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MURGON MOMENTS

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Happy 100th Birthday



On the 5th of October, residents, family and staff celebrated Glady's Birch's 100th Birthday at Castra. Everyone enjoyed a lovely cake and morning tea and a wonderful morning of music.

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Gladys received Birthday messages and letters from King Charles, local State Member Deb Frecklington MP, the Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk, the Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Governor General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (ret'd) and numerous cards, phone calls and visits from family and friends. Gladys was thrilled and thanked everyone for their kind wishes and said that she had a wonderful Birthday.



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VIETNAM VETERANS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR COMMEMORATIVE MEDALLION

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien is encouraging Vietnam veterans to apply for the Commemorative Medallion and Certificate of Commemoration that acknowledges the 50th anniversary of the end of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War.

"Between 1962 and 1975, almost 60,000 Australians served during the Vietnam War and while Australia can never repay the debt we owe these veterans, the medallion and certificate are a small way to honour their service," Mr O'Brien said.

"More than 500 Australians lost their lives in the Vietnam War, and we remember their sacrifice and honour the veterans who returned home bearing the physical and mental scars of their service."

All Australian veterans who served in the Vietnam War are eligible to receive a medallion, and the widow or family member of an Australian veteran who served is also eligible to apply.

Only one medallion is available for each Vietnam War veteran. It is recommended that an agreement is made within the family of a deceased veteran as to who will apply for the medallion and certificate, as the registration process prevents multiple applications on behalf of the same veteran.

Applications for the Vietnam War Commemorative Medallion and Certificate can be made at <https://portal.nationalmailing.com.au/DVA/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fDVA%2fVietnam> or by calling 1800 838 372.

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Darling Downs Health's aged care facilities

Darling Downs Health has completed \$2.6 million worth of infrastructure upgrades at four aged care facilities across the health service.

Executive Director Infrastructure Dr Paul Clayton said Inglewood, Millmerran and Texas aged care residents are now able to enjoy a new outdoor area, with Oakey's outdoor area upgrade to be completed in the coming weeks.

"The areas are designed to help residents and their families have additional spaces to spend time together.

"Each new area will feature a gazebo, BBQ area, new walkways, fencing and gardens.

"We've designed these spaces to make the facilities more accessible and engaging for residents and their guests.

"We have so many great facilities across our Health Service and to be able to continue to improve them and create additional functional areas is really important," Dr Clayton said.

Executive Director Rural Health Dr Chris Cowling said it's great to see an investment in outdoor infrastructure at some of Darling Downs Health's aged care facilities.

"These works will improve accessibility and the experience for resident and visitors.

"The gardens are enclosed, meaning residents will be able to walk safely outdoors around the facilities.

"We realise the significance of encouraging residents to stay as mobile for as long as possible, a lack of mobility can lead to ongoing challenges with their care.

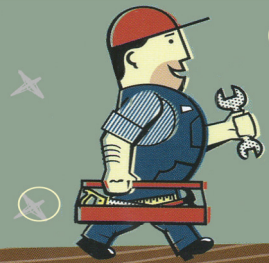
"We know how beneficial these upgrades will be for our aged care residents and I'm pleased to see this investment in our rural facilities, Dr Cowling said.

The projects were funded by the Queensland State Government and Darling Downs Health

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The September meeting was an *Anything Goes* event, and it lived up to its name. There were plenty of jokes, a little bit of *Show & Tell*, and a lot of chatting. The group game for the day was *Fact or Fiction* from which we all learnt something new which was sometimes not that important. All correct answers were rewarded with a lollipop. There was a 50% chance of coming up with the right answer so the game was a lot of fun rather than a serious competition. The final fun task was to make and decorate a paper plane. This activity was well received, with Stan and Geoff being the star engineers on the day. There was much excitement when the time came to fly the *supersonic jets*, and there were planes going in all directions. Our meeting was certainly a bit out of the box. Maybe paper boats might be on the agenda soon??? Never a dull moment at our meetings where **all** are welcome. You do not have to have Parkinson's to attend but just be a supporter. The

Murgon Cancer Group attends the meetings each month which are held on the last Monday of the month.

Thanks to Kev at the **Murgon Veterans' Drop In Centre** for making the facilities and venue available at very short notice this month.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY OCTOBER 30th @ the above Centre again. **GUEST SPEAKER:** Tanya speaking on NDIS TIME: 10.00 a.m

CONTACTS: Carmen 5486 1268 or Darryl 4168 3116

Call for 2024 Australia Day Award Nominations

Nominations are now open for the South Burnett region's annual Australia Day Awards for 2023. The awards will be presented on Sunday, 21 January 2024 at the Kumbia Hall.

Acting Mayor Jones said "the South Burnett Australia Day Awards provide the community with an opportunity

to recognise outstanding groups and individual's commitment and tenacity in creating a better quality of life for our region".

"These awards allow equal opportunity across the entire South Burnett to nominate those who have made special contributions to their local community," said Cr Jones.

Award nominations will be judged by a panel of people drawn from throughout the South Burnett.

Award categories are as follows:

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

For further information on award categories and how to nominate, visit Council's website www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/australia-day/australia-day-7

Nominations close at 4.30pm on 17 November 2023.

For further information regarding the 2023 Australia Day Awards, please contact Council's Executive Services team on 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

A local AA meeting is now being held at the Baptist Church Hall

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The muster starts on Tuesday 31 October 2023 with walk up artists on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning, a dance on Thursday night and the main professional artists on Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th November 2023.

Featuring: Ashleigh Dallas, Brian Letton, Col Finley, Tracey Coster, Kylie Castle, Ashley Cook, Allan Gumm, Clarrie Weller, Clyde Cameron, Brendan Radford, Lindsay Waddington and the Doghouse Band.

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under bench oven and ceramic cook top. Island bench. Good sized laundry with storage. Spacious 2 car garage with remote lift door. Concrete apron at front, concrete patio at rear. Fully and well fenced back yard. Heat pump hotwater system. Rain water tank. Town water. Currently rented at \$350 pwk with tenants on a lease until 8th February 2024. Photographs used are from prior to the start of the current tenancy which commenced in August 2021 - \$360,000



This home is situated just minutes from the thriving country town centre of Proston. The home offers spacious living with large front sunroom which leads to the spacious living area with wood fire. The kitchen is both spacious and built in with breakfast bar extending

to a good size dining area. 3 spacious bedrooms. Highset on good solid timber stumps. Corner position. Single garage.

