



# MURGON MOMENTS

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



Special highlight of the 2020 Murgon RSL Sub Branch Annual Dinner was this special presentation on the 75th Anniversary  
End of the Second World War  
Australia Remembers 2020

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His Excellency General, The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (RETD) Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia.

And The Honourable Scott Morrison MP, Prime Minister of Australia

Photo L-R : Trevor Williamson OAM (Director, Murgon RSL Sub Branch), Bill Whitburn OAM (Vice President RSL Queensland and former WW11 pilot Mr Alfred (Mick) Purser (Murgon's oldest member)

2020-21

## Executive Committee of the Murgon Mustangs Football Club



Photo L-R:

**Amanda Zelinski (Treasurer), Scott Prendergast (President), Wayne Gscheidle (Vice President), Libby Meikle (Secretary).**

At the Annual meeting Life Member Scott Kapernick chaired the meeting and thanked the club for assisting with linesmen etc and the other office bearers that were elected include ; Justin Giles (Coaching Coordinator), Candice Sippel (Canteen Coordinator), Sheree Prendergast (Registrar Nominations).

In presenting his Presidents report Scott Prendergast thanked the many coaches, office bearers, supporters and volunteers that helped in the later part of last year and the early part of this year until Coved-19 closed local football down. A big thankyou for everyone who have helped in the building of the new dressing rooms. Treasurer Amanda gave a financial report that bewildered me with the many 5 figure amounts that it now takes to run a football club. I recalled the amount of \$8,000 it cost to build the existing broadcast box and part of the canteen whilst I was secretary, many years ago, and the guarantees that had to be made that it could be repaid over a 8 year period. Finally the Murgon Shire Council who own the ground guaranteed the loan.

It has been decided to field the following grades in 2021 in the local competition, under 8,10,12,14 with under 15,16,18 South Burnett sides to play in the Toowoomba competition.

South Burnett Senior competition will be played between the following 5 clubs, Murgon, Wondai, Kingaroy, Nanango and Cherbourg.

One of the most interesting discussions of the night was the implementing of an apprentice succession

plan with those nominated accepting the roles to step up next year. Congratulations on this initiative and we wish you every success in the 2021 season.

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Photo: The raising of the Aboriginal flag in Heading Park, in front of the Murgon RSL, part of Naidoc week celebrations in the South Burnett.

The flag will fly alongside the Australian and Queensland flag

## Lower energy costs for Wide Bay dairy farmers

The Liberal National Government is continuing its support for the dairy industry, with six Wide Bay dairy farmers to receive grants for energy-efficient equipment, Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien announced today.

Mr O'Brien said the farmers had been awarded grants of up to \$20,000 each through the Government's Energy Efficient Communities Program to lower their power bills so they can reinvest in their business and employ more people.

"These grants will help local dairy farmers reduce their energy bills and will provide much-needed financial support at a time when many in the industry are struggling after years of unfair milk pricing and drought," Mr O'Brien said.

"Supporting the long-term sustainability of our dairy farmers is critical to the Wide Bay economy and Australia's food security, and I am pleased this election commitment has been delivered by the Morrison Government."

The grants can be used for cutting energy costs by upgrading to more energy-efficient equipment such as vacuum pumps, cooling and heating equipment or lighting; investing in monitoring systems to better manage energy use; or having energy audits done on a dairy's operations.

The following grants have been awarded to farms in Wide Bay:

Amount	Location	Purpose
\$19,590	Gympie	Energy Efficient Water Heating Upgrade
\$20,000	Wooroonden	Upgrade Irrigation to Pivot for Energy Efficiency
\$19,250	Kybong	Installing a Heat Recovery Unit to Reduce Electricity Costs
\$20,000	Boonara	Heat Recovery System Upgrade
\$20,000	Bells Bridge	Irrigation Upgrade
\$17,401	Cedar Pocket	Energy Efficient Irrigation Upgrade

Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction Angus Taylor said the Government is supporting dairy farmers to invest in energy-saving activities for the benefit of their business and the country.

"Dairy farmers are at the centre of an industry every Australian relies upon," Minister Taylor said.

"The products they produce line our supermarket shelves and fill our fridges.

"With energy a significant cost of doing business in the dairy industry, these grants will help farmers lower their bills and help ensure the long-term viability of their businesses.

"Helping these businesses to cut their power bills by becoming more energy efficient will ease the financial pressures they face while also reducing our emissions. It's a win-win."

Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management David Littleproud said energy use in milk cooling, milk harvesting and hot water production is one of the highest overheads in the dairy shed, so anything that can be done to reduce costs will help support the financial resilience of these farmers.

"Many businesses are struggling at the moment and dairy farmers, in particular, are continuing to do it tough in the drought and the aftermath of devastating bushfires," Minister Littleproud said.

"These grants will provide welcome support at a time when so many in the agricultural sector are struggling."

The Energy Efficient Communities Program was announced as part of the Government's \$3.5 billion Climate Solutions Package to deliver on Australia's 2030 climate commitments.



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## Local UHF Radio users

Passing on some important information for local UHF Radio users:  
from Jason Ryan: jasonryan1971@outlook.com.au

I have been working for several months on the building of a new CBRS UHF Repeater CH 7 at Mount England near Murgon for the South Burnett. I am pleased to announce that I now have this up and operational for use by the local community, this repeater covers up to around an 80km Radius depending on your location,

I would just like to mention some important info while I have your attention in regards to the use of UHF 31 to 38 & 71 to 78...these channels are a very important part of any repeater systems operating without interference. These channels are the receive channels for all repeaters around Australia and should only be used as a last resort if not at all for simplex communications between 2 radios for direct communications,

meaning radio to radio without the use of a repeater.

Also, Channels 1 to 8 & 41 to 48 are the output channels of the repeaters around Australia and also should be avoided when possible. To use the repeater your radio needs to be in DUPLEX mode this is only operational on 1 to 8 & 41 to 48 when you enable duplex on those channels, when you press the PTT or push to talk button your radio will automatically change the channel to transmit on CH37 for example and when you release the PTT button your radio will now receive back on CH7

So within the South Burnett region, we only have 2 repeaters in operation...Channel 4 Bunya Mountains and now Channel 7 Mount England near Murgon.

Briefly, if you use CH 37 or CH 34 to communicate on within the South Burnett region chances are you are going to interfere with other stations who are trying to use the CH 7 & CH 4 Repeaters in the South Burnett region so I would respectfully ask that stations avoid using 37 & 34 for chitchat channels as to minimise interference. And if you can get into the habit of avoiding any of those uplink Channels 31-38 & 41-48.

I hope that I have explained enough and given you a little insight into a small part of the operational side of the Repeaters channels for UHF CB, by all means, if you have any other questions you're welcome to PM or email me and I will answer your questions. I hope you enjoy the repeater... it's there for the community to make use of, I just ask that everyone respect one another and use common radio etiquette.

Regards

Jason Ryan

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# Dob In a Dealer campaign will help clean up drugs in Wide Bay

Dob in a Dealer campaign run by Crime Stoppers Australia, benefitting communities across Wide Bay. The program is funded from the proceeds of crime, money that was destined to line the pockets of our most serious criminals.

“Dob in a Dealer is a call to action to Wide Bay communities to provide Crime Stoppers with information to assist law enforcement in disrupting the import, manufacture and supply of ice and other harmful illicit drugs,”

“We encourage Wide Bay residents to anonymously contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or online at [www.crimestoppers.com.au](http://www.crimestoppers.com.au) to ‘dob in’ those people profiting from the use of illicit drugs in our community.

“Drugs such as ice have a devastating impact on local communities.

“The Government recognises that police can’t fight this on their own, and that our community can play a strong part to undermine and disrupt any criminal business models operating in local areas.” The last *Dob in a Dealer* campaign, which ran between February 2016 and March 2017, saw an average national increase of 95 per cent in drug-related information reports, including an increase of 143 per cent in the number of amphetamine-related reports from the public.

During 2016 in Queensland, Crime Stoppers received more than 17,000 drug-related information reports, including more than 5200 amphetamine-related reports. This led to more than 600 arrests and the seizure of more than \$1 million worth of drugs.

