murgon, now Childers.



Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS)

The Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) is extremely proud of paramedic Michael Formica who has been recognised in the latest Australian Bravery Decorations.

Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk said the 11 Queenslanders recognised in the second round of Australian Bravery Decorations for 2021 had courageously put the lives of others before their own while overcoming great obstacles and hazardous conditions.

"Twice a year, the Australian Bravery Decorations celebrate the incredible bravery and selflessness of individuals, groups, and perhaps most frequently, those who serve on the frontline to protect and support our community," the Premier said.

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QAS paramedic Michael Formica was honoured with a Bravery Medal for his rescue of a mother, daughter, and two animals from a house fire in Harristown in September 2019. Michael was off-duty when he was in the area visiting family and he noticed the house fire and crawled through thick, black smoke several times to retrieve the distressed residents of the home.

QAS Acting Commissioner Craig Emery said the efforts of Officer Formica are entirely worthy of the highly esteemed National decoration.

“Emergency Service personnel are often faced with elements of risk in their day-to-day roles,” Acting Commissioner Emery said.

“For Michael to enter a fully-engulfed home to save the life of those inside is bravery like no other, and we’re extremely proud of what he achieved that day.”

Queensland recipients of Australian Bravery Decorations will receive their awards at a formal ceremony at Government House in Brisbane.

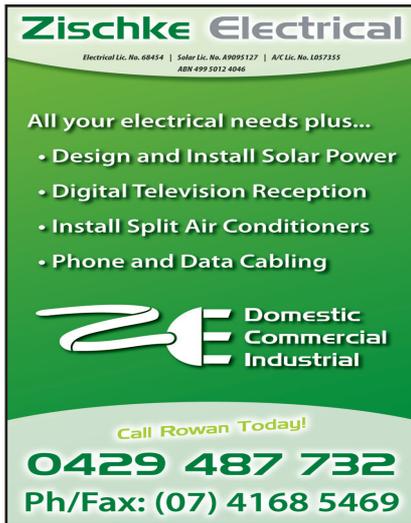
For more information about Australian Bravery Decorations, visit <https://www.gg.gov.au/> or <https://www.itsanhonour.gov.au/>.

National Skills Week puts spotlight on new opportunities

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O’Brien is encouraging school leavers and people starting new careers to consider apprenticeships, with record funding available for trainee programs.

“This week is National Skills Week, so it’s a great time to take advantage of the webinars and events across Australia to explore how a traineeship could help kickstart your new career,” Mr O’Brien said.

“I encourage school leavers, job seekers and anyone wanting a new career to consider an apprenticeship or a traineeship, because there is massive demand for skilled workers, and those learning those skills or a trade sets you on a path for a rewarding, well-paid career.”



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The Morrison Government is providing record funding for skills and training to help all Australians build a brighter future and reach their full career potential, through the \$2 billion JobTrainer fund and our \$3.9 billion investment in wage subsidies for apprentices and trainees.

National Skills Week will see events and webinars held across the country aiming to help Australians unlock their potential and gain real skills for real careers.

Minister for Employment, Workforce, Skills, Small and Family Business, Stuart Robert, said while this National Skills Week would be held virtually, a skilled career promised significant opportunities out in the real world.

“Whether it is on nation-building projects like the Western Sydney Airport or Inland Rail, in TV programs like ‘The Block’ or ‘MasterChef’, or indeed in the seemingly endless streams on Instagram and TikTok, everywhere you look Australians are making a difference by doing incredible things with world-leading skills developed here in our backyard,” Minister Robert said.

“National Skills Week is a chance for all Australians to consider having a crack at vocational education and training and remind everyone about the amazing opportunities a skilled career can generate for you and your family.

“These opportunities are guaranteed by the Morrison Government which is backing Australians to take up new skills with the highest spend on skills and training in Australia’s history, \$6.4 billion just this financial year.

“This includes a two-year extension of the \$2 billion JobTrainer fund, offering free or low-fee training to Australians, jointly funded with state and territory governments. To date the JobTrainer fund has supported over 230,000 Australians upskill and break into new career opportunities.”

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For 12 years, Scott Kapernick's school bus passed the present location of Teys Murgon – little did he know he would forge a three-decade career there.

Scott, who today heads up the facility, is celebrating 30 years of service at Murgon in Queensland's South Burnett region.

Born and bred in Murgon, Scott has seen the facility's transformation over the years into an efficient and sustainable hide processing operation for Teys.

Scott recalls that being at the Murgon operations from the beginning has allowed him to appreciate the incredible efforts of both past and present employees and the flow-on benefits for the local community.

Thank you and congratulations, Scott!




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Our next lunch will be on Friday 1st October 2021. Numbers will be limited.

For further information please contact Paula (President) on 4168 3114 or 0497 324 376.

Yours sincerely,

Trisha Seiler (Publicity Officer)

A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.

PROSTON LIONS CLUB REACHES A 40 YEAR MILESTONE

Proston Lions Club was chartered as an official Club in 1981 and has a long and proud history of involvement in many community activities during its heyday.

During this era it was almost a rite of passage that people belonged to a service Club, either Lions, Rotary or Apex to name just a few.

The situation is not so promising at present, and President Helen Young along with her team has taken up the challenge with a fresh approach aimed at keeping the Proston Lions Club to the fore in our community.

Each Lions Club has a core project for members to be involved in, and following some cheerful discussions at our meetings we have agreed that the Proston Lions, because of the age and ability demographics of our members, will be the Gardening Club.

Proston Lions have developed one of the district's most attractive Lions Parks, and the recent addition of a Rose Garden is proving to be a major attraction for the town. This Park is carefully maintained by a handful of our members.

Following on from the idea of having a gardening event for the year, the Club has decided to hold a Garden Fete in the garden of members Noel and Helen Young.

This will be held on Sunday 3rd October, and will feature a Flower Show with prizes donated by Wondai District Garden Club and Proston Lions, novelty competitions for those who wish to participate, and catering by Lions and Relay for Life.

There will be stalls full of plants for sale and other goodies, and guest speakers including Graham Mitchell from Clouds End Nursery Wondai and Lions persons.

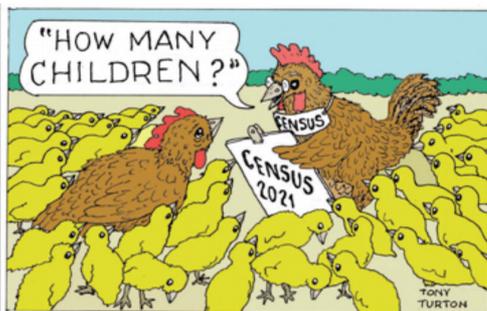
A multi-draw Raffle is being held and will be drawn towards the close of proceedings.

The gate will open at 8am and the event will run to 1pm. Entry to the Fete is free.

This event is being scheduled to highlight some of the very important work which Lions Clubs contribute to. Although our Club is small, all profits raised through this community over the years have been returned to local projects and events too numerous to mention. On a broader scale, our donations to Lions international funds have contributed to medical research towards cancer, eyesight and education. Most notably, a recent important breakthrough in early detection of that silent killer ovarian cancer has been made through money donated by Lions International to medical research.

We do need more members, and all interested people are invited to attend some of our meetings as guests to learn more about our Club, and hopefully find a path to some worthwhile community service.

Thanking you kindly, Helen Young, President, Proston Lions Ph 4168 9297



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NEWS ITEM – WONDAI AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB



Members of the Wondai and District Garden Club met in the Wondai RSL Meeting Room last Friday morning 13th August for the AGM for 2021 -2022.

Following morning tea President Norm Andresen took the chair and welcomed all to the meeting.

In his President's report Norm thanked Secretary Denise and Treasurer Noela for their work during the year, and thanked all members who attended meetings and helped to make our Club days an enjoyable morning.

Office bearers for the following year will be, Patron Roy Radunz, President Norm Andresen, Secretary Denise Steinhardt and Treasurer Noela Ardrey. Positions for Expo hospitality catering, Bus Trip coordinator, Show Stewards, Auditor and Publicity Officer were also filled.

During general business, plans for the upcoming Wondai Spring Garden Expo were discussed. Members will cater for the volunteers for morning tea and lunch on Friday, and run the Horticulture and Photography Show as well as running raffles and having a Gardening Books stall.

A Bus trip to the Gympie Open Gardens day was discussed, and will run on Saturday the 11th. September. All interested people are invited to attend, for details and bookings please contact our Bus Tours convener Noela Ardrey on 41682296

The Club will also support the Proston Lions Garden Fete in Proston on the 3rd October with a stall.

Winners in the table competitions were Noela Ardrey and Helen Young, Gerberas, Helen Young Daisies and Geranium, Del Blanch Cauliflower.

The next Club meeting will be at Helen and Noel Young's garden, Proston on Friday 10th September where Helen can do a Ph soil test for those interested. A small garden soil sample is required.

You can contact the Club at info@wondaianddistrictgardenclub.com or phone Denise Steinhardt 4168 9736.

Thank you, Helen Young, Publicity, Wondai and District Garden Club 4168 9297

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MURGON RSL COMMEMORATIVE COMMITTEE

The Murgon RSL Commemorative Committee is seeking volunteers to join its committee.