* New Roof & Insulation * Ceiling fans throughout * Water tank and town water * 2 Toilets * Recent white ant inspection * Wood Heater * Big Rooms * Front Verandah * Safe, friendly community

This charming home is ideally located, with Wondai and Murgon just a 30 minute drive and Kingaroy a little further. Proston has an excellent shopping area, with a 7 day a week supermarket, department store, hair dresser, health and beauty, cafe to name a few all within a very strong local country community. \$359,000



Besser block building comprising garage space and 2 separate rooms plus a toilet rear access. Power connected. 1012m2 allotment fenced. \$135,000



Bright open and spacious living in the 3 bedroom home, built by Day Dream Homes, a premium South Burnett builder for the past two decades, just 3 years ago. Reluctantly offered for sale as the Sellers are relocating for work. 2.7m ceilings the home

is fully insulated. Open plan air conditioned living comprises of lounge, dining and kitchen with ample wall and base units all with soft close doors and drawers. New dishwasher. Gas cook top and electric oven. A wood burning fire graces the living area for those cooler days. 3 spacious bedrooms, 2 with built in robes. All bedrooms have ceiling fans. Modern family bathroom, 2 toilets. European style laundry. Tiled flooring throughout. 6.6 kw Solar System is currently producing a credit on the account. Outside there are 3 x 6000 gallon rainwater tanks. Eco safe water treatment system. Carport. Garden Shed. Enough split timber fire wood for a couple of years! Fenced on all 4 sides. 1447m2 allotment. Moffatdale State Schools is just 200m away from this family home, from Prep to grade 6. School buses run to all the Murgon Schools. \$389,000

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Kathy's Comments

Proston Centenary

I was proud, honoured and humbled to be part of an amazing celebration for Proston. The community really stepped up to make it a truly memorable occasion. There was something for everyone, with school and class reunions, an incredible street parade, cake cutting and book launch, non-stop musical entertainment, jumping castles, face painting and games for children, an amazing sewing demonstration, fireworks, a church service, bus tours, stalls and an old-time dance. The big event for me on Sunday was the opening of the seven shops and the Men's Shed in honour of the late Cr Jamie Mackenzie. I invested my inheritance money in Proston to be a legacy for him and a reminder that everyone needs to look out for each other. It was wonderful to have Ross Page playing the bagpipes and plaques tied with Mackenzie ribbons to unveil. It was also special for me that some of Jamie's family came and my two nieces Bridget and Maggie O'Shannessy and her partner Nat Zerner were there to enjoy the celebration of his legacy for the town of Proston.

BP Dam Fishing Comp

I was pleased to get to the Fishing Comp on Friday and witness the start of a great weekend of fishing. Congratulations to the Fish Stocking Group on another fun filled family fishing competition.

Murgon Men's Shed Steam Train Opening

Hats off to the Murgon Men's Shed for an amazing achievement painting and restoring the rail carriages. It was great to have Llew O'Brien there to officially declare the restoration project open. These attractions will be a great asset to compliment the rail trail and other exciting things to see and do around Murgon.

Fifty- Five Million Years Ago Opening

Congratulations to Leo and Glenda Geraghty for realising their dream to have this centre open. I went back through my Facebook posts and it was June 5th, 2020, when we danced in front of the tree when we heard the news. It was June 30th, 2020, when Llew O'Brien came to officially announce that the funding was approved. The sod turning was Feb 11th, 2021. There was a planning day with Councillors to have a look at the project on June 20th, 2022 and Council put a wheelchair access including a footpath and line marking to help towards the completion of the project. Congratulations to Col Perrin for his sponsorship of the project along with all of the other people who contributed to this magnificent facility. It is wonderful that Murgon finally has an art gallery and the paintings already on display are from some great local artists. I was pleased to be able to sponsor a cycad tree in the historical garden. There is a lot to look and I believe it will be a major tourist attraction and a real success story for our region.

Hivesville happenings

The Hivesville Progress Association has been very forward thinking and will be using the covered stand where the Christmas Tree goes to put an attraction there when the Christmas Tree is not in use. They applied for funding and were successful so watch this space to see what a spectacular display they will have up very soon.

Footpath and Parking Upgrades for Murgon



I am pleased that Council has completed the footpath upgrades in Dutton Street East and the parking upgrades in Gore Street in front of the Murgon State High School. These jobs help to improve the general safety and presentation of the town. The parking in front of the school badly needed doing as the parking has been congested and problematic ever since the building upgrades.

Gympie South Burnett Craft Opening

Every year I have the pleasure of opening the spectacular Gympie South Burnett display of lady's craft in the old Murgon QCWA building. The winners of some of these sections go on to compete at the State finals. This year it was wonderful to see some young people come along to have a look. I believe it is really important that these skills are not lost, and that young people at least get an opportunity to appreciate and learn some of these wonderful skills.

Pink up for October

This month we are once again asking everyone to pink up to raise money for the fight against breast cancer. Pink up your town, your street, or even just wear some pink to raise awareness and anyone interested is encouraged to run an event or just simply put some money into a McGrath tin to donate to this very worthy cause.

Murgon Christmas Fair and Farmers Day Out

It is being considered to have a Christmas event for Murgon at the Showgrounds if the insurance and everything can be sorted. We have a date claimer of Friday the 8th of December. Anyone who is interested in helping please let me know.

Contact Details

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

Cr Kathy Duff (Division 5) South Burnett Regional Council.

Phone 07 41680225 or 0437020705 or email kathy.duff@sbrc.qld.gov.au

"Caring for our Community"

Some Upcoming Events in

October

- SwineSong - Kingaroy Town Hall - 13th October
- Bunya Red Farm - Open Farm Day - 15th October
- Heritage Nanango Waterhole Rocks - 19th - 21st October
- Sue & Geoff's Country Music Campout - Wooroolin - 19th-21st October
 - Wondai Races - Wondai - 21st October
 - Cuppa & Craft - Mulanah Gardens - 21st October
 - Kingaroy Speedway - Season Opener - 21st October
- Day at the Dam Music Festival - BP Dam - 28th October
- Murgon Music Muster - 31st October - 5th November

November

- Murgon Music Muster - 31st October - 5th November
- Chrissy Trees 4 U - Season Opens - 4th November
- Burnett Sunsets Community Concert - Kingaroy Town Hall - 4th November
 - Menopause The Musical - Kingaroy Town Hall - 10th November
- Kingaroy Speedway - Spring Spectacular - Kingaroy - 11th November
 - Family Fun Day - Murgon State School - 11th November
 - Inverlaw Hall Dance - 11th November
- Dinner Under the Stars - Bunya Mountains - 18th November
 - Motors n Mochas - Kingaroy - 19th November
 - Bunya Red Farm - Open Farm Day - 19th November
- Beauvale Daylillies Open Garden - 18th & 19th November

Local Markets:

- Kingaroy Friendship Markets - 3rd Saturday - Kingaroy Showgrounds
 - Nanango Markets 1st Saturday - Nanango Showgrounds
 - Kumbia Markets 2nd Saturday - Bell St
- Wooroolin Community Markets 2nd Saturday - QCWA Building
- Yarraman Markets Every Saturday - Toomey St Yarraman
 - Murgon CBD Markets 2nd Sunday – Lamb St Murgon
- Nanango Church Yard-Op Shop Markets - 4th Saturday of the Month - 110 Burnett Street
- Blackbutt Country Markets 3rd Sunday - Les Muller Park Coulson Street Blackbutt
- Wondai Country Markets 4th Saturday - Coronation Park Wondai
- Bunya Mountains Markets Last Sunday - Bunya Mountains
 - Hivesville Country Markets - Last Sunday
 - Proston - 3rd Saturday of the Month

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Tanya Taylor, Principal, Tingoorra State School.
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Our communities need to be ready to face bushfires, storms, cyclones and heatwaves. That's why our 2023 campaign is once again asking households to plan ahead and pack an emergency kit, so they are ready when the weather turns bad.

Experience shows communities that are well prepared and supported before a disaster are more resilient and able to recover faster.

South Burnett, it's time to GET READY!

We are asking residents to think about how extreme weather could impact your life, make a plan to stay safe and pack supplies so you don't get caught out.

Think about packing:

- Long-life food and toiletries in case you can't get to the shops.
- Drinking water in case the water supply stops working.
- Batteries, a torch and radio in case the power goes out.