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With that in mind, here are some useful tips:

- Make sure your boat and trailer registrations are up-to-date.
- Check over your boat's hull and attend to your fittings and ensure there are no damaged or defective parts.
- Think about how long ago you serviced your boat's engine. If it wasn't recently or regularly, now is a good time to do so. If you service it yourself and find a problem, get it repaired before you go out.
- Inspect your safety equipment. Make sure it is 'in date', complies with the latest requirements and that its storage place is dry and protected from heat and UV radiation. Replace any that is out of date.
- Have a look over your boat's electrical system. Ensure your battery is charged and in good condition, check wiring, switches and fuses and make sure your navigation lights are working.
- Consider your fuel and how long you've had it. Unleaded petrol degrades over time, so storing fuel for extended periods in your boat's fuel tank and using old fuel can lead to reduced engine performance, difficulty starting your motor, fuel contamination and needless breakdowns at sea.
- Check your fuel system filters (for example, any inline filter or water trap between the fuel tank and engine and the on-engine filter), clean or replace any that are clogged or defective, and inspect your fuel line connection fittings. We've seen plenty of evidence that impurities can build up there and block fuel flow (check out our photo).
- Inspect your trailer by checking its brake lights and indicators, servicing suspension and wheel bearings, replacing any worn tyres, inspecting the winch, wire and rollers, and treating any corrosion.
- When satisfied your boat and trailer are ready to perform safely, plan your trip. Check the marine weather forecast and tidal and bar conditions. Be sure your boat is of a suitable design and size for the waters you intend to operate in and for the number of people you are taking. Make sure you have enough fuel to get out and back (plan to have at least one-third more than you think you need) and enough lifejackets on board, of the right sizes, for yourself and your passengers.
- Tell someone where you are going and the approximate time you are planning to come home.
- When setting out, if you have a VHF radio fitted check its connections before logging on with your local marine rescue organisation and verifying it is working correctly. That done, you've prepared as best you can to enjoy a great return to the waterways!

Maritime Safety Queensland.

Courtesy Freshwater Fishing & Stocking Assoc. of Qld

# CHRISTMAS GIFTS BRING GREAT JOY 2020

Christmas giving is alive and well in the South Burnett. Such a lot of activities had to be cancelled this year, but thankfully, Samaritans Purse Shoe Box ministry, Operation Christmas Child, was not one of them.

The Shoeboxes this year will be going to Malawi, Madagascar, Fiji and Cambodia. The gift-filled shoeboxes will be delivered along with the Good News of Jesus Christ to each of these very poor countries.

It was good to see all ages from school children to seniors become involved in buying gifts, packing, giving money for transport, to make the Christmas-joy happen.

One dear lady of 98 years spent her last night on earth happily helping the family pack shoeboxes, leaving them with special memories of her.

The Murgon High School Interact Group contributed 35 boxes this year. Well done young people!

The South Burnett sent 1,100 boxes including 200 from Murgon – Wondai area.

The boxes contain school supplies, hygiene items, clothing, something to play with and often a cuddly toy – quite a lot to fit in a shoebox.

This is a practical reminder of the true spirit of Christmas.....that it is more blessed to give than to receive.



## Statement from Deb Frecklington

Thank-you from Deb

"It is a great honour and a privilege to be elected for a fourth term as the Member for Nanango," Mrs Frecklington said.

"I am very humbled and sincerely thank the community for putting their faith in me. I took on this role to make a difference in our regional areas, and I will continue to fight for our fair share in the Nanango Electorate.

"There is so much opportunity right here, but it needs backing with better roads, better health services and less red and green tape for our primary producers and small business.

"This is what I'll be working to achieve for our Nanango Electorate communities – right across the South Burnett, Somerset, northern Toowoomba, Cherbourg and western Gympie areas.

"I'll continue to work hard each and every day because I love this area, and the people who call our beautiful part of the world home," Deb said.

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- new! National Shed Development Programme (Men's Sheds) now open, with a total funding pool of \$500,000 available to support Men's Shed activities and members. Applications close 27 November, read more the guidelines .
- new! Women in STEM and Entrepreneurship - Round 3 now open for projects from \$5,000 - \$250,000 to encourage the participation of girls and women in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and entrepreneurialism. Applications close 5pm 17 November 2020,
- Funding still available! Small Business COVID-19 Adaption Grants (Round 2). If your business has been significantly impacted or closed due to COVID-19 restrictions, eligible businesses can apply for up to \$10,000 to support operational costs, training, capital costs associated with meeting COVID-19 safety requirements, etc.
- RISE (Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand) Fund. Open until funds are expended (or by 31 May 2021). RISE will support the employment of artists and workers in the arts and entertainment sector, as well as in connected industries such as hospitality, accommodation, transport and freight.
- Regional Recovery Boost: Renewal - Regional Arts Fund. Funding is currently available for regional arts projects and organisations looking to do things differently and work collaboratively/cross-regional. Applicants can apply for up to \$150,000 over a maximum three year project period, with expressions of interest due 23 November.
- new! Back to Work in Agriculture Incentive Scheme for employees now underway until 29 January 2021 (or until expended), specifically for the agribusiness and food sector workforce in the Darling Downs and Wide Bay Burnett. A total of \$1500 will be made available to eligible employees,
- new! Boosting Apprenticeships Commencements program for employers engaging new Australian apprentices between now and September 2021 - eligible employees can receive up to 50% wage subsidy for apprentices,
- new! 2020 Grey Nomad Awards Nominations are now open to celebrate businesses, tourism operators, Councils and festivals offering stand-out products, services or experiences for mature-aged travelers. A range of categories are open to nominations which must be submitted by Monday 16 November.
- new! Graham House Christmas Hamper Drive is calling for donations of new toys and gift cards to support families in need this Christmas. Do you know someone who needs a little extra support this Christmas? Contact Graham House to register for a hamper,
- closing soon! Australia Day Award Nominations are now open to recognise the achievements and dedication of community members in both the North Burnett Regional Council and South Burnett Regional Council areas. If you would like to nominate an outstanding volunteer, young person, sportsperson or individual/group making a significant contribution to your community, you can nominate now at:
  - North Burnett Regional Council - nominations due 20 November, submit entries here.
  - South Burnett Regional Council - nominations due 13 November 4:30pm, submit entries here.
- The Department of Employment, Small Business and Training has put together a fact sheet with some great information regarding opportunities available for businesses.
- Register your business for Mentoring for Growth! Businesses are invited to register their interest in a free mentoring session through the Business Queensland Mentoring for Growth program for guidance on cash flow, business growth strategies, business development and more.

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**We sadly mourn the loss of:**

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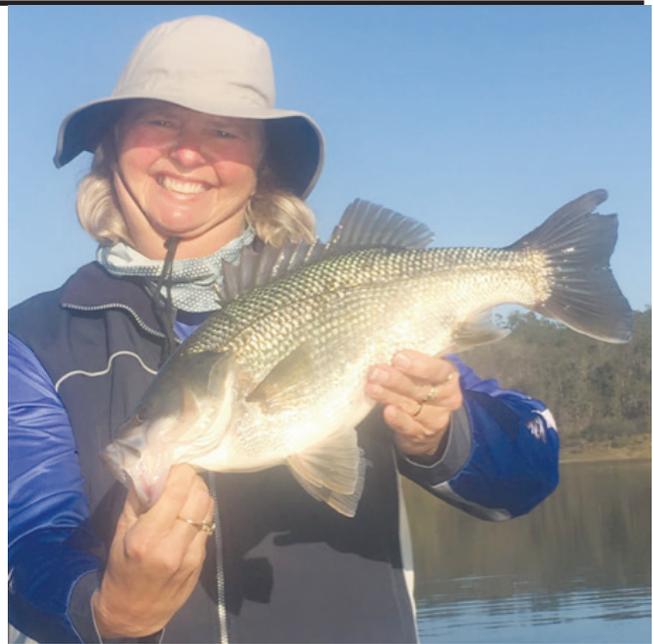
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## Chilled beef exports performing well amid constraints

Australian beef exports continue to sit well below year-ago numbers, as tight levels of cattle slaughter restrict the availability of beef. Beef exports in October were 81,300 tonnes shipped weight (swt), a 28% decline on the same month last year, with year-to-October beef exports now 13% down on 2019.

Across markets, Japan was the top destination in October, taking 22,300 tonnes swt, leading the US at 14,500 tonnes swt. Year-to-October exports to Japan and the US are now back 9% and 11%, respectively.

In October, beef export volumes to China were 12,600 tonnes swt, down a staggering 59% on the same month last year, when the African Swine Flu induced pork shortage was really starting to impact the China market. This year, Chinese trade suspensions placed on five Australian export plants, combined with increasing levels of competition from South American suppliers, has meant beef trade with China remains well back on 2019 levels.

With just two months left in the year, Australian beef exports for 2020 are forecast to slightly exceed one million tonnes, as highlighted in MLA's October Cattle Projections. Despite COVID-19 challenges and tightening levels of cattle slaughter, chilled beef exports only trail 2019 levels by 2%. While Australia's primary chilled beef market – Japan – remains the top destination, the US, South Korea and China continue to show promise as growing markets for chilled beef. In China and South Korea, exports have been performing well for forequarter cuts such as brisket, blade and chuck roll. Meanwhile in the US, exports of rib eye, striploin and blade are growing.

In contrast, Australian exports of frozen beef are back 17% on 2019 levels. China remains the top destination for frozen beef, although much of this volume was sent earlier in the year. As demand from China has waned in recent months, the US and Japan have re-emerged as the top markets for frozen beef, mainly due to the steady performance of large fast food industries throughout COVID-19.

'Big picture drivers' remain unchanged

While global markets continue to face uncertainty from COVID-19's economic impacts, international demand for Australian red meat remains buoyant. The global 'mega-trends' of growth in population and middle-class incomes, combined with the continuing impact of African Swine Fever (ASF) on Chinese pork supply, underpin the strong appetite for Australian beef.

