



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.

RSL's Welfare Dream Comes True



Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien and Murgon RSL Sub-Branch president John Drew dig the first sods for the \$450,000 new Drop-In Centre for Murgon veterans and families

The centre – which has been a long-time dream of the Murgon RSL Sub-Branch – will be built on a 1700sq m block of land in Stephens Street West, between the Murgon Courthouse and the South Burnett Regional Council offices.

The land is the site of a former Women's Health Centre.

Wakka Wakka Elder – and Murgon RSL Sub-Branch director – Eric Law AM did the Welcome To Country, saying he believed his ancestors would be very proud and happy that such a facility was going to be built on their ground.

Builder Tim McIntosh said he expected to begin work on the project within a few weeks and expected to have it completed by February, weather permitting.

Footnote: Mr O'Brien was wearing motorcycle leathers as he dropped into Murgon on his way to riding to Canberra for this week's sitting of Federal Parliament. Because of border restrictions, he will have to fly back and then go into quarantine for 14 days after the sitting finishes.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Now's the time to start thinking about the people in the local area who have achieved the most over the past 12 months.

Both the South Burnett and Toowoomba councils have opened nominations for their 2021 Australia Day awards.

The South Burnett award categories are:

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

The official South Burnett awards ceremony will be held on the eve of Australia Day, January 25, at Wondai Town Hall.

Further information about the award categories and how to nominate is available on Council's website

The closing date for nominations is 4:30pm on Friday, November 13.

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Taking action: Grants to support Wide Bay youths

Grants of \$5000 and \$20,000 are now available for projects to support activities for young people in Wide Bay, Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien announced today.

"This year has been extremely challenging for all Australians, and young people are feeling the effect of job losses, breaks in education and social isolation so this funding is an opportunity to create projects that will make a positive difference in their lives," Mr O'Brien said.

As part of the program, grants of between \$5000 and \$20,000 are available for projects which respond to the social challenges facing those aged 15–24.

Projects need to be either new initiatives that recognise and respond to the hardship young people face now and will face in the future, or existing initiatives which already provide a valuable on-going service to young people, but which need further funding to continue.

Funds can be used to pay for any type of project including but not limited to staffing, equipment purchase, consumables or marketing.

"The grants can be used for projects which support young people in a variety of ways, with a particular focus on employment, transportation, mental health and the impacts of COVID-19 and the recent bushfires," Mr O'Brien said.

"I encourage person or organisation with a project to improve the lives of young people in their community to apply for this funding round."

Successful grant recipients are expected to deliver projects over the 2020-21 financial year.

The grant round opens Tuesday 1 September and closes Wednesday, 7 October, 2020.

The Government has engaged the non-profit organisation Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) to administer the scheme.

For more information and to download the application form, visit this link: <https://www.fya.org.au/yapgs/>

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The new Community Group Infrastructure Charges Policy

The South Burnett Regional Council has called for public comment on a new policy that could mean some community groups will have to pay full Council fees if they have received government funding to help with an infrastructure project.

The new Community Group Infrastructure Charges Policy will offer community groups and charities a 100 per cent reduction in infrastructure charges if they construct new buildings or upgrade existing premises.

Infrastructure charges aim to recover the cost of connecting buildings to key trunk infrastructure such as water and sewerage mains.

However, to receive the full fee waiver applicants will need to show they are:

- A registered not-for-profit group or charity
- That they are undertaking a development that benefits the South Burnett community; and
- That they have not received funding from a government source in the past two years.

If a group has received funding from the government – the most common way many community groups fund upgrades – they will need to pay at least 50 per cent of Council's infrastructure charges.

And if Council deems the group fails to meet one of its eligibility tests, they will pay the full charge.

If adopted, the policy will mean charities or not-for-profits which receive a government grant to build community infrastructure should allow for infrastructure charges in their grant application.

If they fail to do this or have their request rejected by the funding body, they will need to carry the cost themselves.

The new policy follows in the footsteps of other changes Council introduced in July 2017.

At that time the SBRC slashed rebates on building application fees for community groups from almost 100 per cent down to a maximum of 50 per cent.

The proposed new Community Group Infrastructure Charges Policy can be viewed on Council's website

Feedback can be made in writing by email by 5:00pm on Monday, September 21.

WONDAI AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB AGM

Members of the Wondai and District Garden Club met in the Wondai RSL Meeting Room last Friday morning for the AGM for 2020 -2021.

