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MURGON MOMENTS

Murgon...a great place to live, work & play



This huge mammal was not found in the Eocene fossil deposits from Murgon but would have been around the Murgon area during the Pleistocene. (100,000 Years ago)

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Part of Clifton Motors new car show room has been changed to a mini museum whilst waiting for completion of the Murgon Ancient Songbird Centre. Come and have your photo taken with Dipi the pre historic mammal (Diprotodon).

Diprotodon optatum

Scientific name: Diprotodon optatum

The massive Diprotodon optatum, from the Pleistocene of Australia, was the largest marsupial known and the last of the extinct, herbivorous diprotodontids. Diprotodon was the first fossil mammal named from Australia (Owen 1838) and one of the most well known of the megafauna. It was widespread across Australia when the first indigenous people arrived, co-existing with them for thousands of years before becoming extinct about 25,000 years ago.

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Identification

Like many large living herbivores, Diprotodon was a heavily built, large-bellied quadruped. Its oversized skull, like those of other diprotodontids, was lightweight and filled with numerous air spaces. Some scientists believe that Diprotodon may have had a short trunk because of the retracted position of the nasal bones (bones of the snout).

Diprotodon, which gives its name to the order Diprotodontia, had two forwardly directed lower incisors, as do all other members of the order ('di' meaning 'twice'; 'proto' meaning 'first'; and 'odon' meaning 'tooth' in Greek). There are three upper incisors in each jaw in addition to the two lower incisors. There are four large, simple molars in each jaw, with two transverse crests (lophs) on each tooth. One premolar (the third) is retained; the others have been lost. Diprotodon belongs to the subfamily Diprotodontinae, which differs from the subfamily Zygomaturinae in part by having a simpler third premolar which in Diprotodon has a characteristic horseshoe-shaped crest in occlusal view. Diprotodon molars are also more high crowned, more rectangular and larger than those of the contemporaneous Zygomaturus.

The limbs of Diprotodon were sturdy and pillar-like. The upper limb bones were longer than the lower limb bones. The distinctive feet of Diprotodon were remarkably small for its size, and were inturred, as in wombats. Digits II-III are syndactylous (joined) as in other diprotodontian marsupials and bandicoots. At just under 4 metres in length and up to 2800 kilograms in weight, Diprotodon, although massive, was smaller than either a hippopotamus (up to 4500 kilograms in weight) or rhinoceros (up to 3600 kilograms in weight), to which it is often compared.

Habitat

Diprotodon preferred semi-arid plains, savannahs and open woodlands, and is generally absent from hilly, forested coastal regions (where a smaller diprotodontid, Zygomaturus, is usually found). Diprotodon is known from some coastal localities, including Naracoorte Caves and Kangaroo Island in South Australia. However, these areas may have been further from the coast in the Pleistocene when sea levels were lower.

Distribution

Diprotodon is known from many sites across Australia, including the Darling Downs in southeastern Queensland; Wellington Caves, Tambar Springs and Cuddie Springs in New South Wales; Bacchus Marsh in Victoria; and Lake Callabonna, Naracoorte Caves and Burra in South Australia. Diprotodon is not known from New Guinea, southwestern Western Australia, the Northern Territory or Tasmania (although it was present on King Island).

This is the beginning of the early stages of the prehistoric garden inside the Murgon Ancient Songbird Centre, next month we will introduce our second huge marsupial to enhance the garden, a huge phylacoleo marsupial Lion a most appreciated donation by the Murgon & District Services & Citizens Memorial Club Inc.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON BOATING FACILITIES

Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) is seeking feedback to assist the Queensland Recreational Boating Facilities Demand Forecasting Study 2022. By completing the survey, residents can influence boating facilities in the South Burnett.

The survey will help the Qld government and other agencies prioritise future projects and inform the way boating infrastructure is built.

The South Burnett Regional Council has four boat ramps with two each at Boondooma Dam and Bjelke-Petersen Dam. The consultant study will forecast the need for new and upgraded public recreational boating facilities in each Queensland Council area.

The survey opened for four weeks from Thursday 15 September 2022 and will close on Friday 14 October 2022. On completion the study will be available on the MSQ website.

The survey can be found at

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Flexible Funding Grants

Grant round for the Category C Flexible Funding Grants Program for the Qld Rainfall and Flooding event opened this morning and will close at 2pm on 21 October 2022.

Available Funding – \$19.5 million total funding. Round One \$6 million. Round Two \$13.5 million

Eligible Applicants – Queensland-based non-government organisations, research bodies, industry groups and peak bodies, community groups, and Local Governments within the 39 LGAs listed

The Flexible Funding Grants Program assists communities to:

- reduce future risks and minimise community dependence on government assistance
- enhance self-efficacy and community-efficacy
- minimise negative impacts and embrace opportunities
- promote connectedness and encourage support networks and social inclusion
- support and promote opportunities for sustainable economic recovery
- support business and service provider continuity
- promote preparedness and resilience to future disasters.

Funded projects must contribute to 1 or more of the following disaster recovery outcomes:

- the needs of vulnerable groups are addressed in disaster recovery
- the community is aware of the disaster recovery processes
- the community can express its changing disaster recovery needs
- community members are aware of the risks of future disasters
- the community has improved capacity and capability to respond to future disasters
- business and not-for-profit organisations have in place adequate mitigation practices for risks and threats
- government, private sector and civil society and organisations are engaged in plans for mitigation and management of the recovery.

Applications are to be submitted via SmartyGrants at Home Page - Grants - Queensland Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy (smartygrants.com.au) and all queries in relation to these grants are to be sent to grantqueries@chde.qld.gov.au

HAVE YOUR SAY ON FLOOD RECOVERY

South Burnett Regional Council has been successful in receiving flood recovery assistance provided through the jointly-funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

This funding initiative is to assist Councils that have been severely impacted by extraordinary disaster events to undertake relief, recovery, and resilience activities.

Council welcomes this funding and encourages residents to have their say in the future direction of recovery assistance and where it is most needed within the community.

Primary producers have been contacted for their input and now the general community is invited to have their say on how flood recovery funds could be spent.

The Council's Disaster Resilience Officer will be available to talk with residents in the Kingaroy Shopping World from Tuesday 4 – Thursday 6 October 2022, from 9am to 4pm, across from The Athlete's Foot shop.

Oddjob Handyman

All general home & garden maintenance

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“Bloom Into You” by Felicity J Aitken.



Hello and welcome to my newly branded boutique botanical haven “Bloom Into You” by Felicity J Aitken.

Originally The Murgon Florist it was time to expand into a new direction of botanical creativity and community connections. With an emphasis on creativity and as a qualified florist and designer I wanted to take floristry and design to a new level.

The shop is full of beautifully handcrafted soaps, candles, flower crowns, dried botanical arrangements and so much more all designed and created by me Felicity J Aitken Designer, Teacher & creative right here in the South Burnett.

I had a vision to create a beautiful relaxing aesthetic

connection space for the community based on botanicals and this is where the creation of the shop came from. With the

launching of workshops, events, weddings, creative ventures and so much more it is truly an exciting time in the shop front.

We are still selling a wide range of fresh beautiful flowers at good prices so please drop in and see what’s available. Weekly specials and offers instore.

There are workshops such as soap making, candle making, flower crowns, fresh & dried botanical arrangements, botanical resin design to name a few.

Workshops will run on the 2nd weekend of the month. You can also book workshops in for special events & corporate team building programs. Come pick up a workshop flyer at the shop or follow our facebook Bloom Into You by Felicity J Aitken and Felicity J Aitken.

I look forward to seeing you at the shop a beautiful boutique botanical haven...

NATIONAL SENIORS

The Murgon & District Branch Inc of National Seniors Australia has a new Executive and they are: President: Paula Woods; Secretary: Madge Ramke; Treasurer: Ann Thompson.

We would also like to invite current NSA Members and 60+years Non-Members to our Friday lunches at the Australian Hotel.

Our next dates are October Friday 7th and Friday 21st. November Friday 4th and Friday 18th.

For further information and bookings please contact Paula (President) on 4168 3114 or 0497 324 376. Regards, Paula Woods,

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The reply came swiftly; do you know whom you are talking to?

The other side asked.

No the employee replied.

You are talking to the director of this company the other side replied

The employee asked, Do you know who is talking on this side?

No. the director replied.

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The bathroom has a bath and separate shower and separate toilet. Front and side verandahs to take in the view. A 2 bay carport at the side of the home plus an older shed. Plenty of room to play on this 7½ acre property. There is not only water from the rural Merwood water scheme but also a bore and 2 rain water tanks. **Contact Margaret on 0413488418 to book \$399,000 negotiable.**



Murgon - Highset home close to all town amenities. Large fully and well fenced yard. Great shed out the back for 2 cars, workshop and storage. Front deck and small rear landing. Stair lift on

back steps. Weather board with vj internal walls. Modern fully built in kitchen. Air conditioned living and dining. 3 good sized bedrooms 2 are air conditioned one has built in robes. There is a room at the front currently a craft/office which could easily convert to a 4th bedroom if required. All windows are aluminium and fly screened. Bathroom is spacious and has a walk in shower, toilet and vanity. The laundry is enclosed on the rear verandah. A good solid family home. **\$290,000**



Boat Mountain Road - A place to escape to your own exclusive piece of paradise, this 20 acre property perfectly balances a tranquil atmosphere but still within a proximity to enjoy all

local conveniences. Well maintained Western Red Cedar home offers spacious open plan air conditioned living. 3 large bedrooms all with built in robes and ceiling fans. Modern built in kitchen, walk in pantry and breakfast bar. Rural surrounds and scenic views all there to offer an unbeatable lifestyle. Meticulously presented and well maintained. A must see. **\$605,000 negotiable - Contact Margaret 0413488418**



Fork Hill Estate at Moffatdale is a much sought after location with very little availability for vacant land. Located in close proximity to the popular Dusty Hill Winery and Vineyards this block is ready to be built on. Moffatdale

is located just over 2 hours drive from Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast, and only 1 hour from Gympie. Bjelke Peterson Recreational Dam and 4 other wineries are within easy reach of this location. Moffatdale State Schools plus School bus to all Murgon Schools. Underground power and bitumen road access. Zoned rural residential. **\$178,000**

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Kathy's Comments

Pinking Up the South Burnett.

