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Cheaper medicine for over 500,000 patients

Cheaper medicine is on the way for more than 500,000 patients from today, with price reductions for common scripts and new medicines added to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), in some cases saving over \$100,000 per patient.

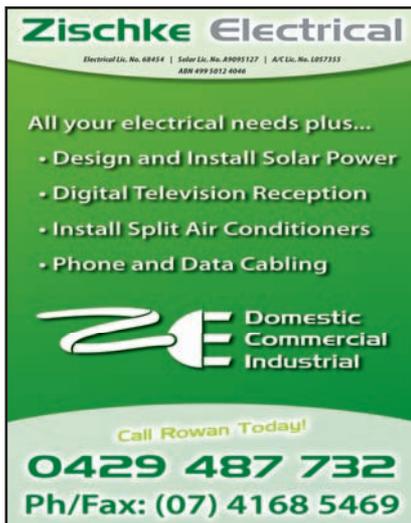
Medicines to treat lung cancer, lymphoblastic and acute leukaemia, and nausea associated with chemotherapy will now be available to patients on the PBS for just \$40.30 per script, or \$6.50 with a concession card.

A further \$390 million in mandated price reductions across 175 medicine brands will also flow through to patients, making medicines more affordable.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison said they would continue to list medicine on the PBS as quickly as possible.

The new or extending PBS listings include:

- Tecentriq® and Avastin®, will be extended on the PBS to include first line treatment of patients with stage IV metastatic non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer. Without PBS subsidy it would cost patients more than \$11,400 per script (around 16 scripts per course of treatment); or more than \$189,100 per course of treatment. An average of 755 patients per year (for six years) could benefit from this listing.
- Besponsa®, will be extended on the PBS to include patients with relapsed or refractory Philadelphia chromosome positive B-ALL. Without PBS subsidy, patients would pay more than \$44,500 per script (around 3 scripts per course of treatment); or more than \$122,900 per course of treatment without subsidised access through the PBS. An average of 16 patients per year (for six years) could benefit from this listing.
- Blincyto®, will be extended on the PBS to include patients with relapsed or refractory Philadelphia chromosome positive B-ALL. Without PBS subsidy, patients would pay more than more than \$74,900 per script (around 2 scripts per course of treatment); or more than \$122,900 per course of treatment. An average of 16 patients per year (for six years) could benefit from this listing.



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- Aprepitant Apotex®, will be made available through the PBS for the treatment of patients with Nausea and vomiting associated with chemotherapy. Without PBS subsidy, patients would pay more than \$80 per script (around 1 script per course of treatment). In 2018, 7,269 patients accessed a comparable treatment for this condition.

Fifteen common medicines - sold as 175 medicine brands will be cheaper for general (non-concessional) patients, and these include:

- Pregabalin: around 208,000 patients per year who have seizures or nerve pain will now pay \$28.27 per script for 75 mg capsules, a saving of up to \$5.11 per script.
- Ezetimibe: around 60,000 patients per year with high cholesterol levels will now pay \$33.86 per script for 10 mg tablets, a saving of up to \$6.44 per script.
- Ezetimibe with Simvastatin: about 245,000 patients with high cholesterol levels will now pay \$37.77 per script for 10 mg tablets, a saving of up to \$2.53 per script.

Every medicine was recommended to the PBS by the independent expert Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee. By law the Federal Government cannot list a new medicine without a positive recommendation from the PBAC.

From 1 January 2020 the threshold to receive free or further discounted medicines through the PBS will be lowered by 12 scripts for pensioners and concession card holders and the equivalent of 2 scripts for non-concession card holders.

Since 2013, the Government has listed over 2,100 new or amended items on the PBS. This represents an average of around 31 listings per month – or one each day – at an overall cost of around \$10.6 billion.

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New grants available for swimming programs in Wide Bay

Federal Member for Wide Bay, Llew O'Brien is encouraging local community groups to apply for new swimming grants to enable or improve opportunities for people with disabilities and from diverse backgrounds to enjoy this great Aussie past-time.

Working in partnership with Swimming Australia, the Community Swimming Grants Program allows organisations the opportunity to apply for grants of up to \$10,000 and has been delivered as part of the Government's \$28.9 million Move It AUS – Participation Grants Program.

"Swimming is a big part of our way of life in Wide Bay and is a great way to stay active and healthy at any age," Mr O'Brien said.

"However, some people in our community need a bit of extra support to be able to enjoy the benefits of swimming, particularly if they have a disability or don't have a strong swimming culture in their family.

"These new Community Swimming Grants provide a great opportunity for local community groups to get funding to share the love of swimming with more people in Wide Bay.

"This initiative will help to make swimming as accessible as possible so more Australians could benefit from sport and physical activity.

"Grants may be used to subsidise the costs associated with delivering swimming and aquatic activities such as entry fees, lane hire or membership fees."

The Government has also committed \$36.1 million in the Water and Snow Safety Program for water safety initiatives by trusted organisations including Surf Life Saving Australia, Royal Life Saving Society Australia, AUSTSWIM and Laurie Lawrence Swimming Enterprises.

For more information and to apply for Swimming Australia's Community Swimming Grants Program, go to www.swimming.org.au/community-swimming-grants.

Who can apply for funding?

Organisations with the capability to provide or facilitate the provision of swimming and aquatics activities (including but not limited to learn to swim, water safety, aquatics fitness or play and competitive swimming programs and activities).

Eligible organisations may include: Learn to swim providers, Aqua fitness providers, Aquatics facilities, Swim Clubs, Other aquatics sport clubs (e.g. Water Polo Clubs etc.), Community organizations, Charity organizations, Councils, Schools, Universities, State or Territory Sport Organisations.

The Link Trail

The Link Trail was officially opened recently at Nanango. The Link Trail is a 55km trail which links the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail to the Kilkivan Kingaroy Rail Trail (South Burnett Rail Trail).

The Link Trail follows the old stock route from Yarraman to Nanango for 21km. Nanango to Kingaroy is a distance of 34km along quiet country back roads. The whole journey can be recognised by the blue and white bicycle signs along the way.

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New laws to protect our farmers

Tough new farm trespass laws will protect Australia's farmers from the unlawful actions of animal activists, Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien announced.

Legislation to deliver the new laws has been delivered by the Government after it passed both houses of Parliament.

Mr O'Brien said the successful passage of the Criminal Code Amendment (Agricultural Protection) Bill was an important safety measure for dedicated farmers in Wide Bay and throughout Australia – most of whom, are small businesses.

"This Bill clearly demonstrates the Government will back our farmers and their livelihoods, with no tolerance for those who want to disrupt and destroy our farming, fishing and forestry industries," Mr O'Brien said.

"This Bill was introduced in the first sitting of the new Parliament because it was a top priority of the Government to protect our farmers and establish new offences for incitement of trespass, property damage, or theft on agricultural land."

The Bill criminalises the action of publishing material, via a carriage service, with the intention of inciting trespass, property damage or theft on agricultural land, with punishments including imprisonment of up to five years.

"This bill reflects the Australian community's expectations that farmers who feed and clothe us should be safe from harassment in their businesses and their homes.

"It sends a clear message to animal activists' that trespass and invasion of privacy is a criminal matter. It's time these activists learned that when protests become acts of trespass and theft, you're not a protestor, you're a criminal and deserve to be punished."

The Government amended the Bill to include adding wood processing facilities to coverage under the Bill. The Bill will be presented for Royal Assent through the regular process.

VISITORS TO THE SOUTH BURNETT

The four year average for visitation to South Burnett as published by Tourism Research Australia for the period ending June 2018 is great reading.

Domestic overnight visitors increased by 18.6% to 211,503.

Domestic day visitors increased 17.4% to 472,286.

Total number of visitors (including international visitors) increased by over 100,000 to 686,687.

Visitor spend in the South Burnett increased by 19.4% to \$114,465,879.

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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 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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Tastefully renovated this highset Queenslander is in excellent order. Sadly our owner has to sell due to ill-health. The main house has two bedrooms plus an enclosed verandah offering a 3rd bedroom plus office, modern timber kitchen, lounge and separate dining. High ceilings with pressed tin ceilings. There is a self contained apartment which is accessed from both the front and rear verandahs comprising a living area, modern kitchen and bathroom. This area can be opened into the main house providing additional living space. The home has air conditioning. Plenty of car accommodation plus a high carport which would easily house a caravan or boat. Lovely gardens, well presented and excellent buying at \$215,000



lowset block built hall. Entry leads to a large open area with a small store room and kitchen, off the kitchen is a 2nd open area with a rear door leading to a fenced area. The building sits on a large 2428m2 corner allotment and further benefits from a double lock up garage. \$98,000



Just listed. This Comfortable home offers 3 lovely bright bedrooms, day room, airy modern and spacious kitchen, separate dining room and great lounge room plus entertaining nook. Beautiful polished floors and new carpets. New paintwork throughout. Reverse cycle air conditioning in the lounge and dining areas. Great elevated fully fenced corner allotment. Single garage with workshop at the rear. There is even room for the caravan and boat under cover. \$235,000

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Murgon Report 1/10/2019



Numbers were reduced to 400 in Murgon on Tuesday. All descriptions remained fully firm on the last sale with the exception of the weaner heifer market which was tougher. Heavy Bulls sold to \$2.65 and \$2300.00. Bullocks topped at \$2.93 c/kg. Cows over 500 kg topped at \$2.37 c/kg averaging \$2.20 c/kg. Cows 400 – 500 kg sold to a top of \$2.18 c/kg. Lighter Cows under 400 kg sold to \$1.70 c/kg. Export Heifers sold to \$2.77 c/kg and \$1430.00. Cattle were drawn from Mundubbera, Mt Perry, Coringa, Gayndah, Nanango, Tansey, Kingaroy, Kilkivan and locally. 423 kg Charolais steers from Mt Perry sold for \$1185.00 at \$2.80 c/kg. Droughtmaster steers from Tansey sold for \$1125.00 at \$2.76 c/kg. Brahman steers weighing 435 kg sold for \$2.64 c/kg returning \$1150.00. 326 kg Droughtmaster steers sold for \$2.40 c/kg and \$782.00. 3 pens of Santa weaner steers from Gayndah sold for \$2.59 c/kg to average 270 kg and \$700.00, the lead pen selling for \$773.00. Charbray weaner steers also from Gayndah sold for \$253 c/kg and \$612.00. 396 kg Charbray heifers from Mt Perry sold for \$2.48 c/kg returning \$930.00. 2 pens of Droughtmaster heifers from Tansey sold for \$2.44 c/kg and \$2.33 c/kg to average \$808.00 at 335 kilograms. 305 kg Santa heifers from Gayndah sold to \$2.20 c/kg for \$671.00. A fair percentage of the weaner heifers yarded sold from \$1.65 c/kg to \$1.85 c/kg.

The next Murgon sale is on Tuesday the 15th of October at 8.00am.

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Each year the energy companies that are Signatories to the Energy Charter will provide an annual Disclosure that demonstrates how they are achieving the Principles in the Energy Charter.

The Energy Charter Independent Accountability Panel's role is to review these industry Disclosures against the Principles of the Energy Charter.

The Panel is keen to hear from rural and regional households and business customers about how the Charter Signatories are performing for their customers and what would deliver better outcomes for all customers.

Please join the Panel by registering for the Stakeholder Online forum. (To be held using Zoom)

Please feel free to contact events@energyconsumer.saustralia.com.au or phone +61 2 9220 5500 for further assistance.

Wednesday, 16 October 2019 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm (AEDT)

We hope you can make it! Participation is optional and at your discretion.

Need water? Standpipes available at Nanango, Blackbutt, Benarkin and Hivesville

With the current dry conditions, Council would like to remind residents that tap-and-go credit/debit water standpipes can be found at Nanango, Blackbutt, Benarkin and Hivesville. Potable water (drinking quality) can be purchased at Nanango, Blackbutt and Benarkin standpipes, with non-potable water (only) available at Hivesville.