The committee plans, makes arrangements and structures the Murgon ANZAC Day March and Service and the Murgon Remembrance Day Service. The committee provides assistance to the RSL Sub Branch for other local commemorative events such as Vietnam Veterans Day and Victory in the Pacific Day.

The committee meets once per month for an hour (the third Monday of each month 1.00-2.00pm) at the Murgon RSL Drop-In Centre. If you have approximately an hour per month to donate to our Committee please contact Morgan Suchoronczak (Secretary) on 0438 729 771 or via email commemorative@murgonrsl.org.

Please don't hesitate to contact if you have any questions or queries.

Please note it is not a requirement to be a member of the Murgon RSL Sub Branch to join the committee, all community members are welcome.

*So many have fought, so many have suffered,
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1st Speaker: Russell grew up in the area as part of a farming family. He has been growing pigs for many years. He has 4 adult sons so has a few life lessons after surviving parenting and farming for over 30 years, and probably a few good stories.

2nd Speaker: Duncan Brown was a country Life journalist who then became CEO of Scripture Union Qld, then later becoming a senior pastor of a large church in Melbourne. He left that to take over the family Agribusiness when his father got too old. He is passionate about doing business in a God honouring way.

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Long Drive for Drought has partnered with Drought Angels to aid Queensland communities and families struggling through drought.

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On Friday 13th August (black Friday, unlucky for some) I had a doctors appointment in Buderim at 8.15am. It was out of bed at 3.00am and leaving Murgon at 4.00am. Everything went as planned and we were finished at the doctors by 11.00am. As it was also my sister Teresa's birthday and we were only 58 kms away from Brisbane we decided to give her a surprise visit for her eightieth birthday.

We arrived at Herston around dinner time where Teresa shares a retirement house with 6 other retired nuns and were greeted by about a dozen other nuns who were celebrating dinner with Teresa. They always are very keen to know what is happening in Murgon as a

lot of them were posted here over many years in the past, Sister Carmel, Teresita, Rita, Edward, Leo, Assumpta, Vianney , Baptist and 53 others. Anyway over a cup of tea we mentioned that our granddaughter was due to have a baby in the next couple of days and we hope there will be no complications, quick as a flash Sister Mary, the head of the house said I'm going over next door to Father Michael Carroll's (your cousin) to do a bit of cleaning and I will say some prayers for your granddaughter. Well we said goodbye and were on our way home when I got a text message. You and Glenda have a great grandson Asher Leo Yesberg and he and his mother Gemma are all well. Talk about a direct link and a royal telephone to above.

Congratulations Gemma and Dean.

We sadly mourn the loss of:

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BROWN, Lyla May, Late of Wondai,

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Visitors are still constant and Year 2 students from St John's Lutheran School Kingaroy enjoyed a butter making demonstration and tour in August. We had a total of 56 students and 11 adults visit.

Watch out for our new signs coming soon.

FISHING LICENCE

Stocked Impoundment Permit Scheme fee changes. In 2016, following public consultation, fees for the SIPS were simplified and fixed for a 5-year period until 30 June 2021. On 1 August 2021, there will be a small increase in SIPS fees (the cumulative amount of the government indexation rate for the past 5 years, rounded up to the nearest dollar): • \$12 for a weekly permit (an increase of \$2) • \$57 for a yearly permit (an increase of \$7) • \$41 for a concessional yearly permit (an increase of \$5). This price increase will directly benefit your fish stocking groups to meet the rising costs of fingerlings. All revenue from the sale of permits will continue to fund the SIPS program, with 25% retained by Fisheries Queensland to administer the scheme and the remaining 75% distributed through grants for fish stocking and SIPS related activities. Thank you for your continued support of community fish stocking and sustainable freshwater fisheries in Queensland.



Due to low water levels in the Bjelke Petersen dam and advice from Sunwater the decision has been made to postpone the Bjelke Petersen Dam Inland Fishing Classic that was to be held on the 2nd and 3rd of October 2021. The committee regrets making this decision but the safety of the competitors is of the utmost importance.

Thank you, Secretary,

Bjelke Petersen dam fish management committee.

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FRESS SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN



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These packs will be available for collection from the Blackbutt, Kingaroy, Murgon, Nanango, Proston and Wondai Libraries from 20 September – 1 October 2021.

Whilst you're visiting your local library to collect these craft packs, why not stock up on books, DVDs and magazines as well? Everything is free with a library card!



The Kingaroy Library is once again hosting weekly Write in the Moment sessions for those chasing a quiet space to write without the distraction of housework and other daily obligations. This social group, which meets each Thursday morning from 9.30am allows attendees to concentrate on their writing with the added benefit of support and guidance.

To book for these sessions, please contact the Kingaroy Library on (07) 4189 9256.

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Meeting each Friday of the school term at 9.30am, the Nanango Library's social card group is designed as a bit of fun for those wanting to play 500 or Euchre in a relaxed and friendly environment. If you would like more information about this group, or if you would like to book, please contact the Nanango Library on (07) 4189 9438.



QUEENSLAND SENIOR'S MONTH CELEBRATIONS

It's going to be a Connect Fest!

To promote and recognise the valuable contribution of older people in our region, Senior's Month will be celebrated by South Burnett Libraries with a series of events that raise awareness about what support is available for older people living in our region.

Information sessions about 'My Aged Care' and what home care options are available are amongst the topics to be discussed. Other events that promote the health and wellbeing of seniors in the community will also take place.

Please contact your local library for more information.

WONDAI LIBRARY STITCH & CHAT GROUP



If you are keen to be part of a social group of quilters and embroiderers, the Wondai Library will be hosting a monthly group on the first Wednesday of each month from 2.00pm. Bring along your hand stitched project and have a chat.

Those who wish to attend are encouraged to book by calling the Wondai Library on (07) 4189 9252.

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**SINGLE-USE
PLASTICS BAN**
ARE YOU READY?



Are you ready for the ban on single-use plastic items from 1 September?

Businesses are encouraged to identify now whether banned items still need to be provided to customers, and what they can be replaced with. Some businesses will be exempt from the ban.

If you have questions regarding the ban and what you need to do to comply, or want to discuss options to manage excess stock, contact the National Retail Association >> <https://bit.ly/3igfk9V>



Magpie Relocation Plan Axed

A plan to “re-home” 20 of the region’s most aggressive magpies has been axed by the South Burnett Regional Council.

MURGON CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL 2021

In 2019, Murgon and district residents embraced the Christmas Festival enjoying the food, entertainment, singing and the Christmas message, facilitated by the Barambah Ministers Association. Sadly in 2020 this event joined so many others cancelled by Covid.



This year we have again committed to bringing this event together. While we realise that a lot can happen between now & December 10th, we are encouraged to have stall holders, food providers and operators of amusements and rides come on board with us, committing to being part of the event. We are also encouraged by the financial support already given by community groups, businesses and individuals. Thank you!

New this year will be an Art competition,

JESUS Gift of Grace. All entries will be on display at the festival.

To minimize the risk of cancellation we are looking to local talent being the feature of the evening, providing an enjoyable event for our local community.

Keep the date free to

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

FRIDAY DECEMBER 10th from 4.00PM



Hi all, let me introduce myself, my name is Sienna May, & I am happy to announce that I recently joined the amazing team at **Alicia's Spa & Hair Worx**.

My qualifications include specialised Makeup, Beauty Therapy (including body treatments, facials and reflexology), & Hairdressing. With over 35 years' experience in the Beauty industry, I have learned various different modalities which complement the variety of treatments custom to meet each individual client's needs.

I have worked across Queensland, as a traveling Beauty Therapist/Consultant for Clarins, & Abroad as a Fashion Makeup Artist & Hair Stylist.

Having a passion for the creative expressions of makeup & hairstyling, I have extensive experience in weddings, special events & photographic makeup & hair up styling.

I look forward to meeting you all at **Alicia's Spa & Hair Worx**, 129 Lamb St, Murgon.

Note from MBDA:

Be sure to follow Alicia's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/AliciasSpaHairWorx> as she has a weekly give away where you could win one of her pampering services just with a 'like' and a 'share' of her post.



Murgon's annual Music Muster has been cancelled this year due to concerns about the NSW pandemic.

Save The Date

Murgon RSL Sub Branch Upcoming Events

September

10th September – Games morning – fortnightly commencing at 9.30am

Bring your favourite board or card games for an entertaining morning out.

No Charge. Bring something to share for morning tea.

24th September – Games morning – 9.30am

No Charge. Bring something to share for morning tea.

25th September – Trivia Night commencing at 7pm – Cost \$10 per person.

Bookings essential.

October

19th October - Get Online Week – Morning Tea – 9.30am - No Charge

This year's theme is 'Get online. Get connected'. This is a great opportunity to enjoy morning tea while sharing ideas. Do you have a useful tip you can share? Is there something you would like to find out how to do on your digital device?

30th October – Art Show, Wine & Cheese Night – 'The Road to Victory' Art Exhibition. Come and enjoy this fabulous collection of WW1 paintings by artist Ross Driver. Cost to be advised.

November

11th November – Remembrance Day Service

December

10th December – Community Lunch. Bookings open 12th November.