It is that time of year again when we pink up the South Burnett for the month of October to raise money for the fight against breast cancer. We already have a very generous donation of \$5000 to launch the campaign. Sue Cox, the breast cancer nurse, will be out and about supporting any fund raisers. Breast cancer is a serious issue so please pink up your town, your business or yourself to raise awareness and help to raise funds for the fight against this horrible disease.

Thank you Dr Gangemi

Dr Gangemi is retiring after 54 years serving as a doctor for our community. Dr Gangemi graduated in the class of 66 and started work in Toowoomba. He began working in Murgon on the 4th of August 1968. Last year Council honoured him with an Australia Day Lifetime Achievement Award. I was fortunate to catch up with Dr Gangemi the day before he recently retired. I thanked him sincerely on behalf of our community for the wonderful work he has done over many years as our local doctor and family friend. In the last few years, he has been coming back to Murgon on a monthly basis helping out. He will be sorely missed and we wish him every blessing as he hangs up his stethoscope for the last time. Good bye, good luck and God bless Dr Joe.

Murgon PCYC Squash Courts Opening

It is exciting to let everyone know that the squash courts have finally been repaired and all four courts are ready for a grand opening. The event is planned to be held at 4.30pm, Tuesday the 11th of October. It will be open to everyone to come along and have a look, a game of squash or just a hit around. We will have rackets and balls, finger food, juices, water, and soft drinks, so please save the date.

Opening of Black Summer Bush Fire Local Built Small Grants Program

The first funding round opens on October 10 and closes on November 14th . There are three categories Small Events maximum \$3000, Community Building maximum \$5000 and Facilities Building maximum \$5000. In all three categories the applicant must contribute 25%. Volunteer labour can be considered as a contribution and valued at \$40.00 per volunteer with a cap of 10% of total applicant contribution. The aim of these programs is to provide an opportunity for community building and connection activities that foster social cohesion, resilience, and wellbeing. There is further information and application forms on Council's website or call at one of the Council offices for further information.

Hivesville Country Markets

I think it is wonderful that the Hivesville Progress Association are running the monthly markets again. Congratulations to the committee for making it happen. I particularly love the tacos that are always a monthly treat. The Association are looking for volunteers as they are going to run some working bee type days to help vulnerable people in the community with mowing, tidying up and general maintenance.

Proston Local Ambulance Committee doing us proud

I attended a recent gathering of the Proston Local Ambulance Committee to welcome the Assistant Commissioner, Michelle Baxter. Michelle came to thank the Proston Committee for



what they do and to present Raymond and Jackie Dionysius with a certificate of appreciation for 20 years' service. She also presented Margaret Westermann and David Hunter a certificate for 5 year's service. Congratulations Proston LAC and thank you for all that you do.

Congratulations Murgon Mustangs

Congratulations to the mighty Mustangs on winning the Grand Final against the Nanango Stags. Well done to the Murgon Under 14's who also won against Nanango. The grounds looked amazing, it was a great day of footy so full credit to the Murgon Junior Rugby League Club for hosting the day.

Murgon QCWA

There are a number of people who would dearly love to start the branch up again. There is a beautiful building in Murgon, and we just need volunteers to join and get it all happening. I had the pleasure of opening the Gympie South Burnett Hand Craft Day held in Murgon and the skills of the ladies is a real eye opener. It would be a shame to not have younger people involved to learn some of these amazing skills.

Roads and Flood Recovery Update.

There are hundreds of damaged roads across our region from the five flood events. There is a period of time where emergency repairs can be done as a temporary measure to make the roads safe. The deadline for emergency work is the 28th of October. There is also an opportunity through this process to apply for betterment funding to upgrade sections to avoid it happening again. Unfortunately, it is a long process of assessment, tendering for contractors before finally getting the permanent repairs done. Please continue to report road damage, drive to the conditions, and stay safe.

Contact Details

Please contact me if you wish to raise a matter or make a time to catch up.

Phone 0437020705 or email kathy.duff@sbrc.qld.gov.au

Cr Kathy Duff



Happy Birthday & Congratulations Betty Taylor, one of our valued volunteers at the Murgon Dairy & Heritage Museum. Still volunteering at 90. Thank you.

Dairy & Heritage Museum Murgon.

On the 2nd September, Betty Taylor celebrated her 90th Birthday and is still volunteering. Betty is one of our valued volunteers and is very passionate about the Museum. She is a wealth of knowledge and enjoys talking to visitors about the area. Having grown up in the Murgon district, Betty certainly has plenty of stories to tell. The museum is grateful to Betty and all of the volunteers who give up their time to keep the doors open. Murgon is fortunate to have such a wonderful facility which caters for Tourists and locals. Without our volunteers this would not be possible.

If you would like to volunteer, call us on 07 41691005 or call in and chat to one of our volunteers. We are open from 9.30am – 12.30pm Tuesday to Sunday.

Visit South Burnett

The next **Meet and Greet** event on offer from *Visit South Burnett* will be held in **Murgon** at Felicity's Bloom Into You (formerly The Murgon Florist).... coming up soon on Thursday 13th October.



Our next VSB
Meet and Greet
Bloom Into You
by Felicity J
Aitken, Murgon
Thursday, 13th
October.

The "Meet and Greets" are a casual networking event, with the purpose of giving businesses and committees the opportunity to showcase themselves and promote upcoming events, listen to some great guest speakers, keep up to date with what's happening with Visit South Burnett, connect with other members and start building some great relationships.

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South Burnett Rail Trail



Great news for our friends in Toowoomba/Crows Nest. This is a very exciting development, one which will link towns in 3 Local Government Areas through to our Rail Trail. This will open up a whole new bunch of riding routes, from Toowoomba through to Kingaroy and Murgon and beyond.

Downs Burnett Cycle Trail

Great news. The Toowoomba Regional Council has approved our application for a \$5000 grant to help get the DBCT up and running. We will use the money to develop a website.

The "Incorporation" process is underway- once that is also approved we will start to share routes, ride options, town facilities and other information to get people riding!

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Barambah Garden Club



Members of the Barambah Garden Club held their monthly meeting on Friday September 9th at the home of Doug and Denise Johns of 46 Veritz Road Murgon.

Plenty of members attended, even though it was raining heavily to begin with. The rain cleared to a lovely sunny day and later on Doug and Denise gave interested guests a tour of their extended grounds which is in the progress of being developed with different projects.

The above-ground vegetable garden built by Doug and positioned close to the patio was of interest to many for the easy convenience of salad vegetables and herbs. At the moment Doug has a healthy crop of carrots. It is also a handy spot for lettuce. The trellis situated overhead had a crop of New Guinea Beans that will be replaced with a new crop of the same.

With spring in full swing, the competition table was beautiful with myriad entries. Garden blooms of many varieties were displayed also herbs and vegetables. The usual raffle and lucky door was supported by all.

The next Club gathering on the second Friday in October will be a social event at the Bjelke Petersen Dam for a barbecue.

A delicious morning tea was served on the spacious patio with lots of happy chatter and camaraderie.

New members welcome. Contact Barbara 0741681675 or President Anne 0438686238

Happy Gardening everyone. Barbara Hartmann King

Photo: Doug Johns standing beside his above ground vegetable garden close to the patio for the convenience of salad vegetables and herbs.

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tournament highest score
smile

Congratulations Harry and to the whole team...well done

Harry Sippel (Year 11) spent the past 4 days in Ipswich playing for the Darling Dingo U18 side in the Brisbane Premier League.

Harry achieved 157 runs off 62 balls in one of his matches with a tournament highest score. Harry was narrowly beaten as the Most Valuable Player of the tournament by 2 points.

His team, the Darling Dingo, unfortunately went down in the semi.

Harry made 263 runs and took 8 wickets.

Harry was one of three to hit the most 6s for the tournament, 19!!

Earlier this year Harry was awarded the President's Trophy for Most Outstanding Under 18 Player 2021-2022 by the Queensland Country Cricket Association. Excellent work Harry!

Across Country Real Estate & Livestock



Situated on 936 SQM in Wondai, is this lovely brick home. This property presents spacious lounge room with a reverse cycle air

conditioner. Modern kitchen and dining that leads you out to the back deck. 3 bedrooms with built ins, master having a reverse cycle air conditioner, ceiling fan and is connected to the two way bathroom, with separate shower, bath and vanity and separate toilet. Laundry is attached to the lockable garage giving easy access to the home.

The rear covered deck is complete with a petitioned off area that has a functional spa. Double bay lockable shed. Rain water tank, established and well cared for front and back gardens and a fully fenced back yard. **WONDAI \$380,000**



MOTIVATED VENDOR! When I say immaculate, I mean immaculate! Situated in a quiet area with no back neighbours

- is this home consists of two bedrooms + two sleepouts and an office. Featuring an open plan kitchen and dining. Lounge area with a near new air conditioning unit. Renovated bathroom with a separate toilet. Separate laundry downstairs. Freshly painted inside 2 years ago and outside (as well as the roof) 3 years ago. Stumps are in good condition. Security screened. All this and more situated on a 1,012sqm2 fully fenced allotment, with a 9m x 6m powered colorbond shed, as well as a lean to that is currently being used as a nursery. **MURGON REDUCED \$262,000**



This block of units have become available for sale and is perfect for the investor. Each unit has 3 bedrooms with new

wood look vinyl and the main has built in wardrobes. Open plan living with kitchen, dining and lounge that has new air conditioners. Bathroom and laundry are combined with a toilet, corner shower, vanity and a laundry nook. Both units are equipped with rain water tanks that are plumbed in, double sized garden sheds on concrete slabs and one carport space each. The units are fully insulated, fully screened and freshly painted inside.

