



# MURGON MOMENTS

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



## Irma Maree Close

Irma met Frank Close when he was serving at Coolangatta police station.

They married in Rockhampton in 1953.

In 1965, Irma and Frank came to the South Burnett for the first time when Frank was appointed officer-in-charge of Proston Police Station.

On many occasions Irma became the officer in charge and Volunteer cook for anyone Frank had arrested whilst Frank was away carrying out his police duties.

They left Proston in 1972, when he was transferred to Beaudesert.

In 1977, Frank retired from the force and the couple took a change in direction, buying a pub (The Trappers Inn) in Cunnamulla.

In 1980, they came back to the South Burnett. Irma worked as a cook at the Broadway Hotel in Kingaroy which was owned by her sister and brother-in-law Jim & Pat Staats. At the same time, they ran the Hospital Shop, which was located in Albert Street opposite Kingaroy Hospital.

Jim & Pat Staats sold the Broadway in 1982, but Irma stayed on with the new owners working alongside them until 1987 while Frank managed the shop.

In 1990, Frank and Irma moved to Murgon "to retire". And then along came CRISIS and their hard-work fundraising for the helicopter service.

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Saturday 26th February 2011

A very grateful Mrs Irma Close and former Armed Forces Distinguished Helicopter Pilot Major Jim Campbell receives the Helicopter Helpline \$20,000 raised from Murgon Rotary and AMP by Murgon Rotary President Bruce Bishop at the Rotary Chris Thompson Pride of Workmanship Dinner. Major Jim Campbell and others were renowned for air lifting wounded soldiers from the battle fields in Vietnam. The much needed donations will help in her continuing campaign to keep the helicopter servicing this area.



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## Future of the Visitor Information Centres Study

The South Burnett Visitor Information Centre network consists of five (5) accredited information centres which are fully funded by the South Burnett Regional Council. The Visitor Information Centres (VICs) rely heavily on volunteers who are supported by Council staff. Council is committed to the future of the VICs.

Council will be undertaking the Future of the VICs study to develop a clear plan ahead for tourism services in the South Burnett. The study will focus on a range of investigation/research topics and will use case study examples from other locations or local history to inform a Discussion Paper. Open consultation with volunteers, industry and Council will be undertaken on strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats and gaps, developing an information direction for the VICs.

South Burnett VICs play a valuable role in local tourism. In recent years, VICs have been under the spotlight as the tourism sector sees shifts in consumer purchase behaviour. The wider tourism industry has witnessed the closure and/or redevelopment of VICs or implementation of alternative methods for provision of information to visitors. South Burnett is not immune to these changes, with a decrease in visitors through the VIC network in comparison to 10 years ago.

Influencing the consumer behaviour shift is the use of digital platforms (internet) for searching, selecting and booking travel. This activity is increasing and is potentially educating tourists about accommodation options, places to visit and things to do. In this changing environment, South Burnett's network of VICs still has a vital role to play, providing local information, local products and local knowledge.

Cr Danita Potter said, "The study aims to ascertain how VICs can evolve during changing consumer and digital landscapes to foster regional tourism and economic growth."

South Burnett Regional Council will continue to work with all stakeholders and volunteers to continue to promote the VICs.

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## COUNCIL EXTENDS DUE DATE FOR RATE NOTICE PAYMENT

At a special meeting, Council has responded to community requests to review the due date of rate & charges and has passed a resolution to extend the rate notice payment deadline from 26 September 2018 to 7 November 2018. This amendment will apply across all rating categories.

Mayor Campbell said, "We are pleased to offer this payment extension to all rate payers. We have listened to the community, particularly our rural ratepayers and have extended the payment deadline by six (6) weeks in an endeavour to assist those who may be struggling financially to pay their rates."

Ratepayers may also take advantage of the 10% discount on the general rate and utility charges by paying their rates on or before 7 November 2018.

For ratepayers who are unable to have all of their rates paid in full by 7 November 2018, Council offers the convenience of a payment installment plan. However, rate payers who pay off their rates via installments will not receive the 10% discount.

Rates are a significant contributor to the income required to deliver services and maintain the infrastructure required by the community.

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# Murgon State School

Since 2009, Murgon State School has been involved with Rotary through its Early Act Club. Under the guidance and support of committed school staff, students in the upper school have the opportunity to participate in a local community service.



To date, the club has an annual group membership of around 40 students. These students volunteer their lunch times to support younger students, organise Term events including World Youth Activities Day, and fundraise for chosen charities. This year's charity is the Royal Flying Doctor Service for the acknowledgement of the support they have provided to some of the students in our school community. Wednesday 22 August saw the commitment of the Early Act members who served meals and attended to guests at the annual fundraising dinner at school. Members of Rotary of Murgon, Taabinga and Kingaroy attended the dinner and enjoyed a meal and listening to guest speakers. In recognition of the dedicated staff who founded the Early Act Club, Murgon Rotary Club President, Heath Sander presented Judith Wessling and Barbara Quinn with the Paul Harris Fellow.

Our school would like to say a special thank you to these



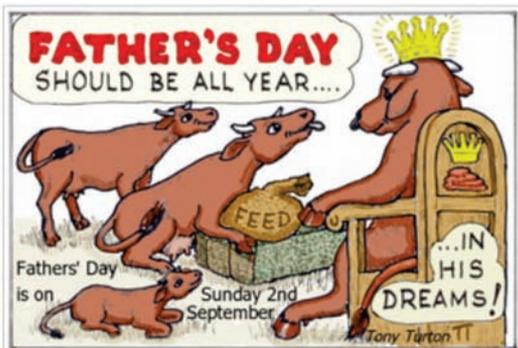
ladies who work tirelessly with a team of staff to provide our students with a service club in which to be involved. Best wishes to Barbara who has decided to enjoy retirement and step down from her role in Early Act.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

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

Federal Member for Wide Bay, Llew O'Brien MP has welcomed a further \$1 million funding commitment by the Coalition Government to continue the national Dob in a Dealer campaign run by Crime Stoppers Australia, benefitting communities across Wide Bay.

The program is funded from the proceeds of crime, money that was destined to line the pockets of our most serious criminals.

"Dob in a Dealer is a call to action to Wide Bay communities to provide Crime Stoppers with information to assist law enforcement in disrupting the import, manufacture and supply of ice and other harmful illicit drugs," Mr O'Brien said.

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

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

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

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

If you have any information about someone who is manufacturing or dealing drugs, you can call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or online at [www.crimestoppers.com.au](http://www.crimestoppers.com.au).

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Weatherboard home on timber stumps on approximately 1012m2 allotment. 4 bedrooms, front sunroom, 2 enclosed verandahs. Paintwork in good order. Large eat in kitchen with built in cupboards. Separate lounge room. Small deck at rear. Carport for one vehicle. \$90,000



3 bedroom home with a verandah at the front and a small deck at the side. Spacious open plan living with air conditioning and wood fire. Bedrooms are all a good size and are bright and airy. The main bedroom has an ensuite and walk in robe. The family bathroom has a bath and separate shower. The modern kitchen is open into the living area and is modern and functional with a dishwasher and pantry. The home is fully screened. There are some ceiling fans throughout the home. There are landscaped gardens and the block is fully and well fenced. The property is currently rented to good long term tenants who pay \$195 per week. The home has been well maintained. \$158,000



Modern brick home on acreage. 3 Good Sized Bedroom Brick Veneer Home, on 80 Acres, of contoured mostly red scrub soil cultivation with one dam, situated only 10 minutes to town (Murgon) with the bonus of great views of the surrounding regions. All the bedrooms have built-ins and ceiling light fans, Separate office and Open plan living, modern built-in kitchen, Separate toilet. Front covered patio, to sit and entertain and enjoy the views. 9m x 7m Steel framed colourbond garage and 2 x 5,500 gallon poly rain water tanks. Established gardens with a water treatment system. \$490,000

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**Ian Rutherford Plimer is an Australian geologist**, professor emeritus of earth sciences at the University of Melbourne, professor of mining geology at the

University of Adelaide, and the director of multiple mineral exploration and mining companies.

He has published 130 scientific papers, six books and edited the Encyclopedia of Geology. Sounds pretty learned/credible, don't you think?

## Where Does the Carbon Dioxide Really Come From?

Professor Ian Plimer's book in a brief summary:

*PLIMER:*

"Okay, here's the bombshell. The volcanic eruption in Iceland. Since its first spewing of volcanic ash, it has, in just **FOUR DAYS, NEGATED EVERY SINGLE EFFORT** you have made in the past five years to control CO2 emissions on our planet - all of you.

Of course, you know about this evil carbon dioxide that we are trying to suppress - it's that vital chemical compound that every plant requires to live and grow and to synthesize into oxygen for us humans and all animal life. I know...it's very disheartening to realize that all of the carbon emission savings you have accomplished while suffering the inconvenience and expense of driving Prius hybrids, buying fabric

grocery bags, sitting up till midnight to finish your kids "The Green Revolution" science project, throwing out all of your non-green cleaning supplies, using only two squares of toilet paper, putting a brick in your toilet tank reservoir, selling your SUV and speedboat, vacationing at home instead of abroad, nearly

getting hit every day on your bicycle, replacing all of your 50 cent light bulbs with \$10.00 light bulbs.....well, all of those things you have done have all gone down the tubes in just four

days!