These are the basics, but also consider what other items your family might use if you had to stay at home for multiple days.

There are other things you can do to be ready for extreme weather:

- Clean-up – Check around the house and yard and make sure your home will hold up against the elements.
- Sign-up – Subscribe to mobile weather notifications from the Bureau of Meteorology or Council's Disaster Dashboard so you're informed and can act quickly.
- Connect – Know your neighbours and connect with your community.
- Get covered – Check your insurance to make sure your property can be fixed or replaced if it's damaged.

Get Ready Queensland has useful information and tips on their website, so be sure to visit www.getready.qld.gov.au.

Take the time now to get prepared and make Queensland the most disaster resilient state in Australia.

Please follow Council's Facebook page for the next 7 days for important messaging around how to be prepared this disaster season.

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SBRC 23/24-04 Request for Tender for Murgon PCYC - Renovate existing toilets & construct New PWD facilities

South Burnett Regional Council is seeking submissions from suitably qualified and experienced contractors to provide a tender response for the proposed renovation of existing toilets and construction of new PWD facilities in accordance with the provided documents and tender specification.

Offer documents can be downloaded by registering on Council's tendering platform Tenderlink. Registration Instructions and links can be found on Council's website under Tenders & Supply.

Tenderlink Reference is BURNET- 1072278. Tenders open on Friday 15 September 2023 and close at 2pm on Friday 13 October 2023.

For further information contact Council on 1300 789 279, 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.



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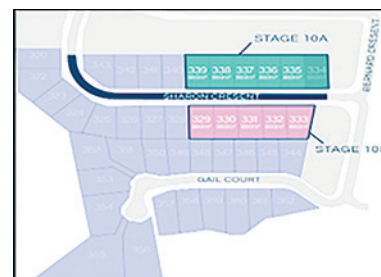


2 Bedroom home with new flooring, one with a ceiling fan and one with built-in. Front entry could be utilised as a study or reading room. Functional kitchen with an electric and gas cooktop plus grill.

Bathroom which runs a 12v system, This property is also serviced by a Rural Water Scheme as well as rainwater tanks.

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Tingoora School Hall, Main Street Tingoora

Thursday 2 November 2023 -
6pm

A community consultation is being held to determine the future of the facility.

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SOUTH BURNETT INDUSTRY SHOWCASE

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DATE: 19 October 2023. **LOCATION:** TAFE Queensland Kingaroy campus, 6pm – 6:30pm Meet and greet with nibbles (Industry, Parents and Students)

6:30pm – 7:30pm Industry panel (Introduction and information from each industry representative with questions to follow) 7:30pm – 8:00pm Networking and informal discussions



Let's Smash South Burnett out of the Park with Chris Lynn!

South Burnett Regional Council in partnership with South Burnett Cricket Association invite you to join the hardhitting and entertaining batsman, Chris Lynn at the park as he speaks about mental health and hits a few balls.

Chris who is entrepreneurial in spirit, and co-founder of coaching platform, Playbook Australia, believes there is more to life than just cricket, and is passionate about helping the next generation.

Date: 14 October 2023, Time: 8.30am to 12.30pm, Venue: Lyle Vidler Oval, Youngman Street Kingaroy

FREE BBQ and Drinks Available

We sadly mourn the loss of:

HOLZNAGEL, Barry John, Late of Mundubbera, formerly of Murgon.

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SCHULTZ, Eric Arthur, Late of Gympie and formerly of Wondai

HICKS, Ronald Harold, Late of Kingaroy and formerly of Wooroolin

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Local Artist Robyn Dower with her mural located at the Kingaroy VIC on Haly St

New Mural: A huge Congratulations to Visit South Burnett's Arts Portfolio holder Robyn Dower: The beautiful mural (photo above) created by local artist Robyn Dower is the latest inclusion to the mural trail and is conveniently nestled at the rear entrance of the Kingaroy VIC. Taking just over two weeks to complete, the mural represents the rich farming history and the generations past, present, and future of the South Burnett.



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A 100th anniversary service was celebrated at Christ Church, Murgon on Sunday 11 April 2021. Pictured outside the church are The Rev'd Don Campbell, Archbishop Phillip Aspinall and Julie Lobwein (Churchwarden).

Sadly, the Deconsecration service of the church will take place on Saturday 28th October at 11.00am by Bishop Cam.



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Deb congratulates groups on grant success

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington has congratulated seven local community groups who successfully applied to the Round 116 Gambling Community Benefit Fund Super Round.

Mrs Frecklington said the groups will share in nearly \$450,000 which will help them undertake upgrades to facilities and purchase much needed equipment.

"I am so pleased these hard-working community groups have been rewarded with grants which will help them achieve key projects," Deb said.

The successful groups in our region include:

- Nanango and District Netball Assoc – repair courts and carpark
- South Burnett Woodcrafters Inc – Install solar and security screens and purchase defibrillator
- Taabinga SS P&C Assoc – Install playground and equipment and shade sail
- Tansey Show Society – Upgrade facility
- Lions Club of Nanango – Install playground equipment and BBQ
- The South Burnett Pantry – Purchase motor vehicle and demountable building
- Wild Horse FM Inc – Purchase Radio broadcast equipment, marquee and furniture

"It is disappointing however that groups have had to wait so long for Round 116 to be announced.

"In fact, it has taken the State Government more than six months to announce the successful applicants and many groups have had valid concerns about this lengthy delay.

"There is no doubt that within this time the costs associated with the projects will have risen, and some groups may need to downsize the scope of their plans.

"Given this delay, the deadlines for the next two rounds have been extended to 15th September (Round 118) and 7th November (Round 119).

"Clubs are always welcome to call my office on 4190 7100 for advice and support for their next Gambling Community Benefit Fund grant application," Deb said.



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The Goomeri Pumpkin Festival will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 25th October 2023 as we prepare to relaunch our event. The aim for 2024 is simple: provide a platform for businesses, clubs, community groups & families to make money and promote themselves and the surrounding region. Accordingly, we want to hand control of the festival back to the community - organisations in the Wide Bay-Burnett area (particularly Goomeri, Murgon, Moffatdale, Tansey & surrounds) should be the main beneficiaries of our event.

Our last event generated \$1.8 million worth of economic activity in the wider region and we'd like as many different groups & organisations to see the positive benefits of this stimulus.

Mortimer Duff, Festival Coordinator, Goomeri Pumpkin Festival Inc

Murgon Hospital Auxiliary, Fathers Day Raffle Prize Winners

1st Margaret Kidd pink M87, 2nd D Koy green Z90, 3rd Terry Litfin apricot M41, 4th Karren purple Q49, 5TH Rub yellow S96, 6th Robyn Finlay purple N84, 7TH Bill red S42, 8th Heather B red X44, 9TH T Holding pink M20, 10TH R Hope purple Q54.

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Yarraman Heritage Museum

The Heritage house was originally built as a convent in anticipation of Australia being invaded in World War II, but the war ended by the time The Sacred Heart Convent was completed in 1945.

The Sisters of Mercy took over the convent and opened it as a school comprising a boarding school for boys in 1946 and continued through to 1966. One of the original boarding bed and mattress is displayed in the museum.