GOOMERI MOTIVATED VENDOR \$395,000

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Darling Downs Health partners with local councils to distribute rapid antigen tests



Concession card holders across Toowoomba Regional Council, Western Downs Regional Council, South Burnett Regional Council and Southern Downs Regional Council areas are now able to access free rapid antigen tests at various council facilities.

Darling Downs Health Acting Silver Commander Michelle Forrest said the partnership with councils had allowed widespread access to rapid antigen tests for concession card holders.

“By partnering with councils we’re able to provide rapid antigen tests at facilities that are readily accessed by community members, and importantly in rural and regional areas,” Ms. Forrest said

“Making these tests easily accessible will allow members of the community to conveniently collect the testing kits as they go about their day.”

Toowoomba Regional Council Mayor and Chair of Darling Downs Southwest Council of Mayors, Cr Paul Antonio said the partnership was an example of governments working together.

“We’ve seen throughout this pandemic the importance of government’s working together, and utilising our facilities to distribute rapid antigen tests is just another opportunity that all levels of government can work together,” Cr Antonio said

“One particular initiative that I’m particularly proud of is the utilisation of the Mobile Library truck that travels throughout the Toowoomba Regional Council area to supply tests kits to communities such as Bowenville, Jondaryan, Cooyar, Haden and many more.”

In addition to concession card holders, other groups eligible to receive free rapid antigen tests from Queensland Health distribution points include: people who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness, including people escaping domestic and family violence

people who are seeking asylum in Queensland
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people who are working in Queensland as part of the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility scheme.

To find the nearest Queensland Health RAT distribution point, visit <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/exposed-to-covid/covid-testing-in-queensland/free-rat-concession-card-qld>

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\$776m Wind Farm Project Unveiled



The State Government-owned Stanwell Corporation will become the owner of a huge wind farm at Ironpot if the project gets the green light.

The proposed 150-turbine Tarong West project – formerly known as Ironleaf – has been allocated \$776 million from the \$2 billion Queensland Renewable Energy and Hydrogen Jobs Fund.

This fund allows government-owned energy corporations to increase their ownership of commercial renewable energy and hydrogen projects, as well as supporting infrastructure, including in partnership with the private sector.

Final approval for Tarong West to go ahead is not expected until 2024.

If given the green light, Tarong West is expected to create about 200 jobs during the construction phase and 15 ongoing jobs once completed.

The 500MW wind farm would become operational in 2026 and produce enough electricity to power up to 230,000 homes.

It would be the largest publicly-owned wind farm project in Australia.

Tarong West would be built in a strategic partnership with global renewable energy giant RES.

RES Australia-based CEO Matt Rebbeck said the company was excited about the prospect of helping Queensland build more clean energy projects.

“Our vision is a future where everyone has access to affordable zero-carbon energy,” he said.

Stanwell CEO Michael O’Rourke said the commitment marked a significant milestone for the publicly owned corporation.

“The Tarong West Wind Farm project supports decarbonisation of our existing portfolio and will help us to meet our customers’ demand for renewable energy products.

“It will also provide future career development opportunities for our people.”

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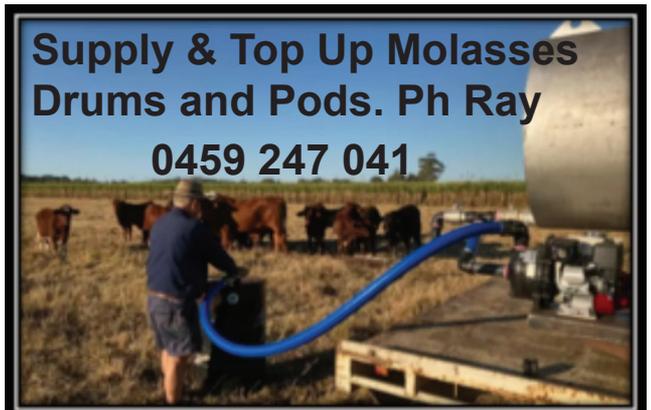
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Doctors Issue Q Fever Alert

The Wide Bay Public Health Unit is urging residents who work with animals to get vaccinated against Q Fever.

There has been a spike in confirmed cases in the Wide Bay region, with 11 notified to the Public Health Unit so far this year.

This compares with between three and seven cases notified by this time of year during the past five years.

Q Fever is caused by a bacteria, *Coxiella burnetii*, which is carried by animals including cattle, sheep, goats and kangaroos.

People become infected by breathing in droplets of the bacteria or dust contaminated by birth fluids, faeces or urine from infected animals.

Person-to-person transmission is rare.

Public Health Unit spokesperson Dr Josette Chor said the increase in cases compared with historical data was possibly associated with greater numbers of wildlife being close to residential areas.

“The bacteria that cause Q Fever can exist in a variety of domestic and wild animal species such as kangaroos and wallabies,” she said.

“It can also persist in the general environment in dust and soil, which can lead to infection and disease. Dry and windy conditions can increase the risk of transmission to humans.

“If there are obvious animal droppings, please use a P2 mask – available from hardware stores – to undertake outdoor jobs such as mowing the lawn.

“It’s also important to always wash your hands after coming into contact with all animals or their faeces, especially before eating and drinking.”

Dr Chor said people whose work exposed them to animals, animal products and animal waste were particularly at risk of developing Q Fever.

This included abattoir and meat workers, farmers, veterinarians, animal hunters, wildlife/zoo workers, dog/cat breeders and other people who work in animal industries.

“There is an effective vaccine available to protect people against Q Fever,” Dr Chor said.

“Vaccination is recommended for all people who are working in, or intend to work in, a high-risk occupation. High-risk workplaces should have a vaccination program to protect their workforce.”

Dr Chor said symptoms of Q Fever included sudden onset of fever and chills; severe sweats; severe headache, especially behind the eyes; muscle pain; weakness and tiredness; and significant weight loss.

“Q Fever can be treated by antibiotics and most people make a full recovery, however in about 10 to 20 per cent of people, chronic fatigue is still present after 12 months, affecting a person’s ability to work at full capacity,” she said.

“People may also develop chronic infections that affect the heart, bones or joints.”

People experiencing symptoms of Q Fever have been urged to contact their local GP, or phone 13 HEALTH (13-43-25-84).

People must be screened and tested before they are vaccinated against Q Fever.

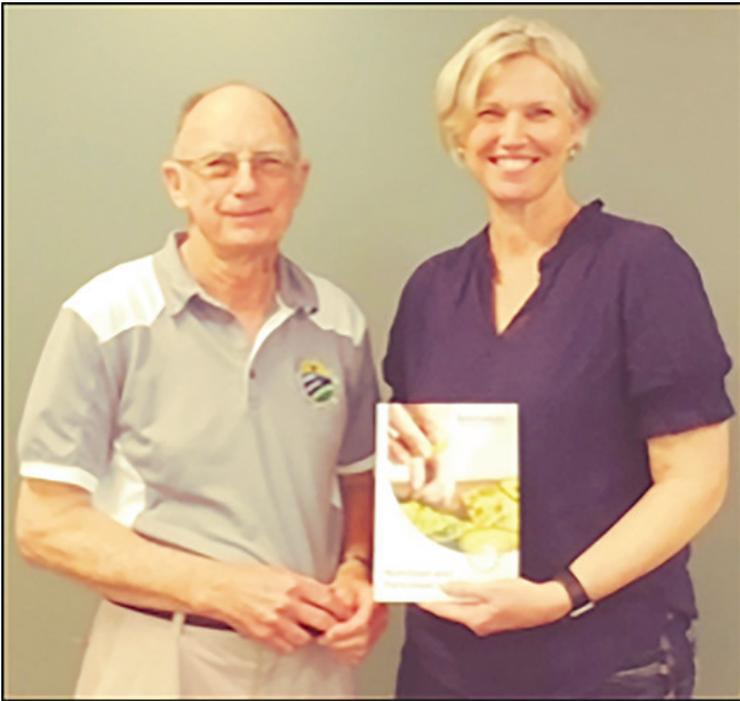


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South Burnett Parkinson's Support Group



With Spring upon us, we were in high spirits for our September Meeting @ Graham House. Our Guest Speaker for the day was Murgon Physiotherapist & Life Coach Katie Zerner. Katie passed on some valuable information and also demonstrated how to get up off the floor after a fall. Darryl presented Katie with a Parkinson's nutrition booklet to thank her for her effort and enthusiasm.

Our meeting was large with the addition of some visitors, including granddaughter Willow, newcomers Stan & Lyn, and our Cancer group supporters Cynthia, Doug, Geoff & Janette. Poems, items of interest and jokes were contributed by Merrilyn, Lyn and Carmen. There were plenty of **extra comments** to add laughter.

Members had their **thinking caps** on for the word puzzles. The winners for the **most creative** exercise were Col and Phil, who we know have a sense of humour.

Thanks to Kimberley @ **Graham House** for her efforts and the extra eats. Thanks also to Gary & Margaret Long for their generosity.

Next Meeting: Monday October 31st @ 10.00 a.m.
Venue: To be advised. Social event.

We are a loyal and friendly group consisting of PwP, carers and supporters. We welcome newcomers to experience the friendship and light heartedness of our group. There is no fee to join. Meetings alternate between guest speakers and social events.

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South Burnett Libraries get spooky!

South Burnett Libraries are excited to get our spook on again this year and we invite local families to dress in their best Halloween attire and join in the fun at a host of scary events this October!