The volcanic ash emitted into the Earth's atmosphere in just four days - yes, **FOUR DAYS** - by that volcano in Iceland has totally erased every single effort you have made to reduce the evil beast,

carbon. And there are around 200 active volcanoes on the planet spewing out this crud at any one time - **EVERY DAY**.

I don't really want to rain on your parade too much, but I should mention that when the volcano Mt Pinatubo erupted in the Philippines in 1991, it spewed out more greenhouse gases into the atmosphere than the entire human race had emitted in all its years on earth.

Yes, folks, Mt Pinatubo was active for over One year - think about it.

Of course, I shouldn't spoil this 'touchy-feely tree-hugging' moment and mention the effect of natural solar and cosmic activity, and the well-recognized 800-year global heating and cooling cycle, which keeps happening despite our completely insignificant efforts to affect climate change.

And I do wish I had a silver lining to this volcanic ash cloud, but the fact of the matter is that the wildfire season across the western USA and Australia this year alone will negate your efforts to reduce carbon in our world for the next two to three years. And it happens every year.

Just remember that your government just tried to impose a whopping carbon tax on you, on the basis of the **BOGUS** 'human-caused' climate-change scenario.

Hey, isn't it interesting how they don't mention 'Global Warming' anymore, but just 'Climate Change.

It's because the planet has **COOLED** by 0.7 degrees in the past century and these global warming advocates got caught with their pants down.

And, just keep in mind that you might yet have an Emissions Trading Scheme - that whopping new tax - imposed on you by your government, that will achieve absolutely nothing except make you poorer.

It won't stop any volcanoes from erupting, that's for sure.

But, hey, .....go give the world a hug and have a nice day

Students from Wheatlands, Proston, Cloyna, Moffitdale and Windera schools recently participated in an 'Under 8's Day' held at the Windera school.

Students were treated to 'Life Be In It' games of sock wrestling, tug-a-war, sack races and dodge ball using a huge air ball.



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The morning began with morning tea and popular vote judging of Flowers and Produce which was well supported despite the very cold and dry conditions.

At the Annual meeting, President Denise Steinhardt gave an interesting account of the Club's activities and achievements for the previous year. Outstanding features were the yearly donations to the local Show Societies, charitable donations and the involvement of Garden Club members in the two Garden Expos. All Executive members were returned and welcomed with acclamation.

Recognition was given to our previous Patron Perc Iszlaub who passed away earlier in the year. His successor is well-known and respected member Roy Radunz.

The monthly raffle was won by Ken Schuler. Flower Competition winners were, Roses - Shirley Wenck, Large Flowers - Calendulas and Phlox Shirley Wenck, Small Flowers - Geraniums Helen Young and Michelle Seiler, Produce – Carrots Shirley Wenck.

The next meeting of the Club will be held at Helen Young's Proston garden on the 14th of September. Visitors and new members will always be welcome.



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Photo: Margaret Sakrewski and Margaret Angel enjoying a cup of coffee in The Coffee Bar – Café & Takeaway.

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## Update: South Burnett Regional Council Gravel Resheeting Program Glencoe Road, Coverty Road and TH Burns Road

As part of South Burnett Regional Council's Gravel Resheeting program, work has been progressing on Glencoe Road Coverty, Coverty Road Coverty and TH Burns Road Ballogie.

Glencoe Road is now complete and a portion of Coverty Road is complete.

The construction crew who have been working on these roads are currently undertaking maintenance work on other roads within our network. They will return to complete the work on Coverty Road and TH Burns Road in approximately three months.

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**2nd Speaker:** Peter Allan has quite a good story to tell us. He has worked in Mt Isa Mines. Has spent time in the Army. He has been a Driving School Instructor. Also an RN in at least 4 different Hospitals and a RN in Woodford and Maryborough Prisons.

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## Cancer and Men's Health

The Murgon Men's Shed invite all men of Murgon and surrounding districts to a morning tea at the Murgon Men's Shed on Wednesday 26th September at 10.00 sharp, to hear Liz Kerrison from Cancer Care of the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Services.

Liz will speak on the role of :

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**STOLZENBERG, Denise Elizabeth, Late of Murgon**  
**PERKINS, Coral (Peg) nee Trede, Late of Murgon**  
**FRITZ, Wallace Johann (Wal), Late of Proston**  
**CLOSE, Irma Maree, Late of Murgon**  
**ANGEL, Lynette Mary, Late of Goomeri**  
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The Band Iron+Clay will be performing at the Goomeri State School P-10, Kilkivan P-10 State School and Proston State School on the 19th, 20th and 21st of September.

The Youth Event on the 21st September, Friday Night is for all Local youth. There will be free Buses (courtesy Allan's Buses) available from Proston-Wondai-Murgon (5pm), Kilkivan-Goomeri-Murgon (5pm). There will be a free Sausage Sizzle at 6pm.

Iron+Clay's evening performance begins at 6:45pm to 9pm at New Horizons Church, Bunya Highway, Murgon.

There will be free door prizes and Iron+Clay merchandise available for purchase. Iron+Clay Band address issues such as self-esteem, social acceptance,

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She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at the top of her lungs, 'I have a gun, and I know how to use it! Get out of the car!'

The four men didn't wait for a second threat. They got out and ran like mad.

The lady, somewhat shaken, then proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and got into the driver's seat. She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition.

She tried and tried, and then she realized why. It was for the same reason she had wondered why there was a football, a Frisbee and two twelve packs of beer on the front seat.

A few minutes later, she found her own car parked four or five spaces further down.

She loaded her bags into the car and drove to the police station to report her mistake.

The sergeant to whom she told the story couldn't stop laughing.

He pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale men were reporting a carjacking by a mad, elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly white hair, and carrying a large handgun.

No charges were filed. Moral of the story? If you're going to have a senior moment, make it memorable.

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## Murgon Report 28.08.2018

Showers & storms over the weekend were the main reason for numbers being reduced to 500 in Murgon on Tuesday. The market improved for all descriptions. Heavy Bulls sold to \$2.52 c/kg and \$2030.00. Bullocks sold to \$2.71 c/kg for \$1570.00. Export Heifers sold to \$2.50 c/kg for \$1290.00. Cows over 500 kg sold to \$2.25 c/kg averaging \$2.12 c/kg, up 10 cents on the previous sale. Cows 400 -500 kg sold to \$2.19 c/kg. Cows under 400 kg topped at \$2.15 c/kg. 498 kg Belmont Red steers a/c M & C Ward Murgon sold to \$1190.00 at \$2.40 c/kg. Brangus steers from Gayndah weighing 390 kg sold for \$1000.00 at \$2.57 c/kg. Droughtmaster steers from Hivesville weighing 387 kg sold for \$2.56 c/kg returning \$993.00. Charbray weaner steers a/c R, F & W Nichol Eidsvold sold to \$2.68 c/kg and \$732.00. J & B Smith Brigooda sold Charolais weaner steers for \$600.00 at \$2.71 c/kg. 2 pens of Simmental cross weaner steers from Gayndah sold for \$780.00 at \$2.65 c/kg & \$650.00, \$2.56 c/kg. 440 kg Droughtmaster heifers from Nanango sold for \$1100.00 and \$2.49 c/kg. 3 pens of Santa heifers a/c Merlwood Enterprises Murgon sold for \$914.00, 361 kg and \$2.53 c/kg - \$907.00, 361 kg and \$2.51 c/kg and \$862.00, 345 kg & \$2.50 c/kg. Local Droughtmaster heifers weighing 391 kg sold to \$972.00 at \$2.48 c/kg. 380 kg Brangus heifers from Gayndah also sold to \$2.48 c/kg for \$943.00. 2 pens of Charbray weaner heifers from Eidsvold sold for \$2.35 c/kg returning \$600.00 \$500.00 respectively. Brahman cross weaner heifers from Gayndah sold for \$622.00 and \$2.28 c/kg. Most weaner heifers sold in the \$1.90 - \$2.10 c/kg bracket. The next Murgon sale is on Tuesday the 11th of September at 8.00 am.

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## Farewell JT, it's been a pleasure, Last game : Cowboys 30 – Titans 26



Johnathan Thurston has achieved an astounding amount in his career.

He will finish with 323 NRL games, 37 Origin matches for Queensland and represented Australia 38 times.

Former Murgon Player Gavin Cooper made it nine scoring games in a row on Saturday after going over for a try late in the second half. The towering back rower cleaned up an excellent cross kick from Johnathan Thurston and muscled his way through the last defender to plonk the ball down over the line. Cooper's nine tries in nine weeks set a new NRL record for most consecutive tries by a player.

## Queensland Anzac Centenary



This month we remembered the Battle of Hamel, an engagement on the Western Front that redefined the strategies and tactics of the First World War.

In just 93 minutes on 4 July 1918, the Australian and American infantry took the town of Le Hamel and the high ground to the east of it. Their success was in large part due to the expertly coordinated support provided by tanks, artillery and aircraft. While it had been trialled at Cambrai, this was the first time a 'combined arms' attack had been successfully implemented. The strategy would be put to good use again at Amiens on 8 August 1918, and for the remainder of the First World War.

The Queensland Anzac Centenary is an opportunity for Queenslanders to remember not only the service and sacrifice of Australians during the First World War, but also the endeavours and sacrifices made in all conflicts and peacekeeping operations since.

On 9 July, we marked the 75th anniversary of the invasion of Sicily during the Second World War. Known as Operation Husky, this invasion involved 180,000 troops and 2590 ships—including two Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) squadrons and eight Royal Australian Navy (RAN) corvettes. It was a notable Second World War operation, second only to Overlord in terms of scale.