All events are open to the public. Details available from the

Welfare Drop-In Centre, 44 Stephens Street Murgon on Tel 4313 3018 or 0407 737 097



Dairy & Heritage Museum Murgon

**Our Museum is more than just Dairy,
which is what our sign indicates.**

We have much more to offer so we are having new signs erected to catch the attention of passers by and invite them to visit and enjoy what we have on display.

Visitors are still constant and Year 2 students from St John's Lutheran School Kingaroy enjoyed a butter making demonstration and tour in August.

We had a total of 56 students and 11 adults visit.

Watch out for our new signs coming soon



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Situated just outside Wondai on 1 hectare, is this spacious 5-bedroom home. This property consists of four bedrooms, the fifth can be a bedroom or an entertaining area. Main bedroom includes an ensuite and walk in robe. Spacious lounge and separate sitting

room with a woodfire. Open plan kitchen and dining with a large built-in pantry. The dining room leads you to the concreted and covered entertainment area. The full-length front verandah has a rural outlook. 3 carport spaces, large shed, garden sheds, and tank water. **WONDAI \$440,000**



Lovely new renovated home ready for its new owners. All new guttering, freshly painted inside, laser leveled, new plumbing, new bathroom and a renovated eat in kitchen with a dishwasher and new gas stove. Lounge and bedrooms

are carpeted with air conditioning and ceiling fans. Blinds throughout, security screens on front and back doors and a security system connected. Front balcony to sit and enjoy the peace and quiet. Large shed out the back with a huge backyard big enough for the children to explore. **MURGON \$200,000**



WE NEED YOUR LISTINGS!

For the past 12 months the team here at Across Country Real Estate and Livestock have been on fire. Therefore, we need your listings. We specialize in rural, residential, and commercial property sales and property management. We also offer free appraisals! If you think we might be able to assist you, contact the office on: 4168 1600.

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MURGON RSL SUB BRANCH

VETERAN SERVICES
PENSIONS AND WELFARE SERVICES
SUB BRANCH MEMBERSHIP

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING
 10am - First Saturday of each month
 Murgon RSL Welfare Drop-In Centre
 44 Stephens Street West, Murgon

SPEAK TO THE TEAM
secretary@murgonrsl.org or 0427 915 533



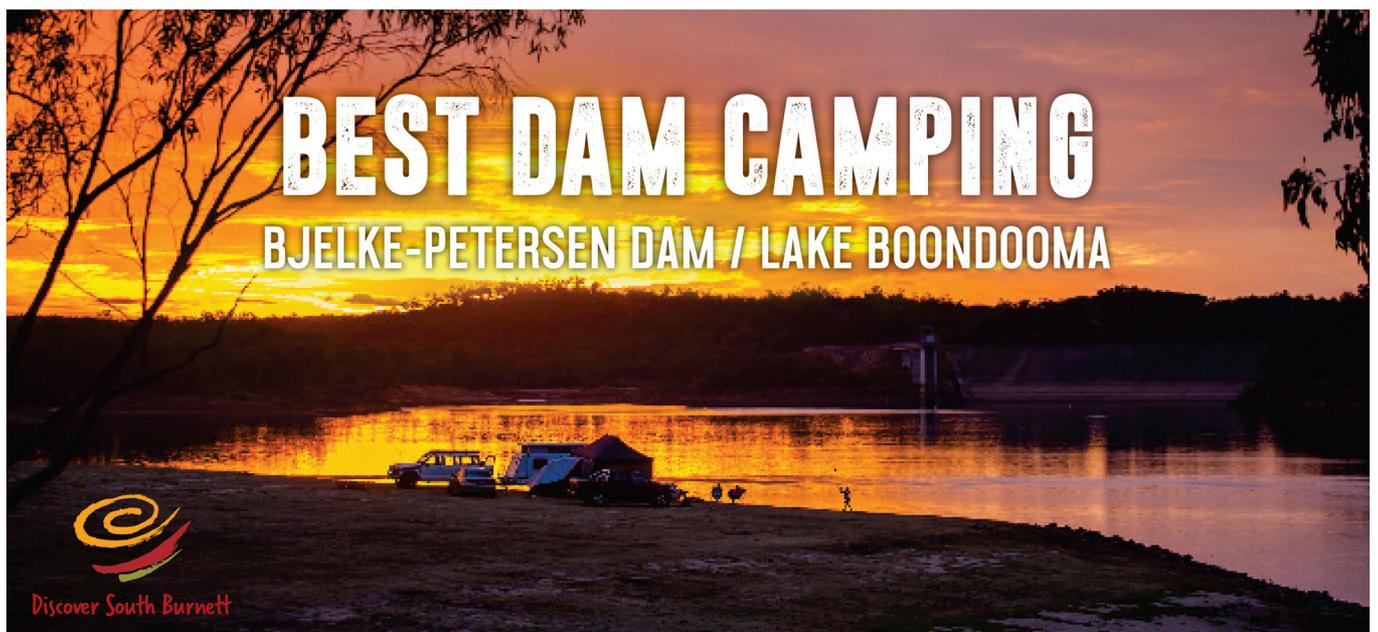
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 Murgon Sub Branch



Situated on 1,000 sqm block, is a new 2 bedroom home in Proston. The home is fully approved and passed by council and is within 2 minutes walk to and from the main business centre. The house faces a large park and caravan site. As a bonus the villa has the capacity to double the floor area at a very low cost.

Priced at \$110,000 this is a bargain for a home renovator or first home buyer.

Ph Christopher 0478 122 147.



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Murgon Services Club

In time for summer September's monthly members draw prize



Date Claimer

Saturday 21ST May 2022

PCYC MASQUERADE BALL



“Dump Point for Proston. It is really exciting to announce that there is a dump point up and running behind the public toilets in Rodney Street, Proston. I have had overwhelming positive feedback about it. It will make the town more attractive to travellers which will help to support local businesses and will be a win win for everyone said Councillor Kathy Duff.

PLUS the new playground featuring a skate park and basketball court

The Newfoundland Department of Employment believed a boat owner wasn't paying proper wages to his help.

An agent was sent to the fishing village of Burin to investigate the boat owner.

GOVT AGENT: “I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them”.

Boat Owner: “Well, there's Clarence, my hired hand. He's been with me for 3 years. I pay him \$200 a week plus free room and board.

Then, there's the mentally challenged guy. He works about 18 hours every day and does about 90% of the work around here. He makes about \$10 per week, and pays his own room and board. I buy him a bottle of Lamb's rum and a dozen Moosehead Beers every Saturday night so he can cope with life. Also, he gets to sleep with my wife occasionally”.

GOVT AGENT: “That's the guy I want to talk to - the mentally challenged one”.

Boat Owner: “That'll be me. What'd you want to know?”

Relay Riders Head For The Hills!



A group of mountain bike riders wheeled out of Kingaroy Showgrounds on Tuesday morning with just two targets in mind ... to pedal 400km over the next five days, and raise more than \$24,000.

If the Ride For Relay cyclists hit that dollar figure it will mean the total amount raised for Cancer Council Queensland by the unique Relay For Life event will top \$100,000.

This is the fifth year the South Burnett Mountain Bike Club's Ride 4 Relay has been held.

Organiser Jason Wyeth said 18 riders were taking part in this year's ride and \$14,300 had already been raised towards the target.

The riders have come from across the South Burnett as well as Millmerran, Toowoomba and Brisbane.

There are a few newbies this year but many of the riders have taken part in previous Rides 4 Relay.

Jason said the route for this year's event was sticking as closely as possible to the boundaries of the South Burnett Regional Council area (except for a quick diversion into the edge of Gympie council area) just in case of any more snap COVID lockdowns.

"Every rider taking part has a story to tell about cancer," Jason said. "Either personally or in their family."

The cyclists rode off at 7:30am, heading towards their first night stopover at Proston Showgrounds.

Other nights would be spent at Wondai Showgrounds, the Barambah Environmental Education Centre in Wrattens Forest and Wooolin Hall.

Along the way they will visit Boat Mountain, near Murgon, and Goomeri.

Only one section – less than a kilometre – will be on a main road; all the rest of the ride will be on back roads (and there will be lots of hills!).

The riders will have two support vehicles travelling with them, loaned by Bill Hull Car Centre and Hansens Kitchens and driven by volunteers.

Community groups will be providing dinners on some nights, while the riders are self-catering their lunches and breakfasts.

Jason emphasised it was a social ride and not a race.

"We look after each other," he said.

They aim to get back to the Kingaroy Showgrounds by lunchtime on Saturday after a leisurely 50km last-leg ride from Wooolin.

Jason said he had been especially inspired to organise this year's ride by a post he saw on social media by Brisbane paediatric oncologist Dr Tim Hassall who had written that "too many times I've had to tell a parent that there's nothing more I can do".

"One day, maybe not in our lifetimes, doctors won't have to make that phone call," Jason said.

Footnote: This year's Relay For Life main event will be held at Kingaroy Showgrounds on October 9 from noon-8:00pm. Courtesy South Burnett Online



There's more to **MURGON...**

a great place to live work and play

Focusing on Clifton Motors



"COURTEOUS SERVICE IS OUR WAY OF LIFE"

In late 1959 Laurie Williams and Arthur Hixon came from Victoria and established Clifton Motors in Murgon.

Clifton Motors has been owned and operated by local people for over 60 years and servicing all of your motoring needs.