The standpipes are located at:

- Nanango – Brisbane Road (high-flow)
- Blackbutt – Bowmans Road (high-flow and low-flow)
- Benarkin – Scotts Street (high-flow)
- Hivesville – Intersection Starr Street & Hivesville Road (non-potable water / high-flow)

The standpipes offer customers a reliable source of water 24 hours a day, seven days a week as well as a convenient way to pay with tap-and-go card payments.

Instructions for use are displayed at all standpipes. A 25mm hose is available, however customers will need to provide their own 50mm cam lock and hose to use the larger connection. The payment system is operated by the tap-and-go Visa or MasterCard credit/debit card system and transactions are limited to a minimum of \$1 and maximum \$99 per transaction. The cost per kilolitre is \$4.10.

Due to recent vandalism, the Nanango high-flow outlet was out of commission for a short duration however Council has provided a temporary fix whilst repairs are progressed.

Mayor Keith Campbell advised that standpipes are provided as a service to the community at considerable cost, thus it was disappointing that recent intentional vandalism acts had occurred, disrupting the service and resulting in additional costs to South Burnett ratepayers.

“Council will pursue criminal charges against persons found damaging infrastructure,” Mayor Campbell said.

“Given the proprietary equipment rights, delays may result as repairs are required to be carried out by an authorised repairer. This ensures the integrity of the system and protection of personal credit card information for patrons visiting the infrastructure.”

For further information regarding the standpipes, please contact Council’s Water and Wastewater section on 4189 9100 or email info@southburnett.qld.gov.au.

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Applications open for Festivals Australia funding

Local organisations are invited to apply for funding for arts projects at festivals or a significant community celebration in Wide Bay area.

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien, is calling for applications for funding from the next round of Festivals Australia.

Festivals Australia funds high-quality arts projects including parades, performances, workshops and installations that engage audiences in regional and remote Australia.

Llew O'Brien said festivals and celebrations were an important part of the unique identity of the Wide Bay region.

"Through Festivals Australia funding, local artists, art workers and organisations have the opportunity to participate in and deliver projects that enrich much loved local events with arts and cultural experiences that help us celebrate and reflect on who we are.

Minister Fletcher said the Government was committed to providing opportunities to share and explore Australian stories and identity through the arts.

"Festivals are a unique and family friendly opportunity for communities to come together to participate in arts and cultural activities that reflect local experiences and draw on local talent."

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South Burnett community groups share grant success

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington has congratulated 14 South Burnett community groups who have been successful in the latest round of Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) grants.

Mrs Frecklington said more than \$310,000 will be shared amongst the groups for community projects, infrastructure upgrades and equipment.

"We have some excellent grant writers here in the South Burnett and they have been really successful this round in achieving a great range of grants," Mrs Frecklington said.

"I would like to congratulate these hard working clubs and the volunteers who put their time into securing these worthwhile projects that will greatly benefit our community," she said.

The successful South Burnett groups in Round 101 of the GCGF include:

- Barambah Garden Club - \$923 for IT Equipment
- Barambah Local Justice Group - \$21,990 for a vehicle
- Blackbutt Singers - \$4,650 to purchase equipment
- Coolabunia SS P&C - \$9,825 to purchase music equipment
- Kingaroy Aero Modellers - \$4,580 to install solar

- Kingaroy Senior Soccer - \$35,000 to install field lighting
- Murgon Golf Club - \$29,975 for air conditioning
- Nanango Bowls Club - \$28,286 for an irrigation system
- Proston Car Rally Club - \$35,000 for equipment, tractor and upgrades
- Proston Men's Shed - \$35,000 to construct amenities facility
- SB Junior Motorcycle Club - \$35,000 to purchase a bobcat
- SB Karate Assoc - \$12,298 to purchase equipment
- Taabinga SS - \$28,840 to install playground equipment
- Yarraman Men's Shed - \$29,657 to upgrade facility and purchase tools

"I encourage all local groups, however big or small, to consider applying for a Gambling

Community Benefit Fund Grant to help achieve their goals," Deb said.

There are now five rounds each financial year, with the next round closing 31 October 2019.

For more information give my office or call on 4190 7100, or head to

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The prize winners in our recent Fathers' Day Raffle were :
 First prize : Purple ticket R24 – Joan Nielsen; Second prize :
 Grey ticket J04 – Judith Cronshaw; Third prize : Purple ticket R25
 – K. Litzow. Thanks to everyone who supported us.
 We have had a very busy few weeks lately. We were proud to
 be able to organise and host a Suicide Awareness Training night



recently with the support of the Murgon & District Services & Citizens Memorial Club. We also worked at the Lee Kernaghan concert in Kingaroy, and cooked Italian sausages at the Moffatdale Ridge Italian Festival. Lots of fun and they tasted pretty good too.

Our Club has just been able to donate a second Obs trolley to the Castra Retirement Home which will make taking vital observations easier for staff. Pictured are many of the Castra staff who are pleased to have the convenience of a new piece of medical equipment to facilitate their care of residents.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY - MURGON

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The parade will assemble in the Club car park at 10.15am. The march steps off at 10.30am followed by a service including the playing of the Last Post. 1 minute silence will be observed at 11.00 am. The service will conclude after the wreath laying.

A light lunch will be served in the Diggers Room in the Murgon & District Services & Citizens Memorial Club. All members of the public are welcome to attend the lunch.

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Silent movie AT BARAMBAH STATION on Saturday 9th November 2019 *5.30pm start*
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Filmed in Murgon and Cherbourg in 1928



The Creative Country Association, Inc are proud to launch the rediscovered 1928 movie "Romance at Runnybede" starring the Hollywood Starlet Eva Novak. The silent, black and white movie was filmed in Murgon, Barambah Station and Cherbourg and features 'extra's' from both Murgon, Cherbourg and surrounds. The CCA invite you to the launch of the movie on Saturday, the 9th of November at Barambah Station, semi formal for this luxurious film that is only one of two movies still surviving today from that era, and in exceptional quality. With just a few words missing, the film runs for nearly 1 and 1/2 hrs, and depicts scenes from Sydney (no Opera House) to the camps in Cherbourg. Please come along and see if you can recognise the indigenous and town folk that stood in as extra's in the movie.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 11TH	BARAMBAH GARDEN CLUB, BINGO
OCTOBER 11TH	COUNCIL LISTENING TOURS
OCTOBER 12TH	NANANGO STAMP CLUB
OCTOBER 12TH	DUSTY DAY OUT AT THE WINERY
OCTOBER 12TH	CLOYNA TRAIL RIDE
OCTOBER 12TH	A TOUCH OF DUTCH COTTAGE GARDEN
OCTOBER 12TH	BYTE NITE SB PCYC , BOOIE DANCE
OCTOBER 13TH	MURGON CBD MARKETS
OCTOBER 14th	SB PCYC MEET
OCTOBER 15th	MURGON CATTLE SALE
OCTOBER 15th	BP DAM FISH STOCKING MEET
OCTOBER 16th	DROUGHT & STOCK ROUTE MANAGEMENT
OCTOBER 16TH	MURGON HOSPITAL AUXILLARY, ROTARY
OCTOBER 16TH	20th WATER HOLE ROCKS NANANGO
OCTOBER 17th	NATIONAL SENIORS
OCTOBER 18th	COMMUNITY BINGO
OCTOBER 19TH	MURGON MENS SHED GARAGE SALE
OCTOBER 19Th	MURGON MUSEUM MEET, BYTE NITE SB PCYC
OCTOBER 22nd	TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS (BIEDO)
OCTOBER 22nd	UNITING CHURCH FRIENDSHIP GROUP
OCTOBER 22nd	DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP
OCTOBER 23rd	BURNETT BIRD KEEPERS, ROTARY
OCTOBER 24th	MURGON LIONS
OCTOBER 24th	MURGON HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH NIGHT
OCTOBER 25TH	GOOMERI & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB, BINGO
OCTOBER 26TH	NEW GRAHAM HOUSE CENTRE OFFICIAL OPENING
OCTOBER 26th	FARMERS DAY OUT, WONDAI COUNTRY MARKETS
OCTOBER 26th - 27th	GRAPE ESCAPE SOUTH BURNETT
OCTOBER 27th	HIVESVILLE MARKETS, CAMERA CLUB
OCTOBER 28TH	PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP
OCTOBER 29th to 3RD NOV,	MURGON MUSIC MUSTER
OCTOBER 29th	RURAL WELL BEING
OCTOBER 30th	ROTARY
NOVEMBER 1st - 11th	PINK UP CELEBRATIONS, COMMUNITY BINGO
NOVEMBER 3rd - 30th	Recovering The Past
NOVEMBER 5TH	MELBOURNE CUP
NOVEMBER 6TH	ROTARY
NOVEMBER 7TH	SOUTH BURNETT CAKE DECORATORS
NOVEMBER 8TH	AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS CLOSE
NOVEMBER 9TH	BRIDAL AND FORMAL EXPO
NOVEMBER 9TH	MOVIE ROMANCE OF RUNNYBEDE
NOVEMBER 10TH	MURGON CBD MARKETS
NOVEMBER 11TH	REMEMBERANCE DAY

DATE CLAIMER

The ***Murgon Police Masquerade Ball*** is scheduled for ***23 November 2019*** at the **South Burnett PCYC, Murgon.**

Funds raised at the ball will be donated to the South Burnett PCYC to support their BYTE NITE Program. (BYTE – Barrambah Youth Together Evenings)

Murgon Show Society News

Preparations for the 2020 Murgon Show are well under way. The first order of business at the recent AGM was the election of office bearers. Following are the executive committee for the next year: Alan Trim (President), Sandra Maroske (Senior Vice President), Troy Dennien (Junior Vice President), Tina Kenyon (Secretary & Treasurer), Gladys Sippel (Patroness).



Murgon Show Society has a long-held tradition of selecting a Murgon Miss Showgirl to represent our local area. The 2019 winner, Miss Teagan Hall, was an outstanding choice. As far as is known, Teagan is one of only three Murgon Showgirls to follow the winning path all the way to the Ekka. Mrs Amanda Dennien (nee Kratzmann 1989) and Mrs Susan Mollenhauer (nee Dowdle 2000) were also previous winners who, like Teagan, represented Murgon, as well as South Burnett, at Queensland level. Attending the Ekka as a South Burnett Sub-chamber winner is certainly a big achievement, which provides young ladies with an opportunity to promote their region, while being an integral part of something bigger than themselves. The time in Brisbane is spent in style, being treated to some of the finest events, food and company. The days and nights are carefully scheduled, with appearances and associated duties being well organised and highly enjoyable.

The Murgon Show Society will soon be asking local businesses to support this cause by nominating young ladies who demonstrate initiative, confidence, enthusiasm and respect for this community. Interested persons can contact Sandra Maroske at Maroskes Tyre Service.

Murgon Show Society would like to invite interested persons to be involved in our wonderful local show. General meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month; 5:30pm at the Cattleman's Bar, Murgon Sportsgrounds. Our executive would also like to remind members that annual memberships are due soon. Membership not

only allows people to have a vote on decisions at meetings, but it also provides discounted entry costs to the show and access to the members area. Forms can be found on our website www.murgonshowsociety.com Alternatively, people can contact any of our above executive with enquiries.

We sadly mourn the loss of:

FAITHFULL, Ian Philip, "Garson" Late of Hervey Bay Formerly of Murgon.

SEILER, Dorothy Sylvia, Late of Wondai

MORRIS, Beryl, Late of Wondai and formerly of Hivesville

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November 5th St Joseph's Melbourne Cup Luncheon

November 22nd South Burnett Chorale at St Joseph's Hall

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Kingston reunion held in Murgon recently



Back Row L-R: Jeannette Kingston, Howard Kingston, Joshua Kinsella, Athol Ramke, Vicki Ramke, Heather Kingston, Jeannie Kingston, Billie Mitchell, Kirston Purcell, Michael Purcell.