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# WONDAI AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

Wondai and District Garden Club held its October meeting at the Wondai RSL Meeting room recently.

After morning tea social, the well-attended gathering listened to guest speaker Terry McMasters give a potted version of how the evolution of the Earth's atmosphere lead to the growth of it's first plant life, and of how plants continued to survive and cope with changing climate conditions over the ages. Many of our own familiar native plant species developed over what was once Gondwanaland, with similarities to be found in the flora of South Africa, South America, India and Australia.

In particular, plants such as the Acacia, Grevillia and Myrtle species have made interesting evolutionary progress to cope with Australia's generally hotter and drier climate zones.

Terry showed some interesting samples of the plants which were surviving in his garden, and gave some interesting tips on the most successful propagation methods learned from his experience as a Nursery person.

During the business meeting, it was decided that the Garden Expo Raffle, which had to be suspended because of pandemic restrictions, would be held over and continued at the Autumn 2021 Garden Expo.

Members discussed the possibility of having a bus trip to view the Christmas Trees display at Mulanah Gardens, Kumbia, and to have morning tea there, on a date to be decided.

A lovely display of Flowers and vegies was on show for the monthly competition. Winners were, Del Blanch, Denise Steinhardt, Noela Ardrey and Helen Young .

The next meeting will be held at Noel and Helen Young's garden, Proston, on Friday 13th November. Members are asked to car pool where possible, and non- member friends are welcome.

For more information on any Garden Club happenings, or new member enquiries, please contact the President Norm on 4169 0104 or Secretary Denise on 4168 9736.

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## Murgon music jam

We meet monthly, in the Uniting Church Hall at 55 Gore Street, Murgon. All welcome. We generally meet on a Monday from 2 - 5 pm, but the day and time is flexible. The hall is setup to cater for Covid 19 requirements and we cannot have the regular afternoon tea and a talk-fest. Alternatively at the Music Jam we bring along a thermos of coffee or tea, etc. and our own biscuits. We could cater for byo!

We enjoy the fellowship, the singing, the fun, the day out, and involvement in this activity. Any new singers are most welcome to come along and share this time with us. Any and all interested parties please call Doug on 0466 974 483 or preferably [emaildougjohnson@tpg.com.au](mailto:emaildougjohnson@tpg.com.au) Enquiries to Wayne on 0409870853. Call after 4pm.

Regards, Doug Johnson, 24 Taylor St East, Murgon. Queensland. Ph 07 4168 2169 or 04 6697 4483



**MURGON RSL SUB BRANCH**

**VETERAN SERVICES**  
**PENSIONS AND WELFARE SERVICES**  
**SUB BRANCH MEMBERSHIP**

**MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING**  
10am - First Saturday of each month  
Murgon Services and Memorial Club  
Cnr Lamb and Gore Sts, Murgon

**SPEAK TO THE TEAM**  
[secretary@murgonrsl.org](mailto:secretary@murgonrsl.org) or 0427 915 533



**7 DAY GYM+FITNESS FREE PASS**

**PCYC QUEENSLAND**

7 Day Free Pass, Enquire at the office, Registration and conditions apply



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**21 Lamb Street, Murgon Qld 4605**



## Are you looking for a unique way to honour the veteran in your life?



### OFFER 1: \$50

#### INDIVIDUAL PAVER

To be engraved with the name of an individual Current or Former Defence Force Member or Allied Service person.

The pavers will be permanently installed at  
**44 Stephens Street**

Size: 230 x 115 x 50mm

The Murgon RSL Sub-Branch have an exciting new project underway with the construction of a Welfare Drop-In Centre for Veterans.

To support this project and honour our veterans the Murgon RSL Sub-Branch would like to offer the opportunity for ALL Service members, past & present and family members to purchase a Commemorative paver as an acknowledgement of your families military history.

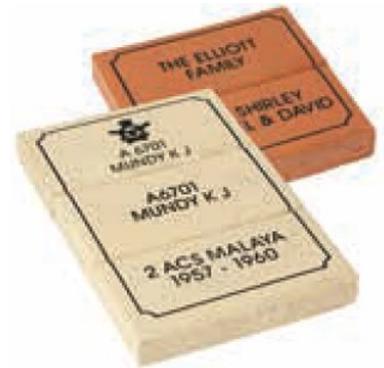
Each paver will be engraved with the name of an individual Current or Former Defence Force Member or Allied Service person.

Cost of the pavers will be \$50.00 each.

Other configurations are available on request.

For further details and an application form, please contact the Secretary on 0427 915 533 or by email [secretary@murgonrsl.org](mailto:secretary@murgonrsl.org).

All proceeds from the sales will support the construction and outfitting costs of the Welfare Drop-In Centre.



## Dairy & Heritage Museum Murgon



**Closed Mondays**

**OPEN Tuesday - Sunday  
9.30am-12.30pm**

**Off Gayndah Road, opposite  
Murgon Saleyards**

Trinity's detached kitchen, just one of the many buildings that we have on display at the Murgon Museum. "Trinity" Homestead was built by the Maudsley family in 1893 and was relocated from the Tansey district. If you are planning a visit to the Museum, allow at least 1 1/2 hours to fully appreciate what there is to look at, you will be amazed. "Amazed, Incredible, Can't believe what you have, Brings back memories, Awesome displays, So much history", just some of the comments from our visitors.

Last week we were able to welcome back two Prep classes from St John's Kingaroy. This year has certainly been a challenge, but we have managed to get through and it is great to be able to have our schools, group bookings and visitors aback. The number of visitors has been tremendous which has kept our volunteers busy.

The Museum is still collecting cans and bottles for recycling as a fundraising project. These can be left at the Museum during our open times.

We are still looking for volunteers, an time you cold give would be appreciated. If interested call 41069 5001 or call out to the Museum during our open times

It all starts here...

# Braking the Cycle

Volunteer  
driver  
mentors  
needed....

## Want to support young people learn to drive?

- 1 hr/wk commitment with flexible hours available
- Must hold an open licence (min 12 months)
- Must have or be willing to obtain a Blue card

## About the program

PCYC Queensland's Braking the Cycle program supports young people to complete their mandatory 100 hours of supervised driving in a safe and suitable vehicle with a volunteer mentor. The vehicles are kindly donated by the community. Student participants will initially be assessed by a driving school to ensure competency.



### Contact

P 0408934747

E [btcsouthburnett@pcyc.org.au](mailto:btcsouthburnett@pcyc.org.au)

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THE CYCLE**

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## Jonathon, We loved having you.



Photo; The Jonathon Thurston as we remember and now a more relaxed Jonathon Thurston.

The Jonathon Thurston visit was one of those things our young kids will never forget where he interacted with the players of the future and those that will just enjoy the game at both Murgon and Cherbourg. He emphasised that to do well in any sport you have to train hard and when training is finished you stay and train some more.

Johnathan Dean Thurston AM is an Australian former professional rugby league footballer who played in the NRL. Thurston was an Australian international, Queensland State of Origin and Indigenous All Stars representative. He played as a halfback or five-eighth and was a noted goal-kicker.

Later in the evening he entertained a large number of supporters who had come to meet him, get an autograph or just to hear him talk and answer the selected questions we asked of him.

He took us back to his early days playing in Toowoomba and then in Sydney and finally with the Cowboys and playing for the QLD State of Origin sides and representing Australia.

He gave a detailed account of his goal kicking and mentioned in fun how a Broncos halfback walked past him and offered him \$500 if he missed. Well he might have missed that one but soon after he set up a try and kicked the goal to end the Broncos season.

He commented about The Jonathon Thurston Academy that has been set up.



## **Awards & Accolades**

### Dally M Halfback Of The Year

2005, 2007, 2009, 2015

### Dally M Player Of The Year

2005, 2007, 2014, 2015

### RLPA Player of the Year

2005, 2013, 2014, 2015

### RLIF Back Of The Year

2007

### RLW Player of the Year

2007

### Wally Lewis Medal

2008

### RLIF Halfback Of The Year

2009

### Golden Boot Award

2011, 2013, 2015

### Dally M Five-Eighth Of The Year

2012, 2013, 2014

### Ken Stephen Memorial Award

2012

### RLIF Five-Eighth Of The Year

2012

### Harry Sunderland Medal

2013

### Provan Summons Medal

2014, 2015

### Clive Churchill Medal

2015

### Dally M Captain Of The Year

2015

## **Biography**

Former Junior Kangaroo captain, originally from Toowoomba (Queensland), first came under notice when he landed the winning goal for the Bulldogs in the 2002 First Division grand final. Thurston had a great season in 2003 as the club sought to avenge the stripping of its competition points when it headed the premiership table the previous year. The Bulldogs fell short in 2003 and Thurston had an injury-ridden year when the club mounted its 2004 grand final campaign. Electing to sign with the North Queensland for 2005 he was only called onto the Bulldogs' interchange bench for the grand final following the withdrawal of injured captain Steve Price (following the Bulldog's 16-13 win Thurston offered his premiership ring to Price who declined the offer.) It was no coincidence that Thurston's arrival in Townsville culminated in the North Queensland qualifying for the grand final – after making his State of Origin debut at halfback in 2005 the wiry pivot was named 'Dally M' Player of the Year after galvanising the North Queensland' attack during the season. Thurston made his Test debut in Australia's 50-12 win over NZ in Brisbane in May 2006 – coming off the interchange in deference to captain Darren Lockyer and veteran Andrew Johns, who was playing in his final Test – and following Queensland's State of Origin success that year he appeared in four Tests at the end of the year, including Australia's Tri-Nations final win over NZ.