Current dealer principal Leo Geraghty, started working at Clifton Motors in 1961 and has received many awards for his continued support and promotion of Murgon and the South Burnett.

Clifton Motors is situated at the foothills of Boat Mountain in the heart of the Burnett Valley, at 54 Macalister Street Murgon.

"Our sales, service and parts are all situated at the one location, providing you with the utmost convenience," Leo said.

He said that people find it reassuring to know that they will be greeted by an enthusiastic and familiar face each time they visit, due to many long-standing team members.

For more than 34 years Clifton Motors, also known as Murgon Mitsubishi, have been selling and servicing new Mitsubishi vehicles and quality, low kilometre, log booked used vehicles in the South Burnett area.

Clifton Motors are also stockists and service agents of Toro mowers.

"At Clifton Motors, we are your first point of call for all things Mitsubishi.

"Our friendly team of experts specialise in the areas of new and used vehicle sales, vehicle servicing of all makes of vehicles, genuine parts, and vehicle finance and insurance solutions," Leo said.

"Our modern showroom and large display areas allow customers to casually browse our extensive range of vehicles."

Delivery is not a problem for customers unable to get to the dealership, as Clifton's sells cars across the country.

Leo is very passionate about his home and business town of Murgon.

"Murgon is famous for its sporting personalities, some of the biggest wineries in QLD, world-class scenic views, Bjelke Peterson Dam, and the Queensland Dairy and Heritage Museum," he said.

"Feel welcome to join our motoring family!"

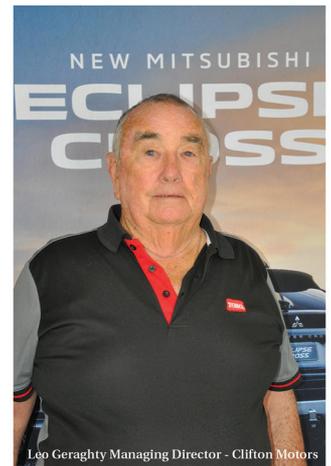
Clifton Motors/Murgon Mitsubishi at a glance:

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There's more to **MURGON...**

a great place to live work and play

Meet the management team



Mark Smith
Business: Mark Smith's Menswear
Role: MBDA President

Murgon is a fantastic community with great shopping, facilities, sporting clubs, schools and climate. But, it's the friendliness of the people in the community that gives Murgon that country town atmosphere.

Our wonderful wide main street with plenty of parking makes it easy to shop and dine.

Our location being 2 1/2 hours from everywhere is also one of our greatest assets.



Margaret Long
Business: Murgon Real Estate
Role: MBDA Secretary

We came to Murgon some 20 years ago after spending several years looking for a rural lifestyle. We drove into Murgon and were immediately taken with the town and how friendly everyone is.

Wide streets, beautiful parklands, vibrant business community, a friendly diverse cultural area.



Garry Long
Business: Murgon Real Estate
Role: MBDA Management Committee



Leo Geraghty OAM
Business: Managing Director - Clifton Motors
Role: MBDA Management Committee

After being born in Babinda and moving to different towns and regions for many years but realise when moving back to Murgon, I knew this was home.

It is a multicultural town and a very friendly place that is 2 1/2 hours from city or sea.

Murgon is unique for it's guided tours of the Queensland Dairy and Heritage Museum, the South Burnett PCYC, largest area of wine growing vines in Queensland.

We have fantastic food and restaurants and festivals, world class views, numerous caravan parks, fishing or water sports available at the Bjelke-Petersen Dam, Aboriginal craft at our sister town Cherbourg, a great golf course, bowling green and tennis court, we have easy CBD parking, fully qualified medical centre, top schools, a very modern new Ambulance and Police station, Blue Care service facility, and a modern retirement village "CASTRA" offering full care.



Paul Pratt
Business: Pratt Agencies Pty Ltd
Role: MBDA Management Committee

My family has been associated with Murgon for the past 100 years. I have lived here all my life and our children were schooled and raised here as well. The relationships I have made, both in business and personally, as well as Murgon's location and proximity to some of Queensland's best make it a great place to live.

Ask anybody from a small country town, "Is their town unique", and the answer will be Yes.

Country towns are all about people not so much about infrastructure. The community of Murgon has always been 100% supportive when it has been required. Floods, Drought, Festivals, Fund Raisers etc. That to me is unique.



Lorraine Goodchild (Boonara Homestead)
Business: Murgon Visitors Information Centre
Role: MBDA Treasurer/Admin

No matter where we have lived over the years, Murgon has always been my hometown... the place which holds countless happy memories of my childhood and youth.

Several generations of my family have lived here and still do, and in 2008 my husband and I returned to the South Burnett where I comfortably slotted back into community life.

We have some investment rentals in town here so doing my bit to help keep our town and community buzzing along is important to me.



John Robinson
Business: Robinson's News and Gifts Murgon, Wondai & Kingaroy
Role: MBDA Management Committee

My family own and operate Robinson's News and Gifts Murgon, Wondai & Kingaroy.

We moved to Murgon from Chinchilla in 1974 from a farming background to take over the newsagency, quite a change for my parents.

I have raised my family here and I call Murgon home.

Our business has changed dramatically over the past 47 years and we have enjoyed changing with it.

The one thing that has never changed is our desire to give the best customer experience we can provide.



Larse Rea
Business: Murgon Tyres & More
Role: MBDA Vice President

I have always enjoyed Murgon's easy-going lifestyle with its friendly people

The diversity of the area with cattle farming, a wide variety of crops, wineries, tourism and dams make Murgon unique.



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WONDAI SPRING GARDEN EXPO

What does Wondai Garden Expo mean to you?

Feeling a bit wilted? Browned off?

Just plain fed up?

Then a day out at Wondai Spring Garden Expo may be just the pick-me-up you need!

Yes, we know it is a famously convenient and trusted venue for the sale of plants and other exciting items but the team at Wondai Garden Expo believe it is much more than that.



Never before has our region endured such a trying and disappointing time as event after event has had to be postponed or cancelled due to the restrictions forced on us because of the COVID19 virus epidemic.

This can have a negative financial effect on a lot of commercial ventures especially those involved with tourism, but of real concern is the depressing effect on the mental health and well-being to many people as a result of these restrictions, necessary as they are.

The team at Wondai Garden Expo Inc believes that our events have an increasingly important role to play in helping to ease a lot of this distress.

Working in the soil amongst plants is proven to be one of the great healers we can utilise in our lives, and yes, you SHOULD talk to your plants – they are always glad to see you, will keep secrets, and never answer back!

Garden Expo is perfectly situated to help people to indulge in many aspects of this pastime. Whether you are meeting with friends, having a family day out or just enjoying some well-earned solitude, time spent at the Expo may be just the ticket to feeling much happier about the world in general.

Because we operate in a controlled outdoor venue with our Covid Safe precautions in place we are able to offer a safe place for you to spend a few enjoyable hours.

If you want to become more personally involved, we invite you to bring some entries in to the Hanging Basket Competition, the Horticultural Show or the Photography section.

Flyers and entry forms are available at many local outlets or they can be downloaded from the Garden Expo web site www.wondaigardenexpo.com. Or phone Jodi or myself for help.

We do look forward to seeing you on the 25th and 26th September.

Helen Young, president, ph 4168 9297

Jodi Biltoft, Secretary, 0413 115 495



Congratulations to the re-elected committee at the Murgon Local Ambulance Committee AGM. Thank you Richie O`Neill, Phenella Hiron, Bob & Kerrie Baldwin & your team for raising funds, training people in First Aid & helping to make improvements for anyone who calls to use an Ambulance. It was great to have the Assistant Commissioner, Tony Armstrong, also in attendance at the meeting!!

The GCBF super round is coming in 2022



Next year will be a big year for the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF), with some exciting changes to the program.

For the first time, annual grants of up to \$100,000 will be available in a GCBF super round.

Super round

The super round will be available to eligible organisations in the first round of 2022, which will close on 28 February.

Organisations planning to apply for the super round, should read the funding guidelines before applying for funding in rounds prior to the super round as there are some restrictions.

For example, if you submit an application in the round closing on 31 August 2021 (Round 111) and/or the round closing on 31 October 2021 (Round 112) and you are successful, you may not be eligible to apply for the super round funding.

Successful grant recipients of more than \$35,000 will be required to provide an audit prepared by a registered company auditor or suitably qualified person to acquit their grant.

Organisations seeking more than \$35,000 to fund the construction of a monument will need to be sponsored by their local council.

We encourage all organisations to apply for funding, including those from some of our under-represented applicant areas including domestic and family violence services, multicultural groups and those located in regional and remote Queensland.

Other program changes

Other changes to the GCBF program include:

Four funding rounds each year, instead of five.

The first round of every year will be a super round, and the remaining three rounds will have funding of up to \$35,000 available.

The closing dates for 2022 are

28 February

31 May

31 August

31 October.

What hasn't changed?

The GCBF is Queensland's largest one-off community grants program and distributes approximately \$60 million each year to not-for-profit community groups. We encourage community organisations across a wide range of sectors including non-for profits to apply to enhance their capacity to provide services, leisure activities and economic opportunities for Queensland communities.

Find out more about the grants and how to apply.