Over the years afterwards, it also operated as a Nun's retreat, a safe house for women and children, before being handed over to the Aboriginal sector of the Roman Catholic Church in the late 1980s. Aboriginal people used it as a halfway house for a few years. The museum provides a snapshot of life in the early 1900s. The Museum comprises eight historic buildings experience a guided tour of the Heritage House complex, craft shop, Museum, Community Radio, and the historian about pioneer families. Visitors will also find the Yarraman Railway Station, Arthur Brown's Butcher Shop, a typical slab hut circa 1921, and a farmer's cottage circa 1930. Take in the Military Memorabilia and marvel at the rail display.

With my sisters we went to school here, Leo is on the left, my father was the station master for 12 months before the man in the middle, I can remember as a boy going for a ride in the train engine from the station to the timber mill.

Yarraman is the start of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail through to Ipswich, the first section is 18km through to Blackbutt. The start of the trail is at Station Park, which is found by continuing further along Millar St.

Great Museum Well worth a visit.



Youth Mental Health First Aid

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/youth-mental-health-first-aid-training-17-18-october-2023-tickets-657384022307>

Mental illness often start in adolescent or early adulthood, and it is important to detect problems early to ensure the young person is properly treated and supported. The YM-FHA course teaches adults who have frequent contact with adolescents such as parents, guardians, school staff, sport coaches, and youth workers, how to assist adolescents who are developing a mental health problem or are in a mental health crisis. The YMHFA course teaches adults how to assist adolescents who are developing any problems.

Assistance provided through the jointly-funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)

WHERE: Nanango Services Club, Long Hai

WHEN: 17th - 18th October 2023

TIME: 9.00am - 4.00pm

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Murgon Dog Park Community Consultation

19 Douglas Street Murgon

Thursday 12 October 2023 - 9am - 11am


A community consultation is being held to discuss the proposed location of the dog park and what facilities you would like included in the proposed park.

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Mondure Hall

The Mondure Hall Committee are very pleased with progress on the Hall, with the installation of the new roof, insulation, new ceiling above stage, just waiting for two new rain water tanks to arrive to be connected.

The upcoming Referendum, for the voice, will be held at the Hall on 14th October

We are having a Trash & Treasure Day on Sunday 15th October. There will be Antiques Collectibles, Craft, Electrical goods, Camping & much more, Sausage Sizzle, Devonshire Tea, Drinks will be available for purchase

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Ladies, Murgon Red Cross Social Group would like to invite you to



come and hear **Marcia Hunt**, Mobile Women's Health Nurse, address the topics: **Psoriasis and Migraines** on Thursday, 2nd November, 2023 at the Church of Christ Hall, 20 Thorn Street, Murgon.

The Morning will commence at 9.30 with Morning Tea.



Phase three

The Bundaberg and Burnett community is being encouraged to have their say about future water supply solutions to help unlock further economic growth opportunities in the region.

Local stakeholders have helped to identify and carefully consider more than 100 potential water supply and security options in the region.

Robust technical analysis reduced that list to the most viable options for further detailed assessment and has determined which could support future economic growth.

This refined shortlist is included in the draft BBRWA, outlining which nine options could further progress to options analysis or detailed business case, and the proposed timing for when this work could commence.

Your feedback on these options will help to shape the final BBRWA to be provided for Queensland Government consideration.

Where to have your say

Come and speak to the project team in-person at the following drop-in sessions:

Bundaberg: Monday 16 October, 9:00am - 12:00pm at the Sunwater Office (34 Enterprise St, Svensson Heights Bundaberg) and at the Bundaberg Shalom Markets on Sunday 15 October, 6:30am - 12:00pm.

- **Gayndah:** Tuesday 24 October, 11:00am - 2:00pm at the Golden Orange Hotel Conference Room (3-5 Maltby Pl, Gayndah)
- **Mundubbera:** Wednesday 25 October, 9:00am – 12:00pm at the North Burnett Community Services Meeting Room (69 Stuart-Russell St, Mundubbera)
- **Kingaroy:** Friday 27 October, 10:00am – 1:00pm at the Kingaroy Business Hub (195 Kingaroy St, Kingaroy)
- **Murgon:** Friday 27 October, 2:00pm - 5:00pm at the Burnett Inland Economic Development Organisation Office (80 Gore St, Murgon)

The following online sessions will also be offered. Click your preferred option from the below list to register your interest (all online forums will be the same format):

- **Online forum 1** – Tuesday 17 October, 9:00am – 10:00am
- **Online forum 2** – Wednesday 18 October, 7:00am – 8:00am
- **Online forum 3** – Thursday 19 October, 9:30am – 10:30am
- **Online forum 4** – Tuesday 24 October, 5:00pm – 6:00pm
- **Online forum 5** – Wednesday 25 October, 3:00pm – 4:00pm
- **Online forum 6** – Monday 30 October, 12:00pm – 1:00pm.
- To download a copy of the draft BBRWA and provide feedback via a form, visit the dedicated project website.

The project site has the latest information on ways to have your say and includes an interactive map on the proposed initiatives in the draft BBRWA.

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Terrifying Tuesday & Spooky Saturday

It's almost that time again! The Blackbutt, Murgon, Nanango, Proston and Wondai Libraries will all be hosting a Terrifying Tuesday afternoon of tricks and treats on Tuesday 31 October from 3.30pm-4.30pm. Dress up and join in the fun!

AND DON'T FORGET!

Spooky Saturday will be on again at the Kingaroy Library on Saturday 28 October from 10.00am-12.00pm. FREE face painting, games and crafts as well as a best dressed competition.

Celebrate Seniors' Month in October with South Burnett Libraries

Queensland is gearing up to enjoy the third annual Queensland Seniors Month. From humble beginnings when it began as Old People's Week in October of 1960, the state-wide celebration has outgrown its nine-day week and has become a month-long event. South Burnett Libraries will be taking part in these celebrations during the month of October by hosting a series of events across the region as follows:



Library Tech Workshops

Would you like to know more about eBooks, eAudiobooks or eMagazines? Or do you have a burning question about technology that you would like to ask our friendly library staff? Each South Burnett Libraries branch will be hosting a Library Tech Workshop for Senior's Month to help you discover the free digital resources that are part of a library membership.

Sessions as follows:

- Blackbutt Library Thursday 5 October from 10.00am
- Kingaroy Library Tuesday 10 October from 10.00am
- Wondai Library Wednesday 11 October from 10.00am
- Proston Library Friday 13 October from 10.00am
- Nanango Library Thursday 19 October from 2.00pm
- Murgon Library Wednesday 1 November from 10.00am

Blackbutt Social Cards

Please contact the Blackbutt Library for session information.

Nanango Library – Wheel of Fortune

Try your luck and have a giggle at the Nanango Library as they play Library Wheel of Fortune. Answer library related questions and enjoy some morning tea from 10.00am on Tuesday 24 October.

Social Book Chats with Judy and Julie M

Have you ever wanted to connect with other avid readers in the South Burnett? Why not stop in for a chat with Librarians Judy and Julie as they lead animated discussions on what they have loved reading and what they'll be reading next.

Sessions will be held at:

- Murgon Library Wednesday 11 October from 9.30am
- Kingaroy Library Wednesday 25 October from 9.30am

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Movie Morning at Kingaroy Library

Looking for some free family entertainment on Saturday morning? Drop into the Kingaroy Library on Saturday 14 October for a screening of "Mummies". Movie starts at 10.00am sharp so bring a pillow, blanket, and some snacks. See you there!