On 27 July, we will mark 65 years since the ceasefire signed in Panmunjon, which ended the fighting in the Korean War. More than 17,000 Australians—from the RAN, RAAF and Australian Regular Army—served during this three year war. Of these, 340 were killed, 1216 were wounded and a further 29 were made prisoners of war.

Terms like ceasefire and Armistice continue to be front of mind, with Queensland's Armistice Centenary building further momentum. Please read below to discover the latest opportunities in which you can be involved as we progress toward the centenary of this historic event on 11 November 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Craig". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

Captain Andrew Craig RAN (Retd)

Chair

Queensland Advisory Committee for the Commemoration of the Anzac Centenary

### Visit the *Love to all, Connie* exhibition

At State Library of Queensland's latest exhibition as part of the Q ANZAC 100 program, discover the courage, compassion and dedication of Sister Constance Keys. This incredible woman was one of Queensland's most decorated and beloved First World War nurses.

Constance Mabel Keys (1886-1964), nurse, was born on 30 October 1886 at **Mount Perry, Queensland**, seventh child of Irish-born James Keys, schoolteacher, and his wife Margaret, née Pelham, who was English. She trained at the Brisbane General Hospital and enlisted as a staff nurse in the Australian Army Nursing Service, Australian Imperial Force, on 21 September 1914; she embarked three days later.....

Her remarkable story and Biography can be viewed by simply typing in 'Google', Sister Constance Keys

## Garage Sale

Murgon Men's Shed 27TH October 2018 6.30 am start - All donated goods accepted

Contact : Allen Mitchell Ph 0741681664

## Fish moving with changing water levels.

Since the onset of winter, the fishing has changed considerably in the South Burnett Region. With a little bit of patience and some searching you can find some cracking catches of our native fish. No matter what type of angler you are, there's always some great options when targeting fish in Boondooma and BP dams.

### Boondooma

Over the past few months the fish have been sitting unseasonably deep in Boondooma. Generally, this time of year, you'll see the fish up along the rocky edges or feeding up shallow in amongst the weed. This season its totally different, the fish have been up a little shallower in the morning in 20 ft but as the day warms they seem to be moving out into the 30 to 60 ft range. I can't remember the last time I caught bass this deep in QLD let alone Lake Boondooma. The reason for the fish sitting so deep though is the bait. The bass are feeding on very small shrimp, red claw and bony bream. The large percentage of this forage for the fish is moving along the bottom out in those deeper zones of the dam.

The Author and Lennie with a brace of big bass from the depths of Boondooma using Blades.

Areas to target are the Boyne river up in the timber, early in the morning when it's cold. Small 1/4 blades and Ice Jigs seem to be the best way to catch a few Yellow belly and Bass in 18 to 25 ft. Fish these lures vertically with small sharp hops off the bottom in amongst the timber pockets.



The afternoon has been the pick of the times to be on the water, as the fish are responding well to the warmer afternoons. Once that water has been getting above 16 degrees, the deeper sections along the Barbour's Pole area has been fishing very well in 30 to 60 ft. Fishing water this deep is still quite easy using 1/2 ounce blades, 20 gram spoons, Tail spinners and 1/2 ounce rigged plastics fished along the bottom.

Bait fisherman have been getting good catches of yellow belly in the Boyne arm of the dam fishing close to trees and the Boyne rocks. Most have been using saltwater yabbies, shrimps and worms. It's a good idea to use smaller sinkers as the bite is hard to detect if you're using huge ball sinkers. Simply tie up to a tree drop your bait to the bottom and slowly move the bait up and down off the bottom. It won't be long until you get a bite.

Trollers have been getting a few Yellow belly but they have to work hard for them. Make sure you take a tackle retriever with you as you're bound to get a snag or two whilst trolling.

Redclaw are still coming in pretty good numbers around the shallow rocky edges, soft fruits and vegetables have been the best bait during the winter months.

### Lake Barambah

Typically, in winter, BP dam's fish move in closer to the edge and can be caught using a few methods. Lately, the best edge fishing methods have been Eco gear ZX blades, Skirted Jigs and Jerk baits cast up shallow. Slower moving baits like the ones suggested are dynamite in winter the key is small hops off the bottom near the edge with the ZX blades and long pauses near the edge with the jerkbait.

The deeper flats have also been producing lots of fish be it bass or yellow belly. Jigging blades has been the best method. Most anglers have been sounding fish in about 20ft and sitting on top of them, Eco gear ZX blades have been the real standout as they have two small stinger hooks attached. Drop them down to the bottom and hop them with small sharp hops, a fish only needs to touch them and the stinger hooks will grab them very quickly. Best spots have been the big flat out from the main dam wall.

The Bass are keen on skirted jigs or yabbies as the afternoon heats up.

It's Valuable to remember that most fish in the dam are gorging themselves on small bony bream so it's a great idea to throw anything that looks like a small bait fish. Look for steeper banks that hold some timber or rocks as this is a likely



place that fish will be looking for bait up shallow. Out deeper try to find flats that are close to significant drop offs or the main submerged creek line.

Bait fisherman have been getting a ton of nice fish from BP dam. Most have been fishing along the edge and fishing saltwater yabbies and shrimps.

Trollers are catching the odd fish trolling around the main lake points, small deep diving hard bodies are the best. Redclaw have gone very quiet and should start popping back up as the water gets warmer.

### Fishing Charters

Don't forget that you can book a fishing charter with me on BP and Boondooma dams. If you'd like a great day out and all the info and knowledge to catch Bass or Yellow belly in our two great dams make sure you give me a call on 0408658592 and I'll be happy to take you out for a great days fishing. You can also check out our website on [www.australianfreshwaterfishing.com](http://www.australianfreshwaterfishing.com)

Until next time, tight line and bent rods. Matthew Langford

## It makes you sick. When everyone is trying to change things, Lock it or Lose It

While one of Murgon's firefighters was attending to a fire, his house was burgled, his Daughters car and house keys were taken along with her car, it was used in the service station robbery in Kingaroy and then later in Nanango.

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Inspector Scott Stahlhut is based in Murgon and Cherbourg for the next three months to coordinate policing services and to work with you to make your community safer

We have increased the number of police in Murgon and Cherbourg by immediately filling vacancies and getting teams of additional police to help stop crime.

#### **Now a new Coordinator Appointed:**



Andy Henderson is a retired member of the Queensland Police Service, has held Executive management positions within the QLD Police Service including up to Assistant Commissioner for assigned regions commands. He relieved as Deputy Commissioner for 6 months. These positions are accountable for the strategic management and direction of police operations.

He has developed and led senior management teams to effectively manage resource allocation, people management and performance, policing operations and support activities.

Andy has developed close links with relevant agencies, stakeholders and appropriate community leaders/groups to ensure participative and responsive problem identification and resolution often within the political environment.

He was appointed as Co-Government Champion for Wujul Wujul indigenous community to ensure partnership approach with the community, to deliver better targeted and integrated services. He was also a member of the Regional Management Coordination Network including Indigenous Co-

ordination sub-committees in Far Northern Queensland focused on community needs.

Andy will be working with all levels of government and non-government service providers, and with the elected officials and recognised community groups, to develop and implement strategies focussed on restoring community wellbeing, creating community cohesion and harmony. He will be supported by Acting Inspector Scott Stahlhut, Coordinator Murgon- Cherbourg police, who will coordinate policing services and work towards making the community safer.

He is to lead and coordinate on behalf of the Queensland Government the engagement with the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council and the South Burnett Shire Council and non-government organisations and recognised community groups to ensure their input into government responses to the resolution of social and economic issues impacting on the communities.

He will undertake a review and evaluation of the effectiveness of existing government services, delivered to the Cherbourg community and provide advice and recommendations to the Director-General, Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships on changes or modifications to improve wellbeing and safety within the communities of Cherbourg and Murgon.

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## Round 3 of the Safer Communities Fund applications now open

Applications for round three of the Safer Communities Fund are now open

The program delivers on the Coalition’s ongoing commitment to keep Australians safe and secure

The Coalition Government has committed up to \$30 million under round three of the program

Federal Member for Wide Bay, Llew O’Brien today said Round 3 of the Coalition Government’s Safer Communities Fund will deliver \$30 million to boost community safety and security.

“Safe communities are strong and prosperous, and the best way to make communities safer and tackle crime and anti-social behaviour is to prevent it from happening in the first place,” Mr O’Brien said.

“This funding can be used for projects to install CCTV cameras and security lighting which provides an extra layer of protection in the community, acting as a significant deterrent as it increases the likelihood of catching criminals.

“This initiative is already delivering more than 200 projects between rounds one and two of the program. Projects have included infrastructure such as CCTV camera and lighting, as well as crime prevention through environmental design initiatives.

“As well as the infrastructure stream, I’m pleased to announce that this third round includes a separate early intervention funding stream for community organisations to deliver crime prevention or activity-based youth engagement projects,” Mr O’Brien said.

Assistant Minister for Home Affairs Alex Hawke said the program delivers on the Coalition Government’s highest responsibility—keeping Australians safe and secure.

“All Australians have a right to feel safe and secure in their communities and the Safer Communities Fund enhances the efforts of local councils and community organisations to address crime and anti-social behaviour,” Mr Hawke said.