Centre Row L-R: Maurice Kingston, Jim Kingston, Jim Kingston OAM, Evelyn Kingston, Muriel Kefford, Olive Honour, Colin Rewald, Trevor Kingston,

Front Row L-R: Craig Sadler, Kent Honour, Mckenzie Honour, Marion Sadler, Evie Purcell, Busta Purcell.



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Saturday 9th November 2019, 9.00am-1.00pm

PCYC South Burnett, 40 Macalister St, Murgon QLD. 4605

Contact Karen or Rachel Ph 07 4168 1889 - E-mail, southburnett@pcyc.org.au

Trail to Triumph

Joshua and Lorna Williams have decided to support this amazing event called Trail to Triumph, where a small group of inspiring people are doing big things!! These strong and courageous heroes, with the assistance of their big-hearted and selfless support crew, run up to 250km over 2.5 days in October to raise funds for and increase awareness of lung diseases.

To help them change the lives of those living with lung disease, Joshua and Lorna have signed up to be Virtual Runners which means that during the same weekend these exceptional people are running 250 km from Moranbah to Mackay, Joshua and Lorna have committed to run at least 100 km between the two of them here in our little town of Murgon, Qld, Australia!

They have set a goal to fundraise \$600 to do their little part to help Trail to Triumph reach their astonishing goal of raising \$70,000 to help Lung Foundation Australia!

If you are able, please help Joshua and Lorna by making a donation to this brilliant cause via our donation page (link below). It only takes a minute and anything you can give (no matter how large or small) will go a long way to helping them reach their target.

If you live in our area, please come out to the rail trail on the weekend of October 11-13 to give Joshua and Lorna a wave, a cheer, a high five, anything to help keep us going!

Thank you, we really appreciate your support!

<https://lungfoundation.grassrootz.com/trail-to-triumph/joshua-and-lorna-williams>

DATE CLAIMER

Saturday November 9 2019

Christmas Luncheon with ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

11.30 AM Wondai Regional Art Gallery

Welcome and Wine Tasting –

on the Round About, 40 Haly Street, Wondai

12.30 PM Wondai RSL Diggers Club

Luncheon - 87 McKenzie St, Wondai

Cost \$30 tickets available

Wondai Regional Art Gallery from 7th Oct

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
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4.4 ACRES WITH THE LOT! Spacious 3 B/R double brick home with study & rumpus room. Main has walk in robe & ensuite with a spa bath, built ins in the other 2 bedrooms. Ceiling fans in the main, lounge & family room. Main bathroom with a separate bath & shower, fully screened with doors having security screen doors, ducted A/C throughout, as well as a fireplace, spacious kitchen with dishwasher. Entertaining is well catered for, with the paved covered patio area.

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MURGON SWIMMING POOL NOW OPEN



Swimming pools open in the South Burnett

Council is pleased to announce our current Managers at Kingaroy, Murgon and Wondai Swimming Pools will continue under a Management Agreement for the next two years.

Blackbutt, Murgon, Proston and Wondai Pools will open for the summer season on Saturday 21 September 2019, with Kingaroy WJ Lang Memorial Pool opening on Wednesday 25 September 2019. Nanango Indoor Aquatic Centre remains open all year round.

WJ Lang Memorial Pool has a delayed opening due to maintenance that has occurred during the closure period.

All Pools are offering a great range of exercise programs... for further information please contact the Pool Managers direct on the following numbers:

Blackbutt Pool – Linda - 4163 0315, Kingaroy Pool – Terry - 4162 1863, Murgon Pool – Lori - 4168 1754,

Nanango Aquatic Centre – Linda - 4163 1143, Proston Pool – 4168 9132, Wondai Pool – Josie - 4168 5158

With warmer temperatures forecast, Council encourages the community to utilise the Council pools to cool off, enjoy water play, swim laps, attend a fitness class, learn to swim, improve your swim stroke or join a swimming club.

Kingaroy Pool features three (3) pools, a 50m heated outdoor pool, a children's wading pool and an indoor Learn to Swim Pool. Kingaroy also has a volleyball court with fresh sand... have a game of volleyball and a swim to cool down! Murgon Pool has two (2) pools, a 50m heated outdoor pool and a children's wading pool. Wondai Pool has one (1) pool, a 25m heated outdoor pool.

All pools offer swimming passes and seasonal passes to help reduce the costs of swimming!

Pool areas can be utilised for family picnics and children's birthday parties. Please call into your local pool and say hi to your friendly pool manager.

For further information on Council's swimming pools please see Council's website www.southburnett.qld.gov.au

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LOOK WHAT THE NEW WONDAL LIBRARY IS PROVIDING FOR YOU:

Do you play Cards?

*Would you like to learn?
Why not join the Wondai Library Cards Group?*

Every Wednesday at 10:00am.

Please contact staff for further information.

PH: 07 4189 9252

let's talk

Join the Conversation Group

This friendly and informal group gathers on the last Thursday of every month at the Wondai Library.

Everyone is welcome to join in the conversation to discuss all sorts of current and popular topics. Morning Tea is provided (gold coin donation)

Wondai Library
Last Thursday of the month
10:00am– 12:00pm

SEE YOU AT WONDAL LIBRARY'S STORYTIME WHERE YOUR CHILDREN CAN HAVE FUN AND SO CAN YOU

Rhyme Time - rhymes, lullabies, finger play and songs aimed at children aged 0-3 years old.

Story Time - stories, songs, rhymes and crafts aimed at children 0-5 years old.

	Mon	Tue	Wed
Wk 1	Rhyme Time: 9:30am @ Kingaroy 9:30am @ Nanango	Rhyme Time: 9:00am @ Proston 9:30am @ Murgon Story Time: 9:00am @ Wondai	Story Time: 10:00am @ Kingaroy 10:30am @ Nanango 10:00am @ Blackbutt
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Wk 4	Rhyme Time: 9:30am @ Kingaroy 9:30am @ Nanango	Rhyme Time: 9:30am @ Murgon Story Time: 9:00am @ Wondai	Story Time: 10:00am @ Kingaroy 10:30am @ Nanango

** Week 5 same as week 4

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Kingaroy Library

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Nanango Library

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Proston Library

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MURGON MUSIC MUSTER continued from page 1

Tania Kernaghan is a multi Golden Guitar Award winner, ARIA Award nominee and the first female artist to be inducted into the Galaxy of Stars Walk of Fame in Tamworth. She is the sister of Lee Kernaghan and daughter of Ray Kernaghan. During her career, Tania has earned fifteen number one radio hits singles, numerous awards, sell out concerts and record sales in the hundreds of thousands. She has also performed at the Grand Old Opry in Nashville.

Anne Kirkpatrick a talented songwriter with a unique vocal style, Anne has been recording since she was 12 years old, Anne has released 14 albums along the way, the latest 2 offerings being Anne's 'Best Of' collection "Annethology", released in 2010, and most recently in 2015 "The Early Years 1974-1987" 5 CD box set, making available again her 1st five complete studio albums—all re-mastered.

Anne has been fondly described as "the godmother of Australian new country" after her 1991 release 'Out Of The Blue' was heralded as a watershed album in Australian country music.

There's been a myriad of accolades along the way—6 Golden Guitars, a couple of Mo awards and, honouring 'Out Of The Blue' as Best Country Album, a coveted ARIA award.

As a board member of the Slim Dusty Foundation, Anne is heavily involved in the continuing development of the **Slim Dusty Centre** in Kempsey which opened in November 2015—as well as working alongside her mother, Joy McKean, to preserve the legacy of her late dad, Slim.

Anne was inducted into the Australasian Country Music 'Roll Of Renown' in 2010.

To complement our list of star attractions this year is Tracy Coster.

Tracy Coster was born into country music, and she grew up with the music her father Stan wrote. Tracy started singing in her father's band when she was about thirteen, and she was determined to become a country star.

1986 - CMAA Golden Guitar Awards Finalist in *Female Vocalist of the Year*

1994 - Inducted into the *Hands of Fame* in Tamworth

1994 - CMAA Golden Guitar Finalist for *Female Vocalist Of The Year* with the Brian Poole and the Tremolos remake 'Someone'

2004 - Named Australian Independent Country Music Award *Heritage Track of the Year 'Bush Barbeque'*

2005 - Named CMAA Golden Guitar Awards *Vocal Collaboration Of The Year* with Anne Kirkpatrick for 'Back To The Saltbush Plains'

2005 - Named Australian Independent Country Music Awards *Album Of The Year*

2005 - Named Stan Coster Bush Ballad Awards *Album Of The Year 'Coster Country'*

2005 - Named Stan Coster Bush Ballad Awards *Comedy Song Of The Year 'Loaded Dog'*

2006 - Finalist in the ACMLA People's Choice Awards for *Best Bush Ballad Of The Year*



Plus we have a great line up of other artists this year including Amber Lawrence, Brendan Radford, Clarrie Weller, Brendan Smoother, Stephanie Ward Wrigley, Bridget O'Shannessy, Dog House Band, Chris Callaghan, Jack Viljoen, John Abbott, Emily Kinsella, Chris Pritchard, Steve Sparrow, Connie Shelton plus lots more and would love you to come along and join us. Details of artists, basic programme and costs are in our brochures, which are in the Visitor Information Centre's in several local towns plus in many of our local businesses. We want to publically thank the businesses in Murgon and district for their ongoing support of our Music Muster, which not only brings top quality artists to our town, but hundreds of visitors as well, who boost our economy. We could not produce the Muster as successfully without their help.

All professional artists will have the option of being backed by the Murgon Music Muster Band lead by Brendan Radford on Lead Guitar, Jeremy O'Connor on Bass, Michel Rose on Pedal Steel Guitar, Dobro and Mandolin and Doug Gallacher on Drums. Andrew Beckett of Bullroarer Sound Productions will again be the accomplished sound producer with Compare the talented Gary Fogarty.

The major beneficiaries from this year's Muster will be LifeFlight, the Royal Flying Doctor Service (QLD section) and the Children's Ward at the Toowoomba Hospital.

What a Music Muster: Professional Country Artists from Friday to Sunday, Walk-Up artists from Tuesday to Thursday, Bush Poets' Breakfast from Thursday to Sunday, Dance on Thursday night, Gospel Section Sunday morning, Brownie's Charity Concert Sunday evening, Bus Trip to local attractions, Artists' merchandise for sale,



Daily Raffles and Prizes, Indoor Event, Catering and Bar from Thursday to Sunday, Limited Powered Camping Sites as well as Unpowered Camping Sites, Hot Showers, EFTPOS facilities available at the Main Gate, Onsite RV Dump Point, Dogs allowed in the camping area only. So be sure to come and bring your friends and enjoy a relaxed week of country music fellowship.

4 Day passes and daily passes, including camping can be purchased from this site . <http://murgonmusicmuster.com> leading up to the Muster.

Walk-Up Artists and Poets are welcome. Clarrie Weller will be organising the Walk-Up Artists and can be contacted on 0423 223 485 for any enquiries.

Official Opening Friday 1st November 1.00pm-1.30pm

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This event is supported by the Burnett Mary Regional Group, through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.




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2nd prize - \$50 voucher at Northern AgriServices Murgon

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- challenge is only open to residents of the Burnett inland
- challenge entries close 5pm Friday 1 November 2019
- the judges decision is final.

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Kowanyama cop named top Adopt-A-Cop for the Far North



Senior Sergeant Warren Flegg with his band of Kowanyama Junior Police.

A familiar face in the Kowanyama community, Senior Sergeant Warren Flegg has been recognised for the great work that he does with building relationships and bridging the gap between police and youths in the remote community situated some 600 kilometres away, north west of Cairns.