Pop Up Library at the Nanango Markets

South Burnett Libraries will have a pop-up library at the Nanango Markets on Saturday 4 November.

Stop in and say hi if you see us there!

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It was a sad day for the SB PCYC when we farewelled our Manager Sgt Renae Bond who has taken up a position at Logan PCYC. Renae has worked tirelessly for our and the Cherbourg Community to provide programs for children to enjoy and be part of. We have been successful in receiving grant funding to support our Drop in After dark social program, affectionately known as 'Byte Nite' for the next 6 months.

Thank you, Renae for the part you played in our communities, and we wish you success in your new appointment.

Barambah Garden Club.



Members and guests of the Garden Club held their September gathering at the home of Barbara Hartmann King in Nagel Ct. Murgon. There was a wonderful roll-up of nineteen members and guests.

Morning tea was served and much interest centred around the competition table with its colourful display of flowers, also natives, herbs and fruit. Everybody voted for their favourite in the many divisions.

Winners of the various sections was announced and the vice president Lyn Norton introduced the guest speaker for the day, Warren Rose, also of Nagel Ct. Warren and his wife Shelley manufacture the product 'Worm Farm Oasis'.

Worm Farm Oasis is a bio-fertilizer made from worm castings and actively aerated rainwater. This fertilizer, referred to as 'worm compost tea' can be applied directly to soil or sprayed onto plant foliage.

Warren made it clear that this is not the liquid you get from the bottom of your worm bin that has derived from decomposing food waste. This may contain unknown pathogens, bacteria and other microbes causing harm to your plants and to your health if you eat those plants.

Warren listed the many benefits of his compost tea. It improves soil structure, adds nutrients so plants can uptake minerals and resist disease and have more immunity against pests. The list was huge and very interesting. Some members were interested in buying the worm compost tea and trying it on their gardens. All were convinced that growing organically is so necessary for our health and wellbeing.

Warren was thanked for his time and knowledge and all were delighted when he invited everyone to inspect his work with the plants, simply by crossing the road to his beautiful property on the other side of the street. All came back inspired and more informed.

It was a delightful day for the Barambah Garden Club, finishing with lunch on Barbara's outdoor patio where relaxation was easily achieved in the garden atmosphere.

The next meeting will be held at Denise & Doug Johns home, 46 Veritz Road, Oakdale on October 13th. Happy Gardening Everyone. New members welcome.

Barbara Hartmann King 0741681675 or contact President Anne 0438686238

Photo: Warren and Shelley Rose in their garden at Nagel Ct. Murgon

Kingaroy Hospital nurse takes home prestigious health award

Diabetes Educator Kingaroy Hospital, Belinda Densley

Darling Downs Health is excited to share the news that Diabetes Educator at Kingaroy Hospital, Belinda Densley, has been awarded Credentialed Diabetes Educator (CDE) of the Year in Queensland.

Belinda's win was announced at the prestigious 2023 Australasian Diabetes Congress and is a well-deserved accolade for the South Burnett nurse.

Credentialed Diabetes Educators work closely with individuals, forming a personalised approach to diabetes education, care and management.

"Every person that comes to see me is given warmth, encouragement, and a safe place to be open about their diabetes concerns," Ms Densley said.

"I work alongside patients, providing guidance, support and most importantly encouragement that they can make changes to not only improve their diabetes, but also their lifestyle and mental being as well."

Belinda began her nursing career twenty-three years ago; however, it was more recently her passion for working with people living with diabetes was discovered.

"I became a Credentialed Diabetes Educator in 2020, moved to Kingaroy, and began engaging with community clients from all walks of life," Ms Densley said.

"I am honoured that people in my community felt that I held the values and knowledge to be nominated for the CDE of the Year for Queensland."



Darling Downs Health Director of Nursing at Kingaroy Hospital, Gaye Binns said the award is a testament to Belinda's dedication and expertise in providing education and care to those living with diabetes.

"We are all so proud of Belinda winning this award. Belinda goes above and beyond to provide the necessary tools, knowledge, and encouragement to patients, enabling them to manage their condition effectively and live a fulfilling life," Ms Binns said.

In addition to the honour itself, Belinda has been given \$1000 in scholarship funds to further her professional development and continue to positively impact the lives of those living with diabetes in the South Burnett.



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MURGON SHOW SOCIETY

You're invited to the
Annual General Meeting
of the
Murgon P. A. & H. Society Inc.

to be held on
Wednesday 18th October 2023

at the Cattleman's Bar opening with food from
5pm and meeting starting by **6pm.**

Pres. Alan Eagleson Ph 0439 686 230

Sec. Amanda Hiron 0448 494 442

Email: murgonshow@outlook.com

7th Anniversary of Deb's Local Hero Grants



The announcement of the successful recipients for Round 20 of Deb Frecklington's Local Hero Grants celebrates the 7th anniversary of the popular local grants program.

Deb said she started her Local Hero Grants in August 2016, and over the past seven years, \$20,000 has been invested back into the community.

"These are great small grants which have so far helped more than 80 local community groups and individuals across the Nanango Electorate to achieve projects and attend representative events," Deb said.

The winners of the August 2023 round are:

- Kingaroy Sports Club
- Creative Country Assoc (55 Million Years Ago Museum)
- Coolabunia SS P&C Assoc
- Kilkivan State School Cattle Team

"I would like to congratulate the successful groups and encourage other interested organisations to apply in the next round of funding which closes on 30 November.

"The Local Hero Grants are up to \$250 and are designed to provide small donations to not-for-profit community groups and individuals from across the Nanango Electorate.

"If you would like to apply, please go to www.debfrecklington.com.au or contact the Nanango Electorate office on 4190 7100 for the guidelines," Deb said.

Photo: Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington with Leo Geraghty and Richie O'Neil at the 55 Million Years Ago Museum.



REMEMBRANCE DAY - 11 November 2023



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.



RSL
Murgon Sub Branch

MURGON RSL SUB BRANCH SENIORS CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY LUNCH

Thursday 7th December 2023 11.30 for 12 noon

**Bookings open on Monday 13th November 2023
close at 5pm on Friday 24th November 2023
or sooner if all seats are filled.**

To book your place please call 07 4313 3018

No Charge

Come along and enjoy the fun

No group bookings will be accepted. Individual telephone calls only.

Please note there are limited seats available for this event



Regional gathering at Kingaroy Men's Shed

It is no secret I am a massive advocate for Men's Sheds. Men's Sheds play a crucial role in promoting men's health, wellbeing and social connection. I had the honour of welcoming a large group of men to the Kingaroy Men's Shed for their regional cluster meeting. Many associations travelled to attend, and the bond and mateship that these men share is commendable.

Murgon Market Report 26TH September



440 were yarded in Murgon today with prices falling to extremely low values in places. Heavy Bulls sold to \$2.04 c/kg for \$1700.00. The best of the heavy Cows over 500 kg sold to \$1.81 c/kg. 400 – 500 kg Cows topped at \$1.85 c/kg. Cows under 400 kg topped at \$1.00 c/kg. Lighter conditioned Cows are becoming very difficult to sell. Few Export heifers were yarded selling to \$2.08 c/kg. \$2.66 c/kg was the top of the feeder steer market with steers in the 300 – 400 kg bracket averaging \$2.50 c/kg. Very light weaner steers sold to \$2.77 c/kg. Heavier weaner steers sold to \$2.70 c/kg, averaging \$2.08 c/kg. Feeder heifers sold to \$1.80 c/kg averaging \$1.53 c/kg. Weaner heifers were very tough averaging \$1.18 c/kg. Please contact Paul, Col or Ross before booking for the next sale on Tuesday 10th of October for up to date market advise.