“This expansion will be targeted, in recognition of the important work Police-Citizens Youth Clubs, Blue Light organisations and Youth off the Streets play in delivering early intervention and activity-based youth engagement projects around Australia.”

“These types of vital projects bring our communities together, build participation at all levels, and encourage organisations to foster long term change that have tangible benefits for everyone” said Mr Hawke.

Applications for the infrastructure stream open today and close on 25 September 2018. Information on how to apply for funding is available on the Australian Government’s Safer Communities Fund – Infrastructure Stream website at [business.gov.au/Assistance/Safer-Communities-Fund](http://business.gov.au/Assistance/Safer-Communities-Fund), or by calling 13 28 46.

Applications under the early intervention stream will open on 28 August 2018 and close on 25 September 2018. Information on how to apply for funding is available on the Australian Government’s Safer Communities Fund – Early Intervention Stream website at [business.gov.au/Assistance/safer-communities-fund-early-intervention](http://business.gov.au/Assistance/safer-communities-fund-early-intervention) or by calling 13 28

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In addition, a number of Australian films can be found on Kanopy like the Sydney Film Festival winner *Zach's Ceremony*, the thought-provoking documentaries *Murundak: Songs of Freedom* and *Why Me - Stolen Generations* and acclaimed films like *The Dressmaker* and the Palme d'Or - nominated drama *Wake In Fright*.

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### SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

- Markets commence at 9am to 2pm, Car and Motorcycle show & Monster Raffle
- Food glorious food, e and much much more
- Animal petting zoo, jumping castle, face painting and kids train ride

### GO CARTS

9.00am to 11.00am

### MAIN STAGE

Entertainment starts at 9am

- 9am Stepping Stones
- 11am St Mary's Whip cracking
- 11.15am Tribal Sisters
- 11.30am Hedley Fisher
- 12.30pm Amber Goldsmith

### MARATHON

- 6am Marathon
- 8am Half Marathon
- 9am 10km
- 9.30am 5km
- 10am 3km (Free)

### PIG RACES

- 10am Race 1
- 11.30am Race 2
- 12pm Race 3
- 1.30pm Race 4

### NINJA INFLATABLE OBSTACLE

- 8am Registration open
- 9am First Wave
- 11am 2<sup>nd</sup> Wave
- 1pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Wave

### TEAM CHALLENGE 1pm



**SOUTH BURNETT**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL



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**Come and enjoy the Festival**

# Dairy & Heritage Museum

## Murgon

The Museum opened in 1988 and the volunteers are **celebrating** on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018** and we would like you to come and celebrate with us. The gates open at **1.30.p.m.**

**2.30.p.m.- 3.30.p.m.** for \$10 anyone with a cattle brand can have this branded onto a slab of timber and this will be displayed permanently in "The Barn"



**3.p.m.** Cutting the celebration cake

**4.p.m.** Fashion Parade of clothes from the Museum

**5.p.m.** Bar-b-que

**5.30.p.m.** Campfire and entertainment with **Amber Goldsmith**

In 1988 there were wall hangings signed by many who attended the opening day and this year you will have the chance to sign your name to commemorate 30 years. These will then go on display.

Cake stall/crafts/plants/lucky number stall/books

Vintage Car display

Horse & Cart rides

Lions Merry-G-Round (last rides before it retires)

Little Squirt-Rural Fire Brigade

Display of handmade leather goods

Spinning displays

Billy Tea & Damper/ Coffee/cold drinks will be available



*Off Goyndah Rd  
Opposite Murgon  
Saleyards*



 Chris Thompson   
**Pride of Workmanship Awards**



The Murgon Rotary Club Chris Thompson Pride of Workmanship Awards saw 10 recipients of distinction, receive an award and the Helicopter Helpline receive \$20,000 from Rotary and AMP. Imagination in table decoration was a credit to the women of Rotary. The Chris Thompson Pride of Workmanship Awards highlighted the dinner's themes.

Photo: Kathy Thompson presenting the award to : Mrs Irma Close

## And then there's more

You could be forgiven if anyone said it was Irma Close's night on Saturday 26th February 2011. Irma was the recipient of an award for the Murgon Rotary Chris Thompson Pride of Workmanship Award, received \$20,000 worth of donations to the helicopter service she has worked so hard for, raising money for it for several years.

Then as Irma went to leave the stage she was asked to take a chair for a moment and Leo Geraghty President of the Murgon Business and Development Assoc and Councillor Kathy Duff presented Mrs Irma Close with her Murgon Australia Day Award. Kathy read out the following commendation ;

## Outstanding Contribution to the Murgon Community Award (by a Citizen or Group).

Mrs Irma Close :



The Crisis Support group has just been nominated for a Queensland Regional Achievement Award and for many years now we hear the rescue helicopter come in to our small community and we think I wonder who their saving now. A local resident and ardent supporter of the AGL Action Rescue helicopter always remains ardent that it is the community, supporters and her support group CRISIS (Community Rescue Income Support Initiative Scheme) that needs recognition and not just Mrs Irma Close. The Crisis Support group has just been nominated for a Queensland Regional Achievement and Community Award. It has been reported to have saved many lives over the last 16 years and the helicopter landing platform in front of the Murgon Hospital and at Cherbourg has now been fenced and has adequate lighting.

Mrs Irma Close and Dr Joe Gangemi, a very dear friend of the Close family started the fundraising way back in 1994 and whilst talking to one of the directors recently he told me Irma Close was responsible for raising \$100,000 herself which she will probably

deny. Hospital Fetes, Fun Days including Melbourne Cup Day party's were the main source of fund raising years ago but Service Clubs such as Rotary, APEX, Lions, Quota and others are now canvassed to continue on the huge work of fundraising. Today AGL, Australian Gas Light Company is the major sponsor.

It costs more than half a million dollars a year just to service more than 100 flights to the South Burnett area alone. The time taken by a helicopter from Murgon to Brisbane is 45 minutes travelling from hospital to hospital. Recently Col Brown of AGL Action Rescue emphasised that the helicopter service has never charged a cent for any mission in 31 years. Money raised in the South Burnett pays for equipment in the three helicopters. Donations to help CRISIS can be sent to Mrs Irma Close, 22 Coronation Drive, Murgon. 4605

**Congratulations were acknowledged by the large crowd with a standing ovation, but in true Irma style she humbly replied and thanked her many helpers.**

Photo : Mrs Irma Close and Councillor Kathy Duff.



In 2013 Frank & Irma left Murgon to be closer to family members on the Gold Coast and were given a farewell in St Josephs Hall.

At the end of the send off to Frank & Irma Close a close friend Leo Geraghty invited Irma to sit with him facing the audience. Leo recapped on the many good times they had shared raising money and he revisited the many jokes she had told him over a number of years. Irma had everyone in laughter and you didn't know whether they were true or not but in later years I happened to meet Irma's Granddaughter Jayne and she said do you know Irma Close and when I told her about the night of jokes at their send off she told me she used to lay on the bed when she was little with Irma and Frank and Irma would tell her jokes and she would ask Grandpa Frank was that true?

Murgon's comment: Irma and Frank Close many thanks for your many years of volunteering here in the South Burnett and we wish you all the best in your move to the Gold Coast to be closer to family.

You will be leaving behind many fond memories and volunteering ethics for others to follow

We can't believe we will ever find another Frank and Irma and the Titans and the Gold Coast will be the benefactors of our loss.

Sadly: Frank Close passed away in March 2015

Some four months ago in 2018 Irma came back to live in Murgon and to be with the people she loved with her two daughters. They have assured me that these last four months of her life have been fantastic and they were very fortunate to have had such a mother as Irma. You could just imagine the pride this family enjoyed.

I had dealings again with Irma some three weeks ago and she was still telling me jokes and making me laugh.

Special thanks to all the medical staff and doctors especially close friend Doctor Joe Gangemi who have helped Irma during her life and to the crew of Life Flight who transported her to Toowoomba Hospital in a helicopter.

Sadly: Irma Maree Close passed away Friday 31st August 2018

Irma's funeral will be held on Monday 10th September at 11am at St Joseph's Catholic Church, 24 Angel St, Murgon. Friends and relatives are welcome to attend, Refreshments will be available at the Murgon RSL after the service and Tall Stories will be encouraged.

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## **Class A Recycled Water for Community Groups in Wondai and Murgon**

Council's Waste Water team are investigating options to provide Class A recycled water to community groups in Wondai and Murgon. In the South Burnett region, recycled water is used for the irrigation of sports fields and golf courses, providing multiple benefits to the community.

Councillor Roz Frohloff said, "Council recently sought input from industry to submit design and construction proposals for this project. However, due to responses varying significantly in pricing and technology, Council are now progressing this project in-house."

"Recycled water is safe to use when the relevant health and technical guidelines have been followed and our objectives are to deliver recycled water to community groups that best protects public health whilst minimising design and construction outlays."

"Council is investigating if it is possible to utilise existing plants to deliver quality recycled water" she added. Council will partner with current users of recycled water to ensure that it is discharged in accordance with requirements.

# The new Rules of Golf

The R&A and the USGA have unveiled the new Rules of Golf, to be implemented on 1 January 2019.

The R&A and the USGA finalised golf's new Rules this month after an extensive review that included a request for feedback from the global golf community on the proposed changes. Golfers can now access the official 2019 Rules of Golf by visiting [RandA.org](http://RandA.org).

The process to modernise the Rules began in 2012 and was initiated to ensure that the Rules are easier to understand and apply for all golfers and to make the game more attractive and accessible for newcomers.