Freaky Friday sessions will be held at Blackbutt, Murgon, Nanango and Wondai libraries on Friday 28 October from 3.30-4.30pm, with Proston inviting ghosts and ghouls to the library on Thursday 27 October from 3.30-4.30pm. Each library will host a 'Halloween hide & seek', with lollies offered as a special treat for those who complete the challenge!

Spooky Saturday at the Kingaroy Library will be held on Saturday 29 October 2022 from 9.00am-12 noon. With face-painting, creepy craft, a freaky photo booth and ice-cream and coffee available for purchase, it is sure to be a fantastic morning of freaky fun!

Keep an eye on the South Burnett Libraries Facebook and Instagram pages for more information!

We'd love to see you!

Rhyme Time, Story Time Kid's Corner and more!

South Burnett Libraries offer a range of programs for children, parents and caregivers that encourage fun and learning in a relaxed environment.

Rhyme Time sessions are all about singing, rhyming, and having a laugh whilst developing early literacy skills.

Story Time sessions include interactive stories being shared to encourage a love for reading and words.

The Kingaroy Library also host weekly Stay & play sessions each Friday from 10.00am. This playgroup style program aims to connect families in the community and provides a relaxed space to talk, play, sing and read.

Kid's Corner is an awesome hour of after school fun that includes boards games, craft and some time playing Minecraft and other games on the PlayStation.

To find out when these sessions take place, please visit the What's On page of the South Burnett Libraries website <https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/facilities-recreation/libraries/regular-programs>



Wondai Library Stitch & Chat Group

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

Those who wish to attend are encouraged to book by calling South Burnett Libraries on (07) 4189 9256.



Living Sustainably - Information and Resource Sharing

South Burnett Libraries are excited to host the South Burnett Sustainable Future Network for a series of sustainability and future resilience talks. Starting in late September these presentations will take place across different branches of the libraries and will cover topics such as climate change, permaculture, biodiversity, and recycling. With simple ideas for home and within our local community, we can all do our part for the environment and strive for a sustainable way of living. One area of interest for the community will be promoting how we can shop locally during the months leading up to Christmas.

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An old lady with a cane was walking past a young man at the bus stop singing, "21 today, 21 today." The young man says, "You are not 21, you crazy old cow." She turns to him and with a mighty swing cracks him over his head with her cane and walks away singing, "22 today, 22 today!"

IF IT'S FLOODED, FORGET IT!

Cr Scott Henschen and Deputy Mayor Gavin Jones today called on the travelling public to drive carefully during and following wet weather events.

"Roads are flooding with very little rainfall due to the saturated ground and care needs to be taken. The advice of 'If it's flooded, forget it!' must be followed," said Cr Henschen at this week's Council meeting.



Cr Henschen referred to several local incidents in the past 24 hours following rain which required attendance by Police, Emergency Services and Council staff, and caused damage to property.

"These were avoidable events if people acted safely. Please don't be reckless as it could cost someone their life," stressed Cr Henschen.

Roads Portfolio spokesperson, Deputy Mayor Gavin Jones, added that Council was working hard to make roads safe for travel, often repairing the same patch of road several times due to the multiple wet weather events.

Cr Jones warned, "Heavy rain can cause flash flooding that can turn roads into rapids before you know it. Back up when faced with a flooded road. It doesn't matter if you're an experienced driver, or if the person before you got through, or you think you know the road and what your car can do. Floodwaters can change everything without warning."

Cr Henschen explained, "Floodwater can hide all sorts of dangers such as uneven ground, strong currents, vehicles, tree debris, sewage, chemicals and electrical currents."

"The second you decide to push through floodwater, you give up control. Firefighters across the state rescue more people from water each year than they do from fires," said Cr Henschen.

How do we stop this senseless loss of life?

This week we have tragically seen another innocent Queenslanders lose their life at the hands of young criminals driving a stolen car. Another Queensland family having to deal with the grief of losing a loved one. Another community left asking why?

In the past two years nine Queenslanders have been killed in incidents involving stolen cars – and still the Government will not listen and will not act.

Queenslanders are rightly asking what it will take for the State Government to be on the side of victims?

The current youth justice system isn't working. It isn't keeping Queenslanders safe.

The LNP has consistently called for change to the system and put forward solutions.

Making breach of bail an offence is the start. This means police don't need to wait for the criminal to steal another car or break into another home. They could act if the offender breaches the terms of their bail – before another family is torn apart.

This change needs to be supported with more effective intervention services to get kids back on the rails before it's too late.

Help me get the Government to listen and act. Please share your thoughts on Queensland's youth crime crisis. Please keep up to date with me www.facebook.com/DavidCrisafulliMP

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Presentation Sister Carmel Hodgkinson has given a lifetime of service to God's children

Words of Remembrance

Sister Carmel Therese Hodgkinson PBVM.



I am the last surviving member of the Hodgkinson family. I was five years old when Carmel was born. I shall never forget that day. There was a light westerly wind blowing with a few puffy snow-spent clouds in the sky. It was a Sunday morning, August 3rd 1940. Dad, Virgil, Patricia, John, myself and Brian had just finished breakfast after attending Mass at St. Anne's Kalinga, a Brisbane suburb.

We lived at 19 Rose Street, Kalinga, just across the road from what was then Dalkeith Private hospital. Dad told Vigil, the eldest of the children to walk across the road to see how Mum was faring. She had spent the night there in labour. It was not long before Virgil came running back jubilantly announcing "It's a girl"!!!

In those days women were kept in hospital for a few days to regain their strength. We were all delighted to welcome mother and baby into our home; a faith-filled one, born of much adversity caused firstly by the Great Depression and loss of tenure of our home at Marooka in Brisbane.

This beautiful baby was baptised two weeks after her birth and given the names of Carmel Therese. Mum had a great devotion to Mary under the title of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and Dad had a great devotion to St. Therese of Lisieux. The love of God permeated our family. It was a love that grew out of sharing in the sufferings of Christ bringing to all of us an awakening of beautiful union with Him and the whole Communion of Saints.

Carmel grew up in this climate. She was really the crowning jewel in the whole family. She loved to sing and dance like a ballerina on the tips of her toes, and at times mum would join her. Wash up time was one for singing

together followed by pondering the mysteries of our Redemption in the Rosary.

I shall never forget the influence that Carmel had on our family. She radiated total selfless love to everyone in many creative ways and made it easy to return this love. It also helped us to bond together, even though, in later life we were often many miles apart physically.

I left home to give my life to the Lord in the Christian Brothers on January 20th 1949. I was thirteen at the time, This was no "big deal" then. Half the boys in my Scholarship class got jobs, mostly in the railways.

Carmel was impressed by my call to the religious life, and eight years later I travelled with her and our Parents to Manly where she entered the Community of the Presentation Sisters under the direction of the Saintly Mother Gabriel.

Carmel learnt very early in life, with all her heart, mind and soul, to love God. She also learnt from the example of St. Therese to become what is known in the Spiritual Life, a "VICTIM SOUL", one who desires to share in the sufferings of Christ for others.

Like St. Paul she could say: "WITH CHRIST, I HANG ON THE CROSS": and "I FILL UP IN MY BODY THE SUFFERINGS STILL TO BE UNDERGONE BY CHRIST FOR THE SAKE OF HIS BODY THE CHURCH" [Colossians 1:24]; and "IT'S NOW, NO LONGER I WHO LIVE, BUT CHRIST WHO LIVES IN ME" [Galatians 2:20]. In this way

GAVE TO ME THAT SHE MAY BE ONE IN US, AS YOU ARE IN ME AND I AM IN YOU". [John 17:21]. This is Saint material.

Carmel followed Christ, carrying her cross, all the way to Calvary, and in this way Jesus "LIFTED ON THE CROSS, DREW CARMEL TO HIMSELF" [John 12: 32]. This was the secret that gave Carmel a very intimate Divine love; which she shared with all. She met the presence of the Redeeming Divinely loving Christ in the young children she taught, in the poor and especially in FIRST NATION people; really in everyone she met. She was, in many ways like St. Mother Teresa of Kolkatta, whom I had the privilege to meet in Calcutta in January 1983.

I am sure Carmel is now in heaven, and has met up with St Therese of Lisieux, and is now "SPENDING HER HEAVEN DOING GOOD N EARTH".

I am privileged to have Carmel as one of my three sisters, and since the veil between heaven and earth is very

thin, I have a very strong sense that we are united in Christ in the Communion of Saints. The Presentation Sisters have already spoken how Carmel was a much love and admired person and have 'painted' a very accurate picture of her in Religious Life.

Paul Hodgkinson (brother of Sister Carmel Therese, Hodgkinson)



SHE danced before taking a step.

That's what Presentation Sister Carmel (Jean Marie) Hodgkinson knows about her early years.

"My parents said I'd hold onto the bar near the radio and bounce, up and down, to the beat," the sprightly 76-year-old said from Holy Spirit Home, Carseldine, in Brisbane's north.

"I've got rhythm, I've always had it."

The toe-tapping sister had shared Eucharist, as she does each Sunday, with other religious, residents and a number of the home's visitors. There was a certain buzz in the cafeteria after Mass as the camaraderie continued. Sr Carmel was in familiar company, warmly greeting every passer-by by name and delighting in sharing a memory or two, and even a nickname for each of them.

Addressing an engaging passer-by, she turned and said, "We sometimes call her 'fruit cake' ... (as) she makes thousands of them. Thanks to her I have a little piece in the morning," motioning what that "little piece" might look like. "A little piece like that?" the friend said.

"Well, a little more than a little piece," Sr Carmel said, broadening the piece-size.

The jovial sister said her nickname was "Carmel, the dancer" and inserted a vocal "click, click, click" into the comment. "(And) I love to sing, I can't stop sometimes," she said.