Mobile women's health clinics upcoming schedule now available

Darling Downs Health mobile women's health nurses are on the road, travelling to our rural locations to provide free and confidential health clinics.

Our mobile women's health nurses offer a range of services, including cervical screening tests, breast awareness, sexual health testing and advice for issues such as continence, menopause, family planning, contraception and general wellbeing.

Community members are encouraged to call and make an appointment or visit our website at: www.darlingdowns.health.qld.gov.au/services/womens-health-clinics

Upcoming clinics will be held at the following locations:

Location	Date	Booking Contact Number
Warwick Specialist Centre	Wednesday, 4 October 2023	07 4660 3500
Goondiwindi Hospital	Wednesday, 4 October 2023	07 4578 2400
CRAICCHS Kingaroy	Wednesday, 4 October 2023	07 4163 6566
Crow's Nest Medical Centre	Thursday, 5 October 2023	07 4698 1176
Chinchilla Hospital	Thursday, 5 October 2023	07 4662 8888
Blackbutt Medical Centre	Thursday, 5 October 2023	0499 816 454
Kingaroy Hospital	Friday, 6 October 2023	07 4162 0200
Esk Hospital	Monday, 9 October 2023	07 5424 4600
Inglewood Multipurpose Health Service	Monday, 9 October 2023	07 4652 0777
Murgon Community Health	Monday, 9 October 2023	0408 762 170
Kilkivan Community Health	Monday, 9 October 2023	0408 762 170
Breast Screen Toowoomba	Tuesday, 10 October 2023	0419 669 340
Dalby Hospital	Tuesday, 10 October 2023	07 4669 0512
Nanango Community Health	Tuesday, 10 October 2023	07 4171 6700
Miles Hospital	Wednesday, 11 October 2023	07 4628 5600
Murgon Community Health	Friday, 13 October 2023	0408 762 170
Child & Family Health Toowoomba	Monday, 16 October 2023	0419 669 340
Chinchilla Hospital	Monday, 16 October 2023	07 4662 8888
Stanthorpe Community/Oral Health	Wednesday, 18 October 2023	07 4683 3460
Proston Community Health	Wednesday, 18 October 2023	0499 816 454
Wondai Community Health	Wednesday, 18 October 2023	07 4169 2600
Jandowae Multipurpose Health Service	Thursday, 19 October 2023	07 4663 4555
CRAICCHS Kingaroy	Thursday, 19 October 2023	07 4163 6566
Kingaroy Hospital	Friday, 20 October 2023	07 4162 0200
Tara Hospital	Monday, 23 October 2023	07 4678 7900
Murgon Community Health	Monday, 23 October 2023	0408 762 170
Breast Screen Toowoomba	Tuesday, 24 October 2023	0419 669 340
Taabinga Family Practice	Tuesday, 24 October 2023	07 4162 3116
Miles Hospital	Wednesday, 25 October 2023	07 4628 5600
Oakey Hospital	Thursday, 26 October 2023	07 4691 4888
Taroom Hospital	Thursday, 26 October 2023	07 4628 9900
Murgon Community Health	Friday, 27 October 2023	0408 762 170
Pittsworth Clinic	Monday, 30 October 2023	0419 669 340
Clifton Medical Centre	Tuesday, 31 October 2023	07 4697 3097
Millmerran Multipurpose Health Service	Tuesday, 31 October 2023	07 4695 3111

2023 BJELKE PETERSEN DAM INLAND FISHING CLASSIC

Hundreds of prizes were given out over the two day comp and lots of fish caught.

Had another amazing turnout for the Annual Bjelke-Peterson dam inland fishing classic held at Bjelke-Peterson dam. The turnout was great and the feedback was positive. There were so many prizes, raffles and giveaways for the event it was unbelievable. We were even able to give away a boat to one lucky senior angler and a stand up paddle board to a junior.

Our club is active and we've stocked millions of fish into BP dam over the years we've had the stocking group going. That's why it's one of Australia's best fisheries and with 100% water levels we've got some incredible years ahead.

We're always after new members if anyone is interested in joining the BP dam stocking group



Murgon Men's Shed Railway Museum



Our father, Tom Geraghty, retired from the railway as Assistant Station Master at South Brisbane when they were handling both the Queensland and New South Wales trains.

As a young lad, I was fortunate enough to once ride in a similar engine when it went all the way to Proston. Leo knew more about trains than motor cars when he started employment at Clifton Motors.

Exploring the locomotive ... Patrick, 8, and Vincent Muir, 10, from Brisbane, with their grandfather Dennis Geraghty, formerly of Murgon

Dennis is Leo's brother and we lived in the railway house opposite the post office.

Our father was the station master and would have ridden in that locomotive whilst shunting the many different types

of railway wagons etc with other railway employees in the many different railway stations.

He worked in Maryborough, Goomeri, Monkland, Dalby, Gatton, Babinda, Chillagoe, Tingoora, Yarraman, Proston, Murgon and lastly South Brisbane.



The long journey by the Murgon Men's Shed to secure a steam locomotive to park beside the South Burnett Rail Trail was finally realised on Monday with the unveiling of C17 No 763.

Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien cut the ribbon to officially open the railway display, which also includes two partially restored carriages.

The 37 tonne C17 steam locomotive and 17 tonne tender were transported from an Australian Railway Historical Society storage area at Rosewood in early August.

They were in very poor condition upon their arrival, so the Men's Shed members set about tidying them up and killing the rust.

The paint only went on this week, leaving the locomotive looking in mint condition on Monday although, sadly, it will never haul any more goods or people on Queensland rail lines.

The engine was built in 1927 by Walkers in Maryborough, a company which is still building trains!

This particular locomotive served in the Toowoomba and Ipswich areas, but C17s were the models which used to plough along South Burnett lines.

No 763 was retired from service in 1969 and placed in a park in Paddington, Brisbane, where it was a target for vandals before being shifted to Rosewood for safe keeping.

Murgon Men's Shed president David Mollenhauer said the display would not have been possible without a \$25,000 donation by Murgon resident, and Men's Shed member, Col Pearen, which enabled the hire of the cranes and trucks necessary to bring the locomotive and tender to Murgon.

The locomotive has been placed under a specially designed shelter in front of a wooden 1918 passenger car and steel goods wagon which the group are working on restoring, creating an eye-catching static display beside the former railway tracks.

The project received two grants from the Federal Government to help it become a reality: \$15,000 from Round 6 of the Stronger Communities Program and \$33,000 from Round 5 of the Building Better Regions Fund for the steel shed and annex.

"The Rail Display Complex is an exciting initiative at the start of the South Burnett Rail Trail that provides a fascinating glimpse into the history of Queensland railways and will boost tourism through the South Burnett," Mr O'Brien said.

Mr Mollenhauer said that whenever the Murgon Men's Shed was open, the gates to the display area would also be open so that anyone on the adjacent South Burnett Rail Trail could come in and take a look.