Officer in Charge of the Kowanyama Police Station, Senior Sergeant Warren Flegg was recently advised that he had been awarded Adopt-A-Cop of the year for the Far Northern region. In November, Senior Sergeant Flegg will be invited to Brisbane where he will contend for the top award, Adopt-A-Cop of the Year for the state of Queensland. Senior Sergeant Flegg has become an integral part of the school community through his work with continuing the



Kowanyama Junior Police program, addressing school attendance rates, working to improve student safety and well-being, and his participation in school excursions, assemblies and school presentations. Senior Sergeant Flegg's nomination was supported by Cape Patrol Inspector Mark Henderson, Kowanyama State School principal Mr Finn Buckley and staff members. He was extremely honoured when he heard the news. "I was ecstatic to hear that I was announced as the 2019 Far North District Adopt-A-Cop of the year,"

Senior Sergeant Flegg said.

“I only play a small part in the learning process for our future leaders but there is nothing more satisfying than to hear your name being yelled out from down the street, across the oval or being stopped in the street for a friendly conversation.

“This award is the result of two years of taking the time to listen to our local youth and develop programs around what they want, not what we think they want.

“I’m happy to say that our programs have focused on camping, fishing and hunting which are typical cape style activities.

“I can’t wait to tell the kids about the award, I see this as more of an award for them, I am just their voice.”

Senior Sergeant Flegg finds working with local youth rewarding in itself

Chief Superintendent Huxley personally phoned Senior Sergeant Flegg to tell him about the award.

“Senior Sergeant Flegg’s award is very important recognition of the work that he has not only done in Kowanyama but the work that he has done across the Cape,” Superintendent Huxley said.

“The care and compassion that he displays for his community and in particular, his local school, is a reflection of how he values the importance of his leadership role.”

Introduced in 1985, the Adopt-A-Cop program operates on a voluntary basis with police officers visiting primary schools and high schools to educate children about personal safety, bullying, road safety and police duties whilst fostering positive relationships between police and students.

Currently, there over 950 Adopt-A-Cops in Queensland with over 90 Adopt-A-Cops in the Far North.

The annual Adopt-A-Cop of the year awards were introduced in 2010 to recognise the outstanding work of officers performing the voluntary role.

Have you nominated yet?

Nominations are now open for the region’s annual Australia Day Awards for 2020.

Mayor Keith Campbell explained, “These awards provide the community with an opportunity to acknowledge and reward outstanding groups and individuals committed to improving the lifestyle experience in our region.”

The award categories that have been chosen give our individual communities equal opportunity to nominate those who have made special contributions to their local community. If someone has won an Australia Day Award in the last three (3) years, they are not eligible for nomination for that same category.

Award categories are as follows:

- South Burnett Citizen of the Year
- South Burnett Young Citizen of the Year
- South Burnett Community Organisation of the Year
- South Burnett Lifetime Achievement Award
- South Burnett Volunteer of the Year
- South Burnett Junior Cultural Award
- South Burnett Senior Cultural Award
- Local Achiever Award (Town & Rural)
- South Burnett Junior Sportsperson
- South Burnett Senior Sportsperson
- South Burnett Sports Administrator/Coach/Official Award



For further information on the award categories, or to obtain a 2020 Australia Day Local Achiever or Major Categories Nomination Form, call into your local Customer Service Centre or Library, or download direct from Council’s website <http://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/australia-day>

The official awards ceremony will be held on the eve of Australia Day, Saturday 25 January 2020 at the Kingaroy Town Hall.

Closing date for nominations is 4:30pm Friday 8 November 2019.

Get Involved - Have your Say, Grants, Prizes, Surveys, Events and Reviews

- **Small Business Rural Financial Counselling Service** - Free, and now available for small businesses in drought affected regions of Southern Qld.
- **Power of Community Conference** - For small to medium community organisations. 21 Nov at QUT, Brisbane.
- **Gambling Community Benefit Fund** - Up to \$35,000 for community groups. Round 103 closes 31 Oct.
- **Engaging Science Grants** - Up to \$10,000. Closes 4 Nov.
- **Made in Qld Grants** - Expressions of Interest close 11 Oct.
- **Qld Veterans Memorial Grants Program** - Funding to help restore memorials and honour boards. Round Two closes 20 Oct.
- **Qld Freight Action Plan** - Have your say. Submissions close 1 Nov.
- **Programmed Vehicle Inspections** - Have your say. Submissions close 11 Oct.
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Beautiful 2 bedroom cottage, fully renovated throughout, polished floors, T & G walls, lounge and dining combined with split air conditioning, 2 large bedrooms (1 bedroom has air conditioning) with French doors onto front verandah and ceiling fans, bathroom has corner shower and separate bath, country kitchen with heaps of cupboards and large gas stove for entertaining, 5 bay shed for car accommodation and storage lockup area, hay shed, old piggery sheds, shed converted to dog kennels, chicken coop, this property has new tanks plus Merlwood water scheme. **\$360,000.00**

The owners are open to a property exchange to the same value from the coast areas to a country setting.



CLOSE TO SCHOOLS

Lowset home, 3 bedrooms (built ins), ensuite, main bedrooms has split airconditioning, modern kitchen with dishwasher, lounge with split airconditioning, ceiling fans, separate dining, lovely rear deck for entertainment, colour bond shed for two cars plus workshop, kids cubby house, carport for mowers, fully fenced, mins to schools and CBD **\$199,000.00**



WEATHERBOARD HOME

Lowset home, quiet area of town, 3 bedrooms all built ins, ceiling fans throughout, split airconditioning in lounge and some bedrooms, renovated bathroom, kitchen, lounge, gas hot water, security lock screen on windows and doors, colourbond shed with power and TV connection would accommodate 4 cars plus two car under carport, 6 ft fence, tank water **\$165,000.00**

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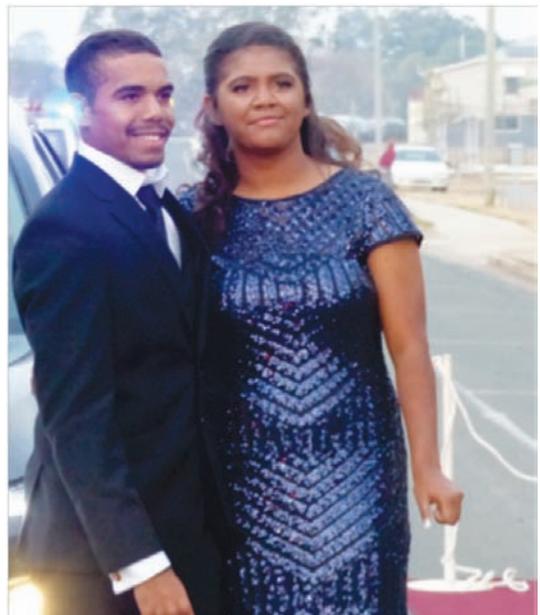
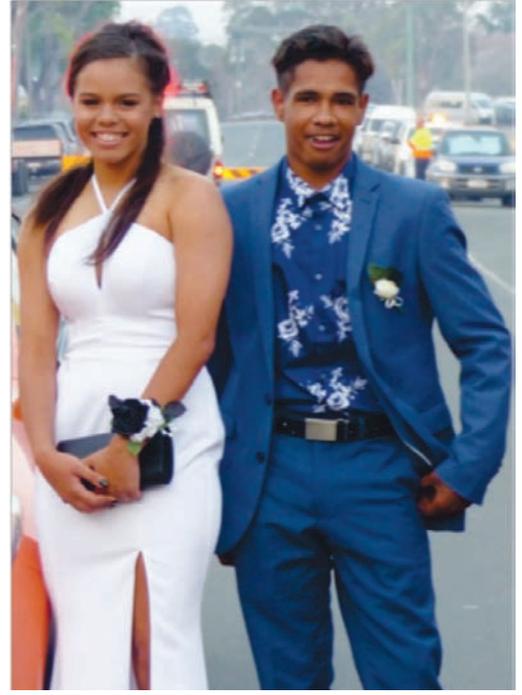


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2019 Murgon High School Formal



Pinking up from 1st -11th November in the South Burnett

We're "Pinking Up" Goomeri
1st November—11th November
In conjunction with "Pinking Up Sth Burnett"
All funds raised donated to the
McGrath Foundation for Breast Cancer



The town will be pinked with bows/ribbons and flowers. We will be holding special events to raise funds with the main event being a PINK TRIVIA NIGHT, Friday 8th November in the Goomeri Hall of Memory.

We would love to see the whole town get involved, businesses, shop fronts and residents, everybody is welcome to help raise funds for this very worthwhile cause.

Anyone interested in getting on board to help, please contact us by reply message.

JOIN IN THE FUN AND ...

Let's Pink Up Proston!

1-11 November 2019
 (as part of Pinking the South Burnett)

Pink up your homes, fences, trees and especially yourselves!
Prize for best decorated shop window.

And let's get together as a community to enjoy a

PINK-NIC IN THE PARK

SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER
FROM 4PM IN RAILWAY PARK

- ENJOY A RELAXING LATE AFTERNOON/EVENING IN THE PARK. BYO PICNIC OR PRE-ORDER FROM JACARANDA TEAROOMS
- MOVIE "RACING STRIPES" 6.30PM, SPONSORED BY PROSTON LIONS CLUB, GOLD COIN DONATION
- POPCORN & COLD DRINKS - SCOUTS
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE - PROSTON MEN'S SHED

Presented by The Proston Men's Shed in support of "Pinking the Region." All donations from the day go to The McGrath Foundation.

Save the date!
Sunday 10th November 2019

High Tea at the Royal Hotel, Murgon

More information coming soon...

in aid of the McGrath Foundation





The Royal Hotel, Murgon is excited to invite everyone to a lovely High Tea being held at the hotel in hope of bringing awareness and raising funds to support the amazing work of the McGrath foundation. The event is welcome to all on Sunday 10th November 2019!

Stay tuned for more information on ticket sales, booking information and general enquires. Hope to see everyone there .

There's going to be a lot of pink about in the South Burnett in November when a special breast cancer awareness campaign spreads from one end of the region to the other.

"Pinking Up The South Burnett" is a regional version of the McGrath Foundation's "Pink Up Your Town" annual campaign which raises funds for breast care nurses as well as awareness about breast cancer.

"Pinking Up The South Burnett" will run from

November 1-11 and organisers hope to encourage "pink" events run locally in every town.

South Burnett breast care nurse Sue Cox came up with the idea of expanding the McGrath Foundation's usual town campaign to a region-wide effort.

Cr Danita Potter came on board followed quickly by councillors Kathy Duff, Ros Heit and Roz Frohloff.

Organisations such as the Nanango Tourism and Development Association, the Yarraman Progress Association and Coverty Creek Community Development and Social Club already have their thinking caps on.

"When people hit Blackbutt we want them to see pink all the way through the area," Sue told southburnett.com.



Events already scheduled include a Pink Lady ceremony in Kingaroy on November 6, followed by Pink Ribbon breakfast on November 7.

Events have also been pencilled in for Nanango, Goomeri and Murgon.

As Melbourne Cup Day falls within the “pink period”, organisers hope to see a lot of pink fashions out and about.

Sue said that at the moment she had 120 clients in the South Burnett, many of whom had been diagnosed after having free mammograms when the Breast Screen bus visits.

But at the moment, only 56 per cent of women were taking advantage of this service ... which is why more awareness activities had to take place.

Sue said there were 18,000 new cases of breast cancer diagnosed in Australia last year, including 150 men.

At the moment, there were 135 breast care nurses – who support people with diagnosed breast cancer – in Australia, but it had been estimated there was a need for at least another 120.

“We want it so every Australia woman can access a breast care nurse,” Sue said.

“We try never to turn anyone away.”

southburnett.com.au will publish details about the “Pinking Up The South Burnett” events as they become available.

The 2019 Bjelke Petersen Dam Inland Fishing Classic



Hosted by Bjelke Petersen Dam Fish Management Committee, Well 2019 BP Inland Classic has wrapped up and wow what a turn out. 214 Fish weighed in through catch and release. 121 Fish weighed in through Filled and Gutted. \$46,000.00 in Cash and prizes given away that were completely donated.

0 Discrepancies at any weigh in or lucky draw, Excellent report from Fisheries and Police on all anglers and
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very happy with attitudes of all anglers.