Following morning tea social (yes, safely!) President Kay Gustafson took the chair and welcomed all to the meeting.

Kay gave a detailed President's report of the Club's activities for the previous year with emphasis on friendly social meetings, an enjoyable bus trip and many worthy charitable donations.

New Office bearers for the following year will be, Patron Roy Radunz, President Norm Andresen, Secretary Denise Steinhardt and Treasurer Noela Ardrey. Positions for Expo hospitality catering, Bus Trip coordinator, Show Stewards, Auditor and Publicity Officer were also filled.

The next Club meeting will be at Memerambi Springs Nursery on Friday 11th September at 9am. Please remember to bring your own plate and mug and a chair (and a shopping budget!)

You can contact the Club at info@wondaianddistrictgardenclub.com or phone Denise Steinhardt 4168 9736.

Thank you

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Wide Bay

The Morrison Government's \$62.8 million Local Jobs Program will help Wide Bay jobseekers gain skills and training to help them into work as part of Australia's COVID-19 economic recovery efforts.

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien said the Local Jobs Program includes a \$780,000 Local Recovery Fund for the Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast Employment Region, funding projects valued between \$10,000 and \$200,000.

"Examples of projects to help people into work include training and re-skilling, tailored non-accredited training or professional development, job seeker mentoring, and employment pathway and internship programs," Mr O'Brien said.

The Local Jobs Program will also extend the role of the Wide Bay Sunshine Coast Employment Facilitator and establish a Local Jobs and Skills Taskforce.

"Employment Facilitators work with local job seekers, connecting them with training, job opportunities or other support, and this boost to their resources will expand their role to chair a Local Jobs and Skills Taskforce," Mr O'Brien said.

"The taskforce will bring together local Wide Bay employers, employment and training providers and other local stakeholders, and use their valuable local knowledge to develop projects appropriate to the Wide Bay region that will help get job seekers back into work."

Mr O'Brien said it was important that the jobs recovery is locally led to provide tailored support to help people in Wide Bay to find work within the region.

"Local knowledge and collaboration in Wide Bay will be vital to achieving this so that people can access new opportunities locally," Mr O'Brien said.

"Using information provided by the National Skills Commission, a 'Local Jobs and Skills Taskforce' will develop a local jobs plan, identifying the region's priorities, opportunities and skills gaps."

Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash said tailoring solutions specific to each local area was vital to helping regions recover.

"Small and family businesses rely on their local communities and we want to tap into their expertise and connections to get people working again" Minister Cash said.

"As the economy recovers from COVID-19, the jobs that are created may look different to those that existed before."

The Employment Facilitator will continue to work with employers, employment services providers and training providers to match jobseekers in Wide Bay with appropriate employment and training opportunities.

The Local Jobs Program will run until 30 June 2022.

For more details visit: www.dese.gov.au/local-jobs-program

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Murgon - Solid brick home. High set fully enclosed. Internal stairs lead to the living accommodation which comprises of an airy spacious air conditioned lounge dining and modern built in kitchen with dishwasher and large pantry. The 3 bedrooms are all a good size and fitted with ceiling fans the main bedroom is built in. There is heaps of storage throughout the home. The bathroom has a shower and vanity and the toilet is separate. New carpets good paintwork throughout. Rear and side access leads to 2 separate entertaining areas. Fully security screened. Under the house is a secure garage space with remote lift door and concrete floor plus a good sized store room/workshop. Situated at the end of a cul-de-sac with established gardens all of which provides very private living. Great neighbours. Close to the Golf Course. \$195,000 negotiable.



Murgon, This lovely home is packed with features of a bygone era while enjoying the benefits of modern living. The four bedrooms are of a good size with high ornate ceilings. The living area of the home is a generous room with plenty of space for the whole family plus there are 2 further reception rooms. Polished timber floors throughout. All new paintwork. Ceiling fans in all rooms. Highest on timber stumps and fully concreted underneath - room for 2 to 3 vehicles. Laundry and 3rd toilet under house. Fully and well fenced corner allotment. New roof and insulated. Full termite treatment has recently been carried out to all stumps. Town and tank water to house. \$240,000



Murgon, Beautifully presented 3 bedroom home. The exterior of this home is vinyl clad. There are security screens to all windows. The 3 bedrooms are all of excellent size, 2 with built in robes ceiling fans and air conditioned. The large lounge dining is air conditioned. The dine in kitchen has newly installed base and wall units plus a full wall of pantry cupboards. Solar power, insulation and whirly birds. The allotment is fully fenced. The gardens are well maintained and easy care. The driveway leads to a carport, beyond is a lockable garage and beyond a games/rumpus room. Both town and tank water are connected to the house. \$180,000

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‘Show’ of support for Wide Bay’s COVID-hit agricultural field days



Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O’Brien has welcomed a \$2.7 million boost for agricultural show societies to help ensure they can continue to showcase the best of regional communities.