Courtesy South Burnett online Editors comment: Congratulations Murgon Men's Shed well done



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SOUTH BURNETT
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Successful Funding for Capital Works at Wondai Waste Facility

South Burnett Regional Council is pleased to advise that the grant application made under Round Three (3) of the 2022-2024 Local Government Levy Ready Grant Program to carry out capital works at the Council owned Wondai Waste Facility in Wondai Queensland has been successful.

To assist local governments to meet the obligations of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011 (the Act), the Local Government Levy Ready Grant Program offers funding to undertake necessary infrastructure upgrades.

Round Three (2022-24) of the grant program was targeted to support eligible local governments within the levy zone to transition sites that were not eligible for funding through previous rounds.

The project works for which Council was successful in achieving funding under Round Three (3) of this grant program entails installing a weighbridge with waste measurement software, upgrade of transfer station, operator's cabin and traffic management infrastructure including civil and road works associated with the reconfiguration at the Council owned Wondai Waste Facility in Wondai.

Under Round Three (3) of this grant program funding, Council will receive a subsidy of 62.5% or up to \$368,973.75 towards eligible project costs with the remaining cost of \$221,384.25 (or 37.5%) for the project to be borne by Council. The total project cost is estimated to be \$590,358.

The project works will commence in November 2023 and is expected to be completed by 30 June 2024.

Council is extremely grateful to have received the subsidy of 62.5% or up to \$368,973.75 towards eligible project costs for the project from the State of Queensland through the Department of Environment and Science (DES).

The Department of State Development, Local Government, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDILGP) is administering the Program on behalf of the Department of Environment and Science (DES).

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Proston Centenary Celebration



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Every Proston kid had a go cart, I bought my wheels and axle from Pearen & Days grocery store



The Wondai Town Band leading the Street Parade



Proston Pony Club





Numerous stalls were set up in Railway Park

Wondai Regional Art Gallery
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October 2023 Open Art Competition

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

In the month of October the whole gallery will be filled with entries for the South Burnett Regional Council's 16th 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, Colin Boyce MP (Federal Member for Flynn), Senator James McGrath, Deb Frecklington MP (State Member for Nanango), Wondai Lions Club, Raffin Electrical, Hobbs & Associates, Ivy Lane Hair Studio, Wondai Regional Art Gallery and Wondai Country Running Festival.

The exhibition will remain in the Gallery until Saturday 28th October 2023.

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

Support the Petition for upgrades to Kingaroy-Barkers Creek Road

I am pleased to back a petition from local Wattle Camp residents, Chas and Carol Kemp (pictured), to upgrade the three single-lane sections of Kingaroy-Barkers Creek Road to two lanes. Chas and Carol have been highlighting their concerns with me about this road for several years and have shared stories about near misses and damage to their car's tyres and windscreen.

Kingaroy-Barkers Creek Road is a busy key connection road between Kingaroy and the Burnett Highway, and it is obvious the single-lane sections need to be widened to a two-lane standard. The road is in a very poor condition, with rough, steep edges and it is unsafe for the increasing number of vehicles using this route.

In 2021, I asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads when funding would be allocated to Kingaroy-Barkers Creek Road but the request fell on deaf ears. But this time we're hoping a petition will shine a spotlight on the community's concerns about Kingaroy-Barkers Creek Road and how unsafe it has become.



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Or via email: murgonpandc@gmail.com by the 3rd November 2023

GRAND OPENING OF 55 MILLION YEARS AGO FOSSIL MUSEUM AND FINE ART GALLERY

This is a “Chance Building!”



It was by **chance** that local Murgon resident Glenda Geraghty attended a fossil dig with paleontologist Henk Godthelp and his team in the pit at Boat Mountain outside of Murgon. With the help of reputable scientists from the University of Sydney it was determined that the fossils found here, dating back 55 million years ago, were 20 million years older than any previously recorded.

Once this was understood Glenda believed these fossils could be used for education and tourism and her pursuit of this outcome took hold.

A conversation was struck up with Richard O’Neill O.A.M. who was receptive to the idea of a museum being established in Murgon.

He later had a **chance** meeting with Lee Porter (international artist) in the IGA grocery store who wanted to start an art gallery. So, they decided to organize a meeting with another artist, Carolyn Summers in June 2018, and as a result Creative Country Association Inc was formed with two artists, two fossil enthusiasts and no money.

A range of different options for a building were investigated including old railway carriages and the more their ideas grew, so did the vision for their project. So, they decided to start a bank account with their own money to obtain an ABN and start searching for grants.

As word spread about the idea of a fossil museum in Murgon the Committee received two large private donations, including land, and community donations and garage sales began.

They even ran a silent movie that was shot in Murgon at Barambah Station to raise funds.

Again, **the chance** of what we envisaged happening was very remote, However, it was a \$1.526 million dollar Australian Federal Government Grant that finally allowed the building to begin and the Committee’s dream

to become a reality.

Sellwood Constructions was commissioned as the builder and **by chance** Sellwood Constructions believed in the project and went above the call of duty. **By chance** a committee member knew of Tourism Tap who were employed as the marketing consultant and this is another supporter who went above the call of duty.



By chance Professor Michael Archer AM, FAA distFRSN, FRZS, FACE and his team who also took part in digging for fossils here at Boat Mountain outside of Murgon were also passionate supporters committed to ensuring the fossil museum would be scientifically correct.

By chance Tourism Tap introduced Earth Story (renowned production company) who with Professor Mike Archer (renowned paleontologist) and Peter Schouten AM FRSN (artist for museum diorama) spent many months liaising with other scientists to unearth the fascinating fossil finds, facts and features that would eventually be shared with the world in the museum.

This purpose built museum has an art gallery, fossilarium, fossil museum, art workshop, gift shop, and a central prehistoric garden.

Even with these professionals on board it was a hard task for such a small Committee and when family commitments required some of them to reduce their input Leo Geraghty O.A.M. took on the position of Secretary and his enthusiasm helped lift flagging spirits to get the project over the finish line.

As MC for the opening Leo Geraghty OAM described the interior of this massive green building without windows and that has 3 exit points.

On your left of the front counter is a fossilarium owned by Scott & Kimberley Smith. These fossils on sale are from all over the world. On your right is a gift shop and information area, Prehistoric Garden where you can see the numbered plants that were around in the era of 55 million years ago.

You can walk around the garden but please do not enter the garden as there is some very small plants there. The toilets are also on your right. These areas I have mentioned are all free entry areas and can be used by people using the rail trail. The only areas you are required to pay on entry is to the 55mya fossil museum and art gallery.

Apologies were received from Mike Archer and his partner Suzanne Hand, Deb Frecklington MP and husband Jason, Mayor of SBRC Brett Otto and wife Roz, Brett Heading and Susan Mercer, Mark Pitt and his wife, Colleen Ryan, Dr Arthur & Karen White, Dr Jacqueline Nguyen, Helen & Kevin Cornish, Phil Creaser, Stirling Hinchcliff MP, Senator Anthony Chisholm, Peter

Schouten.

Mc Leo explained why some of these invited guests were apologies.

The following special guests were then welcomed

Our Patrons Mr Colin Pearen and Mr John Bryce, Mr Llew O'Brien MP, Mr Graham Potter Chair of Riversleigh Museum, Acting Mayor of the South Burnett Regional Council Gavin Jones, Mr Dan Harvey from Earth Story, Elise Waugh, Jim Adcock the builder, Peter Latimore the architect, Julie Cullen our Marketing company Tourism Tap, the people responsible for the art work on the front of the building Mrs Lee Porter, Mrs Tracey Sawrey, Mrs Carolyn Summers, and all their partners.