The atmosphere throughout the comp was fantastic, a lot of competitive anglers yet they were all up for some friendly banter on the water, to all anglers we cannot thank you enough for the atmosphere you brought this weekend. The behaviour of all persons on and off the water was awesome.

To all our sponsors, we thank you for your amazing generous support at the 2019 BP Inland Classic, and after the amount of prizes given away over the weekend I'm sure our anglers thank you also.

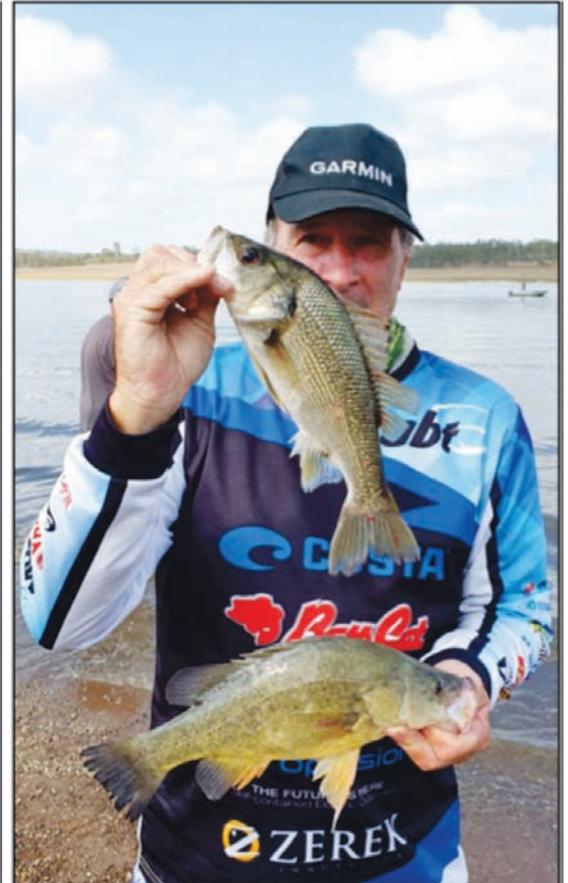
To all entrants we thank you for the fun weekend.

A massive thank you to Whitewater Marine for their amazing ongoing support with the Bjelke Petersen Dam Fish Management Committee and the BP Inland Classic.

Whitewater Marine get behind us every year so we can give away the awesome boat, motor and trailer



package. Please jump over to their page and check them out and make sure you contact them for all your boating needs, the team at Whitewater Marine are extremely professional in all aspects of boating and are happy to help all boaties. Thank you Whitewater Marine



Winners of the three major prizes:

The boat – motor and trailer was won by Mark Jordan from Cunnamulla.

Kayak 1 was won by Nakia Palmer from Dalby.

Kayak 2 was won by Nyan Wright from Pelican Waters.

Congratulations to all the prize winners and competitors and we look forward to seeing you again next year.

SOUTH BURNETT PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP



Photo: Lyn Koy with her delightful granddaughter Willow

A large gathering of friends, supporters and members enjoyed our September meeting at **Moffatdale Ridge Wines**. Thanks to the Kinsella family for their hospitality and efforts. There was a lovely breeze on the verandah and a scenic view to take in. All present enjoyed a tasty morning tea and lots of conversation. Visitors included Robyn, Di, Annette, Macey, Riley, Willow, Marg, Phenella, Gloria and Gay. Charles again was a prize winner as was Leif. Merrilyn and Wanda read a poem about burning off from different perspectives. In their role play they wore suitable hats for the farmer and the government official.

Robyn from **South Burnett Peer Support Group** was our guest speaker. Di also came along to speak on this group as a parent and carer. The group is a small friendly one which meets mostly in Nanango with the occasional meeting in Murgon. The next meeting is in Nanango on November 6. For more information phone Di on 0409 068 354.

Plans for our Christmas party were discussed and it was decided that cheesecake was the much preferred 2nd dessert, entertainment would be provided by members and **Secret Santa** presents would be the order of the day. The presents are to be of a **\$3** value only with fines by the "sheriff" of the day for those overspending. The Christmas party will be held at the Wondai Diggers' Club on **MONDAY NOV 25** starting at 11.00 am. As usual it will be a fun occasion and family and friends are welcome.

Our logo is now complete and Darryl will be bringing it to the October meeting. THANKS TOM for your work with this.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY OCT 28 at CASTRA COOPER STREET MURGON. It will be a **SPRING THEME** SO WEAR SOMETHING **YELLOW** AND BRING A SPRING ITEM. The usual **Xpensive prizes will be awarded for ingenuity.**



Merle Johnson one of the Leven Little Lonsdales's launching her book alongside some of her siblings at the Proston Town Hall.

MURGON'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CENTENARY 2020



Celebrations are being planned to mark the centenary of the dedication and official open of the "Christ Church" Anglican Church, Taylor Street Murgon which still stands as a monument to our early "Church of England" settlers and their devotion to God.

A booklet recording the history of Anglicism in the area is being compiled and your **URGENT ASSISTANCE** is sought. Information is required at the very latest, by November 2019 (the sooner the better) to allow time for collation and printing.

YOU ARE INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE

Facebook page – Christ Church Murgon Centenary 2020

Email: marcia.mcintosh@gmail.com

Private Message me on my Facebook page.

Phone: 3284 7683. Or postal address is P.O Box 70, Murgon

WE NEED

Memories: Your anecdotes about church events in your lifetime; stories told to you by your elder relatives relating to church happenings; any little snippets of interest.

Copies of articles from early Church Chronicles/

Parish Paper/Shalom Magazine/Newspaper clippings: Anything relevant to this Church.

Photographs: Scanned and attached by email or posted. (Address available by phone call) – your own or in old printed materials.

Addresses: of former residents and/or their descendants - or your assistance by contacting them yourself.

Photographs: Former Ministers/Curates/Deacons/LAs. Organists. Weddings. Baptisms. Confirmations. Parish Council Members. Wardens and other Office Bearers. Mothers' Union. Guild. Sunday School. Bible Study Groups. Social Events (picnics, BBQs, dinners, parties etc) Carols Nights. Santa Claus etc, etc,

Information: on the various groups which have operated in the Parish – eg. First MU President. First Guild Office Bearers. First Baptism/Wedding/Funeral in this building.

Construction of Rectory and Hall.

Involvement with the peoples of Cherbourg.

It is envisaged that the Churches at **Winderera and Hivesville** which have closed their door prior to any major milestones being celebrated will also be included with a short section of history for each. Again, **information is sought** for these. Photos of these churches and photos of their closures and a history of Hivesville church have been provided so far.

The bell tower was demolished in 2018 because it was no longer safe and the bell is now in storage, maybe someone has a story about the bell and its history.

At one time there was a Sunday School did you attend or know someone who did ? We had Mother's Union and it folded in 2014, maybe someone had connections there ?

Did your family donate something to the Church eg altar, candle stick holders, crosses, bibles, organ or a pew maybe ? Any thoughts, stories, photos and memories are appreciated.

Many thanks in advance in anticipation of your valued response.

Marcia McIntosh.

CHRIST CHURCH, MURGON - FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH

Declining numbers are impacting on our church. We are asking for your thoughts, support and or input on how

to improve this situation. We don't have a resident priest but visiting priests come each month and provide services and Holy Communion. In between these visits Liturgical Assistants conduct services and provide pastoral care when needed. The Warden and Parish Councilors would like to invite you to attend these services - there is no pressure. We would like to offer fellowship and a cup of tea. Notice of services (date and time) are displayed on the Church's front door. Please contact Donna 41682824 or Lynda 41681696 for further information. We have started thinking about our Christmas Service - please keep a eye open for further updates.

International exhibition set to open in Kingaroy



A photographic exhibition showing Australian Diggers who served on the Western Front in Belgium more than 100 years ago is coming soon to Kingaroy in the South Burnett.

London based photographer Ian Alderman said that for the population of Belgium's West Flanders the Great War was still a daily fact of life.

"Despite the terrifying battles that were fought over a century ago, the lethal legacy of unexploded ammunition is an ever-present problem," Mr Alderman said.

"Coming to a head in the twice yearly 'Iron Harvest' when farmers plough their fields, on average 180 tonnes of unexploded ammunition is recovered and destroyed by the authorities."

Ian Alderman is the only artist to have been given full access to the dangerous work and facilities of DOVO-SEDEE, the Belgium armed forces bomb disposal team responsible for clearing the ordinance.

In 25 thought-provoking images Alderman has documented this team's work, while montaging into his photograph's symbolic images of the Australian Diggers who served on the Western Front.

The exhibition is touring Australia after having previously been exhibited at the Palais Des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland and the In Flanders Fields Museum in Ypres, Belgium.

Ian Alderman said it has taken him six years to produce the exhibition and bring it to Australia.

"I've created it with our younger generations in mind," he said.

"So that we may never forget how truly devastating the physical and psychological consequences of war are."

Recovering The Past is on display at **Kingaroy Regional Art Gallery** from the **Monday 3rd November 2019** to the **Saturday 30th November**.

Official Opening: 6pm Thursday 7th November. Free entry.

Interview Opportunity: Ian Alderman is available for phone interviews +44 7774283723. Please note he is based in London and there is a considerable time difference.

Or the exhibition's producer Trudie Leigo is also available for phone interviews, 0439 807 960. She is based in Bundaberg, QLD.



**The newly formed South Burnett Drought Committee led by Karen Seiler (front right)
Immediate drought assistance is available in South Burnett**

Communities in the South Burnett will have greater access to drought assistance, thanks to the Government package worth nearly \$100 million

The Government is responding to the ongoing drought with direct and immediate support to help farming families and communities.

Federal Member for Wide Bay, Llew O'Brien said \$33.4 million had been made available through the Drought Community Support Initiative to provide immediate financial assistance to eligible households in hardship.

"Farming households can receive up to \$3,000 to spend in their local communities to cover urgent bills such as food, petrol and utilities, taking stress off families and boosting the local economy," Mr O'Brien said.

"The effects of the drought are not just felt on the farm – regional communities and businesses suffer as people spend less in towns.

The Government will work with the Salvation Army and St Vincent de Paul Society to make sure this money hits the ground quickly and gets to those most in need.

Under the Drought Communities Programme Extension another 13 councils will have access to up to \$1 million each to complete local infrastructure and drought-relief projects.

"This will boost the economy, create jobs, engage local businesses and provide a long-lasting benefit to the community and the rural industries it depends on," Mr O'Brien said.

The government will also simplify Farm Household Allowance applications. The changes will remove business income reconciliation, change the time limit on payment to four years in every ten, simplify the assets test and recognise agistment.

"These changes will make FHA quicker and easier to access," Mr O'Brien said.

The government also announced an injection of \$740,000 of contingency funding to five Rural Financial Counselling Service providers who are experiencing pressure from increased demand.

"It's really important that those in need of support do not self-assess their eligibility and instead seek advice from an expert, like a rural financial counsellor," Mr O'Brien said.

For more information and to apply for assistance visit <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought> or call 1800 900 090.



Constable Emma Carruthers, Acting Senior Sergeant Alan Gerrard and Constable Jenna Smedes

There's some new faces on the beat in Murgon with the recent arrival of three new police constables at Murgon station. Acting Officer-in-Charge, Acting Snr Sgt Alan Gerrard, said one new 1st Year constable and two 2nd Year constables had joined the team at the station. This means there are now 23 police officers and four detectives based in Murgon. Constable Alexander Weekes has been assigned to Murgon for his first 12 months of training. Acting Snr Sgt Gerrard said it was the first time for some years that a 1st Year constable had been placed at Murgon. The other two new faces are Constables Emma Carruthers and Jenna Smedes, photo above courtesy South Burnett Online.



Congratulations and Welcome, Felicia Shari-Joshua the new owner of the Murgon Florists in Lamb St.