Bad news for South Burnett's Bad Bridges

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington says that in the wake of the Nanango Electorate being ranked as the region with the second highest road fatalities in the State, there is more bad news with one of the South Burnett's worst bridges, GS Bond Bridge (on the Chinchilla-Wondai Road), having its funding removed.

Mrs Frecklington said GS Bond Bridge is a dangerous bridge desperately in need of complete replacement and realignment.

"GS Bond Bridge is a bad bridge and there was hope several years ago when it was listed for a \$13million overhaul," Mrs Frecklington said.

"However, in this year's Qld Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP), the funding for GS Bond Bridge has disappeared.

"We have been told the funding has been removed and will go towards other 'higher priority' projects to progress.

"The GS Bond Bridge should be a very high priority, given it is a very narrow bridge with inadequate signage, no safety railings, and low visibility and limited room on its approaches.

"It is a school bus route and I've talked with parents with children at Durong South State School who are very concerned about the safety of this bridge.

"Unfortunately, this story is all too common, with another dangerous bridge, the single-lane Tanduringie Creek Bridge on the Kingaroy-Cooyar Road, in the same situation. It has received no funding despite desperate calls from myself and the community after a near tragedy involving the school bus and truck.

"The list of bad bridges in our region goes on, with Running Creek Bridge on the Brooweena-Woolooga Road (the bridge that burnt down), the Wide Bay Creek Bridge (reduced to one lane and lowered speed limit) and Coppermine Creek Bridge (single-lane) bridges on Kilkivan-Tansey Road all in desperate need of complete replacement.

"Once again, I implore the Government to look at the very high road statistics in our region and what is blatantly obvious - our regional roads need urgent funding to make them safe.

"Our communities need confidence in their road network to know they can travel to work, drop their kids off at school or drive their truck to market without worrying if they'll return to their families at the end of the day," Deb said.



Moffatdale don't like to brag, but we think they should! Their Roasted Macadamia Liqueur was awarded a Gold Medal at the most recent Hong Kong Wine Luxe Awards with a score of 98!

Just one of the amazing tastes you'll encounter on a South Burnett Wine Tour. When are you booking yours? Moffatdale Ridge Wines



ROAD SAFETY FUNDING FLOWS TO WIDE BAY

The Australian Government is investing \$6.64 million in new projects to make the Wide Bay Highway, Tin Can Bay Road, and Kin Kin Road safer, Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien announced today.

“The Wide Bay Highway between Gympie and Goomeri will be upgraded with new culverts, clearing and installation of guardrails, with the Australian Government contributing \$1.28 million towards the cost of the \$1.6 million project,” Mr O'Brien said.

“East of Gympie, the Australian Government will invest \$560,000 to widen and install centre lines along a 36km section of Tin Can Bay Road, between the Lillis Road and Dugong Street intersections, and the Queensland Government will provide \$140,000 towards the cost of the project.

“A section of Kin Kin Road range between Williams Road and Turnbull Road will be widened through a new \$6 million project, with the Australian Government contributing \$4.8 million and the Queensland Government \$1.2 million to make the road safer.

“These are all state roads, which means the Queensland Government is responsible for their improvement, repair and maintenance, but this funding from the Australian Government encourages them to prioritise and fast track these projects and get on with the job of making these roads safer for all road users.

“This investment from the Australian Government through the \$3 billion Road Safety Program also means the Queensland Government has more money to invest in these roads to upgrade and improve them.”

Mr O'Brien said the projects will enhance road safety while also supporting construction activity and local jobs.

“This funding provides a critical boost to local jobs and Wide Bay's economy and it also delivers upgrade works to help keep people safe on our roads,” Mr O'Brien said.

The Australian Government contributed \$6,640,000, and the Queensland Government contributed \$1,660,000 to the projects.

“A total of \$8.3 million will be invested in Wide Bay to fund these safety improvements to help reduce the number of fatalities and serious injuries occurring on our roads,” Mr O'Brien said.

“The most important thing we can do for our community is to follow the road rules and drive to conditions to ensure we all get home safely.

“It's a national tragedy that 1,200 people die and 40,000 people are seriously injured on our roads each year, and all road users, road designers and engineers, vehicle manufacturers, regulators, legislators and law enforcement each have a vital role to keep our roads safe.

For more information on the Australian Government's road safety initiatives, visit www.officeofroadsafety.gov.au.

WILD DOG & FERAL PIG BAITING PROGRAM – SEPTEMBER 2021

South Burnett Regional Council in conjunction with Biosecurity Queensland will be participating in a coordinated Wild Dog & Feral Pig Control Program.

Baiting stations will be held throughout the South Burnett from Friday 13 September to Friday 20 September 2021. All participants must register their intention to conduct baiting no later than Wednesday 8 September 2021.

Failure to control wild dogs and feral pigs can result in livestock losses, attacks on domestic pets and the loss of native fauna. Landholders have a legislative responsibility to control declared pests on their land and participation in this program is an effective way to help meet this responsibility.

For further information and to register your intention of attending a baiting station please contact Council's Stock Route and Pest Officer on 1300 789 279, 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au

2022 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN!

South Burnett Regional Council Mayor Brett Otto is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the region's annual Australia Day Awards for 2022.

Mayor Otto expressed the importance of acknowledging community members and groups that go above and beyond for South Burnett and its people.

“From Blackbutt to Wooroolin to Proston, we are a diverse region. These awards allow equal opportunity across the entire South Burnett to recognise the invaluable work being done by the many local community groups and individuals”, the Mayor said.

“The Australia Day Awards provide the opportunity to reward these organisations and individuals for their commitment and tenacity towards creating a better quality of life for our region,” said Mayor Otto.

Award categories are as follows:

South Burnett Citizen of the Year

South Burnett Young Citizen of the Year

South Burnett Junior Cultural Award

South Burnett Senior Cultural Award

South Burnett Junior Sportsperson

South Burnett Senior Sportsperson

South Burnett Sports Administrator/Coach/Official Award

South Burnett Community Organisation of the Year

South Burnett Volunteer of the Year

South Burnett Lifetime Achievement Award

Local Achiever Award (Town & Rural)

Council encourages all community members to submit a nomination for the 2022 Australia Day Awards.

Further information on award categories and how to nominate visit Council's website. **Nominations close 4:30pm on Friday 12 November 2021.**

For further information regarding the 2022 Australia Day Awards please contact Council's Executive Services team on 1300 789 279, 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.



Check out the latest art install from Uncle Rocko and daughter Robyn. Painting a mural at the Water Treatment Plant.

The finished work represents “The Rocks” which includes wildlife local to our area, fishing canoeing and trees.

Courtesy
Cherbourg Radio

On Wednesday (18 August 2021) our 5 school leaders attended the Vietnam Veterans service held at the Murgon Cenotaph. On Vietnam Veterans' Day, we pause and reflect on the bravery, teamwork and endurance that Australians displayed throughout the war. It's a day when we recognise all who served in Vietnam.

We honour those veterans who • lost their lives during battle • returned home wounded, ill or injured

• lost their lives in the years since they returned • still carry the physical and emotional scars of their service. We also pause to reflect on the impact of service on our veterans' families.

Our Vice Captains Lachlan and James as well as Student Welfare Officer Jareece laid a wreath on behalf of the school. The students mingled and spoke with many members of community and veterans. I thank the Murgon RSL subbranch for continuing to extend an invitation to local schools for events such as this.



Murgon is through to the Grand Final in the A Grade rugby league. Nanango will play Cherbourg to determine the other grand finalist. Kingaroy's season is over.

The Mustangs trophy and team photos presentation afternoon Thursday 16th September from 4.30pm at the Murgon Footy Clubhouse.

There are some big local winners in the latest round of Gambling Community Benefit Fund grants announced by the State Government.

Local groups will share almost \$422,000 in Round 109.

Grants will benefit two local QCWA groups, three local Show Societies and improve security at the Kingaroy & District Vintage Machinery Club's grounds at Butwell Park, near Kingaroy Airport.

The Creative Country Association – the group behind the new art gallery / museum under construction in Macalister Street, Murgon – has been supported to purchase fossil replicas.

Another grant will allow the development of a conservation plan for the historic Boondooma Homestead.

Grant recipients include:

- Boondooma Museum & Heritage Association – To develop a conservation management plan – \$35,000
- Burnett Region Pony Clubs – Buy printers and laptops – \$10,000
- Cooyar Agricultural Society – Fit out canteen – \$31,239.45
- Creative Country Association – Buy glass fossil replicas – \$28,000
- Farm 2 Fork Collective – Buy computer and kitchen equipment – \$18,387.57
- Kingaroy & District Vintage Machinery Club – Install security fence and buy grandstands – \$34,760
- Kumbia Race Club – Upgrade coldroom – \$28,800
- Mt Stanley Muster – Buy generator and install underground power – \$28,000
- Murgon Pastoral, Agricultural & Horticultural Society – Upgrade pens, grounds and install shed – \$35,000
- QCWA Proston – Replace hall stumps – \$33,815.45
- QCWA Wondai – Upgrade roof, ramp and rain tank – \$34,929.37
- Tansey Polocrosse Club – Build shed – \$35,000
- Wheatlands State School P&C – Install shade structure – \$10,000
- Widgee State School P&C – Buy tuckshop appliances, trailer and upgrade electrics – \$27,046
- Wondai Agricultural, Pastoral & Industrial Society – Buy tiered seating banks – \$31,950

The Gambling Community Benefit Fund provides grants of up to \$35,000 to community organisations, not-for-profit organisations and local councils to fund local projects that benefit their communities.