While the majority of proposed Rules remain intact in the final version, several important changes to the initial proposals and further clarification of many Rules were incorporated. The most significant adjustments made following review of the feedback received from golfers around the world include:

- **Dropping procedure:** When taking relief (from an abnormal course condition or penalty area, for example), golfers will now drop from knee height. This will ensure consistency and simplicity in the dropping process while also preserving the randomness of the drop. (Key change: the proposed Rules released in 2017 suggested dropping from any height).

- **Measuring in taking relief:** The golfer's relief area will be measured by using the longest club in his/her bag (other than a putter) to measure one club-length or two club-lengths, depending on the situation, providing a consistent process for golfers to establish his/her relief area. (Key change: the proposed Rules released in 2017 suggested a 20-inch or 80-inch standard measurement).

- **Removing the penalty for a double hit:** The penalty stroke for accidentally striking the ball more than once in the course of a stroke has been removed. Golfers will simply count the one stroke they made to strike the ball. (Key change: the proposed Rules released in 2017 included the existing one-stroke penalty).

- **Balls Lost or Out of Bounds:** Alternative to Stroke and Distance: A new Local Rule will now be available in January 2019, permitting committees to allow golfers the option to drop the ball in the vicinity of where the ball is lost or out of bounds (including the nearest fairway area), under a two-stroke penalty. It addresses concerns raised at the club level about the negative impact on pace of play when a player is required to go back under stroke and distance. The Local Rule is not intended for higher levels of play, such as professional or elite level competitions. (Key change: this is a new addition to support pace of play)

David Rickman, Executive Director – Governance at The R&A, said, "We are pleased to be introducing the new Rules of Golf after a collaborative and wide-ranging review process which has embraced the views of golfers, rules experts and administrators worldwide. We believe that the new Rules are more in tune with what golfers would like and are easier to understand and apply for everyone who enjoys playing this great game."

"We're thankful for the golfers, administrators and everyone in the game who took the time to provide us with great insight and thoughtful feedback," said USGA Senior Director of Rules & Amateur Status, Thomas Pagel. "We couldn't be more excited to introduce the new Rules ahead of their education and implementation."

**Major proposals introduced in 2017 that have been incorporated** into the modernised Rules include:

- **Elimination or reduction of "ball moved" penalties:** There will be no penalty for accidentally moving a ball on the putting green or in searching for a ball; and a player is not responsible for causing a ball to move unless it is "virtually certain" that he or she did so.

- **Relaxed putting green rules:** There will be no penalty if a ball played from the putting green hits an unattended flagstick in the hole; players may putt without having the flagstick attended or removed. Players may repair spike marks and other damage made by shoes, animal damage and other damage on the putting green and there is no penalty for merely touching the line of putt.

- **Relaxed rules for "penalty areas"** (currently called "water hazards"): Red and yellow-marked penalty areas may cover areas of desert, jungle, lava rock, etc., in addition to areas of water; expanded use of red penalty areas where lateral relief is allowed; and there will be no penalty for moving loose impediments or touching the ground or water in a penalty area.

- **Relaxed bunker rules:** There will be no penalty for moving loose impediments in a bunker or for generally touching the sand with a hand or club. A limited set of restrictions (such as not grounding the club right next to the ball) is kept to preserve the challenge of playing from the sand; however, an extra relief option is added for an unplayable ball in a bunker, allowing the ball to be played from outside the bunker with a two-stroke penalty.

- **Relying on player integrity:** A player's "reasonable judgment" when estimating or measuring a spot, point, line, area or distance will be upheld, even if video evidence later shows it to be wrong; and elimination of announcement procedures when lifting a ball to identify it or to see if it is damaged.

• **Pace-of-play support:** Reduced time for searching for a lost ball (from five minutes to three); affirmative encouragement of “ready golf” in stroke play; recommending that players take no more than 40 seconds to play a stroke and other changes intended to help with pace of play.

Presented in digital, text-based form today, the new Rules will also now be translated into more than 30 languages and readied for final delivery via print and digital formats, including searchable Rules of Golf official apps developed by The R&A and the USGA.

Three important publications, to be distributed in September, will help players as well as officials and provide interpretation and guidance in how the Rules are applied:

- The Player’s Edition of the Rules of Golf: An abridged, user-friendly set of the Rules with shorter sentences, commonly used phrases, and diagrams. Written in the “second person,” The Player’s Edition is intended to be the primary publication for golfers.

- The Rules of Golf: The full edition of the Rules will be written in the third person and include illustrations. It is intended to be a more thorough version of the revised Rules.

- The Official Guide to the Rules of Golf: This “guidebook” replaces the Decisions book and will contain information to best support committees and officials. It includes interpretations on the Rules, committee procedures (available local rules and information on establishing the terms of the competition), and the Modified Rules of Golf for Players with Disabilities. It is a comprehensive resource document intended as a supplementary publication.

Players are reminded that the current edition of the Rules of Golf (2016) must be applied when playing, posting scores or competing for the remainder of 2018. The Rules of Amateur Status and the Rules of Equipment Standards were not part of this review process.

| IN MURGON THIS MONTH                                    |   |
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| Particulars available at the Visitor Information Centre |   |
| SEPTEMBER   | 6 South Burnett Cake Decorators,  |
|   | 7 St Joeys Fete,  |
|   | 8 Italian Festival at Moffatdale Ridge Winery, Blackbutt Avocado Festival Nanango Music Muster, Nanango Stamp Club, |
|   | 9 Murgon Markets,   |
|   | 10-17 Wild Dog & Feral Pig Baiting Program, SB Parkinson Support Group,   |
|   | 10 Irma Close Funeral   |
|   | 11 Murgon Cattle Sale   |
|   | 13 MBDA Meet,   |
|   | 14 SB PCYC Friday Night Live, Wondai and District Garden Club, Barambah Garden Club,                                |
|   | 15 30 YEARS – Murgon Dairy & Heritage Museum Celebrations   |
|   | 15 South Burnett Senior Rugby League Grand Final  |
|   | 17 Moffatdale State School Prep Open Morning  |
|   | 20 National Seniors Bus Trip  |
|   | 21 Illumin 8  |
|   | 22-23 Wondai Spring Garden Festival   |
|   | 23 Hivesville Markets,  |
|   | 24 Murgon Parkinson Support Group,  |
|   | 25 Murgon Moments Deadline, Uniting Church Friendship Group,  |
|   | 26 Cancer Care Murgon Men’s Shed, Burnett Bird Keepers,   |
|   | 27-31 Murgon Bookfest   |
|   | 28 Goomeri & Dist Garden Club,  |
|   | 30 Murgon Rail Trail Festival, Marathon, Mega Ninja Obstacle Course,  |
| OCTOBER   | 6-7 BJelke-Petersen Dam Fishing Classic   |
|   | 13 DUSTY DAY OUT  |
|   | 20 Barambah Shed Men meet   |
|   | 27 Murgon Men’s Shed Garage Sale  |
|   | 29 OCT 29TH- 4TH NOV Murgon Music Muster  |

## MEN DO REMEMBER

A woman awakes during the night to find that her husband is not in bed. She puts on her robe and goes downstairs to look for him. She finds him sitting at the kitchen table with a hot cup of coffee in front of him.

He appears to be in deep thought, just staring at the wall.

She watches as he wipes a tear from his eye and takes a sip of coffee.

‘What’s the matter dear? She whispers as she steps into the room, why are you down here at this time of night?’

The husband looks up from his coffee, ‘It’s the 20th anniversary of the day we met.’

She can’t believe he has remembered and starts to tear up.

The husband continues, ‘Do you remember 20 years ago when we started dating? I was eighteen and you were only 16,’ he says solemnly.

Once again the wife is touched to tears thinking that her husband is so caring and sensitive.

‘Yes I do’ she replies.

The husband pauses. The words were not coming easily. ‘Do you remember when your father caught us in the back seat of my car?’

‘Yes I remember’ said the wife, lowering herself into a chair beside him.

The husband continued. ‘Do you remember when he shoved the shotgun in my face and said ‘Either you marry my daughter or I will send you to prison for 20 years?’

‘I remember that too’ she replied softly.

He wiped another tear from his cheek and said ‘I would have gotten out today’.

The Rotary Club of Murgon organised a load of hay this month to go to a family who live at Loomberah, south of Tamworth and who have Murgon connections. Karen Nugent and her partner, Les Blanch and family were helped out after a conversation at the Tableland markets led to a Facebook post about how the drought was affecting them, and Dane Kapernick from Glennelle Farm at Moffatdale said he would donate a load of hay and some lick blocks.

Brian Egan of Aussie Helpers offered to organise the transport and Rotary president, Heath Sander, then phoned several connections in the Tamworth area to organise unloading and smoko. It was a great team effort and huge thanks go to all who assisted.



Community members who wish to donate to assist farmers now have many options. The following website is a Rotary managed fund. <http://rawcs.org.au/>

**Some of the information provided on this website is as follows:** 2018 Drought Relief Fund for Australian Farmers (RARF). (Supported by Rotary in Australia, National Farmers' Federation & Channel 9.)

In Australia, farmers are the lifeblood of our country and they are in crisis. Record breaking heat and lack of rain means farmers are struggling to feed sheep and cattle, and keep crops alive. Families on the land are suffering and they need our help. Channel 9 and Rotary Australia have partnered with the National Farmers' Federation, launching an appeal to big business and everyday Australians, so we can provide some emergency relief. 100% of donations goes to the farmers and is tax deductible via Rotary and RAWCS.