“Regional agricultural shows are important events that highlight the hard work and innovation of Wide Bay’s local communities, and this funding will help ensure they can continue to provide that support as we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic,” Mr O’Brien said.

“This \$2.7 million announcement is in addition to the \$36.3 million previously announced to support agricultural show societies, and with so many fantastic ag shows throughout Wide Bay, it will provide a real boost to our region and the local economy.”

The initiative is part of a \$39 million commitment to help show societies and field days deal with cash-flow pressures caused by COVID-19 cancellations, through the Coalition Government’s \$1 billion COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Fund.

“All agricultural shows and field days that have cancelled their event in 2020 because of COVID-19 will be eligible for this funding,” Mr O’Brien said.

“Agricultural field days are a uniquely Australian event, and generate significant economic benefit for their local communities as well as creating new opportunities for the businesses and producers who exhibit at them,” Mr O’Brien said.

Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management David Littleproud said the Supporting Agricultural Shows and Field Days program will provide a one-off reimbursement to agricultural show societies and agricultural field day organisers impacted by COVID-19.

“This funding supports not only the larger agricultural field days but also the smaller regional ones because we acknowledge the role these events play in supporting on-farm innovation, productivity and profitability,” Minister Littleproud said.

“Field days hold immense social and economic value for local rural and regional communities, many of whom are doing it tough because of COVID-19.”

An additional \$100,000 one-off grant will be provided to the Association of Agricultural Field Days Australasia to support its annual conference scheduled for 30 April 2021 to 2 May 2021 and provide training and assistance for members on recovery management planning.

For more information, visit www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/infrastructure/supporting-ag-shows.

Fast facts:

- Field days provide income to local contractors of more \$1.8 million and economic value add to the Australian economy of more than \$100 million.
- Community organisations like P&Cs, sport clubs, men’s sheds and local emergency services receive income of over \$1 million in providing services such as set-up and car parking.
- The Supporting Agricultural Shows and Field Days program funding complements the Australian Government’s existing \$20 million Regional Agricultural Show Development Grants Program and will be provided under the \$1 billion Relief and Recovery Fund.
- The \$2.7 million for Field Days is in addition to the \$36.3 million for Agricultural Shows.
- Field Days could be eligible to claim reimbursement costs including bank fees, utilities, rates, insurance, fire alarms and equipment, cleaning supplies, telecommunications, IT system licensing costs, website costs, state/national show body affiliation fees and rent.



MURGON MEN'S SHED

Our President has been in contact with Qld Health re recent changes in Covid rules. Advice is that we are not compacted, so its business as usual at the Shed.

We must however adhere to Covid regulations as set down by Qld Health.

These rules are posted throughout the Shed area for your information.

Please be aware of 1.5 metre rule and wash your hands regularly.

Shed opens Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and some 3/5 members attend on a Monday. Should any

other men wish to come on a Monday this is welcomed.

Please all keep safe.
Regards Allen

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FOSTER, Alan Frederick, Late of Wondai.

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WITJES, Bernadus Godfriedus, Formerly of the Netherlands, late of Murgon.

EMMERTON, Brian Frank, Late of Murgon

BEDDOWS, Naomi Doran. Late of Winderera

WOODWARD, John a very close friend of The Rotary Club of Murgon and was actively involved with the Murgon Music Muster and the Barambah Bush Bash. Passed away after a short illness.

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Kingaroy Museum Peanut Thresher Restoration Update

Council is pleased to announce that the Kingaroy Heritage Museum's historic Peanut Thresher restoration project is nearing completion, with the return of the thresher to the museum. The restoration has been funded through Council's 2019-20 Operational Budget.