Applications for Round 111 will close on August 31.

Attorney-General Shannon Fentiman said there would be four rounds of GCBF funding in 2022: one round offering grants from \$500 to \$100,000, and the other three offering grants from \$500 to \$35,000.

Get Involved - Have your Say, Grants, Prizes, Surveys, Events and Reviews + Links for COVID-19 information

- [Closure of on-site camping facilities for Distance Ed students](#) - Sign the petition and show your support. Closes 7 Oct.
- [AgriFutures Rural Women's Award](#) - Nominate now! Closes 8 Oct.
- [Broadacre Cropping Initiative Research Showcase](#) - Book a ticket. 23 November, Toowoomba.
- [COVID-19 Business Support Grants](#) - Closing 16th Nov.
- [Fair Play Vouchers](#) - Helping to support kids participate in sport. Closes 29 Sept (or until fully allocated)
- [Petition for a Female Sports Person Statue](#) - Sign the petition
- [Telstra payphones are now free](#) - Read more
- [Transport planning](#) - Have your say. Closes 17 Sept.
- [Funeral Price Transparency Consultation](#) - Closes 7 Oct.
- [Plastics Ban](#) - Qld's ban of single use plastics starts 1 Sept 2021.
- [Australian of the Year](#) - 2022 Nominations now open!
- [Rural Financial Counselling Service](#) - Free service for primary producers and small business owners
- [Roadmap to easing Queensland Restrictions](#)
- [Qld Health Direction on Home Confinement, Movement and Gathering](#)
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SOUTH BURNETT PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP



Our August guest speaker, Stacey Edwards travelled from Toowoomba to speak about the services available through **Wellways**, which is a federally funded Service Provider for all carers. Stacey enlightened us all as to the type of assistance on offer through this organisation, including online & phone counselling, access to aids to assist with caring, connecting with carer peers and providing emergency respite. All services are free of charge. To register phone 1800 422 737.

Thank you to Graham House for setting up the venue and morning tea items.

Garry's birthday had just passed, on the meeting day so he got to choose a chocolate which he quickly devoured.

"SHOW & TELL" was also on the program for the morning. There was an amazing variety in the items which the members brought along. To mention a few, there was a very old rooster timer, a Baptism certificate, polished stones & a very funny "squatter" postcard. We will repeat this activity in

the not too distant future due to its success.

Only 2 prizes were awarded for creative words this month. Phil won for his puzzling Parkinson's words and Donna won for her caring words. Guest speaker Stacey was the judge for these.

Thanks to Merrilyn for the colourful flowers she provided to brighten up the tables.

NEXT MEETING: social event with venue to be advised.

Ph. Darryl 4168 3116 or Carmen 5486 1268.

All interested community members can attend our friendly meetings. We are made up of carers, supporters and people with Parkinson's.

Darling Downs Health will return to Cherbourg next week to provide COVID-19 vaccinations.

The Cherbourg vaccination clinic will be held from noon to 5pm on Monday 6 September; 8am to 4.30pm from Tuesday 7 September to Thursday 9 September; and 8am to noon on Friday 10 September at the Cherbourg Town Hall.

The clinic will be open to those getting their second COVID-19 vaccination (two doses are required for full protection) as well as those wanting their first vaccination. Those attending for their first vaccination are asked to please attend on either Monday or Friday.

Dr Katie Panaretto

"There is a lot of information about the COVID-19 vaccination in the community and it can be hard separating facts from myths," Dr Katie said.

"These vaccinations are safe, effective and the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones from getting very sick.

"I encourage everyone who has questions or concerns to come down to the town hall and have a yarn."

Dr Katie said it was particularly important for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to consider getting vaccinated.

Sadly, we are now seeing in New South Wales and Victoria how this virus is impacting First Nations communities," Dr Katie said.

"This clinic is a great opportunity for people to not only protect themselves but also their communities, elders and families."



Cuts to Murgon Commonwealth Bank hours a disappointing blow

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington, says the decision by Commonwealth Bank to reduce hours at the Murgon branch is just another example of services being stripped from regional areas.

Mrs Frecklington said it is extremely disappointing that the Commonwealth Bank does not comprehend the importance of face-to-face services to regional towns like Murgon.

"Murgon has been included in a long list of regional towns across Australia that will have their daily opening hours reduced to 9.30am until 1pm," Mrs Frecklington said.

"This is like a death-by-a-thousands cuts. We know that once major banks start reducing their hours, they then claim not enough people are using the walk-in service and the next thing we see is branch closures.

"Regional towns like Murgon really value these types of services and once again we're seeing large companies relinquish their commitment to serve regional areas.

"Unfortunately, this has become a common theme for the big banks, who believe they can service their customers just as well online.

"However, for community groups, and businesses, it will always be necessary for them to have access to physical 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.

"The other thing that we're seeing in regional Queensland is the issue of cybercrime. More and more people are being targeted in scams and there is a genuine need for victims of these crimes to be able to access their bank in person to discuss their situation.

"I am also really concerned about the staff. The Commonwealth Bank needs to ensure employment options are provided to these local staff.

"I will be writing to the Commonwealth Bank to express my disappointment about the reduction of hours at Murgon to request their decision be overturned," Deb said.



"Take Heart, It is I; Do Not Be Afraid"

By Jordan Bennett; Mark 6:45-52

Most of the events and miracles performed by Jesus are recorded across all 4 Gospels, though each writer shares their own experience and perspective on what has happened. Matthew, for instance was a teacher of the Law who became a disciple, so he likes to focus on the ways Jesus challenged the old way of doing things under the Law of Moses. Luke, was what was called a gentile (a fancy way of saying he wasn't a Jew) and a doctor. So, he liked to focus on the miraculous acts of healing and how Jesus' teaching were for everyone, not just the Jews. John, was a historian and one of Jesus' closest disciples. John's writings are eyewitness accounts and looks very closely at the divinity of Jesus. But the Gospel of Mark is a little bit different. Many have joked that Mark is the patron saint of those in a tearing hurry because the word "immediately" is used some 40+ times in 16 chapters. Mark seems to always be in a rush, and in some cases is missing some parts of the events that the other writers include. And the passage I want to look at today, is a classic example of this.

The passage today is an event we all know well: Jesus walking on the water. But when we look at Mark's telling of the event, something seems to be missing. Where is Peter? Isn't he supposed to get out of the boat and sink? Mark doesn't focus on this, possibly because Peter provided much of Mark's information, and old Pete may not have wanted to be embarrassed by telling the full story! But I believe Mark doesn't mention this because there is something to be learned in not necessarily what is written, but how it is written. Mark doesn't mention Peter because Peter isn't the focus of this event. This is about Jesus, and about how loving, and patient He is, even when His closest followers still don't "get it".

When Jesus walked out on the water, of all the people who should have seen it and understood, it was the disciples. They had literally just seen Jesus feed thousands with a few loaves and fishes. They'd seen Him raise people from the dead and heal the

side and lame. If something out of the ordinary or supernatural happened, you'd think the disciples would just go: "oh that must be Jesus". But no. They see a "ghost" walking on the water and freak out. And Jesus' response is a wonderful encouragement to us all. As He approaches the boat full of screaming disciples, He doesn't get angry at them, He doesn't dismiss them and abandon them, He doesn't chastise or lecture them. No, He comes closer and offers reassurance: "take heart, it is I; do not be afraid".

When Jesus walked out to the boat, the disciples were fighting a storm and making headway painfully. And throughout our lives, we will be in the same situation. We will be in our little boat, fighting the storms of life, sometimes making headway, sometimes sinking, sometimes wondering if its even worth fighting. In that moment, Jesus comes to us and says: "take heart, it is I". Whatever it is you are going through, there is One who walks right through the middle of your storm, and offers comfort, and peace, and hope. But the best part of this story is that Jesus didn't stay out on the water. He didn't keep His disciples at a distance. When He saw they were afraid He came closer, and got into their boat with them, and the storm stopped. Jesus doesn't just come to us in our trials and pat us on the back and say "tough break pal". He doesn't just say "thoughts and prayers in this difficult time". No, He comes in closer, and gets into your boat. He jumps right into the middle of your storm, and endures with you. And I know from personal experience that when He does this, the storms of life really do calm down.

So, whatever you are struggling through right now, whatever storm is raging in your life, Jesus is right there with you. He sees you struggling, and He is walking on the waves to be with you, and He speaks to you and says: "take heart, it is I; do not be afraid". Trust in Him, and He will get in your boat, and endure with you. That is the promise we have in His Word.



Congratulations to Kaylee McKeown who won 3 gold medals for the Australian Swim Team at the Olympics in Tokyo. Kaylee is the granddaughter of former Prostonites Daryl & Cheryl Slinger (nee Steinhardt)

Kaylee made her debut as part of the Dolphins aged 15, joining her older sister Taylor. She won her first major international medal at the 2019 World Championships claiming silver in the 200m backstroke. In 2021, Kaylee has been smashing records, setting three national records in the span of one weekend, in the 200m, 100m and 50m backstroke at the Sydney Open. She then went on to break the world record in the Women's 100m Backstroke at the Australian Swimming Trials with a time of 57.45. Securing a ticket to her first Olympic Games, McKeown showed her grit and determination to claim gold in both in the 100m and 200m backstroke and gold in the women's 4x100m Medley Relay She also won bronze in the Mixed 4x100m Medley Relay.