Rotary Australia Relief Fund (Managed by RAWCS) has Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) registration and has been listed as a Charitable Fund so can accept tax deductible donations from individuals or organisations.

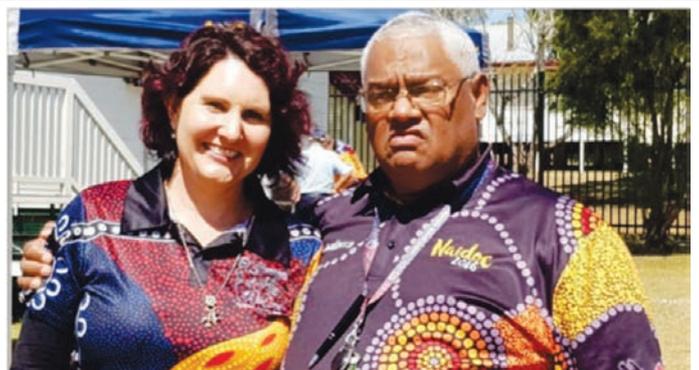
**Another option is Aussie Helpers, founded by Brian and Nerida Egan, who live in Charleville.**

The Queensland Government has also just recently announced a Queensland Drought Appeal, in conjunction with Channel 7, the Courier Mail and the Sunday Mail and the QCWA, which will be managed by the QCWA. Over 57% of Queensland is currently drought declared. Donations can be made at : <http://www.qlddroughtappeal.com.au>

Gympie/ South Burnett Division Handcraft and Cultural Committee will hold a handcraft weekend on 29th and 30th September 2018. It will be held at Murgon QCWA rooms McAllister St Murgon. Classes will commence at 8.30am and cost of the weekend will be \$25 for meals and kits will be extra. The classes will be Wessex embroidery, Shadow Embroidery,

New Huck and Cellastoid. Registrations close September 14th with Lyn Eggleton 54837483. Anyone wishing more information or their own f

lyer contact Lois 0407965094. Lois Thurecht PR Officer



Gay O'Sullivan & Gordy Wragg  
at a Cherbourg Youth Justice Celebration of Culture Day



## Wondai Regional Art Gallery

### September 2018 Exhibitions

#### “Farm to Fashion” by Alpaca Collective (First Gallery)

The Alpaca Collective was formed when a group of alpaca breeders came together to create incredibly beautiful hand spun garments and nuno felted wearable art, using the luxury fibre from their animals born and bred here in the South Burnett. They give people the opportunity to buy garments made from this super warm, hypoallergenic fleece, or hand spun yarn for their own creations.

Their members include Julia and Kirsten Jeffery from Shady Pines Alpacas (Pacadorable Designs) and Myrie Cobby from Alpaca Dreams.

#### “Far-out Furniture Frenzy” by Deidre Amos (sharing Second Gallery)

This exhibition of resin art on furniture is about combining the unfeigned fun of resin art and the enjoyment of repurposing old, discarded furniture. Where someone else sees a dented, stained table, Deidre sees potential for a far-out furniture frenzy masterpiece. She enjoys creating something out of nothing. This seemed like a natural progression from art on a wall to art on furniture that can be used every day. Resin Art is a unique style, combining durable, hard wearing epoxy resin with acrylic inks, dyes and pigments. She employs the bold use of beautiful colours to create unbridled and unique pieces of resin art on furniture giving them a second lease on life.

#### “For The Love of Art” by Kingaroy Monday Artists (sharing Second Gallery)

Monday Artists are a social group of artists who have been painting together for about 11 years. They have always welcomed anybody who is looking for a group to paint with. There is no teaching done but they share their knowledge willingly. There is always encouragement, laughter and the telling of stories, making for lots of fun. “For the Love of Art” is their 4th Exhibition together and it showcases their work for the last year.

#### “The Delights of Glass” by Lesley Ann Fewtrell (Third Gallery)

As an artist Lesley has enjoyed using many mediums. Australian fauna and flora in graphite has been a favourite. She now uses mainly glass doing both foil and leadlight work. She also uses glass for her mosaics and teaches these art forms in classes. This exhibition is a combination of mediums and all pieces come from what she sees about her and what just comes to mind.

#### “Kids Korner” Moffatdale and Windaera State School

Opening Night: Friday 7th September 2018, from 6pm.

\$5.00 entry includes Hot & Cold Supper & Punch , Wine will be served by Crane’s Winery / Live Entertainment

The exhibition will remain in the Wondai Regional Art Gallery until 4pm on Friday 28th September, 2018.

The exhibition will be open 7 days a week, 10.00am till 4.00pm. Free Entry.

Telephone: 07 4168 5926 or email [wondaiartgallery@southburnett.qld.gov.au](mailto:wondaiartgallery@southburnett.qld.gov.au)

# Bjelke Petersen Dam



## YallaKool

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Barambah Rd, Moffatdale. Via Murgon

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Ice, Bait, Drinks, Bread, Milk, Ice Cream, Fishing, Water Skiing  
Boating, Camping, Cabins, Motor Home Dump Point, Barbeques



## Wondai Show Highlights



Former Wondai girl Dr Linda Stewart (centre back row) opens the Wondai Show.



The truck show was a great success with over 30 trucks on display



Local girl Renee Irvine shows her style in the barrel race whilst there was plenty of side shows and entertainment for the kids. All the old favorites were there plus the 2018 Wondai Show Bullride, the woodchop/ chainsaw arena the record number of stud cattle, the produce pavilion and art display, the dog show, Display of antique tractors & stationary engines & Working Arts & Crafts, the Murgon Mens Shed, poultry display, St Mary's Whip Cracking Team, The Wondai Town & District Band, the Show & Shine Display, entertainment by local singer Amber Goldsmith plus lots more which made the 2018 Wondai Show a great success.



The warm day and the prospect of a catch up with friends brought a large attendance to our August meeting. We welcomed several visitors including Carol and Beth (Goomeri), Trevor and Liz (Bauple), Mick and Marion (Murgon). Our guest speaker for the morning was Mr. Trevor Williamson OAM who is the current President of the **Murgon RSL Sub Branch**. Trevor gave a short personal account of his past army life including his service in Vietnam. He related some humorous incidents which were memorable times for him. Trevor also spoke on the local sub branch and its role in the community. It is an exciting time with plans progressing towards building a community centre in Murgon which will house the sub branch and welfare officers etc. Trevor's wife Liz welcomed any interested persons to join the auxiliary and become part of this happy group. Peg gave

the **Vote of Thanks** with added acknowledgement of Trevor's war service.

Garry was presented with a huge birthday cake with lashings of cream and strawberries to celebrate his 71st birthday. Lyn also made him a special cake and a diorama which was very relevant seeing that Garry's main interest is his horses. Thanks Lyn and Darryl for helping make Garry's day a special one.

Merrilyn read a very significant poem called **Back in Granddad's Day**. Carmen and Dell provided the jokes for the meeting to get a laugh. Several people arrived with their old photos and these were shown around tables and talked about briefly. There were photos of Trevor and Donna (wedding day), Charles (dentist visit), Garry (marathon runner), Ancy (with twin brother) etc.

**NEXT MEETING: SOCIAL MORNING TEA @ Moffatdale Wines MONDAY SEPT 24 @ 10.00 am.** Contact Carmen 075486 1268 or Darryl 4168 3116. Please notify by Tues. Sept. 18.

**Carmen Emery-Strathdee, Co-Ordinator, South Burnett Parkinson's Support Group**



**National Seniors Australia Murgon & District Branch Inc** The Rotary Club of Murgon has just recently been honoured by both the National Seniors Australia, Murgon & District Branch Inc; and the Boondooma Homestead Restoration Committee, through the presentation of cheques to assist with the drought appeal, asking that the Club ensures all the funds go to where they are needed.

The National Seniors branch donated \$1,000 and together with two private donations, a total of \$1,100 will be deposited into the account for the Western Queensland Drought Appeal, of which the Rev. Jenny Coombes, previously of Murgon, is a committee member. Their aim is to help drought affected families spend money in their local communities to support the local businesses. Funds are spent on personal items such as food, fuel, medical and pharmaceutical items, but not business items. Committee members also undertake a lot of advocacy with the 'powers that be' to get more recognition and assistance in relation to the drought. The appeal is a tax deductible charity and their website advises the following :

"When you donate to the Western Queensland Drought Appeal, your funds will be loaded onto pre-paid debit cards or vouchers and distributed directly to landholders in western Queensland, for them to spend on personal needs in their local communities. This keeps the money in the region, allows landholders to choose how they spend the money, and gives local businesses a boost with the extra trade."

**The Boondooma Museum & Heritage Association Inc** held some special fundraisers specifically for the drought appeal, at their recent wonderful "Scots in the Bush" event. The Boondooma Homestead Restoration Committee presented the Club with \$2,964.20 to help with the Queensland drought appeal. Through the Rotary network, the Club has arranged to divide these funds between the Rotary Club of Longreach and the Rotary District 9630 Drought Appeal, of which the Rotary Clubs in Charleville, Mitchell, Roma and St George are a part.

The photo shows the Committee Secretary, Judy Brandt, presenting the cheque to the Treasurer of the Murgon Rotary Club, Val Hodson.