The women were in fits of laughter, offering no doubt that Sr Carmel had settled well into her new address since relocating from retirement premises in Nudgee last September.

Born in another northern suburb, Kalinga, she's one of three remaining siblings among a family of six children. The seventh child of Irish-born parents Albert and Elizabeth Hodgkinson lived not even two hours. "She was Joan Veronica," Sr Carmel said. "(And) she's our little angel, looking after our family."

Two other siblings died in March and April this year while another passed away last year. Sr Carmel accompanied them through the trials of cancer treatment and varying ailments, considering it a privilege and assured of their heavenly homeland.

She delights in a continued "spring" in her step saying, "I have to try and remember how old I am".

"I'm going to be double numbers next month, 77. I like double numbers."

Double the fun was another resident who breezed by, quick to share recent purchases of mud cake and musical movies, over which both residents delighted with a vocal, "Click, click, click".

Eventually, the conversation resumed about Sr Carmel's primary schooling at Holy Cross, Woolloowin; St Anne's, Kalinga; Our Lady of the Angels, Wavell Heights; and then St Rita's College, Clayfield, for the high school

years. Her entry into the novitiate, or first formation stage of her religious vocation as a Presentation Sister, was a musical one, for the occasion of our conversation and perhaps even then.

"I was 16 going on 17," Sr Carmel sang of that step, to the tune of the famous Sound of Music song of the same name.

A litany, or well-loved and looked-at list, of handwritten appointments as a teacher was soon presented, more than five decades as an early-years teacher. As a postulant, Sr Carmel taught in Manly (Queensland) and, after her final profession, she was sent to Norman Park and then Herston, both in Brisbane. Eventually, she took up regional placements, which she enjoyed because "it meant getting to know the families so well".

A 31-year placement at St Joseph's School, Murgon, north-west of Brisbane, was significant because she was "part of the furniture". Reflecting on those years, Sr Carmel spoke plainly yet poetically saying, "In teaching little children, they taught me".

She spoke of the blessed opportunity to teach children from the nearby Cherbourg Aboriginal reserve, including families among the Wakka Wakka people, who first occupied the area. One of her memorable comments to pupils was 'every time you are naughty I get a grey hair'. For many years Sister Carmel and her good friend, Sister Vianney have been outstanding citizens of Murgon.

"I asked the class one day if they loved God but this little one from Cherbourg didn't put his hand up or nod," Sr Carmel said. "I asked him who he loved and he said, 'You'. I carry that in my heart to this day as he was seeing Jesus in me.

"The boy gave me this beautiful stone and I always kept it. We later found out he was deaf."

Musical Murgon parish priest of the time Fr Paul Kelly sang similar toe-tapping tunes as Sr Carmel and she said the community enjoyed a time of presenting musical entertainment like a form of a theatre restaurant and at a policeman's ball. She was an amateur theatre entertainer in her own right, regularly entertaining the elderly at Castra Retirement Home.

Her dancing skills were also called upon, and this was a self-taught art. "My mum first said I was too cheeky to have dance lessons," Sr Carmel said.

"It was the time of The Great Depression and they didn't have any money, I realised much later.

"I taught myself dancing and my sister taught herself the piano." It was a dancing instructor in Murgon who gave Sr Carmel her dancing shoes, a treasured possession.

Sr Carmel admitted to "not being able to keep up with the children" in the dance classes however, certain testament to her individual style. Her aim was to "dance into the hearts and minds" of each student throughout her teaching years. "God gave me a special gift," she said.

"It's a gift to be a teacher and I seemed to be able to put together lessons in a way children enjoyed.

"I love children, I always have."

By Selina Venier

Some of the comments we in Murgon and Cherbourg shared knowing Sister Carmel. Such a beautiful lady, Wasn't she a darling lady, she was just a gorgeous person, so many wonderful memories Sr Carmel was larger than life she kept us all entertained, An amazing lady, A Murgon businessman once told me if there were more Sister Carmel's in the world the world would be a better place, A beautiful, wonderful lady. A lady of God. Sister Carmel beautiful and caring lady thanks for the lesson on life, Such sad news to hear. Sister Carmel was an amazing Woman. She was such a beautiful kind, caring Person. Rest with The Heavenly Angels. Precious,

A small child, was asked to describe a Saint.

Thinking of the stained glass windows in her parish church the child said,

"A person who lets the light shine through."

Driving Question

You are driving in a car at a constant speed.

On your left side is a 'drop off', (The ground is 18-24 inches below the level you are travelling on), and on your right side is a fire engine travelling at the same speed as you

In front of you is a galloping horse, which is the same size as your car and you cannot overtake it.

Behind you is a galloping zebra. Both the horse and zebra are also travelling at the same speed as you .

What must you do to safely get out of this highly dangerous situation?

ANSWER ON PAGE 30

We sadly mourn the loss of:

ALTHOUSE, Brian, Late of Childers, formerly of Murgon

PARNELL, Robert James, Late of Silverleaf

EVANS, Irene Isobel, Late of Murgon

SMITH, James Raymond (Jim), Late of Kumbia and formerly of "Bendee" Johnstown West

BOWER-MILES, Sandra Gaye (nee Harm), Late of Kingaroy, formerly of Murgon

COLEMAN, Richard Frederick George, Late of Cherbourg

MURRAY, Lorraine Agnes, Late of Cherbourg

BROWN, Collette Madge, Late of Cherbourg

GREEN, Ada Jean (Jean), (nee Spicer), Late of Tansey

EWART, William Ian Scott, (Scott), Late of Woorooden

COBBO-HOPKINS, Leila Loris, Late of Cherbourg

BARKLE, Beverley 'Bev', Late of Goomeri

BARKLE, Cecil 'Keith', Late of Goomeri

HODGKINSON, Sister Carmel, formerly of Murgon

PEARCE, David William, (Duck) Formerly of Goomeri

Deb's Local Hero's announced

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington says a strong group of applications for the August Local Hero Grant round has resulted in extra funding being awarded to local groups and individuals

Mrs Frecklington said five groups will share in her Local Hero funding program, along with five local students who were supported with smaller amounts to assist with their expenses to attend representative sporting events.

"The August Round was heavily subscribed, and I would like to congratulate the groups who were successful," Mrs Frecklington said.

The winners of the August 2022 round are:

- Kingaroy Swimming Club – supporting the costs of running Club nights.
- Nanango Swimming Club- supporting swimming awards
- Kilkivan Bowls Club - upgrades
- Kilkivan SS Cattle Team – supporting Hoof and Hook participation
- South Burnett Child Care Centre – supporting their new ANZAC memorial

The Local Hero Grants started in 2016 and are in their seventh year. They are designed to provide small donations to not-for-profit community groups and individuals from across the Nanango Electorate.

Four grants of up to \$250 each are available in three rounds per year. The next round closes on 30 November. Head to <https://debfrecklington.com.au/online-office/debs-local-hero-grants> for more information.



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Exhibition Documents A Lost Industry



Cherbourg sawmill in 1974 (Photo: National Archives Of Australia)

Did you know prefabricated houses used to be manufactured in Cherbourg and exported all over Queensland?

An exhibition that chronicles the saga opened recently at the University Of Queensland's Anthropology Museum at the St Lucia campus in Brisbane.

"Camps, Cottages And Homes" has been researched by Professor Paul Memmott and Dr Tim O'Rourke from the UQ's School of Architecture.

The exhibition explores the ways Queensland's First Nations communities have made homes in the 20th century.

It also exposes the way the State Government wilfully destroyed Cherbourg's industries in 1986, a decision that threw many of the community's residents out of work.

The exhibition draws on 50 years of research by Prof Memmott and Dr O'Rourke.

In the 1950s Cherbourg had a productive sawmill, joinery workshop and carpentry gangs which made buildings and household furniture for the settlement.

In 1967, the Department of Aboriginal and Island Affairs launched a program to use these industries to prefabricate homes for Cherbourg, as well as other towns and communities across Queensland.

Prefab houses were made in Cherbourg and transported to the site where they were to be assembled, with the sawmill supplying the timber frames; the joinery the window and door frames; and the workshop supplying wall panels.

Cherbourg prefab houses were soon being shipped as far away as Erub Island (Darnley) in the Torres Strait and the Lockhart River and Hopevale communities on Cape York, as well as to Mt Isa, Gladstone, Bluff, Dingo, Eidsvold and Bribie Island.

Cherbourg sawyers, joiners and carpenters fabricated components for the prefab houses, which were packaged up and ready to ship in six weeks.

During its operation, many Cherbourg men were trained in the different trades required to make the house components and cabinets.

But the industry came to an abrupt halt in the mid-80s just before the State handed over administration of the settlement to Cherbourg Council.

The Department of Aboriginal and Islander Advancement stripped the workshops of machinery, destroying any

chance the unique venture could continue.

“Camps, Cottages And Homes” was officially launched on August 19 in front of an audience of 90 guests.

The exhibition will remain on display to the public Mondays to Fridays from 11:00am to 3:00pm until October 28.

More information about the exhibition can be found online

The End Of Cherbourg Prefab Housing



(photo of the family home with modifications to the original prefab, taken in June 2022 by Timothy O'Rourke)

“We had all the timber lined up from the forestry, we stacked it up in the sheds and then the joinery would take some of the wood and the pre-fab would take some – the pine.

“This used to be the lifeline of this community that kept everyone in work.

“That was until 1986 when the government took away everything that made money – just prior to the handover to the community – the sawmill, the dairy and the beef cattle industry, the piggery, boomerang factory, the koala bear factory and the retail shop.

“Everybody used to do their shopping here – and they shut that place down and leased it out to private enterprise. Wouldn't give it to Council.

“If they had left all the enterprises here, we wouldn't have had to depend on government funding – we would have made our own money.