Thousands support call for South Burnett Paediatrician

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington has congratulated the South Burnett Under 4's Network who have secured 1,800 signatures supporting the petition for a full-time Paediatrician in the South Burnett.

Mrs Frecklington says she was proud to officially table the petition in Parliament and support the call for this critical service.



“There is a desperate need for Paediatric Services in the South Burnett and I have been pleased to work with the South Burnett Under 4's Network to highlight this need and support the petition,” Mrs Frecklington said.

“I would like to congratulate Peta Clarkson who was the Principal Petitioner. The group worked hard to secure so many signatures and this will really help demonstrate the need in our region.

“As the petition says, South Burnett children are missing out on vital paediatric services due to lengthy wait times and the need to travel to Toowoomba or Brisbane for an appointment. It's unacceptable and our kids deserve better. “We need a full-time Paediatric Specialist based in the South Burnett.

“We have children in our region waiting up to two years for an appointment. For a growing child, this can mean the difference between a good outcome or a lifetime of struggle.

“For example, children needing a diagnosis for autism can wait several years. This impacts their education as schools cannot implement plans or access extra resources until a specialist paediatric diagnosis is available.

Peta Clarkson of the South Burnett Under 4's Network says the group started the petition because they are concerned about the many children within the South Burnett who are not being seen by a specialist paediatrician.

“For medical issues, behavioural concerns, medication and re-medication issues, children must have timely access to a paediatrician so they can have quality educational programs, early intervention programs and NDIS support,” Ms Clarkson said.



Edna and Ritchie O'Neill both received an award for 18 years on the State Committee for the dark fruit cake section. Ritchie O'Neill was also awarded an award recently for 45 years service with the local Ambulance Committee

FAREWELL

A farewell morning tea was held in Wondai to formally thank and recognize the outstanding contributions volunteers have made to the Wondai Visitor Information Centre and Wondai Heritage Museum



Kevin Heritage (wife Margaret accepted the award on Kevin's behalf), Judy Trace, Marion Holt, Trevor Greer and Anne Kinsella (pictured above), have contributed an amazing number of years volunteering in the Wondai Community, Anne Kinsella 31 years, Judy Tracey 18 years, Kevin Heritage 17 years, Marion Holt 14 years and Trevor Greer 8 years.



Many thanks to all the U18 girls coaching staff, and to all the South Burnett girls for turning up and putting in a huge effort over the weekend. Many thanks to all the girls from the other visiting teams who helped us out when we were short and to Joanne Williamson for sending through these photos.

To MJRLF thanks for hosting another successful carnival.

“Healthy Pregnancies and Bright Futures” Project gets the Green Light

South Burnett Regional Council is pleased to announce it has been successful in its recent application to the Alcohol and Drug Foundation for funding through the Local Drug Action Team (LDAT) Program. This funding will allow Council and its key partners to deliver its “Healthy Pregnancies and Bright Futures” Project.

The Alcohol and Drug Foundation will fund \$28,830, which will be added to Council’s in-kind contribution of \$32,380 and the in-kind contribution of \$2,000 from Darin ‘meme na bari bari’ (The Cherbourg FASD Project).

“During the course of this project, we will be working with key partners of the South Burnett Community to increase knowledge of the harms associated with alcohol consumption during pregnancy,” said Cr Danita Potter. “This will be undertaken through community awareness events and activities, information sessions and providing resources for community members at key community hubs across our region.”

By partnering with South Burnett CTC, Lives Lived Well, Queensland Police, Education Queensland, Queensland Health and Darin ‘meme na bari bari’ – Healthy Mums and Bubs, the project aims to increase community capacity and awareness regarding the risks associated with alcohol consumption during pregnancy and prevention of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). The prenatal period when developing babies are growing in their mother’s womb is a critical time of child development and growth, which determines the health outcomes of the baby at birth and also influences future life development, health and emotional wellbeing. Having an alcohol-free pregnancy helps to protect both the pregnant mother and her developing baby from immediate and long-term health risks and alcohol-related harms.

The project will build on and support existing South Burnett and Cherbourg FASD initiatives and target key local service providers who engage with men and women of reproductive age (including pregnant women and their partners, family and friends) to raise awareness about this issue and promote appropriate resources and evidence-based programs.

“The benefits of this program may well be a reduced number of children who require additional support/ assistance from the long-term health risks associated with FASD,” said Cr Danita Potter. “To be able to make a change now in our Community, we need to ensure the information and support gets out there.” For further information regarding the project please contact Council’s Manager of Social & Corporate Performance on 4189 9100 or email info@southburnett.qld.gov.au.



Michelle’s our raffle winner!

Deb Frecklington recently held a raffle on her Facebook page to raise money for the South Burnett Suicide Prevention Group. Congratulations to the lucky winner, Kingaroy local, Michelle Rutley who won a weekend away in Bagara. Michelle (left) popped down to Deb’s office to pick up her prize and Danita Potter (who chairs the group) came down to collect the raffle proceeds!



Newly opened NB Department Store in Proston



Aboriginal Elder Eric Law talking to students at Wheatlands School



In the month of October the whole gallery will be filled with entries for the South Burnett Regional Council's 12th October Open Art Competition with a total of over \$8,000 in prizemoney.

South Burnett Regional Council October 2019 Open Art Competition (Whole of Gallery)

This includes the \$3,000 Mayor's Acquisitive Art Prize and Open "Australian Poetry Theme Art Competition".

SOUTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL 2019 OCTOBER ART COMPETITION

Prize Winners:

Acquisitive – Sponsored by South Burnett Regional Council – Mayor Keith Campbell

Winner: Shannus O'Sullivan "Sold Up, Moving On" \$3,000

Section 1(a) Oil or Acrylic – Sponsored by Bendigo Bank

1st Darryl Eustace "Hanging About in the Drought, Toward Boat Mountain, Murgon" \$500

2nd Robyn Dower "I'll Have The Bacon" \$200

Australian Poetry Theme – Sponsored by Evelyn & Shannus O'Sullivan, Hivesville

1st Roslyn Smith "Bushman's Horse in Sepia" \$300

2nd Graham W Smith "Up Country – Winton" \$100

Section 1(b) Watercolour (Pure) – Sponsored by Deb Frecklington MP

1st Colleen Hellmore "Garden Feast 3" \$500

2nd Sue Lederhose "Towards Uluru" \$200

Section 1(c) Pastel – Sponsored by Parkside Group

1st Jason Skewes "Mt Tamborine Ride" \$500

2nd Gail Thomas "Mother's Love" \$200

Section 1(d) Any Other Medium – Sponsored by Wondal Lions

1st Lee Porter "Nooks" \$500

2nd Bev Gatherole "Lackawanna Rail Road" \$200

Section 2 (Open) Photography – Sponsored by Bunnings (Kingaroy)

1st Delwyn Birkett "Coopers Creek" \$500

2nd Denise Keelan "Ice Flowers" \$200

Section 3 Sculpture & Ceramics – Sponsored by Senator James McGrath

1st Suzanne Flintham "City Scape 1" \$500

2nd Murgon Men's Shed "Rocky" \$200

Section 4 Indigenous Art of Australia – Sponsored by Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council

1st Venus Rabbit "Spring Water" \$500

2nd Leslie Stewart "Dance of the Brolga" \$200

Section 5 Children's Art – Sponsored by Bendigo Bank

4 – 7 years

1st Daisy Rees "Rocket The Day" Bendigo Bank \$30 Passbook

2nd Christopher Wood "Near The River" Bendigo Bank \$15 Passbook

7 – 11 years

1st Addison Cook "Galoping in the Galaxy" Bendigo Bank \$30 Passbook

2nd Matilda Rees "Under The Sea" Bendigo Bank \$15 Passbook

Section 6 Children's Photography – Sponsored by Bendigo Bank

1st Elizabeth Watson "Concealed" Bendigo Bank \$30 Passbook

NOVEMBER 2019

"A MOMENT IN TIME" by Elizabeth Greensill (First Gallery)

"TOLE'D IN PAPER AND MIXED MEDIA"

by Rosemarie Matthews-Frederick (Second Gallery)

"BEAUTY WITHOUT COLOUR"

by Kylie Madill (Third Gallery)

Kids Korner, C&K Kindergarten, Murgon



Rural Perioperative Training held at Darling Downs Health with great success



Darling Downs Hospital rural medical staff recently participated in a two-day Rural Perioperative Team Training Program co-ordinated by Statewide Anaesthesia and Perioperative Care Clinical Network (SWAPNet).

The training program supports clinicians to deliver and maintain safe, sustainable service delivery in rural and remote Queensland.

“Working in rural and remote locations provides unique challenges,” Nurse Educator Rural Perioperative Ms Kathryn Herrick said.

“This training equips staff with all the necessary skills to overcome these challenges. It’s important we are able to provide timely access to quality, safe health care services, regardless of where people live.”

The training focused on generic anesthetic crisis management, with an overlap into other areas such as obstetrics and recovery.

“The staff participated in pre-selected simulated emergency scenarios with the focus on improving technical and non-technical skills” Ms Herrick said.

“The scenarios included simulated emergencies such as management of anaphylaxis, local anaesthetic toxicity, cannot oxygenate, cardiac arrest and management of hemorrhaging.

“After the scenarios were completed, as a group, the participants discussed the importance of working as a team.

“This training also aimed at improving communication styles, stronger understanding of individual roles, improved staff satisfaction and patient safety.”

Held at Kingaroy and Warwick hospitals, the training was well attended with staff travelling from Dalby and Stanthorpe hospitals. Staff members from Toowoomba also participated as faculty members for the training.

“It was great to have so many staff, from different locations and disciplines, attend this training,” Ms Herrick said.

In August 2019 Darling Downs Health provided a total of 608 elective surgeries, with almost all being treated within clinically recommended timeframes.

Participating in this training program equips Darling Downs Health staff with the skills to overcome the challenges faced working in rural, remote areas, and significantly improves performance resulting in safer, patient centred health outcomes.

2020 Rural Women’s Award

Applications are now open for the 2020 AgriFutures Rural Women’s Award, Australia’s leading award in recognising the essential role women play in rural industries, businesses and communities.

The award provides an opportunity for women working in rural and regional industries, businesses and communities to secure funding for innovative projects, open doors to professional development and alumni networks to take the next step in their leadership journey.

Online applications close on 31 October 2019. Visit AgriFutures for further information.

Dear Business Owner- Sample bags for Murgon Music Muster

Stacey and the volunteers at the Information Centre are doing up sample bags for Murgon Muster and an RV Group attending BP Dam. If you have a promotion, sale or anything that you would like to advertise, please drop information into the VIC as soon as possible. There will be at least 300 sample bags being given out. If you are interested, please drop in your fliers to Stacey at the VIC as soon as possible so that they can start work on the bags. Any questions you can call Stacey on 4189 9305 or email sperrett@southburnett.qld.gov.au

Level 3 water restrictions continue in South Burnett

With drought conditions continuing throughout the South Burnett area, Council is monitoring water restriction levels. All towns in the South Burnett are currently on Level 3 water restrictions, which is one (1) level stricter than the minimum recommended level.

Sunwater's announced allocation is currently 100% of Council's high priority water, which is expected to be cut if summer rain does not eventuate with substantial dam storage increases.

Sunwater will continue to assess water storage in the region and will advise Council should allocations change resulting in amendments to current water restrictions.

Under Level 3 restrictions, the following conditions apply:

- No Watering on Mondays unless specifically stated (as per restriction guidelines) / Odd Numbers – Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday / Even Numbers – Wednesday, Friday, Sunday
- Residential watering hours – 7am to 8am and 5pm to 6pm
- Hosing or washing of concrete paved areas is banned
- No filling of swimming pools or spas – topping up allowed

For further information regarding Level 3 water restrictions and permitted water use, please see Council's website www.southburnett.qld.gov.au and refer to the 'Water Restrictions' page, contact Council's Water & Wastewater team on 4189 9100 or email info@southburnett.qld.gov.au.