**The Longreach Rotary Club** has been working on drought relief for the last 6 years. They work in with the committee of the Western Qld Drought Appeal and also try to 'plug the gaps'. A committee member said, "You could drop a hanky over the area that received some rain earlier in the year, in comparison with the drought in our whole district." Their immediate focus is to help communities get through the current drought conditions. To do this, some of their key drought related activities are:

- Confidential cash drops where drought is made even worse through personal circumstances
- Movie/BBQ Trailer events in the paddock to bring local families together for a night. They travel to remote towns and properties for this.
- Free movies through the Longreach Star Cinema, to bring local families together, provide safe socialisation for local youth and for hard-working volunteers
- Delivering Christmas hams to the smaller townships in the district

- Cooking community BBQs to allow everyone in smaller communities to come together and reconnect
- Providing free Q Fever vaccine, as this debilitating disease which affects rural workers is expensive to prevent and not subsidised through health programs
- Supporting youth to attend sporting and other camps
- Supporting local events for community cohesion (e.g. shows and fishing competitions)
- Supporting Beds for Bush Kids and other school-based programs
- Trucking drinking water to households which are close to running out
- Trialling welding upskilling days to bring 'the blokes' together

They advise that while people generally associate drought with only the rural sector, the reality is that drought has engulfed the entire community. Towns and businesses are suffering from decreased cash flow and business turnover (in the order of 40-60% annual reductions) and the knock-on effects of decreased employment causes people to pack up and leave and most never return.

**The Clubs from Charleville, Mitchell, Roma and St George in the Rotary District 9630 Drought Appeal** work on a similar basis and also emphasise that the drought affects the whole community. They have a voucher system for struggling families; Family Social Days, and a Rotary Reading Assistance Program for young children.

They also take a whole of community approach and their vouchers are used in local businesses. They regularly travel to small, remote towns to run Family Days with bbqs and drinks and social and wellbeing activities. They said people such as hairdressers and massage therapists will often travel long distances to join them in places where those services don't exist and donate their time for hours and hours. They have also had bush poets join them to provide some entertainment. Their Reading Assistance Programme is where young children in the Drought affected areas are sent an age appropriate book each month, 'address personalised' – currently 125 kiddies receive these. The majority of books are donated and the postage costs met by the fund. Anecdotal evidence has it that the kiddies wait eagerly each month for "THEIR" book.



## **MURGON RSL SUB-BRANCH NEEDS YOUR HELP**

Murgon RSL Sub-Branch would like to honour our WW1 servicemen & women by displaying their stories at our commemorative dinner on the 10th of November 2018 and to be used as an ongoing audio visual memorial.

**Did any of your family serve in WW1?**

**Do you have photographs of them?**

**Do you have documentation or stories of this historical time that you would like to contribute to this project?**

If you can help please contact Judy Farmer:

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Goomeri Police Sergeant Dave GILLIES again took part in a cycling event to fundraise money for child cancer research. Between the 26th and 28th of July 2018 he with several others rode from Townsville to Cairns. The ride fundraising a total of \$460,000., an amazing result. Sgt GILLIES fundraised during the Goomeri Pumpkin festival and with donation tins in Goomeri and is truly appreciative of the money donated by Goomeri and Murgon locals. Sgt GILLIES last year rode from Alice Springs to Darwin for child cancer and generally gives up a week's annual leave per year to assist child cancer fundraising. "Having known what it feels like to loose a child". "If there is something I can do to save someone the heartache then it's well worth it". He advises he will again be doing Townsville to Cairns in July 2019 and will be back on the fundraising bandwagon next year. Editor, a truly amazing people helping cancer research.

# “Find Your Own Treasure!”

This was this year’s ‘Book Week’ theme and both staff and students at Wheatland’s State School set out to do just this. All students dressed up and participated in a parade in front of the visiting judges. Judges Kathy Duff, Corky from Crow FM, Debra Stevens and Karen Russell enjoyed the challenge of judging the best costumes on the day.



Winners of Wheatland’s School Dress Up Day

# True story written by a WW1 soldier from his Diary's

Private Frank Baker, Pomona QLD.

Lovingly given to us by his Daughter in Law Joy Baker and Grand Daughter Tricia Beckett



When you read these transcripts, you can't believe how our forefathers travelled, mainly by train, horse, bus, tram and boat and the hardships that these WW1 veterans endured for us to enjoy the world in which we live.

## Continued from August Edition

I was there two days when I got word to pack up and get ready to move in the morning.

The boys did kick up a rough that night, no sleep that night. Breakfast next morning 3.am .Left camp 7 o'clock and caught the train for Sydney. at 8am. From the Rifle Range the morning of the 28th of March arrived in Sydney. 36 hours later

Got off the train at Sydney Central Station, we got a good reception had to march two deep each side of the Street lined with people . I heard some woman Pass a remark. My word these Boys march better then our own Boys do.

Any how we didn't have to march far before we were put on Tram cars and run straight onto the way and onto the boat, Star of Victoria. When all aboard the whistle blew and we streamed out into the Harbour dropping anchor, and had Tea after ten.

We were given blankets and not sorry to bed down. We cuddled up to one another on the floor dead tired and sleepy. It was raining and bitterly cold. Up in the morning at six, Rolled blankets and swept the floor, and had breakfast . Still raining and Blowing a gale. After cleaning up breakfast things the Bugle Blew to fall in on deck, the call was answered at once and after announcing our Names we were dismissed. After strolling around the deck watching the visitors saying goodbyes to there loved ones.

My thoughts went back many miles away and seeing the wharf and not being allowed to go off the

boat. Made a person very much annoyed. So I settled my mind by going down below and writing two letters and getting them Posted by a sailor who was going ashore for His final visit later in the evening. 13/2.

The sound rang out for all hands to be on board boat, leaving in 2 hours. Everything ready we moved off at six. The boat had to move very slow. We thought we went off for good, seeing the boys throwing Kisses and their loved ones and mothers, before turning the bend in the bay to go through the Heads, just on turning out from Watson's Bay the boat though having a big load has run aground on a sand bank. After trying to get off the bank for two hours, which we did eventually, we had to return back to Port for repairs

..we were 2 days laying in the harbour and not allowed off the boat. And during the evening of April the 1st. we made another attempt which we succeeded.

Once out through the Heads it was a pitiful night for a while, watching the clear old shore which we may never see again. When we got out a bit, the sea began to get rough, we were all happy watching one another being seasick and from then and until we had crossed The Great Australian Bight. It was terribly dirty weather. The old boat would go right under, you would think she would never rise again. But the clean old boat stuck to its tork well and during trip through the Bight. I happened to be Mess orderly for the day, fetching the meals to the boys at my table. Well to make a long story short, this happened to be porridge for breakfast and the cooks house was right down the back part of the ship and I was lining up for meals, and when I was fetching the breakfast along the deck, dogging chaps that were sick on deck, and the boat rolling, it took a very skilful hand to keep on your feet.

Anyway I struggled on until I reached the stairs, and when I got half way down the boat gave a buck, and down the rest of the stairs I fell and the porridge followed me. I was in a terrible mess, and all the Boys laughed. Anyway that finished me being mess orderly anymore.

The next night it turned out very warm, so I decided to leave the Porthole open, everything went well well until about daybreak when suddenly a heavy storm came up and the sea got rough. Before I knew it I was floating down towards the other end of the boat, wringing wet. About that time, water came through the Porthole It was the waves breaking over the ship. It smashed the Gangway in and down would come showers of water everywhere. Its a gay life as 2 nights later 2 were put on guard, . Guarding the

Officers quarters 2 hours on and 6 off. I had a quarter of an hour to go before my shift was complete , when up sprung a heavy storm Lighting and the wind and waves were cruel, no relief came while the storm was on , which lasted 2 hours and when I was relieved I was wringing wet and numb with the cold . I went down below and warmed myself beside the engine room , and from then on till I came to Colombo.



The Legacy Ladies Luncheon at the Murgon RSL Club



Mandy & Russel Bishop at BaconFest



MP Ken O'Dowd meeting with Proston Businesses

Photo L to R: Councillor Kathy Duff , MP Ken O'Dowd, Scott Rowe from RDA, Robyn Grivell, Kristy Board, Kristy Frahm from BIEDO.



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## JOKE FOR THE MONTH

Back on January 9th, some Pekin, Illinois bikers were riding west on I-74 when they saw

a girl about to jump off the Murray Baker Bridge. So they stopped.

George, their leader, a big burly man of 53, gets off his Harley, walks through a group of gawkers, past the State Trooper who was trying to talk her down off the railing, and says, "Hey Baby.....whatcha doin' up there on that railin'?"

She says tearfully, "I'm going to commit suicide!!"

While he didn't want to appear "sensitive," George also didn't want to miss this "be-a-legend" opportunity either so he asked ... "Well, before you jump, Honey-Babe...why don't you give ole George here your best last kiss?"

So, with no hesitation at all, she leaned back over the railing and did just that ... and it was a long, deep, lingering kiss followed immediately by another even better one.

After they breathlessly finished, George gets a big thumbs-up approval from his biker-buddies, the onlookers, and even the State Trooper, and then says, "Wow! That was the best kiss I have ever had, Honey! That's a real talent you're wasting, Sugar Shorts. You could be famous if you rode with me. Why are you committing suicide?"

"My parents don't like me dressing like a girl."

It's still unclear whether she jumped or was pushed??