“That infrastructure was sent up to other places – Woorabinda, Yarrabah – places like that. I was on Council at the time of the hand over when the government handed the community over to the Council.

“That was real hard – we were forced to rely on DAA for funding. We could have made our own money with those enterprises.”

– The late Uncle Rory Boney, September 2011 [Source: Cherbourg Memory]

Courtesy South Burnett Online



Byte Nite is back

Participants enjoyed Pool inflatables, bubbles and a free sausage sizzle

Future dates are : Saturday the 22nd of October, Saturday the 19th of November, Saturday the 17th of December, Saturday the 21st of January,

Saturday the 18th of February, Saturday the 18th of March. 4.00PM – 7.00PM

We'd like to say a big congratulations to Yalari Alumnus, Kane Brunjes

Kane Brunjes Art has been selected as a finalist in the Brisbane Portrait Prize, with his piece titled "With My Old People".

Kane attended Toowoomba Grammar School (TGS) on a Yalari scholarship and graduated in 2016.

Kane is an in-house artist at the Birrunga Gallery, where current Yalari students came to visit him earlier this year. Kane spoke to them about his education journey with Yalari, and the path he took after school to get him to where he is today.

We are always so proud of our Alumni, but it's a true privilege to see them achieving such great things, and in turn inspiring current Yalari students and future Alumni.

Learn more about Kane Brunjes here: <https://bit.ly/3RZzmpW>

Read about Kane's work "With My Old People" here: <https://bit.ly/3RZzmpW>

The winner of the Brisbane Portrait Prize will be announced on October 5, we've got our fingers crossed for you, Kane!



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Colleen remember the good times, our condolences to you and family

Great memories and photo ,
L-R: Bryan Niebling, Trevor Gillmeister, Colleen Ewart, Steve Renouf, Scotty Ewart (Colleen's Son recently deceased)



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- * Are you passionate about our community and helping people?
- * Want to learn more about what Graham House Community Centre does?
- * Interested in becoming a member of our board?

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MAYOR COMMUNITY CATCH UPS

Residents across the South Burnett have the opportunity to personally catch up with Mayor Brett Otto in a series of Community Catch Ups over the next few months.

Mayor Otto has released a schedule of dates and locations where residents can turn up and speak with him without the need for appointments.

“I look forward to meeting residents and listening to their concerns and suggestions,” said Mayor Otto.

“This information will be invaluable to me to act on their behalf in Council.

“Meetings will take place from 7am to 10am on selected Friday mornings in small businesses in the communities of Kumbia, Proston, Murgon, Nanango, Benarkin, Blackbutt, Durong and Wondai.

“The first meeting will be at Ryke’s Fuel at Kumbia on Friday September 23.”

The Community Catch Up 7:00am – 10:00am Ryke’s Fuel - Kumbia

Schedule is below: Friday 23

September 2022

Friday 28 October 2022 7:00am to 10:00am Jacaranda Tea Rooms - Proston

Friday 11 November 2022 7:00am to 10:00am The Coffee Bar - Murgon

Friday 3 February 2023 7:00am to 10:00am Twisted Whisk Bakehouse - Nanango

Friday 17 February 2023 7:00am to 10:00am Benarkin Store - Benarkin

Friday 3 March 2023 7:00am to 10:00am Bunya Nut Café – Blackbutt

Friday 17 March 2023 7:00am to 10:00am Durong Store - Durong

Friday 31 March 2023 7:00am to 10:00am Dan’s Diner - Wondai

MURGON HOSPITAL AUXILARY Father’s Day Raffle winners.

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Authorised by Deb Frecklington MP, Shop 2/36 Alford Street, Kingaroy QLD

Driving Question Answer

Get off the Merry - Go - Round.

New grant opportunity!

Strong and Resilient Communities Activity -

Inclusive Communities Grants

The Strong and Resilient Communities Activity - Inclusive Communities Grants opportunity is being provided by the Department of Social Services.

The objectives of the program are:

support the development of young people aged 12 to 18 years who are or are at risk of, being disengaged, marginalised and having limited engagement with education/training

support people with disabilities and/or mental health issues to participate in their community, and work towards becoming and/or remaining independent and engaged

support vulnerable women who experience, or are at risk of, isolation or discrimination to participate in their community and increase their sense of self agency and empowerment

support people who are unemployed to address individual barriers to social and economic participation and employment by increasing their capacity for engagement with existing employment, community supports and training services, as they work towards gaining meaningful employment.

To be eligible, you must be one of the following entity types:

Company, Cooperative, Incorporated Association, Indigenous Corporation, Local Government, Statutory Entity, Trustee on behalf of a trust.

Applications are now open. Find out more on GrantConnect.



Cricket Season Starts To Swing

There will be eight teams taking part in the South Burnett senior cricket competition this year, with the first balls due to be bowled on Saturday, October 8.

The eight teams are: Murgon, Tingoorra Vikings, Wooroolin Warriors, Wondai, Nanango Purple, Nanango Yellow, Kingaroy Services Blue and Kingaroy Services Orange.

Unfortunately, Cherbourg won't be fielding a team this year but some former Cherbourg players may turn out with other clubs.

Junior cricket is also expected to get under way on the same day, with a muster from 8:00am at the Alan Downie Sports Fields in Nanango (final details to be confirmed).

Murgon Crusaders and Wooroolin Warriors are fielding teams again this year in the Gympie A Grade competition



Back in December 2021, Graham House Community Centre received a very welcomed gift from the Murgon Services Club. They very generously purchased a vehicle for us to assist Graham House in transporting clients in South Burnett. This enables our clients to remain independent in their home, stay connected to family and friends, attend medical appointments and to receive vital medical treatments.

Since January this year, our new vehicle, a Kia Carnival has travelled over 48,000km, assisted 133 clients and undertaken 446 trips.

It is the hardworking and generous members of the Murgon Services Club that have made a simple thing like providing transport for those who don't that has strengthened our community. Thank you to President Trevor Sanderson, Chris Heness, Katie Zerner, John Taylor, Rodney & Cynthia Hatchett, Mandy Bishop, Locksley Bishop, Michael Bird & Trevor Williamson.'

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A funny and true story about the Queen:

Around 2005, the Queen and her Personal Protection Officer, Dick Griffin, were walking alone one afternoon in the hills near the Scottish royal castle, Balmoral.

Two tourists approached them and engaged in conversation. Griffin recalls:

“There were two hikers coming towards us, and the Queen would always stop and say hello.

“They were two Americans on a walking holiday.

“It was clear from the moment we stopped that they hadn’t recognised the Queen, which was fine.

“The American gentleman was telling the Queen where they came from, where they were going next, and where they’d been in Britain.

“I could see it coming, and sure enough, he said to Her Majesty: ‘And where do you live?’

“She replied: ‘Well I live in London, but I’ve got a holiday home just the other side of the hills.’

“He said: ‘How long have you been coming up here?’

“She replied: ‘I’ve been coming up here ever since I was a little girl, so over 80 years.’

“You could see the cogs whirring, so he said: ‘Well, if you’ve been coming up here for over 80 years, you must have met the Queen.’

“Quick as a flash, she said: ‘I haven’t, but Dick here meets her regularly.’

The hiker then asked Griffin what the monarch was like in person.

“Because I was with her a long time, and I knew I could pull her leg, I said: ‘Oh, she can be very cantankerous at times, but she’s got a lovely sense of humour.’

“The next thing I knew, this guy comes round, puts his arm around my shoulder, and before I could see what was happening, he gets his camera, GIVES IT TO THE QUEEN, and says: ‘Can you take a picture of the two of us?’

“Then we swapped places, and I TOOK A PICTURE OF THEM WITH THE QUEEN.

“And we never let on, and we waved goodbye.

“Afterwards, Her Majesty said to me: ‘I’d love to be a fly on the wall when he shows those photographs to his friends in America, and hopefully someone tells him who I am’.”

RIP, Your Majesty



REMEMBRANCE DAY - 11 November 2022



RSL
Murgon Sub Branch

Murgon: Murgon RSL Sub Branch invites the Murgon and District residents, visitors and travellers to attend a short Remembrance Day Service to be conducted in Murgon at the War Memorial Lamb Street, Murgon on Friday 11th November 2022.

Meet at the cenotaph at 10.30am for 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. If you are intending to lay a wreath, please arrive a few minutes early so that your name can be added to the list.

Contact Kevin Gill 0438 015 684 or 07 4313 3018.

Goomeri Chapter: Service commences at 10.30am.

Meet at the Memorial Clock, Cnr Wide Bay & Burnett Hwy, Goomeri.

Contact David Pitstock 0427 169 043

Murgon Mustangs Enjoy's their 20th A Grade premiership with Victories in Both their Under 14s and A Grade sides



Nanango Stags were gallant to the end which was a credit to their sportsmanship and supporters.

The Murgon Mustangs topped off a big year for the club with stunning victories in both the A Grade and Under 14s rugby league Grand Finals on Saturday.

Just days after being named the South Burnett Rugby League's 2022 Club Champions, the Mustangs added two more trophies to their cabinet for the year.

Both their Under 14s and A Grade sides took the long path to glory after surviving must-win games in their Preliminary Finals the previous week, while the Stags' teams enjoyed a week off.

The Grand Finals were played before an enthusiastic home crowd at the Murgon Sportsground but there were also plenty of Nanango supporters sporting their blue and white colours.

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A Grade

Murgon got off to a powerful start in the A Grade Grand Final, with Glen Fisher, Barwoo Fisher and Jonathan Walsh scoring three unanswered tries back-to-back.

All three tries were successfully converted by Daron Saltner-Bligh, whose boot was on target all day.

Murgon were leading 18-nil with just ten minutes left in the first half when Ashley Smallwood finally crossed the line to put Nanango's first points on the board.

The Stags' try was converted by Jakeb Mead.