### **His impressive Stats read:**

He represented Australia on 38 occasions winning 35, scoring 13 tries and kicking 165 goals

He played in 9 World Cup games winning 8, scoring 5 tries and kicking 52 goals

He represented Queensland 37 times winning 24, and scoring 5 tries and kicking 99 goals and 2 field goals

He represented the Indigenous All Stars 6 times winning 4, and scoring 1 tries and kicking 17 goals

He played 324 (29 Bull Dogs - 295 Cowboys) club matches winning 179, and scored 91 tries and kicked 928 goals and 16 field goals

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***A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work.***

***As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.***

***The girl replied, 'I'm drawing God.'***

***The teacher paused and said, 'But no one knows what God looks like.'***

***Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, 'They will in a minute.'***



## Men's Shed Grants now open

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien is encouraging Men's Sheds throughout the electorate to apply for funding as part of the newest round of the National Men's Shed Development Programme (NDSP).

Mr O'Brien said Round 21 of the Programme will specifically prioritise applications with a strong emphasis on health, wellbeing or safety, in acknowledgement of the impact of COVID-19 and the needs of Sheds in the recovery period and beyond.

Projects procuring IT equipment and training to boost connectivity within the community will be prioritised.

"Throughout Wide Bay, local Men's and Community Sheds have become some of the most important organisations in their area, where members make meaningful social connections, serve their community, and assist with practical measures to help other local organisations," Mr O'Brien said.

"This year with the COVID-19 pandemic, Sheds have been a focal point for their communities, and have demonstrated the mental and physical health benefits, and general well-being that community involvement can bring.

"This funding through the Morrison Government can help our Sheds deliver programs with a strong health, wellbeing or safety focus and I urge all local Sheds to apply."

Men's Sheds can apply for financial support across the following funding categories:

- Category 1: Health, Wellbeing, and Events \$8,000 maximum
- Category 2: Shed Improvements \$8,000 maximum
- Category 3: Equipment \$5,000 maximum

"Men's Sheds provide a safe space for men to talk and work on meaningful projects," Mr O'Brien said.

"This new funding round will provide financial support to assist in both setting up and maintaining Men's Sheds."

Since 2013, the Coalition Government has provided \$5.4 million to support men's sheds across Australia.

Applications for the current funding round close Friday 27 November. For more information, visit <https://mensshed.org>



## ACROSS COUNTRY REAL ESTATE & LIVESTOCK

### DATE CLAIMER

Clearing Sale  
Bandamill

3134 Burnett Hwy, (Nanango-Goomeri Road)  
Saturday 12th December 9.30am

FEATURING: EXCELLENT HERD OF CATTLE –

**90 + exceptional cows (Charalais, Charbray, Droughtmaster)  
Many with calves (30 at time of print), others vet preg tested  
3 Charbray bulls (x Kandanga and Connolly)**

Older Massey Ferguson tractors, cattle feed bin, 3 section hay feed ring, older Ploughs, offset, Curly tine, planter harrows, post hole borer, pipe layer, slasher, wooden boat, old buz saw, saw blades, saw benches, fire fighter pumps, fire lighter, old ag bikes, old pop up caravan, carry all, ride on mower, welder, fertilizer spreader, 3 point link tractor lift, 240volt generator, rear tractor blade, front tractor forks, overhead petrol tank and stand, large old slabs, trailers, old Land Cruiser farm ute, old Nissan utes for wrecking, old model A Ford for restoration, qty old antique Ford rims, large qty new and old timber, posts, tables and chairs, roofing iron, tools, old tractor for display, old FC holden body, chain saw, 240 volt electric fence, windmill parts, pipe fittings, old fridge, gas branding stove, gates & gate fittings, old gate hinges, calf puller, cattle tags, qty concrete blocks, old taps, qty old 45gall drums, wire strainers, old spray backpacks, timber grab hooks, steel post rammers, sprinklers, small travelling irrigator, dog trap, old year brands, poly pipe fittings, cattle syringes and buddizers, ropes, chains, cupboards and draws, qty weldmesh and netting wire, tank & gutter pipes, bench vices, old spot lights, alloy pulleys, old soldering irons, old blow torches, steel shelving, old hand seed planter, old road lamps, anvil, crosscut saws, antique scales, meat cure wooden cask, feed drum containers, endless chain, gun safe, spray tank & pump, dehorners, electric fence winder, bird carry cages, circular saw, grease guns, old horse hobbles, old cream cans, hand drum pumps, qty shaft bearing blocks, qty assorted bolts-nuts-washers, qty old scrap iron, ornamental farm implements, a sale not to be missed, **this is a no reserve auction**, please note no items sold prior to sale.

Auction Terms: Bid Card System, ID required, cash/chq, no EFTPOS, catering on site. Prices of some items attract 10% GST where applicable. Outside vendors welcome.

Across Country Real Estate & Livestock / clearing sale Bandamill

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**2020 Murgon RSL Sub Branch Annual Dinner  
Held at the recently upgraded and refurbished “Cooperage”  
at Dusty Hill Winery.**



Ph L-R: Guest Speaker Bill Whitburn OAM, South Burnett Regional Councillor Kathy Duff and the host John Drew President Murgon RSL Sub Branch.

MC for the evening was Trevor Williamson OAM (Director, Murgon RSL Sub Branch) and the ODE was performed by Deputy President David Pitstock.

Welcome to Country was performed by Bevan Costello, Cherbourg Aboriginal Elder

A vacant “Table for the Fallen” laid out for one absent diner was set up in a corner as a poignant reminder of all the lives lost in war.

Murgon RSL Sub-Branch Treasurer Kevin Gill explained the significance of the items on the Table for the Fallen.

The Fallen Soldier’s table is reserved to honour comrades in arms. This symbolizes that they are with us, here in spirit. We should never forget the brave men and women who answered our nation’s call to serve. We are ever mindful that the sweetness of enduring peace has always been tainted by the bitterness of personal sacrifice. We are compelled to never forget that while we enjoy our daily pleasures, there are others who have endured the agonies of pain deprivation and death.

The Table is Round - set for one and symbolizing our everlasting concern for our fallen comrades.

The Table Cloth is White – symbolizing the purity of their intentions to respond to their country’s call to arms.

The Single Rose – displayed in the vase reminds us of the families and friends of our missing brothers who keep faith while awaiting their return.

The Red Ribbon – tied prominently on the vase reminds us of the red ribbons worn on the lapels and brothers who are not among us tonight.

The Place Setting – single, alone no friends or family to dine with.

A Slice of Lemon – reminds us of the bitter fate of those who may never return.

A Pinch of Salt – symbolizes the tears endured by the families of those who have sacrificed all.

The Glass is Inverted – they cannot toast with us this night.

The Chair is Empty – they are not here.

The Candle – reminiscent of the light of hope which lives in our hearts to light the way home.

A beautiful meal was well served by the staff of the “Cooperage” who should be congratulated.

The toast to the RSL was given by South Burnett Regional Council Mayor Brett Otto with the response given by Merv Brown OAM (District President Brisbane North District)

One of the many highlights of the 2020 Murgon RSL Sub Branch Dinner was the address by Guest Speaker Bill Whitburn OAM who told of his sad life story growing up with domestic violence in the family and how he became a street kid continually going to court but then a magistrate eventually changed his way of life forever. Bill served in the Australian Army at different places in Australia as well as operations in Iraq for over 40 years.

The Last Post & Grace and other toasts were performed including the Loyal Toast & Toast to the Ladies, Entertainment was provided by Clan Murrumba pipes and drums.

The signing of the Armistice by the Allied Forces and Dignitary of Germany, On 1100, 11th November 1918 the agreement came into effect and guns on the Western Front fell silent for the first time in over 4 years. By the end of the conflict over 9 million combatants from both sides laid dead and over 7 million civilian lives were also taken. Australia had 416,000 volunteers, of these, 324,000 served overseas, many nurses also served across the front of war. Close to 62,000 sons, daughters, fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, husbands and wives would never return home, and those who did were marred physically or mentally by the scars of war. This township of Murgon shared the loss and sacrifices of war. Lest we forget the contribution of the indigenous community, with some 1300 men serving in WW1 and over 3000 serving in WW2. Much of whom, also paid the ultimate sacrifice. Those indigenous men not only fought for the defence of our sovereign state but their basic rights which was nonexistence at the time. Service in WW1 and WW2 allowed them an opportunity to be treated as equal and to prove themselves as an indigenous community on the world stage, which they have and continue to do ever since the Great War. The warriors of old came from numerous heritages but fought as one for the freedom we take for granted today. They forged the foundation of this great nation and they fought for not only the defence of this country but the ideals which we now live by. Armistice Day now known as Remembrance Day allows us all to stop and reflect on the sacrifices which our service men and women and their families have made in every conflict since the Great War.