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# Kathy's Comments

## Great events in our Region

When you think about what we do in the South Burnett as far as events go it is simply amazing just how many events we run. There is something on every weekend and often two or three events on the one day. We have just had the Boondooma Homestead Scots in the Bush with hundreds of caravaners at the Homestead enjoying the sound of bagpipes, the taste of haggis and the parade of tartans. The Baconfest was another fabulous event showcasing everything about bacon and pigs and celebrating our local Pork industry. There are still more signature events to come including the Murgon Rail Trail and Running Festival on the 30th of September, the spectacular Italian Festival at Moffatdale Ridge Winery on September 8th and the Avocado Festival and the Nanango Music Muster on the same day. We also have the much talked about Murgon Music Muster on the first weekend in November. The Qld Dairy and Heritage Museum is celebrating their 30th birthday on the 15th of September so this is an opportunity to step back into yesteryear with billy tea and damper, a vintage car display, horse & cart rides and spinning displays. A big thank you to everyone who volunteers to run events because you help to keep our economy strong and showcase our region to the rest of the world.

## Reinvent Proston growing strong

Everybody in Proston is talking about what they can do to help fashion the future of Proston. The locals have banded together and formed groups to gather information, gather funds and gather momentum to revitalise Proston. With fire in their bellies, determination and commitment to make it work the Proston Round Tables and others can only succeed. The goal is to get fuel for Proston, a home for the Men's Shed, a place to showcase the history and entice visitors and some new life and business to the main street.

## Acting Mayor, Property Valuations and Rates

I have been honoured to be the Acting Mayor for 3 weeks while Mayor Keith has been on leave. It was a privilege to be involved in the first ever Baconfest, to attend the Wide Bay Regional Organisation of Councils meeting and help to get the vital link of the Mundubbera Dulong Road upgrade as a WBRROC priority. I was pleased to speak at the Ag Network Meeting and to open the National Seniors Day. The toughest part of the job was to manage the concern that everyone and particularly farmers have had with the recent rate bills going out. I am upset about the high impost on the residents with high valuations and particularly the rural people. The rural people were not specifically targeted but moving from a flat road levy to merging it into the general rate has caused the properties with high valuations to be impacted. We have extended the discount period to Nov 7th for everyone in the South Burnett and we are looking at every possible way that we can help to support our farmers. We are committed to grading all of our rural roads including fixing the drainage and will have available a full maintenance schedule over the next period.

## Vale Irma Close

Our community has lost a true local legend with the passing of Irma Close. Irma was an inspiration to everyone with her sense



of community, her humour and her ability to raise incredible amounts of money for great causes. I remember when she was presented with an MBDA Australia Day Award for an Outstanding Contribution to Murgon by a Community or Group. Irma raised over \$100,000 for the AGL Action Rescue Helicopter. Irma was a beautiful lady and will always be remembered lovingly. I extend my deepest sympathy to her family and hope and pray that Irma will rest peacefully with her loving husband Frank in Heaven.

## Wheatland's State School doing great things

I had an amazing morning judging the dress up day for book week at Wheatland's School. The costumes were simply incredible and I loved the way the students, staff and the teachers all got involved and really let their hair down and had some fun together. Hats off to Wheatland's School for all that you do.

## My Greatest Inspiration

I want to pay tribute to my Dad who has been on our cattle property "Di Di" for all of his 86 years. He has recently had both his legs amputated as a complication of diabetes. He still remains positive and committed to family life and the property and is an inspiration to his five children and his 14 grandchildren and extended families. He lost my Mum to stomach cancer in 2001 and has kept the home fires burning for us all and we love him dearly.

## Contact Details

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

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## Who Were The 1998 Winners?



One of the highlights of the South Burnett Rugby League presentation night dinner was a salute to the senior players who last won a 47th Battalion Trophy.

The 47th Battalion carnival has been running for almost 50 years, with both junior and senior games played in the Central Division.



The name of the competition honours the World War II service of the 47th Australian Infantry Regiment, also known as the "Wide Bay Regiment", which had training centres in Murgon, Wondai and Kingaroy as well as Tiaro, Gympie, Childers, Howard and Bundaberg.

But the last time a South Burnett side took out the A Grade trophy was exactly 20 years ago ...

The players from that team were invited back to attend the Presentation Dinner, which was held at the South Burnett PCYC in Murgon on Saturday, August 18.

So who were they?

Murgon Mustangs stalwart Alicia Pidgeon was the assistant trainer of the South Burnett Eagles side which defeated the Sunshine Coast Falcons 24-22 in a thrilling final played at Wondai Sportsground on July 26, 1998.

She supplied a list of the players' names:

1 Monty Dynevor, 2 Chris McKay, 3 James Cronin, 4 Darren Plowman, 5 Nigel Williams, 6 Peter Cavanough, 7 George Langton, 8 Peter Brown, 9 Barry Hockey, 10 Dayle Fresser, 11 Gary Jeppesen, 12 Darren Packer, 13 Tony Olzard (c), 14 Troy Perren, 15 Chris Nugent, 16 Ben Alexander, 17 Andrew Preston.

Nigel Williams notched up a hat-trick for the Eagles with James Cronin scoring the South Burnett's other try. Barry Hockey (3) and Monty Dynevor added the extra points.

Darren Plowman was one of the standouts in a talented side. He went on to play for the Brisbane Broncos and South Queensland Crushers. The coach was Bill Court.

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Murgon Show Society AGM, with new elected President Allen Trim



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## Barambah Garden Club



The AGM of the Garden Club was held on August 10 at Bill and Lyn Vlaanderen's home and the following people were elected:- President / secretary:- Ann Rehbein  
Vice president:- Dorn Gooding, Treasurer:- Mary Mitchell

The schedule for the rest of the year was discussed. There will be a bus trip to Gympie on October 12 and a visit to Dorn Gooding to see her edible plants on November 9. The members then adjourned to the Lilyponds for a very tasty lunch of roast lamb or chicken pesto. The next meeting will be at Mary Mitchell's home.

For more information phone:- Ann 0438 8686238 or

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## BOOKARAMA

On Saturday, 8 September 2018 & Sunday, 9 September 2018, the Taabinga Rotary Club's annual "Bookarama" book sale will be held at the Kingaroy Town Hall.

A visit to the annual Bookarama 2018 is 'a must' for avid readers.

At the same time, it will allow the Taabinga Rotary Club raise funds for various local community projects.

This year, the funds will go to:

Kingaroy Hospital Auxiliary (towards the purchase of a second ultra sound machine)

Royal Flying Doctor Service. (This invaluable organisation continues to service the South Burnett)

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**Photo :** Barwoo Fisher seals Murgon's victory and ends Cherbourg's season with less than two minutes on the clock, (courtesy South Burnett Online)

**In South Burnett A Grade, the Murgon Mustangs ended the Cherbourg Hornets' 2018 season in a closely fought Minor Semi-Final at Cherbourg.**

The final score Murgon 38, Cherbourg 32 in one of the most exciting games of league played this season.

Murgon try scorers were Mark Saltner (2), Lloyd Saltner, Lehman Brunjes, Maurice Fisher, Buddy Stanley and Barwoo Fisher. Christopher Bond kicked five goals.

Cherbourg tries were scored by Errol Simpson, Tyrone Murray, Norman Wragge, Vincent Law, Gary Willmott, Lewis Hopkins. Lewis Hopkins kicked three goals and Bernard Hopkins kicked one.

Sudden death Preliminary Finals will be played this Saturday, Under 12s through to Under 16s will be played in Gayndah, while the A Grade Preliminary Final between Murgon Mustangs and Kingaroy Red Ants will be played under lights in Kingaroy

Nanango Stags were true to form, dispatching Kingaroy Red Ants 48-24 to earn the first spot in the A Grade Grand Final.

In the Sunshine Coast Women's competition, the South Burnett Eagles U16s defeated Nambour / Noosa 50-10 in a decisive Preliminary Final played at Maroochydore on Saturday afternoon. The girls will now play Caboolture in the Grand Final at 2:20pm on Saturday at Cooroy

Complete coverage of all junior and senior games and photos can be seen courtesy of South Burnett Online

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## LOCAL POLICE RETIREMENTS AND MOVEMENTS

Sergeant Garry Brown, Wondai is retiring this weekend (full story next issue)

Sergeant Rod Gelderblom has left the SB PCYC in Murgon and moved back to normal Police Duties at Kingaroy Police Station. We would like to thank Rod for his efforts and guidance these last 4 years and wish him well in Kingaroy.

Acting Sergeant Renae Bond is the new officer in charge at the SB PCYC in Murgon.

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| <p><b>2006 MITSUBISHI ES MANUAL SEDAN SPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.4L • 4 Cylinder</li> <li>• Rear Spoiler</li> <li>• Local Log</li> <li>• Alloy Wheels • CC</li> <li>• Radio/CD</li> </ul>  <p><b>SOLD</b><br/>Was \$5,990<br/><b>NOW \$5,490</b> Drive away</p>  | <p><b>COMING SOON!</b><br/><b>2012 MITSUBISHI LANCER LX AUTO SEDAN</b><br/>With leather trim, parking sensor and electric windows</p>   | <p><b>1997 MITSUBISHI TRITON 2WD DUAL CAB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.4ltr 4 Cylinder Petrol</li> <li>• 5 Speed Manual</li> <li>• Fibreglass Canopy, Towbar</li> <li>• Tub Liner, Roof Racks</li> </ul>  <p><b>\$6,990</b> Drive away</p>  |

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