The thresher was built by local peanut farmer Mr George Stolzenberg who used the thresher on his own farm and helped out neighbouring farms. Mr Stolzenberg's family donated the thresher to the Kingaroy Heritage Museum shortly after the Kingaroy Information Art and Heritage Precinct opened its door in 2005. The Stolzenberg thresher is part a large collection of peanut machinery that is on display at the Kingaroy Heritage Museum, along with the history of peanut farming in the South Burnett.

Council would like to thank local suppliers involved with the painting and restoration work for this project.



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Llew O'Brien welcomes ACCC Inquiry into the major retailers' treatment of farmers

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien has welcomed an historic inquiry by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) into the domestic fresh food and dairy supply chain, from the farmgate right through to the supermarket.

Mr O'Brien said the Morrison Government has ordered a three-month ACCC independent inquiry into the supply chain for fresh foods such as meat (beef, lamb, pork, chicken), eggs, seafood, fruit and vegetables to ensure producers are treated fairly by the major retailers.

"This is a much-needed inquiry to ensure producers are treated fairly by the major retailers, and importantly, the inquiry will also examine whether the new Dairy Code should be extended across the entire domestic supply chain including retailers," Mr O'Brien said.

"I've strongly supported the dairy industry and fought the supermarket giants to end the unfair \$1 milk price war. I am committed to ensuring our producers get a fair go, so I am pleased the Liberal and Nationals Government has announced this inquiry in response to long-held concerns about the current bargaining imbalances and the misuse, and in some cases the abuse, of this power by some sections of the fresh food supply chain.

"Our farmers work incredibly hard and often take considerable financial risks to grow the fresh, quality food we all take for granted. But as I have heard time and time again, once their produce is harvested or processed and sent off to market, farmers have little or no bargaining power - the supermarket majors hold all the cards when it comes to deciding what they will pay.

"The Government has heard not all interactions between farmers and the supermarket giants are conducted fairly and in good faith and there are bargaining imbalances and other serious issues that need to be looked at."

Mr O'Brien said an example of this was seen last year when Coles had to pay over \$5 million to Norco dairy farmers after it was found the supermarket giant had not passed on the full amount of a milk price rise, despite claiming to do so in a marketing campaign.

"This inquiry will provide Wide Bay farmers and producers with an opportunity to submit evidence, raise concerns and share their own experiences in the domestic marketplace," Mr O'Brien said.

"I strongly encourage local farmers and agribusinesses to take this opportunity to contribute to this inquiry, and the submissions can remain confidential so farmers can speak out without fear of retribution or retaliation.

"This inquiry is not designed to regulate food prices. Instead, it will identify problems and recommend policy options – including the potential for an all-encompassing Agricultural Code – if that is appropriate.

"The Liberal and Nationals Government is committed to fighting for regional and rural Australia, and I will always advocate for a better and fairer deal for farmers."

The ACCC will commence its Inquiry on Monday 31 August and will report to the Government by 30 November.

NATIONAL SENIORS

The new Executive of the National Seniors Australia Murgon & District Branch Inc are:

President: Paula Woods; Secretary: Peggy Goodrich; Treasurer: Maureen Jahnke; Relieving Officers: Ann Thompson & Madge Ramke; Publicity Officer: Patricia Seiler.

The October Meeting is on Friday 16th October at 11.00am at the Australian Hotel Steak Room. Bookings are essential due to the current restrictions.

For further information please contact Paula (President) on 4168 3114 or 0497 324 376.

Yours sincerely, Patricia Seiler,
Publicity Officer



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Queensland Dairy & Heritage Museum Murgon

The Museum opened the gates on the 12th June and the visitor numbers have been amazing.

The volunteers have been busy baking and providing morning tea and butter making demonstrations for several groups. The positive feedback from our visitors has been very rewarding.

The "Barn" now has electricity installed and will make this building a more viable facility. We have plans to complete our kitchen to make it fully operational. Serving morning tea for the first time from our temporary kitchen was a pleasure.



The restoration of The Lions Merry-Go-Round is now complete. This has been a fun project and will add another display to the Museum. For more than 40 years the Murgon Lions Club volunteers put in countless hours making many children very happy and the Museum is pleased to be able to keep these memories alive by displaying what has been a big part of Murgon's history.

The Museum recently received in the mail, a beautiful timber serving tray with an engraving plate which read "Presented to Mr & Mrs Pimlott from the citizens of Murgon on the 13th January 1925".