Thank-you Emergency Services

Last month mother nature threw everything it could at our parched regions and we saw fire emergencies across our State.

Our patch saw fires being fought at Linville, Esk and in the northern rural areas of our Nanango Electorate. The smoke haze was a constant reminder of the serious conditions being experienced and the constant threat of bushfire on our doorstep.

I would like to sincerely thank our local crews who helped contain the Linville and Esk fires, along with all the volunteers who kept them going. I know crews also travelled to the North Burnett to assist with the Hawkwood fires.

I have also travelled to the communities affected in Stanthorpe, Peregian Beach, Bundaberg and the Gold Coast Hinterland. There is no doubt that this has been a really tough start to the fire season and the firefighters and emergency workers have worked incredibly hard to save properties and lives.

We have a long fire season ahead of us and I encourage landholders, whether you're in town or on a property, to complete a bushfire survival plan. Remember, you don't have to live in the bush to be threatened by a bushfire – you just have to be close enough to be affected by burning material, embers and smoke.

Please remain vigilant as the dry weather continues. And let's all pray that rain is on our horizon.

Deb Frecklington, Member for Nanango

Water mains works – Nanango – Sept/Oct - Alfred St (Between Cairns and Gipps Streets)

As a part of South Burnett Regional Council's 2019-20 maintenance program and its commitment to ensure the long term sustainability and efficiency of water infrastructure, Council will begin construction works for the replacement of the water main along Alfred Street, between Cairns Street and Gipps Street, Nanango.

This work is scheduled to commence late September and will be ongoing for approximately five (5) weeks. Residents will be advised should an interruption to the water supply be required during this time.

Council apologises for any inconvenience that this work may cause and thanks you in advance for your patience.

Please direct any enquiries to Council's Water and Wastewater section by phoning 4189 9100 or by email info@southburnett.qld.gov.au

Dairy & Heritage Museum Murgon



I would like to say a big “THANK YOU” to everyone who came and supported our “Country Fair” (the Museums Major Fundraiser for 2019). on Saturday 28th September and to our volunteers and to Felicity from Murgon Florist for organising the Market Stalls. Thank you to the Businesses who supported us with the raffle. This will enable us to maintain this great asset that we have in Murgon and The South Burnett.

We had eight great Scarecrows from Schools and other groups which made for a colourful display and created a lot of interest. These were judged by Councilor Kathy Duff with 1st Prize to Murgon Childcare, 2nd to Cloyna State School and 3rd to Wheatlands State School. Vouchers from Northern Agri Services Murgon were presented to the three winners. These were donated by Northern Agri Services and Fennell’s Cabinet Makers Wondai. Certificates of appreciation were awarded to Proston Scout Group, Murgon State School, Moffatdale State School, Winderera State School and Wooroolin State School and I would like to thank all of these groups for their participation and helping to make our day a success.

The Raffle which consisted of seven prizes was drawn at the Fair and the winners were-

1st B.Kearney Blue Ticket C89, 2nd J.Braithwaite Blue B51, 3rd S.Trim Yellow F15, 4th Y.Hurt Pink H64, 5th R.Wiseman Apricot R94, 6th M.Muckert Red J24, 7th M.Janke Red J09.

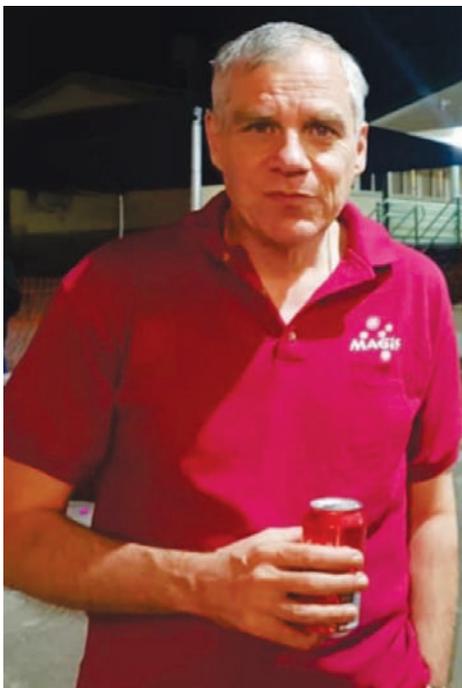
All our museum buildings were open for display and enjoyed by all. Joy Fennell





Teddy Bears Picnic (loaned by Lyn Koy) on display at Dairy & Heritage Museum Murgon “Country Fair”

Welcome to Murgon



Our new Catholic Priest in Murgon, Father Bryan Pipins.

A quick biography: Courtesy of the Cathfamily,

I was born in Melbourne and joined the army reserves at 17 and then full time at 18. I trained as a soldier and officer and spent 13 years in the army. I then left to join the Jesuits in 1995.

I went over to [East] Timor in 1999 to work with the refugees there for nearly 2 years. I then returned to Australia to complete my study and was ordained in 2003. Five days after ordination I was sent to the Philippines to teach English for two years. When this was finished I returned to Australia for a while before being sent to East Africa for a few years to work with refugees in Darfur, Uganda and South Sudan.

In 2008, I was brought back to Australia to work on World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney for six months. When WYD finished I went to America to complete my final year of Jesuit formation in Boston and New York. When this was completed I took over as parish priest in Seven Hills SA and in 2012 was assigned as a chaplain in the Australian Army. I was assigned to Darwin and have been sent to Afghanistan three times. I returned from Afghanistan recently after spending five months on deployment.

Comment by the interviewer: His energy and love for his ministry was very apparent and the joy he took from it was truly inspiring.

Murgon Local Ambulance Committee



Murgon LAC has experienced many “busy” moments in the past couple of months. CPR Awareness training sessions were conducted at Wondai Showground for Hervey Bay and Sunshine Caravan Clubs. Displays, at the Wondai Show and Cherbourg Family Health Day at Cherbourg Hospital, featured “Axel”, a mini-ambulance - complete with lights and sirens - for children to “drive”. Axel was a very popular attraction!

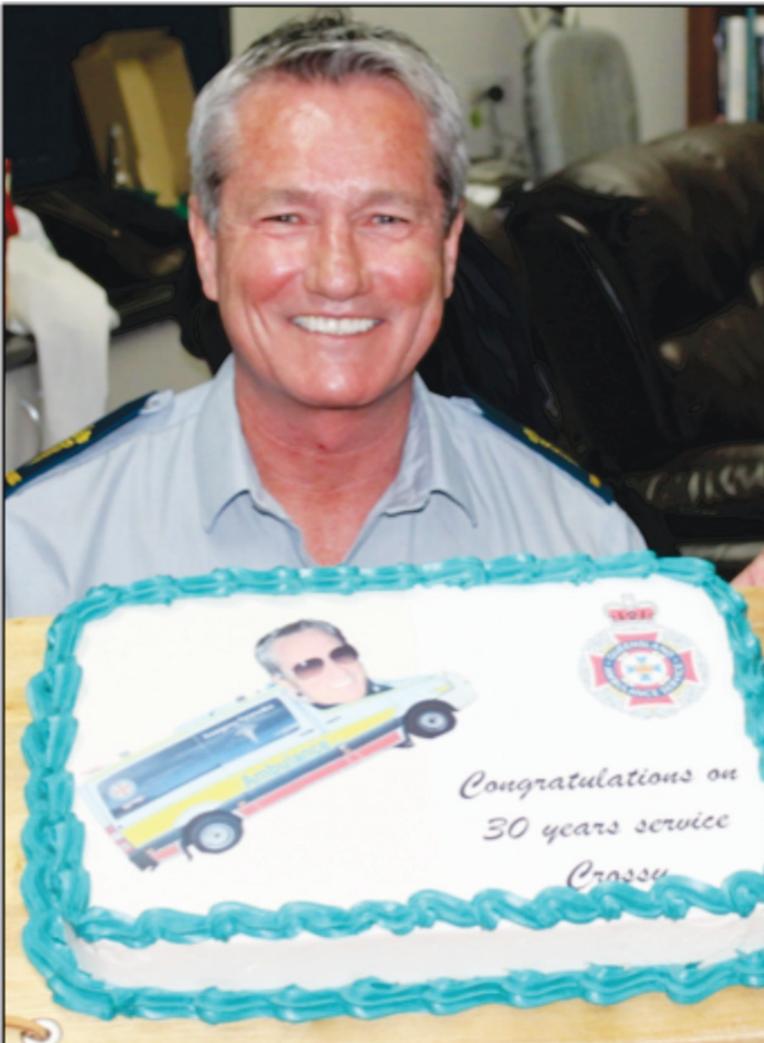
The AGM in August saw re-election of the previous committee and additional members, Heather and Wayne Castle, were welcomed to the team. President, Richie O’Neill, reported on “a very successful year” and Executive Manager of Operations for the Darling Downs LASN, Glen Maule, commented on the increasing case load being experienced by QAS, Murgon, and thanked the LAC for its support.

A highlight this year was the purchase of a new electronic adult training manikin, with a grant from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. Its installation at the Murgon QAS Station in October, and its compatibility with the recently-acquired paediatric manikin, will support high-quality training locally.

Six members of the committee attended the LAC State Conference in Toowoomba in September. Four members received 5 year Service Awards and President, Richie O’Neill, was presented with an award for 45 years’ service – an outstanding achievement!

Speaking of outstanding achievements, two Murgon paramedics are stars! OIC Michael Formica is to be commended for his recent off-duty adventure, entering a burning house in Toowoomba several times, to rescue the occupants. Our highly-valued, Critical Care Paramedic, John Cross, was recognised with an award for his 30 years’ service in QAS – a great achievement!

Two training sessions and two community events are scheduled in the near future. Further bookings can be made by contacting Kerry or Bob, Ph. 4169 0909.



The Continuing story... ...saving Mary River cod



Saving an endangered species from becoming extinct is a major exercise which takes years of commitment, planning and dedication from a wide range of organisations and individuals. It was almost 50 years ago when Gerry Cook recognised that Mary River cod numbers and cod habitat were rapidly declining, and a captive breeding program for the species was pioneered. With much trial and error and the ongoing dedication of many volunteers, at last count, over 750,000 Mary River cod fingerlings have been released since the breeding program began, for both conservation stocking in the Mary River catchment, and for recreational fish stocking in

specific impoundments and waterways in south east Queensland .

Mary River cod were listed as endangered by the Commonwealth Government in 1992 and in the early 1990's, when the MRCCC first formed, the Mary River cod was adopted as the group's signature species. Since then, much of the focus of the MRCCC's work is aimed at improving cod habitat and ensuring the survival of the species. Also in the early 1990's, the Mary River Cod Recovery Team was formed with representatives from government and community, and the draft Mary River Cod Recovery Plan was produced, which estimated that as few as 600 cod remained in the wild. Around this time the Mary River Cod Community Network also formed, establishing the CodLine newsletter to spread the word about the plight of the cod. Over 20 years later and with much changing of hats, the CodLine continues with Issue No. 30 full of articles relating to riparian land management and habitat restoration.