Let us the descendants and benefactors for those who served live everyday of our life in honour of the sacrifice in which they were made. Lest We Forget.

### **Celebrating A Centenary plus one of Service and still going strong**



Murgon Sub-Branch past President Albert (Bert) Benson, who now lives in Gympie, World War II veteran Alfred (Mick) Purser the oldest member of the Murgon RSL Sub-Branch from Murgon and Murgon Sub-Branch past President Harold Seng from Beachmere. Bert and Harold were unable to attend.



## REMEMBRANCE DAY – 11 November 2020

Congratulations to all our Murgon High School 2020 award recipients. Swimming, Football, Academic Excellence, Art, Science etc for each year level and Sportsman of the Year 2020 - James Hadley  
Sportswoman of the Year 2020 - Krystal Rattey, (more photos on school website)





## **PROSTON DISTRICT LIONS CLUB**

*We Serve*

The Proston and District Lions Club have been in action during the Covid shut - down, with meetings being held to progress the normal business of the Club.

It was disappointing that the District Conference could not be held in Proston in October, as much work had gone into the planning and it would have been a great opportunity to showcase the Proston community and its many attractions to all of the visitors who would have attended.

Raffles have recommenced at the Golden Spurs Hotel, and the Lions Christmas Cakes, Puddings and Mints are again available from local outlets. If you wish to place a special order for any of these, please phone Jan on 0438 681 840 or Helen on 4168 9297.

The Club continues to fundraise with Cash for Cans providing a steady source of income to replace the discontinued glass recycling project. Recent donations have been made to the Proston State School to support the Rural Studies projects, \$500.00 to ALCCRF to support childrens' health research, and Medical Record booklets have been purchased to be donated to the Proston Outpatients.

The Proston Lions Park has a new and colourful focal point with the development of a Rose Garden which was achieved with a lot of effort by just a few members and volunteers. The Roses are making a beautiful display, and are for the enjoyment of all who stop at the Park. Please take nothing but photos!

It was with regret that the Club decided not to manage the Community Christmas Carnival this year, but Covid has seen to the cancellation of many of these events.

The Club has received vouchers from Bunnings, who support the Club by hosting Sausage Sizzles These will be used to purchase some much needed equipment for the Club, and to supply prizes for a Christmas raffle, with the first prize being a trolley of goods to the value of \$150.00, and vouchers of \$50.00 each for 2nd and 3rd prizes. Tickets are on sale for \$1.00 each, and the winners will be drawn on the 18th December.

For any more information on our Club please phone Jan on 0438 681 840





My dear friend and former Murgon resident

## **Albert (Bert) Benson**

also received a 75th Anniversary Plaque for

**“ His service and contribution to the war effort and to the freedom of nations”  
Australia Remembers.**

## Police bust pedophile ring, rescue 16 kids

A massive police operation has busted an international pedophile ring sharing some of the most extreme child abuse material produced, resulting in charges against 44 Australian men and the rescue of 16 children.

Hundreds of police and specialists across the country have supported the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation's year-long and ongoing Operation Molto.

The operation began after the ACCCE received a law enforcement report showing thousands of offenders were using a cloud storage platform to share child abuse images and videos.

Investigators found some of the men were allegedly sexually abusing children and producing and sharing the material online.

Horrific videos produced by convicted Australian pedophile Peter Scully, involving the rape and torture of girls as young as 18 months, were shared among the group and seized by police.

Home Affairs Minister Peter Dutton has been behind a push for the Five Eyes intelligence network of Australia, the US, Britain, Canada and New Zealand to ramp up efforts to tackle online child abuse.

Sources told The Australian the other Five Eyes countries have made arrests of men involved in the pedophile network.

The 44 Australian men are between the ages of 19 and 57 and are from every state and the ACT.

They face a combined 350 charges of possessing child exploitation material.

In Queensland, 11 alleged offenders include a police officer, security guard, bicycle repair man, demolition contractor, tradesman, student, transport worker and the unemployed.

In Victoria, 11 alleged offenders include a forklift driver, hospitality manager, student, construction manager, truck driver, shelf-stacker and the unemployed.

In South Australia, nine alleged offenders include a reservist, a wood and metal worker, a videographer and a restaurant worker.

In NSW, eight alleged offenders include a fleet services manager, IT consultant, forklift driver and retail services worker.

There were arrests of a consultant and a student in Tasmania, a school secretary and health and safety worker in WA, and a computer programmer in the ACT.

Six children were removed from harm in Victoria, another six in South Australia, two in Queensland, one in NSW and one in the ACT.

The Australian Federal Police-led ACCCE provided state and territory police with information about offenders in their jurisdictions who had accessed the child abuse material online.

State and federal police then combined to carry out raids and make arrests. The Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission and Austrac assisted.

AFP Commissioner Reece Kershaw said the operation had involved significant co-operation and co-ordination.

Victims were the focus of all child abuse investigations and identifying them was a race against time, he said.

"Our investigators painstakingly look for clues and never give up — the tools they use give Australian police access to world leading expertise," Mr Kershaw said.

"Viewing, distributing or producing child exploitation material is a crime.

"Children are not commodities and the AFP and its partner agencies work around the clock to identify and prosecute offenders."

Police have been confronted by a surge of child sexual abuse since the start of the pandemic.

Mr Dutton told parliament on Thursday that the ACCCE had identified a 163 per cent increase in child abuse material on the dark web in April to June this year compared to the same period last year.

The ACCCE had received 21,000 reports of child exploitation last financial year, compared with 14,000 reports the previous year.

The AFP said its investigations led to 134 children being removed from harm last financial year — 67 in Australia and 67 internationally.

Over the past 12 months, the ACCCE has intercepted and examined more than 250,000 child abuse material files and sent 49 referrals to 20 countries.

The ACCCE was created in 2018, with \$70m set aside by the federal government over four years.

Mr Dutton will on Friday officially launch the ACCCE facility in Brisbane with Bruce and Denise Morcombe, who have been working to educate and protect children since their 13-year-old son Daniel was abducted and murdered in Queensland in 2003.

"It's the biggest investment in Australia's history into protecting Australian children from the scourge of those who would seek to abuse children either online or in the real world," Mr Dutton told parliament on Thursday.

"I want to praise the work of the investigators, of the intelligence analysts, of the NGOs who will be involved."

Anthony Albanese said he wanted to join Mr Dutton in thanking the child abuse investigators.

"This must be a terrible job, you've got to say that," the Opposition Leader said.

"It must cause a great deal of stress and I thank them and join with the minister in his comments."

David Murray

National Crime Correspondent

Brisbane

David Murray is The Australian's National Crime Correspondent. He was previously Crime Editor at The Courier-Mail and prior to that was News Corp's London-based Europe Correspondent.

Courtesy, The Australian

Phone 000 or 1800 333 000 if you have any information or are or have been abused.

## Barambah Garden Club



Twenty-one members attended the monthly meeting held at Graham House on Friday 6th November. After the general meeting, the members gathered together to farewell a very special couple who had been in the club since 2013.

Lyn and Bill Vlaanderen are leaving Murgon to take up residence in a Retirement Village at Burpengary. They were devoted and tireless workers for the club and willingly opened their home and their beautiful garden in Watt street for the meetings. The club presented them with a decorative card (signed by all) and a Bunnings Voucher in appreciation for their friendship and support over many years.

Lyn responded with kind thoughts for the Garden Club that had made them so welcome when they first settled in our little town. Unfortunately they had to leave for medical reasons and will be greatly missed by all. After a delicious lunch, supplied by the members, Lyn, who has a lovely singing voice, treated all to a heart-felt good-bye ballad.

Photo: Garden Club Members with Lyn and Bill Vlaanderen sitting in front.

***Sent in by Barbara Hartmann King – phone 0741681675***

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## ROCKIN DISABILITY



An exciting new Music /Drama programme is being offered in your local area for people with Disabilities.

Here YOU are the STARS. Ages 16 and upwards. Incorporating, music , movement, songs and action.

This is a very supportive environment for ALL Disabilities and their support staff

**Contact Sonia McMahon for details  
PH 0427137140**

# GRANDPA KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT FISHING



**I don't fish to escape from life's little problems; I fish to remind myself how little life's problems are.**

Fishers fined \$15,000 for concealing mud crabs October 1, 2020

Two fishers have been fined \$15,000 for attempting to conceal illegal mud crabs in a wheelie bin at Hope Island. Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol officers searched a property and found a bag of 21 live mud crabs (including 13 undersize male and 8 females) hidden under rubbish in a wheelie bin, despite being told several times that there were no mud crabs in the house.

Two fishers were charged with a total of ten offences under the Fisheries Act, including obstruction and using excess and unmarked apparatus, and both pleaded guilty to the charges in court.

Luckily, officers released all mud crabs alive into the Coomera River on the day the offences were detected.

Report unlawful fishing in Queensland by calling the 24-hour Fishwatch hotline on 1800 017 116 (toll free within Queensland).