A Murgon mistake from the restart then gave Nanango another opportunity with Tom O'Neill taking full advantage and scoring in the corner.

At half-time, Murgon led Nanango 18-10.

The Mustangs went on the attack again after the break, with Barwoo Fisher's second try extending their lead to 24-10.

Minutes later, the home crowd erupted as Saltner-Bligh took an intercept close to his own line and ran the length of the field to score under the posts.

Saltner-Bligh then converted his own try, extending Murgon's lead to 30-10 with 24 minutes to go.

The Mustangs' domination in the second half continued with rugged defence keeping the Stags at bay.

A converted try by Arthur Saltner then sealed Murgon's 36-10 victory.

Murgon try scorers were Barwoo Fisher (2), Glen Fisher, Jonathan Walsh, Daron Saltner-Bligh and Arthur Saltner. Saltner-Bligh kicked six from six conversions.

Nanango tries were scored by Ashley Smallwood and Tom O'Neill. Jakeb Mead kicked one conversion.

South Burnett Rugby League president Dave Tierney presented the 2022 trophy to the triumphant Mustangs at the end of the match.

The Charles "Chaz" Williams Memorial Shield was then presented to the Mustangs' Josiah Alberts by Rosie Sullivan.

Chaz, a well-known local footballer, died in 2015 and the shield is presented every year in his honour by the Williams family for the "Best & Most Respected Player" in the Grand Final.



Congratulations to the Murgon Mustangs Under 14 grade winning the Premiership. Had lots of fun with Cr Jane Erkens & Mayor Brett Otto working on the gate to help out!! Really pleased to blow the ref's whistle for the Under 14's to start the game Thanks to the Murgon Junior Rugby League for my pink ref's shirt!! **Kathy Duff.**

So sad to hear Mario Fenech is suffering Depression, Fight on Mario



In 2016 Leo gets a helping hand on the side of the road with his flat tyre from some loveable fantastic footballers, that were in fact going in the opposite direction and turned around and asked if i needed any help? I said you could have come a bit earlier as I'm all bar finished but Mario did make sure all the nuts were tight. You hear so many bad stories concerning footballers but this was one of those fine gestures you dream about by people so far from home. Once again, Many thanks boys. Thanks Mario Fennick for the laughs.



2022 was a Huge success with numerous prizes and entries in both Junior and Senior fishing comp at BP Dam. Many thanks to all our sponsors.

Police Remembrance Day at Murgon



Police Remembrance Day 2022 .National Police Remembrance Day is celebrated on September 29 each year. On this day, people pause to remember the police employees who have passed away over the past 12 months. This is an opportunity for the community to honor the dedicated men and women who have died serving their community and also those who have lost their lives through illness or other circumstances. The Murgon service was held at the Uniting Church, 55 Gore Street, Murgon, Thursday the 29th of September.

HAVE YOUR SAY - Kingaroy CBD Parking & Smoking Restrictions

South Burnett Regional Council is seeking feedback from the Kingaroy CBD business owners and the broader community regarding the consideration of restricted parking and non-smoking areas within the Kingaroy CBD.

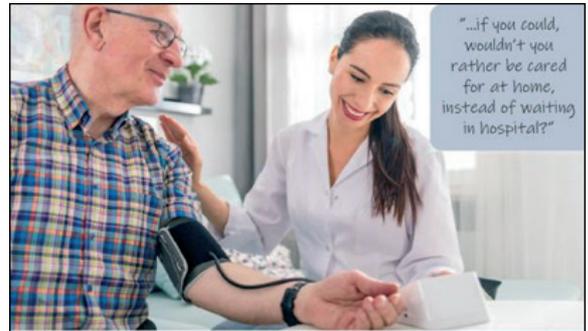
Council invites residents to have their say regarding these items and to provide feedback on their own experiences regarding parking operations and the effect of smoking on liveability within the CBD.

An online community survey will be available on Council's website <https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/> from Wednesday 7 September 2022.

Council encourages all interested residents to provide their feedback before the closing date

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Murgon Market Report 20/09/22



Just short of 600 were yarded in Murgon Tuesday for the sale of the 23rd. A big improvement in values Agents yarded 1100 head in Murgon Tuesday. Export cattle sold from firm to dearer values. Feeder cattle improved slightly. Better quality weaner steers & heifers sold to strong competition. Heavy Bulls sold to \$3.80 per kilogram and \$3890.00. Bullocks sold to \$4.00 per kilo & \$2460.00. Cows over 500 kilograms topped at \$3.64 per kilogram and \$2430.00 for an average of \$3.51. Cows 400 to 500 kg sold to \$3.60 per kilogram for \$1720.00. Cows under 400 kg sold to \$3.22 averaging \$2.99. Export heifers sold to \$4.19 per kilogram and \$2640.00. Cattle were drawn from Mundubbera, Gayndah, Mt Perry, Kingaroy, Nanango, Kilkivan & local areas. Santa cross steers 330 kg from Moffatdale sold to \$5.70 c/kg for \$1886.00. 395 kg Angus cross steers from Mundubbera sold for \$2176.00 at \$5.50 c/kg. Red Angus steers 360 kg sold to \$5.48 c/kg for \$1970.00. Charbray steers from Tansey weighing 320 kg sold for \$2015.00 at \$6.30 c/kg. Angus cross steers ex Gayndah sold to \$6.38 c/kg to return \$1850.00. Limousin cross steers from Mondure sold for \$1785.00 at \$6.38 c/kg. Santa weaner steers from Crownthorpe sold for \$7.40 c/kg to return \$1695.00. Local Charbray weaner steers 200 kg sold for \$7.28 c/kg returning \$1450.00. 4 pens of Charbray weaner steers from Kilkivan sold for \$7.16 c/kg to average 211 kg & \$1514.00. Angus cross weaner steers from Goomeri sold for \$1800.00 at \$7.14 c/kg. Droughtmaster cross heifers ex Stuart River 424 kg sold for \$4.40 c/kg to return \$1865.00. 343 Charbray heifers from Manumbar sold for \$1680.00 at \$4.88 c/kg. Droughtmaster cross heifers 395 kg sold for \$1920.00 & \$4.86 c/kg. Droughtmaster cross weaner heifers from Winderera sold to \$5.66 c/kg for \$1640.00. Angus cross weaner heifers from Goomeri sold for \$5.20 c/kg returning \$1560.00. Angus weaner heifers from Hivesville sold to \$6.10 c/kg for \$1460.00. Local Charbray weaner heifers sold for \$1370.00 at \$6.06 c/kg. 4 pens of Charbray weaner heifers from Kilkivan sold for \$6.00 c/kg, 200 kg & \$1200.00. Local Charbray weaner heifers sold to \$6.06 c/kg & \$1190.00. Brangus cross Cows & Calves ex Proston sold to \$2500.00.

The next Murgon sale is on Tuesday the 4th of October at 8.00 am.

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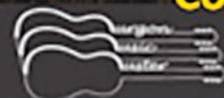
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Supporting women's health in your community



Following on from Women's Health Week and International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day, women's health remains front of mind in October as we move into **National Breast Cancer Month**. We've included some useful women's health articles you can share with your communities.

We're also looking forward to our next **Community of Practice** event: Sharing the Strengthening Communities Modules, which were recently launched exclusively for LDATs and your partners. See below for more details!

October 13 LDAT online event: *Sharing the Strengthening Communities Modules*

In this hour-long interactive webinar, we'll introduce you to our three new LDAT Program Modules – Mentoring, Peer Support and Parenting. Each one is a step-by-step guide to implementing evidence-based activities in your community, full of ready-to-use templates, resources and tools. In the webinar you'll hear from the ADF and a select group of LDATs who have piloted the Modules and contributed to their development along the way.

Date: Thursday October 13, 2022

Time: 12:00pm – 1:00pm (AEST)

Online: via Zoom

Spotlight: Melbourne Multicultural Women's Circles

Run by the Victorian Immigrant and Refugee Women's Coalition's LDAT, the 'Women's Circles and Global Kitchen' is a cooking program helping refugee and migrant women in Melbourne learn about alcohol and other drugs (AOD).

Gathering weekly, Women's Circles provides a safe place for women from many nationalities to come together, without judgement, and support one another.

Alcohol and breast cancer

Breast Cancer Awareness Month (October), is an opportunity to highlight the importance of prevention and research into breast cancer. In Australia, up to 1 in 10 breast cancers is related to drinking. But many people just don't know the link.

Despite alcohol use being a risk factor, breast cancer awareness campaigns are still exploited by the alcohol industry. Help set the story straight with our article about the tactics they use to distract consumers and how to reduce breast cancer risk.

Women's health resources



Treatment: The gender divide explained

Experiencing stigma, or worrying about being stigmatised, can mean that women may be less likely to talk about AOD issues or seek treatment. It's a stigma that largely comes from the traditional gender-based roles assigned to women in society. This article unpacks cultural factors and experiences impacting women and their access to AOD services.

[Read more](#)



Translated breast cancer resources

Head to the Cancer Council website for evidence-based factsheets translated into a range of languages to share with your communities and partners. These resources outline breast cancer symptoms, diagnosis, treatment and support services available.

[View resources](#)

Coming up: October is also Mental Health Awareness Month

To get prepared, check out our AOD and mental health resources page including factsheets, help lines and advice on reducing stigmatising language.



Wondai Regional Art Gallery
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October 2022 Open Art Competition

which includes the \$3,000 Mayor's Acquisitive Art Prize.

and Open "Australian Poetry Theme Art Competition"

In the month of October the whole gallery will be filled with entries for the South Burnett Regional Council's 15th October Open Art Competition with a total of over \$8,000 in prizemoney.