Mc Leo then thanked all our volunteers who have worked tirelessly over these last few weeks. Even yesterday we had a volunteer turn up with his own motor mower and wipper snipper, I remember Leo said, some years ago Mr Llew O'Brien telling us this Wide Bay area is blessed with so many volunteers.

Special mention was made to a lady who has gone well above her experience and knowledge but has continually applied for grants, been knocked back by most but has enjoyed those that have helped build this building. Thank you Glenda and for putting up with mee these last few months.

Leo then said You know when things are really tough and you are pulling your hair out trying to do the lot, three lovely ladies came to our rescue, Robyn Dower, Marie Routledge and Dianne Woodall who organized all the art gallery and hung all the paintings and art work, many many thanks to you ladies.

Then along comes a guy called Michael who works with me who we have nicknamed NO TROUBLE because that is the answer we get when we ask him for help, he's a lovely guy.

And then the icing on the cake, along comes Peter Coombs and his wife Jenny who have signed on as volunteers. Peter has handled all the training of the use of the machines and technical items with the volunteers, thank you Peter and Jenny you have been a blessing.

We hope you enjoy what we have built and accompany us in following our dream and look out for those people who come to your place, knock on the door and ask, mind if we dig up your back yard.

Now let me introduce you to Graham Potter chair of Riversley museum

Mc Leo thanked Graham for coming and for his presentation

Mc Leo then introduced The Acting Mayor South Burnett Regional Council Gavin Jones

Mc Leo thanked Gavin for coming and for his presentation



Mc Leo then introduced our President Richard O'Neill OAM

Mc Leo thanked President Ritchard for his presentation

Mc Leo then introduced Mr Llew O'Brien MP to officially open our new museum

"Murgon's Fossil Museum and Fine Art Gallery is an inspiring project that will capitalise on Murgon's position as a significant paleontological site and will deliver ongoing social and economic benefit to the region," Mr O'Brien said.

"Given the intense interest humans have in their origins and the important link with our past that fossils provide us, fossil tourism is an important source of income and employment in areas in which fossils are located," Mr O'Brien said.

"A project of this scale will become a focal point for the community and a sustainable tourism attraction, creating new opportunities and helping Murgon to remain strong and resilient into the future."

"This project was made possible by a \$1.526 million dollar Australian Federal Government Grant that finally allowed the building to begin and the hard work and dedication of the Murgon community, and members of the Murgon Business & Development Association who have been key drivers of the project," Mr O'Brien said.

Five years after the first meeting of Creative Country Association Inc this "Chance Building", costing in the vicinity of \$3,000,000 was officially opened by Mr. Llew O'Brien MP on the 2nd October 2023.

We hope you enjoy their dream.

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FLANNO FOR A FARMER

DROUGHT ANGELS' FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

Thanks so much to family, friends, businesses and community members who supported me in my fundraising efforts for Flanno for a Farmer recently. Thanks to you, I was able to raise \$1588 for Drought Angels.

All winners have been notified. For those who tried to guess "How long is a piece of string" – the string in the jar was 10.75 metres long.

A reminder that any farmer in need of assistance can go to Drought Angels' webpage : www.droughtangels.org.au to register, email them at admin@droughtangels.org.au or ring them on 46 62 7371; or just go to their webpage to find out more about this wonderful organisation. **Val Hodson, Wondai**

David Earle Custom Saddles, Gun belts and Holsters Has Been Announced as a Finalist for the Australian Ladies in Business Initiative Awards

David Earle Custom Saddles, Gun belts and Holsters is pleased to announce it has been chosen as a finalist for the 2023 Australian Ladies in Business Initiative (ALIBI) Awards.

David Earle Custom Saddles, Gun belts and Holsters has been selected as a Finalist in Regional Superstar Category. It was selected for its contribution to the local and greater community in the South Burnett and beyond. Living in the South Burnett we have a very large horse community, having a local saddler has been received well, but we don't just cater for the horse community.

Dave and I have a vision when we decided to open a bricks and mortar business right in the centre of the South Burnett and that was to use our shop to put Wondai, and the South Burnett, on the map and a tourist destination, we love sharing with tourists all the options available for them to explore while visiting our great region. "I want to draw people out from the Coastal areas and show them what is right on their back door out here in this beautiful part of Queensland" Tania said.

Being recognised for this award is not only an honour for both of us, but also an achievement for The South Burnett region.

We regularly hold leather making workshops, catering from school aged children through to the older generation, there is something for everyone. We also provide for those on NDIS and DVA offering private workshops. Being in the tourist corridor for the South Burnett, situated on the highway we have opened the shop front up for local artisans and craftspeople of our area to share their wares, a win, win for them and our customers.

In its second year, the ALIBI Awards are continuing to celebrate more Australian Business Ladies than ever before. Following a successful inaugural event, this year's nominations have surged by 45%, drawing entries from all corners of Australia. These awards shine a spotlight on exceptional women across the country – from coastlines to the outback – who persistently overcome challenges. Through fires, floods, and a global pandemic, these women press on, achieving their goals and shattering barriers.

"These awards are here to support these outstanding women and let them know that we see them, they're not alone, and they're doing an incredible job", said Kylie King, Founder of the ALIBI. "It's been a tough few years and many businesses didn't survive. We want to reassure our community members that we will continue to be here to support them and celebrate their perseverance and resilience along the way."

Alongside David Earle Custom Saddles, Gun belts and Holsters, there are other incredible female-owned Australian businesses. To view the full list of finalists and for more information about the awards, please visit, www.alibiawards.com.au.

The Rotary Club of Murgon presents..

Murgon Music Muster

31st October 2023 -
5th November 2023
SB PCYC (Murgon Showgrounds)

A friend and mentor many years ago told me it was better to remain silent and be thought a fool, than to open my mouth and remove all doubt.

In the next 18 months or so, we will vote four times, referendum, Local Govt, State Govt and Federal elections. As each event draws closer will be increasingly bombarded with a mixture of fact, fiction, promises, lies, spin, and dare I say it, outright stupidity. As I write this, fresh in the media are the accounts of a Darwin University professor telling her students that 'If they do not vote yes in the referendum that they may need to reconsider their career in ancillary medicine.' When we seek the help of these medical professionals, it is on the basis of their expertise, rather than political, social, ethnic, gender or any other standing. Exhausting! information overload, personal agendas, confusing messages, where do we turn? Can we turn to Gods word?

Jesus was very clear when he spoke the words, 'I AM the way and the truth and the life...' Words spoken when Rome, under tyrant Caesar, ruled the world.

His message was not riot and insurrection but life and hope. The promise of a better world to come.

Sadly, for so many, we sink into a swamp of despond, substance abuse, self-harm and more, but there is hope, as Paul mentors a young Christ follower, Timothy, he writes;

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. (2Timothy 1:7)

And again a little later in the same letter.....

Be diligent (study) to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth (2Timothy 2:15)

Do we stop to think? To ask the hard questions? To look for truth? I was inspired recently reading a trilogy by Nabeel Qureshi, who set out to prove Jesus was a fake. As he did the research, God opened his eyes to the truth of Jesus. Regardless of our circumstance, when we seek God and His ways, peace with God, we can know a peace that only God can give, the peace of God.

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