As each issue demonstrates, land managers throughout the catchment have embraced the need to protect and conserve cod habitat and improve water quality, not just for threatened aquatic species but also to improve productivity and reduce sediment and erosion. Despite all the work that's been done, threats to the cod's survival remain, including loss of habitat and illegal fishing. The Queensland Government recently passed new legislation aimed at protecting Mary River cod, particularly during the breeding season from August to October. Mary River cod spawning is triggered by rising water temperature and usually occurs during August/September. The male Mary River cod guards the eggs after spawning, and is very protective of the nest. If a male cod is caught and removed or distracted by a passing lure, even for a short time, the entire season's offspring are likely to die or be eaten. **This is where the fate of the species lies squarely in the hands of anglers.**

For years the cod has been classified as a no take species and it's illegal for an angler to 'target' them in the Mary River Catchment. No angler ever admits to specifically fishing for cod but many accounts and footage on social media suggest otherwise. For a number of years there has been a 'closed season' to protect cod in the breeding season, which many anglers seem to be unaware of. The new fisheries legislation

designates that the Mary River and tributaries upstream from the junction of Six Mile Creek and the Mary River, including

Six Mile Creek will be closed to all line fishing (or possession of a fishing line) from the 1st August to the 31st October to protect Mary River cod during spawning. This does not include Baroon Pocket Dam, Borumba Dam and Lake Macdonald. In addition, Tinana Creek and its tributaries upstream of Teddington Weir will be closed to all forms of fishing all year round. To offset the closures, Fisheries are expanding the list of impoundments that stock Mary River cod for recreational fishing to include Wyaralong Dam, Ewen Maddock Dam, Caboolture River Weir, Robina Lakes, Lake Kurwongbah, Enoggera Reservoir and Lake Manchester. This allows the recreational take of one Mary River cod minimum size 60 cm all year round in the stocked impoundments. Meanwhile, the Mary River cod breeding program will continue at the Cooroy property of Hatchery Manager Darren Knowles during Seqwater's planned reconstruction of the dam wall.

The works to relocate the Hatchery equipment and construct three new ponds is now complete and the cod are just waiting for the water to warm up so that spawning can commence. Fish stocking groups are encouraged to contact Darren on 0407 126 256 to increase the numbers of Mary River cod in impoundments for recreational MRCCC for conservation stocking, so please contact the MRCCC if you would like to be involved in fingerling releases later in the year.

Cod photo by Gunther Schmida

Murgon State School News:

Throughout this year Murgon State School has reinvigorated its' positive behaviour approach using the VIVO Reward System. We have taken on board student, teacher and parent feedback and suggestions. This has allowed students the opportunity to have rewards/prizes they want and look forward too! This means students will earn VIVO points for following our three school rules. Being respectful, Being Safe and Being a Learner. Students can spend these points at any time on items of their choice. We have added new vouchers where students buy the voucher and 'cash it in' with their class teacher. There are many exciting vouchers up for purchase, with the one on one selfie voucher with Mr Jones or Mrs Meikle being high on students' shopping lists.



It has been exciting to see the students embrace their rewards journey and show enthusiasm towards earning VIVO points! As they have been earning and spending throughout the Term, students have the option to either spend on smaller items or save for the big end of term reward options. This Term, students had six end of term reward options to choose from and could purchase up to three different events. Students had an enjoyable time eating ice-cream and pizza, watching a movie, Hula dancing, making construction, painting or playing touch for a whole afternoon session! What an awesome and fun experience to end a school term!

Deb urges Gympie properties to apply for individual drought declarations

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington is urging primary producers in the western Gympie region to apply for individual droughted property declarations as the dry spell continues to grip the region.

Mrs Frecklington said individual droughted property declarations (IDP's) offered property owners the same level of support as other drought declared regions across Queensland.

"I would really encourage property owners in the Gympie region to apply for an IDP if they believe their land is drought affected," Mrs Frecklington said.

"We have a situation in the western Gympie region where the North Burnett and South Burnett are both drought declared, yet we have people living between these two areas who are experiencing the same conditions, yet can't access any drought assistance.

"As more IDP's are lodged, it will help build the case for a partial shire drought declaration in the western Gympie region.

"I really urge property owners to fill out an IDP declaration application form so the Qld Department of Agriculture can assess their situation and hopefully provide access to drought assistance.

Guidelines and application forms can be accessed at the Qld Department of Agriculture

website - <https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/agriculture/disasterrecovery/>

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In the 1500's

Most people got married in June, because they took their yearly bath in May and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the odour. Hence is the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children! Last of all came the babies turn. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water."

Houses had thatched roofs-thich straw –piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and dogs and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip off the roof. Hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs."

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Rural Wellbeing Extension Program



Update from Karen, Rural Wellbeing Extension Officer

Did you see Karen out and about last month?

In September Karen (pictured above, centre) was out and about at the Monto Cattle Sale, armed with information on farmer health and wellbeing. You can catch Karen at the following locations during October (please drop in to say hi!):

- **15 OCTOBER:** Women in Agriculture (WAg's) Day at Mundubbera
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Kathy's Comments

Councillor's Listening Tours

Wondai and Murgon Listening Tours are both on the 11th of October. Wondai is at 12.30pm in the Wondai Town Hall and Murgon is at 5.30pm in the Murgon Town Hall. Proston is on Tuesday October 8th at 12.30pm followed by Durong at 5.30pm. This is an opportunity to come along, meet all of the Councillors and Senior Staff, and talk about Council matters that directly affect you.

Suicide Prevention

The stakes are high and action needs to be taken in the area of suicide prevention particularly in our rural communities. The statistics are alarming and we all need to try to do something towards helping. Thank you to Heath Sanders and the Murgon Rotary Club for organising John Whitton from Gladstone Rotary Club to train a group of people in Murgon on suicide awareness called Safe Talk. I was part of the group and I think everyone who attended was grateful for the information that was shared. John is working on more programs for our community and we are also sourcing funding for other programs to be delivered across the region

Murgon High School Formal

I was really pleased to be invited to this extra special occasion. It is the first time the Mayor and I have been invited to the Murgon High School Formal and I was flattered to be part of the crowd to attend the function. It was great just to be on the street when the whole community came out to see the glamour and glitz of our beautiful students who made it through their schooling to be part of this gala occasion.

Mega events for Murgon

Congratulations to the Kinsella family on an awesome event for our region. It was great to see so many visitors from out of town. I have never seen so much spaghetti eaten at one event in my entire life!! Don't forget the Murgon Music Muster on the first weekend in November. There is another fantastic line up of artists to look forward to. I attended the Murgon Dairy & Heritage Museum Country Fair and it was another great event. I had the fun and difficult job of judging the best scarecrow. It was great to see the number of young people gathering around the horse shoeing by Clinton Kenyan and lots of interest in the weaving and skills that hopefully won't be lost into yesteryear. Well done to the Murgon Dairy & Heritage Museum on a fantastic event. At the time of writing the BP Dam Fishing Comp hasn't quite happened but by the time this goes to print it may well be over. Hats off to the organisers for supporting our Dam. I hope that this event goes well and that BP Dam will be over flowing for the next Fishing Comp we have.

Lots happening in Proston

It is so exciting to see the new NB Department Store and the old shops in Proston finally getting renovated. My dream is for Proston to be a thriving hub. The people of Proston are very resilient, they are strong willed and they have lots of innovative ideas. I know that they can make it work. I am also pleased to see the Men's Shed progressing as they finally have all of the necessary approvals so it is full steam ahead. Let's support our local towns and our local communities.

Drought Committee Reformed

I am pleased that we have reformed the South Burnett



Drought Committee led by Karen Seiler. There is a lot to do, as our region is doing it tough. Rural Aid is coming to Wondai from the 20th to the 26th of October with a team of volunteers to help farmers in the local area. Please let me know if you or a farmer you know could do with a hand and I will let the group know.

Farmer's Big Day Out

To support our farmers and to thank Rural Aid there is an event on October 26th at the Wondai Showgrounds from 12 noon until 7.00pm. There will be a free burger and drink, lots of lucky draws, trade sites, a mechanical bull, whip cracking and a free concert by Brendan Warmesley. It is a day for farmers to forget the drought and enjoy an afternoon with family and friends. There will also be lots of activities for the kids.

Pink Up Region

November 1st to the 11th we will be pinking up our region for the McGrath Foundation. It will be a lot of fun and a chance to raise money for a great cause. If you have an event or you want to do something for it, you can go onto the Pinking up South Burnett website or let me know.

Contact Details

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

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New program improves health of Indigenous babies



Darling Downs Health has launched an innovative new program aimed at improving the health outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander babies.

The Bridging Antenatal Care, Indigenous Babies and Smoking Cessation (BAIBS) program encourages pregnant Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, or those women pregnant with an Indigenous baby, to attend antenatal appointments and quit smoking.

The BAIBS program is being headed up by Indigenous Health Programs Manager, Hope McMillan.

“This project has seen a collaboration between Darling Downs Health, Aboriginal Medical Services and GPs in our health service area to improve the health and wellbeing of expecting mums and their babies,” Mrs McMillan said.

“It aims to get babies off to the best start in life.”

Rewards and incentives are available to eligible women who successfully take part in the program.

There are also incentives for people who live in the woman’s household to complete the program.

“I encourage eligible women to ask their GP or other health care provider about BAIBS so they can improve the health of themselves and their families,” Mrs McMillan said.

To find out more contact 0436 914 968 or email BAIBS@health.qld.gov.au

Council wants to hear from you - Listening Tours 2019 commenced

South Burnett Regional Council’s 2019 Listening Tours have commenced throughout the region, with the first event taking place at Maidenwell Hall on Monday, 16 September. The Listening Tour is an opportunity for the community to come along and share their thoughts and ideas on a range of South Burnett Regional Council projects and activities.

Mayor Keith Campbell explained that the Listening Tours were an excellent opportunity to give feedback to Council, and that participation in the events would help to inform and influence the decisions made by Council.

“Council’s Listening Tours are a great opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas on a range of South Burnett Regional Council initiatives. Join us at any of the meetings across the region,” Mayor Campbell said.

Listening Tours are scheduled for the following venues:

- Fri 11 Oct - 1-3pm - Wondai - Wondai Town Hall
- Fri 11 Oct - 6-8pm - Murgon - Murgon Town Hall
- Mon 21 Oct - 1-3pm - Bunya Mountains - Poppies on the Hill

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After many months of hard work, and waiting for parts, Murgon Men's Shed have restored a 1979 Land Rover. This Land

Rover was donated to the Shed by Tom & Julie Ashcroft and is now back to it's former glory. The Shed received a grant from South Burnett Regional Council for the restoration work. Neville French was the driving force behind the project and kept everyone on track. Neville had the view that once restored the Land Rover could be fitted out to display information about Men's Health issues.

On 12th September John Armstrong and Jim Rook from MMS displayed information and handed out brochures for R U OK Day. In future MAVIS will travel to events in the area promoting men's health.

Another great project from Murgon Men's Shed.

Murgon Men's Shed collect old batteries, copper, brass, aluminium etc for recycling. Please leave at our complex Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings.

We still take cans and bottles to recycle via our collection bin or they can be dropped off at our complex at the hours mentioned above.

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LNP backs parliamentary inquiry into Paradise Dam

The LNP is demanding a public parliamentary inquiry is held into the design and construction of the Paradise Dam. The dam opened in 2006 at a cost of \$200m – but just 13 years later the Government has announced plans to reduce its capacity to 42 per cent.

Queensland taxpayers and the Wide Bay community deserve to know if the dam had been properly designed and built and what can be done to remedy the situation.

“The community needs to know if this dam was designed and constructed properly and how to fix this expensive mess.”

LNP Member for Bundaberg David Batt said only a parliamentary inquiry would establish the truth.

“A parliamentary inquiry will give people the opportunity to have their say and share their stories with the full protection of parliamentary privilege,” Mr Batt said.

The LNP is asking affected community members to provide feedback on its draft terms of reference for the inquiry (see below).

Draft terms of reference:

That the State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee investigate the Paradise Dam’s design, construction and operation; and the Government’s decision to lower the dam wall by 5 metres.

The Committee should consider: The design of the dam and whether it was appropriate;

How the dam was constructed including under a competitive alliance contract, the impact of Walter Construction Group going into receivership halfway through and the use of roller compacted concrete;

How the dam has been operated and the impact of a permanent reduction in the capacity of the dam on the regional economy and water security;

Why the Government has decided to lower the dam by 5 metres, releasing 100,000 ML of water in just 10 weeks; and whether a claim could be made against those who built the dam or under Sunwater’s insurance arrangements.

In conducting the hearing, the Committee is asked to:

Conduct hearings in the Wide Bay region; and order those involved in the design and construction of the dam to appear at the Inquiry.

Anyone who wishes to comment on the draft terms of reference should contact the electorate offices of Stephen Bennett (4111 5100) or David Batt (4111 3100).

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