This competition is proudly sponsored by the South Burnett Regional Council, along with sponsors; Bendigo Bank, Parkside Group, Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council, Senator James McGrath, Kathy Duff (Councillor), Deb Frecklington MP (State Member for Nanango), Wondai Lions Club, Bunnings, Raffin Electrical, Hobbs & Associates, Ivy Lane Hair Studio, Ross Parks, Wondai Regional Art Gallery and Wondai Country Running Festival.

The open "Australian Poetry Theme Art Competition" is sponsored by Evelyn and Shannus O'Sullivan.

The \$3,000 Mayor's Acquisitive Art Prize will be judged from every section of art in the Gallery.

Mayor Brett Otto will be opening the exhibition on the evening of Friday 7th October, 2022. All winners will be announced and all prizes will be presented on the night.

Entry forms are available at the Wondai Regional Art Gallery and on our website: <http://wondaiartgallery.org.au>

The closing date for all entries is Saturday, 1st October, 2022.

Opening Night: Friday, 7th October 2022, from 6pm.

\$5.00 entry includes a Hot & Cold Supper

Wine will be served by Kingsley Grove Estate

Announcements of winners & presentations

The exhibition will remain in the Gallery until Saturday 29th October 2022. The Wondai Regional Art Gallery is open 7 days a week, 10.00am till 3.00pm. Entry is free. Telephone: 07 4168 5926 or email wondai.art@sbrc.qld.gov.au



Ambulance Assistant Commissioner, Michelle Baxter and her team are travelling around catching up with Local Ambulance Committees. Michelle visited Murgon and caught up with a large group of paramedics and volunteer committee members and staff.

AMBULANCE IN COMMUNITY



Murgon and district has had an ambulance service for over 100 years. In 1913, at the request of Murgon Chamber of Commerce, an Honorary Centre of the newly-formed Queensland Ambulance and Transport Brigade Hospital was established by Honorary Bearer, Mr M. Miers (station master).



In the early years, a community-based Ambulance Committee had full responsibility for the operation of the Centre. It raised all funds to supply vehicles, equipment, wages and running costs. As the service – and subsequently costs - expanded, ambulance subscriptions from community families and businesses were supplemented by a range of fund-raising activities – including ham wheels, raffles and Lucky Numbers at community events.

Governments gradually introduced legislative changes to organisational structure and funding, culminating in the disbanding of the QATB in 1991 and introduction of the state-wide, state funded Queensland Ambulance Service, part of Emergency Services but later under Queensland Health. Local Ambulance Committees were retained, their functions defined by the Ambulance Act 1991.

Why?

A LAC (local ambulance committee) liaises between the community it represents and the QAS (Queensland Ambulance Service), promotes community awareness and provides advice to the Commissioner on ambulance services in local communities. A LAC now has more flexibility to meet the needs of their individual communities, promote and participate in ambulance services and help build community resilience in partnership with QAS.

Just as the role of ambulance staff is changing dramatically over time, from earlier First Aid & Transport for casualties to increasingly highly-skilled and professional emergency medical interventions, the role of LACs is changing in response to local community needs.

Some projects undertaken by individual LACs include:

- CPR Awareness & Life Support for community groups – recognise/respond to heart attack
- AED advocacy – more defibrillators, strategically placed, to respond to cardiac arrest
- Calling 000 & basic emergency First Aid for school children & families;
- Snakes Alive - snake awareness & treatment for snake bite
- blood pressure & diabetes checks, often at local pharmacies
- displays and health information booths at community events
- Safety for Seniors program
- health information for Seniors & carers
- regular visits to elderly or disabled persons in remote localities;
- Danger Alert - button batteries awareness campaign
- knitting pattern for paramedic trauma dolls.

Most important role of LAC members to get out and listen to people's needs and concerns. Relevant information helps improve services - and build safer, more resilient, more confident communities.

Are you a person who listens – and acts?

Our local committee has a couple of vacant spots at present. Are **you** the person to fill one of them?



For participating businesses, look for these posters in their Store windows.

List of participating stores for the MURGON GIFT CARD

ACKINCLOSE PLUMBING & IRRIGATION	15344 Bunya Hwy., Murgon 4605	Plumbers & Irrigation Supplies
ALICIA'S SPA & HAIRWORX	129 Lamb Street, Murgon 4605	Hairdresser
BARAMBAH MACHINERY	15348 Bunya Hwy., Murgon, 4605	Farm Machinery Dealer
CAFÉ MURGON	110 Lamb St., Murgon 4605	Café – eat in/Takeaway
CARNEY'S FEED STORE	125 Lamb Street, Murgon, 4605	Pet & Farm Supplies
CENTRAL BALANCE MURGON	60 Lamb St., Murgon 4605	Physiotherapy
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COUNTRY MAIL GIFTS (Post Office)	52 Lamb Street, Murgon 4605	Gift Store/Post Office
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MURGON GARDEN CENTRE	14 Gesslers Rd., Murgon 4605	Garden Nursery
MURGON GOLF CLUB	192 Lamb Street, Murgon	Golf Club
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MURGON PIZZA PERFECTION	94 Lamb St., Murgon 4605	Pizza Restaurant
MURGON SAND & GRAVEL	78 Gesslers Rd., Murgon 4605	Landscape Supplies
MURGON SERVICES CLUB	70 Gore Street, Murgon 4605	Restaurant/Club Facilities
MURGON TYRES & MORE	56 Lamb St., Murgon 4605	Motor Garage/Tyre Sales
NORCO RURAL - MURGON	21 Lamb St., Murgon Qld 4605	Rural supplies
PRATT AGENCIES	80 Lamb Street, Murgon, 4605	Rural Agents/Country Clothing
PURSE'S COACHES/TRAVEL & CRUISE	40 Gore Street, Murgon, 4605	Coach Hire/Tours
RIYA'S CAFÉ & RESTAURANT	116 Lamb St, Murgon 4605	Café/Restaurant
ROBINSONS NEWS & GIFTS - MURGON (Sells & accepts cards)	85 Lamb Street, Murgon, 4605	Newsagents & Gifts
ROYAL HOTEL	72 Lamb St., Murgon 4605	Hotel/Restaurant
SOUTH BURNETT MACHINERY	15334 Bunya Hwy. Murgon 4605	Agricultural Machinery Dealer
SOUTH BURNETT PCYC	40 Macalister St., Murgon 4605	Gym/Fitness Centre
STRUDDYS SPORTS MURGON (Sells & accepts cards)	73 Lamb St., Murgon 4605	Sportswear Store
THE COFFEE BAR 4605	79 Lamb Street, Murgon, 4605	Coffee Shop-Eat in/Takeaway
*THE MURGON FLORIST – can take full amount of card only	107 Lamb Street, Murgon 4605	Florist/Artisan Gifts
THE TACKLEBOX	89 Lamb Street, Murgon, 4605	Camping/Fishing Supplies
TOP OF THE TOWN MEAT HALL	71 Lamb St., Murgon 4605	Butcher



Another local champion player...well done Nathan.

Year 11 student Nathan Roderick has recently spent the beginning of this week participating in the Brisbane Premier League for the U17 Coastal Marlins team.

The Brisbane Premier League (BPL) is a franchise-driven T20 club cricket tournament for juniors through to senior cricketers, where the best compete against the best. Nathan took out Player of the Match against Bayside Pirates U17 for 3 wickets for 13 runs of 4 overs.

He was also named Best Bowler in two other matches. Well done Nathan

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Little Max entered the drug store late at night and found a long line of people waiting to be helped. Instead of taking his place at the end, he walked straight up to the front and asked, Please, can you take care of me first? My father is waiting at home.

The man behind the counter said, He must be awfully sick, to send a kid like you out at this time of night.

Max replied, oh, no Sir, he's not sick at all, but please hurry, he's waiting for me to bring it.

The drugstore man snapped, And just what is so important, that he can't wait a little longer?

Max answered shyly, "A roll of toilet paper"

Friday



You are invited to St Paul's Lutheran Church, Murgon
on **Friday 14th of October, 2022**
at **6.00 pm**
for a time out after a busy week
for some inspiration and encouragement

Special guest will be John Blunden

**John will be sharing part of his journey of faith
after being paralysed from a mountain bike
accident.**

Nibbles at 6:00 pm with Sausage sizzle to follow.

*St Paul's Lutheran Church Hall, 19 Thorn Street, Murgon
An offering will be collected on the night with proceeds going
to the local school chaplaincy committee.*

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Goodbye Dr Gangemi.
Thank you for all your years
serving the Murgon and
surrounding community.

I was lucky to bump into Dr Joe Gangemi in Murgon today. He was a bit sad as he is retiring tomorrow after starting his career on the 4th of August 1968. Thank you Dr Joe for 54 years of service to the community. Thank you for looking after us all and our families over all those years. You have been a doctor and a friend and we take our hat off to you and wish you well as you hang up your stethoscope for the last time. Good bye, good luck & God bless Dr Joe xx Kathy Duff.

Editor's comment; Dr Joe Gangemi was one of the recipients presented and awarded the South Burnett Regional Council Lifetime Achievement Award 2021,

This award is presented to residents over 60 years of age in recognition of their outstanding achievement who display ongoing excellence in their field and in the community, demonstrating leadership and innovation whilst contributing towards the South Burnett region. Enjoy your retirement Joe and many thanks.



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Eye tests @
Barambah Youth Services Hub
Gore Street, Murgon
Wednesday October 12, 2022

The Queensland University of Technology School of Optometry will be visiting the Barambah Youth Services Hub to perform eye tests for young members of the South Burnett community.

The eye test is provided at no cost, and if glasses are required, frames and lenses will be provided free of charge through the OneSight EssilorLuxottica Foundation.

Contact the Barambah Youth Services Hub on 41 729 728 or BarambahYouthServicesHub@qed.qld.gov.au, to make an appointment and obtain a consent form (under 18 years).



Available to young people aged 10 to and including 24.
If aged over 18 years, please bring your Medicare card.

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