**Boondooma Dam Yellowbelly Fishing Competition, 2021 - February 13th & 14th**

Get those rods ready.... the Boondooma Dam Fish Stocking Group have made a decision to run with the 2021 Comp....

**BP Dam, Fingerling Release** will be happening at BP Dam on Saturday 12th of December

## Murgon Cattle Market Report 3/11/2020

### Cows & Calves \$2600.00

Good rainfall in certain prats of the Burnett saw numbers reduced to 600 in Murgon on the 3rd. The market remained solid throughout. Heavy Bulls topped at \$3.16 and \$2600.00. Heavy Cows over 500 kilograms sold to \$3.20 per kilogram and \$2100.00 averaging \$3.07. Cows 400 to 500 kg topped at \$3.24 for a \$3.02 average. Lighter Cows under 400 kg topped at \$2.98 per kilo. Export heifers topped at \$3.58 per kilogram and \$1920.00. Cattle were drawn from Mundubbera, Gayndah, Mt Perry, Durong, Kingaroy, Nanango, Kilkivan, Woolooga and locally. 423 kg Hereford Steers from Manumbar sold to \$4.12 c/kg for \$1744.00. A draft of Charolais steers from Mt Perry averaging 340 kg sold to a top of \$4.42 c/kg for an average of \$4.35 c/kg and \$1480.00. 382 kg Droughtmaster steers from Crownthorpe sold for \$4.40 c/kg to return \$168.00. Droughtmaster steers from Murgon with a weight of 384 kg sold for \$1614.00 and \$4.20 c/kg. Santa cross weaner steers sold to \$1215.00 at \$4.50 c/kg. Droughtmaster weaner steers from Hivesville sold for \$1108.00 at \$4.57 c/kg. 2 pens of Blonde cross weaner steers from Woolooga sold for \$4.61 c/kg & \$4.89 c/kg returning \$1170.00 & \$978.00, respectively. 215 kg Droughtmaster weaner steers sold to \$4.70 c/kg for \$1014.00. Brangus weaner steers from Nanango sold for \$1080.00 at \$4.50 c/kg. Light Charolais cross steers from Kilkivan sold for \$5.42 c/kg and \$650.00. Droughtmaster weaner steers from Tansey sold for \$810.00 at \$5.22 c/kg. 2 pens of Droughtmaster/Charbray heifers from Merlwood sold for \$3.89 c/kg & \$3.80 c/kg returning \$1636.00 & \$1545.00. Charbray heifers from Nanango sold for \$4.19 c/kg (\$1461.00) at 348 kg & \$4.15 c/kg (\$1293.00) and 311 kg. Charbray weaner heifers from Manyung sold for \$4.42 c/kg to return \$894.00. Droughtmaster weaner heifers sold for \$978.00 at \$4.17 c/kg. Light Charbray heifers from Jimna sold to \$4.60 c/kg and \$636.00. 2 pens of local Brangus weaner heifers sold for \$4.56 c/kg for \$849.00 & \$630.00. Charbray weaner heifers from Boondooma sold for \$692.00 at \$4.44 c/kg. Brangus Cows & Calves from Nanango sold to \$2600.00.

The Next Murgon Sale is on Tuesday the 17th of November at 8.00 am.



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# WHAT'S ON @ SOUTH BURNETT LIBRARIES

NOVEMBER 2020 | [www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/libraries](http://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/libraries)



## BCBA Book Week

South Burnett Libraries celebrated Book Week in a big way!

Armed with a fantastic new puppet theatre (expertly created by the Kingaroy Men's Shed), library staff travelled to local schools to visit children in Prep and Grade 1. Session included stories, information about our libraries and an interactive voting game that allowed children in attendance to choose their favourite short-listed Book Week title.

One of the most popular choices was "When Billy was a dog" by Kirsty Murray. Watch it now on the Story Box Library! <https://storyboxlibrary.com.au/stories/when-billy-was-a-dog>.

*This project has received financial assistance from the Queensland Government through State Library of Queensland.*

## The Kingdom of Libraria

In the early stages of creating this new children's loyalty program, library staff were set the task of creating something unique that would capture the imagination of our young community members and encourage them to visit the library and get to know the staff and resources that are available to them.

SOUTH BURNETT LIBRARIES  
Kingdom of Libraria



Based on a magical Kingdom of six houses: Buttopia, Nangoonida, Kingsmoor, Wonhaven, Murloch and Prostonia and their respective townships: Blackbutt, Nanango, Kingaroy, Wondai, Murgon and Proston, children are transported to magical world of whimsical characters, mini missions and bonus activities via their Kingdom of Libraria passports.

Although there is no need to physically visit each of the libraries to complete the program, bonus prizes are available for those who wish to explore the South Burnett Region. The 'Kingdom of Libraria' will run for at least a year; providing children plenty of time to enjoy this magical new program. It is based on the South Burnett Region and encourages families to visit each of our wonderful libraries. With plenty of missions, bonus activities, prizes and incentives, the Kingdom of Libraria is sure to capture the imagination of our young community members.

## Na No Wri Mo | National Novel Writing Month

In 2020 NaNoWriMo will be totally virtual, but that doesn't mean you'll miss out! Traditionally, NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) provides the chance for authors to network and talk about things writing. Unfortunately, the pandemic has made this physically impossible for 2020. To remedy this, local author Imogen Nix has created 4 'In the Chair' specials featuring herself, Sassie Lewis, Suzi Love & Keri Arthur. Join South Burnett Libraries in November as we share these episodes:

**Episode 1:** 6th November @ 5.15am <https://youtu.be/4P7ZK4B2AYo>

The writing process. How authors settle into writing. The key take-away is - we are all individuals and there is no single 'right' or 'wrong' way to go about it.

**Episode 2:** 13th November @ 5.15am <https://youtu.be/9vyQvKpm-sk>

World Building (something that isn't only restricted to Science Fiction & Urban Fantasy) as we take a glimpse inside the world of Motorcycle Clubs and Historicals.

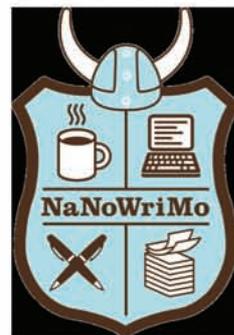
**Episode 3:** 20th November @ 5.15am <https://youtu.be/3GrC3OwQ5Ao>

Research. We discuss the importance of research for all fiction and non-fiction authors & writers.

**Episode 4:** 27th November @ 5.15am <https://youtu.be/jU8T4jwwvn4>

We discuss the 3 divergent topics of 'Fears as authors', 'What next with our books' and 'Taking a chance on our writing'

*\*Image courtesy of NaNoWriMo*



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# MURGON SHS



## YEAR 12 FORMAL ARRIVALS

Dear Community Members,

We wish to advise that the Murgon State High School Formal arrivals will be taking place on Friday 20 November 2020 from 5.15pm until approximately 6.30pm.

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, large groups of people cannot gather for the arrival of our Murgon SHS 2020 graduates. As a result, we request that this year, we stray from tradition, and that you do not gather to watch the arrivals in the designated road closure area outside the Murgon Town Hall and the Royal Hotel.

We request, you socially distance on the footpaths from Murgon State High School and Murgon State School and wave to our graduates as their cars travel towards the Murgon Town Hall. Parents or Guardians, Graduates and Murgon SHS staff are the **ONLY** people permitted in the road closure area directly in front of the Murgon Town Hall for the arrivals.

Thank you for your understanding.  
Murgon State High School

If you have any further concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact Erica Marschall at the school on 07 4169 9222.



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## Covid-19 by Trevor Howe



No one would have thought, or even contemplate, A new Law for us all To have to isolate,  
Who is this new invader, That invades us in our State, To change our lives for ever, Whilst  
some people were prostrate,

This invader from afar, That was impossible to see, Came by boat and plane, to infect  
both you and me.

So then what is the answer? You may rightly want to know, To rid of this new Germ,  
Exterminate, and make it go.

All around the World, They worked both day and night, To find a brand new Serum, To  
mend, and put things right.

Down South in State Victoria, Quite a few did not believe, The orders of the Premier, Was  
ignored, and unreceived.

To wear a mask, and stay apart, Was asked for us to do, And even then with all this work,  
Lots more caught this Asian flu.

The world was on its knees, When they gave us bad reports, Of numbers who had died, In many foreign ports.  
It couldn't happen here, We were all prepared, When numbers they increased, Showed us to be scared.

The president of the States, Sang his own sweet song, And refused to wear a mask, Just to prove that we were  
wrong.

Think of the medical staff, Those people at the Fray, Willing to risk their lives for us, On every single day.

The only thought we had, When will this problem cease, To return to some Normality, And destroy this unknown  
Beast.

Two hundred and forty thousand, They were jobless, what a Lark!, Just because a single germ, Left ship to  
disembark.