OLYMPIC GAMES

Tokyo, Japan 2020 (2021)

- Won gold in the Women's 100m Backstroke (OR)
- Won gold in the Women's 200m Backstroke
- Won gold in the Women's 4x100m Medley Relay (OR, CR)
- Won bronze in the Mixed 4x100m Medley Relay

A banner for the Nanango Electorate e-Newsletter. The left side is blue with yellow text: "Nanango Electorate e-Newsletter", "Deb FRECKLINGTON MP", and "Member for Nanango". Below this is the Australian Coat of Arms and "July 2021". The right side shows a photograph of Deb Frecklington, a woman with brown hair wearing a blue jacket, smiling. In the background of the photo is a horse race track with a white archway that says "SOUTHWEST REGION".



Vietnam Veterans Day - Blackbutt and Murgon

The 18th August saw services across the Electorate to commemorate Vietnam Veterans Day. It was lovely to join members of the Blackbutt and Yarraman RSL branches (pic above) and the community and to hear from such inspirational guest speakers. Earlier in the day I also had the privilege of sharing breakfast with the Murgon RSL Sub-Branch and local Vietnam Veterans. Given the current troubling times in Afghanistan, It was obvious it is more important than ever to show your support to our Veteran Community.

A man, wanting to rob a Bank of Queensland, walked into the Branch and wrote 'Put all your munny in this bag.'

While standing in line, waiting to give his note to the teller, he began to worry that someone had seen him write the note and might call the police before he reached the teller's window. So he left the Bank and crossed the street to the NAB Bank. After waiting a few minutes in line, he handed his note to the teller. She read it and, surmising from his spelling errors that he wasn't the brightest light in the harbour, told him that she could not accept his stickup note because it was written on a Bank of Queensland deposit slip and that he would either have to fill out a NAB deposit slip or go back to Bank of Queensland ...

Looking somewhat defeated, the man said, 'OK' and left.

He was arrested a few minutes later, as he was waiting in line back at the Bank of Queensland.

Come along to the South Burnett PCYC on September 11th 10am – 12midday to meet Michael.

SUNCOAST SPINNERS SOUTH BURNETT WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL INTRODUCING OUR NEW HEAD COACH – MICHAEL OXLEY



We are excited to introduce our new Head Coach Michael Oxley.

Michael Oxley is an accredited coach who loves sharing with others the enjoyment of participating in sport, in particular wheelchair basketball.

His coaching philosophy is teaching team and individual values of Courage, Integrity, Effort, Positive Attitude, Discipline, Kindness, Fun and Enjoyment through Wheelchair Basketball. He thrives on empowering people to become the best they can be on and off the court.

Michael will incorporate the Suncoast Spinners Reverse Inclusion initiative into the South Burnett Wheelchair Basketball program. Reverse Inclusion encourages people with and without a disability to play wheelchair sports together.

Basketball has been a big part of his life and has given him so much, he wants to enable as many people as possible to share those experiences. Some of the benefits of being part of a sports team include learning to show commitment, working together, overcoming challenges, learning to lose, accepting decisions, accepting and respecting others, shared fun experiences, belonging to a community, increased physical and mental fitness.

So many people do not know about wheelchair basketball and do not have the opportunity to play it, changing this is an area he is focused on, to give others the opportunities, enjoyment and experiences he has had through wheelchair basketball. He has been involved with a lot of teams over the years in basketball and wheelchair basketball as a coach, manager, player or official.

Michael brings an abundance of knowledge and expertise with over 30 years' of wheelchair basketball coaching experience holding positions as Head Coach with the Fraser Coasters Wheelchair Basketball, QLD Junior development Squad and the Australian under 25 Women Wheelchair Basketball Squad.

Join us on September 11th 10am – 12midday at the PCYC South Burnett to meet Michael.

Everyone is welcome to come along and try wheelchair basketball.

Suncoast Spinners Wheelchair Basketball Inc.

Management Committee For further details call Sharon on 0409071522



Sometimes you can be so wrong

During my time as the secretary of the Murgon Football Club in the seventies I can remember receiving the usual applications for the position of coach for the forthcoming season. I came across an application by a Mr Col Pearen to coach the Murgon A grade side. No one said anything and my thoughts were what would this bloke know about football, I knew him as an oldish looking man riding a pushbike to work at the PMG every day. It is only now that I have never stopped reading about this great footballer and captain and think he could have been likened to Wayne Bennett.

During his younger years in 1937 Colin Represented and Captained the Gympie Wanderers A Grade Rugby League Team winning the Gympie and District Shield. Col played in all three grades for his much loved club the "Wanderers"

Col Pearen is a life member of the Gympie Wanderers Rugby League Football Club.

Col also played for many years for Gympie. And he played football for the 47th Battalion, he was part of the team that won the competition in Maryborough.

Col played football and coached both the Murgon and Goomeri Teams. I have just finished reading another write up about him in the Murgon Advertiser 1949 where Murgon played Wondai in the grand final led by their experienced and capable captain Col Pearen. Murgon won 14 to 3.

Colin "Gunner" Harold Pearen was born in Gympie on the 14/09/1916.

And passed away on Thursday the 24th May 2012 aged 95 years.

Barambah Garden Club Celebrates another Year



The Garden Club held its Annual General Meeting on Friday 13 August with nineteen members attending, gathered at the home of Lyn Norton in Houghton Street. After a hearty morning tea, the meeting was opened. After the monthly meeting was closed, the Annual General Meeting took place and nominations for office bearers was called. The members occupying the four principal positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, were returned to serve another year.

The various officers read their reports. The President Ann Rehbein, mentioned in her report that the 2020/2021 year was as confusing as the previous year with COVID causing the cancelation of several meetings. We lost three dedicated members last year who moved away for family reasons; and gained six new members who are enjoying the activities of the club.

One of the prominent Guest Speakers through the year was Agriculture Extension Officer Damien O'Sullivan who spoke on the subject matter of Grasses. It became a very animated discussion when Pascoe's **Book of the Year, 'Dark Emu'** entered the discussion. The members of the Barambah Garden Club were suddenly all talking at once giving their views. Whoever said Grass could be boring – Not on that day!

Another of the prominent Speakers was Barbara Beerling, a horticulturist from Alderley in Brisbane who talked extensively about the beauty and resilience of the first roses introduced by colonists in the 1800s; and how they were developed through the years.

The club had a successful trip to Bundaberg with a visit to the Trewallyn Rose Farm, and two other nurseries.

Marlene Emmerton was thanked for her dedication and diligence in organising the flower and vegetable competition each month which is usually very well represented, no matter what the weather situation. It was decided by vote, that the club would add a new section to the competition in the form of 'coloured foliage' in future competitions.

The next meeting will be held at Mary Mitchell's residence on the second Friday of the month (10th September) with a guest speaker who will talk on the subject of fertilizer.

The meeting was closed and the members celebrated another successful year for the Barambah Garden Club with a lunch at the Royal Hotel in Murgon to enjoy lively conversation and good food.

Barbara Hartmann King 0741681675 or contact President Ann 0438 686 238



Photo of our Tai Chi & Chair Yoga/ Meditation afternoon, held at the Mondure hall on Sat.21st.August.

We had 43 ladies participating, wonderful afternoon, where everyone participated if they were able. We enjoyed afternoon tea, supplied my Committee Ladies. Jenny & Kathy who were our instructors.

Regards Kay Gustafson

Student's in the 5/6 class at Wheatland's School recently spent an enjoyable afternoon with Kathy Duff learning about local, state and federal government. Kathy, as always was fantastic.





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A Moment - with Murgon Local Ambulance Committee

It's hard to plan ahead, with COVID 19 still active in so many areas!

The Queensland LAC Biennial State Conference on the Gold Coast this month has been "delayed"; however, Murgon LAC Annual General Meeting is going ahead this week, as planned!



Meanwhile, our "RESQ R00S" First Aid project - in partnership with QAS staff volunteers - is progressing well in two schools. Hopefully, nearly 30 students will complete the course this term.

This sign, on a classroom door, reminds us that our next unit for study, Snake Awareness and Snakebite, is topical - with spring almost sprung. A reminder to us all!

Remember, it is **snake** season
Keep this door shut!