This was sent to us by their granddaughter but unfortunately she could not supply us with too many details. She said that her grandfather William Henry Pimlott was a teacher at Murgon Primary School in 1925 or possibly prior to that. But we then gathered information regarding William Henry Pimlott found it in "Murgon in Focus". William was Principal of Murgon State School from 1/7/1912 until 26/1/1925. He attended the opening of The School of Arts in 1913 and was a member of the Masonic Lodge. I guess the tray was presented to him for his involvement in the community. We were delighted to be able to accept something that has been a family heirloom for almost 100 years.

The Museum would certainly welcome new volunteers. Call us on 41695001 if you are interested or call and have a chat.

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Wondai Garden Expo Inc
P.O. Box 240 Wondai Qld 4606
Email: info@wondaijardensexpo.com
Ph 4168 9297

At the latest meeting of the Wondai Garden Expo Committee, members made the difficult decision to postpone the Garden Expo until Autumn 2021. President Helen Young said it was a very tough decision to make and it will be very disappointing to all concerned. However in the uncertain times facing the State at the moment because of new COVID19



outbreaks, a decision had to be made for the sake of caterers and to set people's minds at rest. "It would be dreadful if Expo was to be responsible for introducing COVID to our area, and because we draw from such a wide catchment and can't rely on everyone doing the right thing, it was the only responsible decision to make" she said.

Murgon commemorates 75th Anniversary of end of WWII



From the smallest of country towns to the biggest cities in Queensland and Australia, they all lost sons and daughters during WWII

I was honoured to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the end of WWII with Murgon local & WWII pilot Mick Purser. At 97 years of age Mick is a proud, active community member. We remember all those who gave their lives, risked their lives and sacrificed so much for our freedom.



**Photography & short film competition around mental health.
\$10,000 worth of prizes.**

See the website & Facebook “Out From The Mist” for the details of entry. The Director has kindly offered free entry to anyone with the Proston postcode because he read the Proston Shop story & 40% discount to all South Burnett residents plus a \$500 South Burnett prize. This photo is one of last year’s winners in this international competition. It is open now & closes on the 25th of September.

The winners are announced during mental health week in October & the South Burnett winning entry will be displayed in the Wondai Art Gallery.

They had 440 entries and 20 countries involved last year. It is another way to raise awareness of issues around mental health.



Both staff and students at Wheatland's State school enthusiastically dressed up for the 2020 Book Week Parade. Editor, isn't great to have some fun when all we here is doom and gloom!

Day Trip to Toowoomba Gardens + Cobb & Co Museum

17th September 2020

ph: 41 698400 Cost \$50 –

includes transport to and from your home,
entry to Cobb & Co Museum.

Graham House Community Centre

Lunch can be purchased or you can bring your own.

Call 41 698400 to book your seat

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**Deb
FRECKLINGTON MP**
Member for **Nanango**



August 2020



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

Somerset Dam Upgrade Feedback - Complete the survey for legacy projects at Somerset Dam

- Gambling Community Benefit Fund - Open! Next round closes 31 Oct.
- Fred Hollows Humanity Award - Recognising Year 6 students who show compassion, integrity and kindness in their everyday lives. Nominate a Year 6 student you know! Closes 11 Sept.
- Bunya Mountains Survey - UQ Environmental Management Student survey about the Bunya Mountains National Park
- Qld Great Awards - Recognising extraordinary Qlders. Closes 29 Jan.
- Buy Smart Online Competition - Open now for Year 4 to Year 12 students. Share in prizes of \$15,000. Closes 18 Sept.
- Tackling Tough Times Together Grants - FRRR program for communities affected by drought. •
 - [Agriculture Border Exemptions](#) - Information about the new border exemptions for agriculture workers.
 - [Coronavirus Statistics](#) - Data and maps on Queensland COVID-19 cases
 - [Roadmap to easing Queensland Restrictions](#)
 - [Older Australians COVID-19 Support Line](#) - 1800 171 866.
 - [Questions and Requests for Exemptions](#) - Request exemptions and ask questions directly of Queensland's Chief Health Officer
 - [Aged Care Directive](#) - Health Directives for visitors to Aged Care facilities
 - [Jobs Hub](#) - Linking Australians who have lost their jobs due to COVID-19 with new job opportunities
 - [Qld Health Direction on Home Confinement, Movement and Gathering](#)
 - [Qld Health Directive on non-essential business activity](#)
 - [Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service](#) - Facebook page with regular updates on COVID-19 and cases detected in the DDHHS region (South Burnett, Toowoomba etc)
 - [West Moreton Health](#) - Facebook page with regular updates on COVID-19 and cases detected in the West Moreton Health region (Somerset, Ipswich etc)

[COVID-19 Support Hotline](#) - 1800 173 349 - Helping Queenslanders in home quarantine or who have no other means of support.