No doubt in the future, This Germ will not be seen, To say farewell, and mean Goodbye, Good ridance to  
Covid-19



Ph L-R: Mark Smith (president of Murgon Business & Development Assoc Inc) Brett Otto (Mayor of South Burnett Regional Council) Bill Whitburn OAM (Vice President RSL Queensland and Guest Speaker) at the 2020 Murgon RSL Sub Branch Annual Dinne



### **Book week at Wondai State School was a very special occasion.**

The children, dressed in their favourite book character were treated to an exciting morning with the arrival of the famous “Pumpkin Coach”, accompanied by members of Murgon Men’s Shed. Spike (Coach Driver), his trusty steed Red, and coachmen Dave, Nev, and Jim assisted the children and Teachers into the coach for a ride around the oval. After several trips to ensure everyone had a ride, the morning was deemed a great success with children from Prep to Grade nine all enjoying this special event.

Red and his team also enjoyed spending time at the school and trying to guess which character came from which book as there was such a wide range of costumes. Well done Wondai State School and Murgon Men’s Shed.



Cake Decorators are still meeting at Wondai Art Gallery Studio. We have been taught how to make Carnations and Camellias we always have a good day out .we are having our Christmas Cakes again this year for our fundraiser they will be at the Information Centre Murgon Wondai Art Gallery or you can phone Lyn on 0408920410 or Gloria on 0437774238 .

Any one wishing to learn the Art you are never to young or to old please join us 9.30 on the first Thursday of each month .



### **Wheatland's State School.**

In Geography the year 5 / 6 class have been exploring the connections between people, places and the environment. Studying in detail, floods and bushfires in Australia. Students portrayed their bushfire images in these paintings.

# STUDENTS FROM THREE SOUTH BURNETT STATE SCHOOLS WILL PERFORM IN WONDAI WITH ARIANOMINATED TOPOLOGY DURING THEIR COLLECTIVE HEALING 'WE WILL RISE RECOVERY TOUR'



Aria-nominated and internationally regarded virtuoso indie quintet Topology, operating successfully out of Brisbane for over two decades, announced today, that students from three South Burnett State Schools will perform their own compositions with Topology as the opening act at the Wondai Memorial Hall on 6:00pm, Friday November 13.

Topology, off the back of their 16th album release,

WE WILL RISE, have created a live performance

WE WILL RISE RECOVERY TOUR to nine regional Queensland towns including Burnett towns Wondai, Mount Perry and Bundaberg. Tickets are limited due to COVID-19 restrictions and are on sale now and can be purchased from <https://www.topologymusic.com/live-shows/>.

TOP UP, the award-winning education arm of Topology, have conducted composition and music workshops throughout the year at Moffatdale, Cloyna and Windaera State Schools. The students of these TOP UP workshops will perform two new composition pieces accompanied by vocals and ukulele's as the opening act to the WE WILL RISE RECOVERY TOUR performance in Wondai. WE WILL RISE music has been specifically selected from 23 years of Topology music to heal, recover and rebuild. Part performance, part conversation, join the principal artists of Topology for an evening of music designed to inspire community conversation, collective reflection and renewed strength. WE WILL RISE, is a live performance of Topology music curated from back catalogue signature compositions and a new composition Drought Stories Texas and reflects Topology artists' contemporary concerns. WE WILL RISE has thematic links to the existential threat of climate disruption and the need for strength, hope, fortitude and resilience required in order for recovery and collective healing to commence on the back of traumatic natural events and a global viral pandemic.

We Will Rise highlights the strength and resilience of humankind, and through this popular artform, demonstrates music's intrinsic power to inspire and heal.

## WE WILL RISE RECOVERY TOUR SOUTH AND NORTH BURNETT SHOW DATES

Ticketing and Information: <https://www.topologymusic.com/live-shows/>

Wondai, 6:00pm, Friday November 13, Wondai Memorial Hall.

Mount Perry, 7:00pm, Wednesday 18 November, Mount Perry Community Hall.

Bundaberg, 7:30pm, Thursday 19 November, Moncrieff Entertainment Centre.

Percussionist Grant Collins is special guest for this performance. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://www.artsbundaberg.com.au/>.

*A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, 'Now, class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face.'*

*'Yes,' the class said.*

*'Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary positions the blood doesn't run into my feet?'*

*A little fellow shouted, Cause your feet ain't empty.'*

## Seeking singers (and non-singers).



We are looking for people who love to sing, to be involved in our Community Christmas Concert.



No experience necessary



**REHEARSALS: Monday 23 and 30 November 3-5pm**

**CONCERT: Monday 7th December 3-5pm**



**Audience required**

We would love to have you in our audience to support our Christmas Concert  
Monday 7th Dec 3-5pm



Spotlight performances, Sing-a-long



For more info: Doug 0466974483 or Louise 0427748692



# RURAL SUPPORT TRAINING

## Community Development Program 4

If you're thinking about learning new skills, upskilling or diversifying and expanding your business, this program offers a range of opportunities. Building your skills can set you up for volunteering, part time work or new streams of income such as working in licensed premises, coffee shops and food outlets. If you're looking to learn or brush up on your Microsoft Word and Excel skills, this is a great opportunity.

This mix of accredited and non-accredited units will provide you with the skills and knowledge to:

- serve alcohol legally and responsibly in a licensed venue in Queensland
- prepare and serve a range of espresso coffees
- handle or serve food safely in any type of food outlet
- utilise Microsoft Word and Excel

Duration: 5 Days

Fully funded under the Rural Support Training program. Eligibility criteria applies. Availability of equipment in certain locations may require changes to classes offered.

Monday 23/11/20	Tuesday 24/11/20	Wednesday 25/11/20	Monday 30/11/20	Tuesday 1/12/20
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			Microsoft Office - Word: Intermediate Workshop (NONAC08040)	Microsoft Office - Excel: Intermediate Workshop (NONAC08059)

When	Where
<p><b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November &amp; Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020</b>            9:00am to 4:00pm each day</p> <p>Please enquire as soon as possible as places are limited. Applications required by 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020</p>	<p><b>MURGON</b>  <b>Location:</b>            PCYC South Burnett            40 Macalister Street,            Murgon, QLD, 4605</p>

For more information or to apply call (07) 4160 4450  
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## PCYC South Burnett

Great weekend in Bundaberg. Both Cherbourg boys and girls basketball teams won the championship. If you are interested in playing basketball come and join us at the PCYC of an afternoon.

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## South Burnett Ostomy Support Group

Are you living with a ileostomy or colostomy bag or know someone who is?

Would you like to meet other people in a similar situation and make new friends? Or would you simply like to meet up and discuss ways to better manage life with a ileostomy or colostomy bag?

If you answered Yes to any of the above, give Grace or Deepa a call today to discuss when and where to hold the first group meeting!

Ph Grace 0414458756 or 41625356 or Deepa 0408880665 (during working hours)

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*One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head.*

*She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, 'Why are some of your hairs white, Mum?'*

*Her mother replied, 'Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white.'*

*The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, 'Mummy, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?'*



# Annual Garage Sale

Murgon Men's Shed Macalister Street

21<sup>st</sup>. November 2020

Gates open 6.30 am.

Time to spring clean your house or shed.

We now appeal for donated saleable items for this event.  
Early advice would be welcome to allow time to advertise.

Please contact 0400028088 to arrange pick up.



A wonderful event at the Murgon SB PCYC with four proud students graduating from the Transition to Success Program through Youth Justice in partnership with our community!!

**In our own backyard at  
Dusty Hill Winery,  
80 Waterview Drive, Moffatdale.**



Mark Smith and Heather Purser at the 2020 RSL Murgon Sub Branch Remembrance Dinner at the recently upgraded and refurbished “Cooperage” at Dusty Hill Winery. The Cooperage is a credit to its owners who have really taken it to the more established wineries in Australia, well done and congratulations and we wish you all the success with what we have heard you have in the pipeline.

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### **“One-and-a-Half-minute law”**

My name is Alexander, I am a cardiologist and a paramedic. A very important warning for those who wake up at night to go to the bathroom..

You must be careful and use the “One-and-a-Half-minute law” which is scientifically proven. By waking up suddenly for one’s physiological needs normally, we often hear that someone “was well in good health and died suddenly during the night without reason. “

The most likely reason is that when that person woke up to go to the bathroom, he/she got up from bed in a hurry, but the brain needs greater blood flow, for having rested, causing a state of fainting and that is when the stroke happens. It is recommended to learn the “One-and-a-Half-minute law” that can save your life

When you wake up to go to the bathroom, you must first: Lay for 30 seconds after waking up and then sit up in bed for 30 more seconds lowering your legs quietly and sit like that for another 30 seconds “ and only then get up to go to the bathroom.

With these steps the chances are gigantic to survive a sudden stroke, regardless of age...

Share with all your family and friends Remember that you can save yours and the lives of many people sharing this information...

Prevention is better than healing:



Kathy Duff at the Wondai Art Gallery was pleased to let the community know that Laine Robertson from Proston won the South Burnett section of the Out From The Mist photographic competition which is an International competition with images relating to lived experiences and challenges around mental health.

Mayor Brett Otto also announced some exciting new W4Q art money. It was a great night opened by Ros Heit. There is mostly local artwork on display including pieces by Patricia White-van Kempen & Ruth Wagner who won the people's choice & Murgon Kindy in kids corner!!