700 were yarded in Murgon Tuesday with the market fully firm on the previous sale. Both processing cattle and store types sold to very strong rates. Heavy Bulls sold to \$3.76 per kilogram and \$3480.00. Bullocks topped at \$3.73 for \$2280.00. Heavy Cows over 500 kilograms sold to \$3.49 per kilogram and \$1970.00. Cows 400 to 500 kg sold to \$3.42 per kilogram averaging \$3.04. Cows under 400 kg topped at \$2.70. Export heifers topped at \$3.84 per kilogram and \$1880.00. Cattle were drawn from Eidsvold, Mundubbera, Gayndah, Mt Perry, Biggenden, Boondooma, Nanango, Kingaroy, Kilkivan & locally. Angus cross steers 430 kg sold to \$4.98 c/kg for \$2140.00. Charbray steers from Crownthorpe sold for \$1850.00 at \$4.50 c/kg. Droughtmaster steers from Goomeri sold for \$4.47 c/kg to return \$1880.00. Local Gelbvieh steers 440 kg sold for \$4.44 c/kg and \$1950.00. 444 kg Angus steers sold to \$4.44 c/kg to return \$1970.00. Charbray steers from Tansey sold for \$1807.00 at \$5.20 c/kg. Santa steers from Gayndah sold for \$5.68 c/kg and \$1705.00. Local Santa steers 325 kg sold for \$5.15 c/kg and \$1670.00. 2 pens of Santa weaner steers from Gayndah sold for \$6.28 c/kg and \$6.36 c/kg returning \$1496.00 & \$1200.00 respectively. Angus weaner steers from Proston sold for \$1443.00 at \$6.30 c/kg. Charolais weaner steers sold for \$6.00 c/kg and \$1525.00. Light Brangus weaner steers from Gayndah sold for \$5.96 c/kg and \$1312.00. Charbray heifers from Winderera sold for \$4.06 c/kg and \$1680.00. Local Angus heifers sold for \$4.36 c/kg returning \$1590.00. Limousin cross heifers from Hivesville sold for \$1580.00 at \$4.62 c/kg. Angus weaner heifers from Proston sold for \$1260.00 at \$5.66 c/kg. Local Gelbvieh weaner heifers sold for \$5.36 c/kg to return \$1260.00. Charbray weaner heifers from Hivesville sold for \$1120.00 at \$5.27 c/kg. PTIC Belmont red heifers sold for \$2050.00. Brangus Cows & Calves sold to \$2200.00.

The next Murgon sale will be on Tuesday the 14th of September at 8.00 am.

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The noise and language of the workers on the highrise building next to the convent was becoming unbearable.

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So the next day, she packed a sandwich, made a Thermos of Coffee and waited for the lunch whistle to blow. When the workers all sat down for a bite to eat, Mother Superior walked calmly to the first group of workers with her lunch and coffee in hand.

One of the group stood up and asked if he could help her, a little surprised, she replied, "Well, yes, Do you young men know Jesus Christ?"

They look at each other and then reply, "Nope, haven't heard of him". Then one of them looked up to the group on the next floor and said, "Have any of you heard of Jesus Christ?"

There was a bit of mumbling and a reply came back, "No, never heard of him. What do you want him for?"

The first worker replied.

"Well... His mother is here with his lunch and coffee" you could have heard a pin drop.

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Kathy's Comments

Long Drive for Drought

It was a fantastic day in Proston when Brent Reeman and his convoy of around 32 x 40 Series Landcruisers arrived. They came to Proston as part of their tour of small country towns to put money into the community and raise money for Drought Angels. The Proston Tearooms catered with the tables all along the main street footpath. It was a spectacular Long Table Luncheon with a beautiful salad, a cold drink and desert all supplied for around 65 visitors.

Cloyna Students partnering with Council

The Cloyna students partnered with Council in a great project to help to improve the tidiness of the Transfer Station. The students wrote where the waste was to go for example green waste only and drew pictures to go with each sign of the type of waste for each spot. Council laminated the sign posted drawings and put them up on posts at each spot to help direct people to the right areas for their waste disposal. There has been quite a bit of damage and fires at the Cloyna Transfer Station lately and we are hoping that when visitors see the signs and appreciate that they have been done by the students that it will help to deter potential vandals. We are hoping that everyone takes pride in the way that they dispose of their waste and that this project which is a partnership between Council, Cloyna State School and the community will help to achieve that goal.

Coffee with the Cops

I had the privilege of catching up with the cops for coffee at the Council Chambers as part of my fortnightly catch up. The exciting thing about the meetings recently is about the big reduction in crime in Murgon. The crime statistics are steadily declining and that is great news for everyone. I would like to thank the Murgon Police for walking the streets regularly which is what the community have asked for. Thank you for the work that you do to keep our community safe. Thank you for attending the local community meetings, events, and the Murgon Business Association breakfasts. It all helps to build support and strong community connections with the Police so that by working together we can all be part of a safer community.

Exciting News for Murgon's Future Water Security

Thank you to Mayor Otto, Brett Heading and Stuart Nicholson for working with me to put a proposal to Council to add the Barambah West Scheme to the list of projects to be progressed to the planning and assessment stage. There was some funding left over from the South Burnett Water Study that we have allocated to progress the short-listed projects so they are shovel ready for any potential funding opportunity. The four projects to be progressed will be Barlil Weir Demand Assessment Report, the Gordonbrook Dam from urban to irrigation project, the Blackbutt Irrigators water infrastructure and allocation project and a hydrological and economic assessment and analysis of the West Barambah Catchment on the Barker Barambah Scheme.



Wheatland's State School Book Week

I had the unenviable task of judging the amazing costumes at the Wheatland's State School Dress up Day for Book Week. The costumes were simply stunning, and the students had a ball displaying their costumes, announcing the name of their books and then dancing to impress the judges. The teachers also put on a spectacular book week story with some great costumes. The spirit of the school and the energy of the parents, students, staff, and teachers is second to none. I had the pleasure of attending the school to talk about my role as a Councillor with the Year 6 class. I was very impressed with their depth of knowledge of Local Government but also equally impressed with the questions and requests that they had ready for me. They asked me for some road repairs, to improve the play equipment at the Murgon Skatepark and one of their real passions to have a trampoline park at the PCYC. I have taken notes and am following up with the relevant parties to ensure that their requests are followed up and achieved where possible.

Farmers Day Out

Hats off to the Murgon Show Society for this great event for our farmers. I had the privilege of opening the inaugural event. It was a huge success with lots of stalls and activities including mower racing, which was very spectacular. The great thing about the day was it provided an opportunity for farmers to enjoy a day out without having to worry about the problems they are facing with the continuous drought. It was also an opportunity for farmers to meet with other farmers and just have a yarn or check out the displays. Congratulations again to the Murgon Show Society and I hope that this becomes an annual event.

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Park Named In Doctor's Honour

Proston's Rundle Park and some of the silky oak trees planted there 85 years ago by the park's namesake Dr Reeve Palmerston Rundle (Photo: SBRC) Dr Reeve Rundle made significant contributions to Proston in the 1930s

South Burnett Regional Council will name a small park in Proston in honour of one of the town's former doctors, who planted its trees 85 years ago.

At Wednesday's Communities Standing Committee meeting, Councillors voted to officially name a small block of land at the corner of Okeden and Wondai-Proston roads as Rundle Park.

The name honours Dr Reeve Palmerston Rundle, a highly respected GP who worked in the Proston district in the 1930s.

Dr Rundle was the first superintendent of the now-defunct Boondooma Private Hospital, which was built in 1934 on land he owned in Proston.



In 1935 – in conjunction with the Proston Chamber Of Commerce – Dr Rundle asked the former Wondai Shire Council to reserve a triangular block of land at the corner of Okeden Road for a garden park.

He proposed that if the Council did this and prepared the surface, he would plant trees in the park at his own cost – the grove of silky oaks that still remain in the park today.

Dr Rundle was something of a mover and shaker during his time in Proston.

Apart from being active in the Chamber of Commerce and the RSL, he was a driving force behind the formation of the Proston Golf Club.

He also subdivided land on the northern side of Wondai Road into residential blocks, which allowed the town to expand.

In later years, Dr Rundle moved to north Queensland and was instrumental in establishing the Townsville and District University Society in 1958, acting as its first chairman.

The society established a university college in 1961 which later became James Cook University in 1970.

Recently, the South Burnett Regional Council began removing trees in Rundle Park due to concerns that some were diseased and could pose a risk to park users.

This led to a public meeting in early July where Council's parks and gardens staff agreed to reassess the trees.

They also agreed to call a second meeting once the assessment was complete to plan the park's future.

The motion to rename the park as Rundle Park was moved by Cr Kathy Duff, seconded by Cr Danita Potter, and passed unanimously.

A sign carrying the new name is expected to be placed in the park in the next few months.

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As the building came down from above.
How we met on that wonderful day,
How you held me in a loving way.
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My visions of you dissolving all pain.

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Long Drive for Drought came through Proston, Queensland on Friday 27 August for its first day of nine to raise 80K toward drought support for Queensland farmers. The convoy of 40 Series Toyota Land Cruisers will travel nearly 3,000km up through the Burnett region, then Central and Central Western Queensland and loop back to Western Downs and back to Brisbane. Long Drive for Drought has partnered with Drought Angels to aid Queensland communities and families struggling through drought.



Thank you to Denise from the Proston Golden Spurs Hotel for donating \$200 to Drought Angels today. The community dug deep to support the cause & to thank them for coming to put money back into Proston with over 60 for lunch catered for by Proston Tearooms!!



A big shout out to Anita Blanch & her catering team who put on an amazing long table lunch for the Long Drive for Drought & Drought Angels who came today as part of the first leg of their trip to raise money for drought & put money back into small communities like Proston. Thank you to Brent Reeman, Jessica Jones, Tash Johnstone & around 60 others who came to be part of this good news event for the small town of Proston!!