# WIDE BAY BULLS OPEN TRIALS 21 November 2020



Under 16 Boys (Cyril Connell)  
born 2005

Under 18 Boys (Mal Meninga)  
born 2003 or 2004

Under 19 Girls  
born 2002 or 2003



**Eskdale Park, Maryborough QLD 4650**

**Times to be advised**

**Nominations close at 5pm on Wednesday 18 November 2020**

**\*\* 2021 OPEN TRIAL DATES \*\***

Wide Bay Bulls will field teams in 2021 for

- Cyril Connell U16 Boys
- Mal Meninga U18 Boys
- and U19's Women's Team

**REGISTER NOW - <https://forms.gle/vSgip7KetgfuU7Fj7>**

**Applications close at 5pm on Wednesday 18 November**

**Trial will be on Saturday 21 November at Eskdale Park, Maryborough**

**Any questions, please contact [widebaybulls2020@gmail.com](mailto:widebaybulls2020@gmail.com)**

# Deb's NANANGO ELECTORATE YEAR 12 SCHOOL LEAVERS BURSARY **NOW OPEN!**

**HELPING YEAR 12  
SCHOOL LEAVERS**  
FROM THE NANANGO ELECTORATE

*with the costs of  
further education.*



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Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington has opened the second round of her Nanango Electorate 'Year 12 School Leavers' Bursary to help support local students who are pursuing further study or qualifications after Year 12.

Mrs Frecklington said the inaugural bursary, offered in 2019, was a great success and she wanted to continue supporting the region's school leavers.

"It is always a major step for our Year 12 School Leavers who must travel away for university, TAFE or other training and I wanted to continue to support them through this Bursary," Mrs Frecklington said.

"The Bursary is worth \$1000 and aims to provide financial assistance with the costs associated with moving to their place of learning, tools, the purchase of books, IT or other necessary requirements.

"It provides me with an opportunity to show my support for young people who are passionate about furthering their skills and education, and who may not otherwise be able to afford to live away from home," Deb said.

"Applications are now open to Year 12 students who live within the Nanango Electorate, with applications closing at the end of January 2021.

"Five applicants will be shortlisted and the successful recipient will be selected by through a panel interview in early February.

If you would like to apply, please go to Deb's website at [www.debfrecklington.com.au](http://www.debfrecklington.com.au) and follow the links, or contact the Electorate office on 4190 7100 for Bursary guidelines.



A First Aid Moment – with Murgon Local Ambulance Committee

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A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.

The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.

The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

The little girl said, 'When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah'.

The teacher asked, 'What if Jonah went to hell?'

The little girl replied, 'Then you ask him'.

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# Kathy's Comments

## The Changing of the Guard

I had the honour of chairing the recent Annual General Meeting of the Murgon Business & Development Association. President Leo Geraghty retired from his position after 14 years of service to the organisation. Leo has worked tirelessly to support the business community and his passion and commitment to the association has been very obvious. Thank you, Leo for those many years of dedication as President of a very strong and robust organisation. The new President is Mark Smith and I know he will do a great job supported by Margaret Long as Secretary and Lorraine Goodchild as Treasurer. Best wishes for the coming 12 months to all of the MBDA members.

## Thank you for Pinking up the South Burnett!!

A big thank you to everyone who got involved in pinking up the South Burnett for the month of October. I loved the way the towns pulled together and I would like to particularly give a big shout out to Proston because the town was spectacular. Di & Andy Grant went all the way and painted the roof of the Golden Spurs hot pink. I was interviewed on ABC Wide Bay about Proston and the town's commitment to the cause. I drove through Yarraman the other day, and they had pinked up the town. I thought that was really special as they sit outside our region but were obviously moved by the need to raise awareness and support the cause. There have been some wonderful events, despite Covid, to raise funds for the McGrath foundation. Lots of businesses have picked up and have collected donations to help the cause. I was also pleased to see rural properties here and there with pink on their gates, fences and entrances. Our Council CEO invited the staff across the organisation to wear pink on the last week of October to help promote the cause. Thank you again to everyone who helped. Donations raised for the McGrath Foundation can be banked through the South Burnett account with details on the Pinking up South Burnett page.

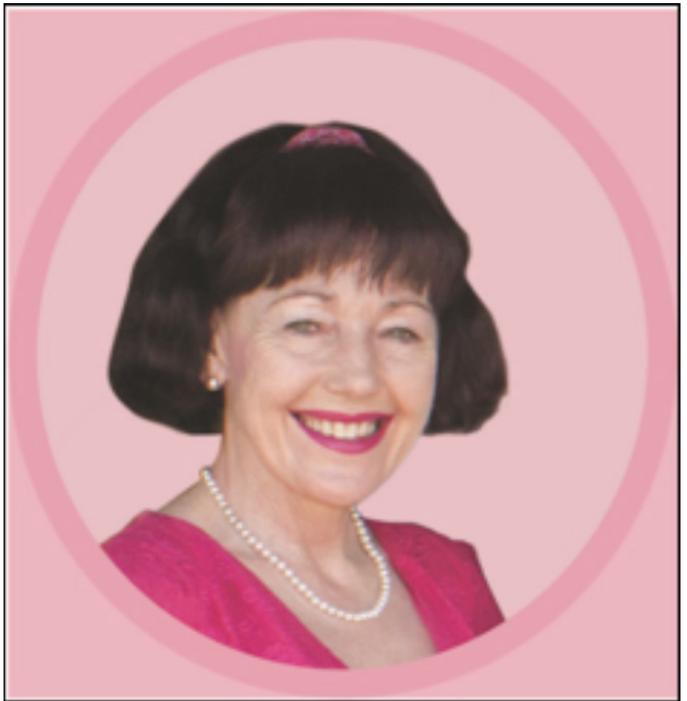
## Last chance for Australia Day Nominations

The closing date for nominations is 4.30 pm Friday November 13th, 2020. Nomination forms can be picked up at any Council Customer Service Centre and they are also on Council's website.

The Council Awards night is being planned to be held on the eve of Australia Day at the Wondai Town Hall. There will also be local Australia Day events held across the region, subject to the situation with Covid at the time. The Award categories are Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Organisation of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, Volunteer of the Year, Junior and Senior Cultural, Local Achievers for town and rural, Junior and Senior Sportsperson and Administrator, Coach or Official.

## Proston Mega Bowls

It was an amazing night in Proston to raise money for the Proston Ag Show Team. There was an enormous crowd with deep pockets to support them. The event raised \$13,777.65. It was very well organised and was also a lot of fun. Well done to Katrina Hayward and your team for what you do to help students get involved in Ag through the Proston State School.



## Round 1 of Council Grants Awarded

I am pleased that Council was again able to support our small community halls with assistance towards their insurance including two of our local halls, Mondure and Tablelands. The Boondooma Dam Fish Stocking Group were successful with some funding as well as the Murgon RSL Sub- Branch Drop in Centre. I was really pleased that our Council also helped to support the Beyond the Nest program with Johnathan Thurston coming to town. The next round of Council grants will be in February 2021. Let's hope that next year the Covid restrictions are eased and we can get back to holding more events and enjoying some more social outings together.

## Boondooma Homestead Open Day

Congratulations to Judy Brandt and the dedicated committee members and volunteers on a fabulous Open Day. Cr Henschen and I had the unenviable task of judging the best dressed vintage costumes. I was pleased that our Council provided a great prize of three nights at one of the dams for a family. This was the major prize and it was very fitting I thought that the local Seiler family won this award and will be able to enjoy a relaxing break at one of Council's beautiful facilities.

## Farmers Nights Out

These are free events aimed at our Primary Producers with special guest speakers, Mary O'Brien from "Are you Bugged Mate" and Larry Cann "Rodeo/Radio Announcer. There will be one held at the Proston Hall on 27th of November, Murgon Hall November 28th, Blackbutt Hall December 3rd and Kingaroy Town Hall on the 4th of December. There are still spots to filled, so if you are a farmer, and would like to attend one of the Dinners, please call 41899536.

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*The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note and posted on the apple tray: 'Take only ONE. God is watching.'*

*Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.*

*A child had written a note, 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples....'*



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Numbers were low for our October social meeting at the Murgon Heritage and Dairy Museum. This, however, allowed plenty of socialising between members. Our thanks to the Museum ladies for their efforts and hospitality.

It was extremely appropriate, considering the venue, that member Lyn brought along several old items to show including a christening gown worn by an elderly relation and some wedding day lace horseshoes and small dolls.

As Merrilyn was wearing a new sapphire ring from Sapphire the talk then went to the ladies' old pieces of jewellery. It was suggested that we have a show and tell in the future of our treasured pieces.

Donna was the winner of a long handled back scrubber & toe sponge which she said would be useful after working in the garden.

We all took a moment to remember passed member John and wife Peg. Merrilyn read a short poem about the death of a loved one. She later read a poem called The Meanest Mother which she had found in her husband's collection of old things.

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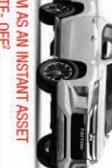
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