Wondai Regional Art Gallery

September 2020 Exhibition

The month of September will see the Wondai Regional Art Gallery hosting three exhibitions.

“Remnants” by Tangled Threads (First gallery)



The artists of Tangled Threads are knitted together by their love of all things textile as well as their passion for creative expression, experimentation and the development of their skills and knowledge in using this medium. Each member brings to the group her own unique and extensive treasure trove of experiences. At Tangled Threads, these individuals meld into a dynamic collective producing works of art that use textiles in all their varied forms. The intrinsic qualities of fibres, yarns and fabrics provide great scope for the exploration and expression of ideas or themes. The artists employ techniques that can be traced back into antiquity: those that they and others have developed as a result of modern science and technology and everything in between. The result is always creative, always thought provoking, always a visual and tactile feast for the senses and, always memorable.

“Exploring the Unknown” by Ute Grigull (Second gallery)



After studying design (grad. designer) and fine art in Germany, Ute worked as a freelancer for several design studios, gave art classes at VHS (same as TAFE) and had her own design business. But the calling always was for painting and she managed as a single parent and businesswoman to have exhibitions through Germany. Ute came to Australia in 2007 which was a challenge and it changed her and her art profoundly.

“Erkos Art” by Trish Erkens (Third gallery)

Trish Erkens is a renowned artist in the South Burnett and has featured in the Wondai Regional Art Gallery many times.

“Kids Corner” Moffatdale State School

Opening Night: Friday 4th September 2020, from 6pm.

\$5.00 entry includes Hot & Cold Supper & Punch

Wine will be served by Clovelly Estate

Live Entertainment

The exhibition will remain in the Wondai Regional Art Gallery until 4pm on Saturday 26th September 2020.

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

Murgon Music JAM

2-5pm Saturday • Sept 12th
Uniting Church Hall
55 Gore Street, Murgon

Details.....

- Covid compliant.
- No food or drink supplied, bring a thermos or bottled water if you wish to. No alcohol. No smoking. 1.5m separation Sign in and disinfect hands at entry. Maximum 45 persons.
- Airconditioned (heat or cool)
- Power points for your amp but need a 3-5m lead.
- NOT open mic but all get a turn
- Singers are welcome and may request accompaniment.
- You can come along just to listen
- Rule #1: Respect each other.

MONDURE HALL

I have been on the Committee of the Mondure Hall for many years. Thanks to the foresight of our early pioneers the hall was built and served the area in a lot of different ways.

Due to technical advances unknown in early times, the hall has not been used as before. I believe in these times with people relying on television, smart phones etc. we are becoming isolated.

In hard times like drought, floods and personal problems it is therapeutic to be among people, to feel their empathy, hoping they understand. Sometimes we feel that our problems are overwhelming but by talking and listening to others we can perhaps feel that they have problems too and we are not alone.

There is danger in becoming dependant on phones etc. as it can be used against us like bullying, scams etc. especially the young ones in our community.

When the Covid 19 has been conquered let's look at using our community halls again.

Can we bring them to life with social gatherings like barbecues, concerts, bowling, cards, dances, craft classes, parties to name a few.

Loneliness can lead to depression and suicide can be an outcome.

Our community halls are an asset and if we don't use them we will lose them. **Written by Pat Hansen**

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Got any plans for September? We've got one in mind for you!

We'd like to challenge you to do something transformational. Sign up for The Long Run.

It's your chance to get outdoors, increase your fitness and throw your support behind the men you love.

Leah has signed up in honour of her step-dad who's undergoing treatment for prostate cancer.

"I'm running to raise awareness and funds for Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia. 72km is a long way, but it's nothing compared to fighting cancer. Supporting men and their loved ones impacted by this disease is vital," says Leah.

By running, walking or wheeling 72km throughout September you'll be joining Long Runners like Leah.

With every kilometre you cover you'll help create awareness and raise funds to fight a disease that affects 1 in 6 Australian men.

If that encourages one person to get tested, your participation will make an impact.

Registration is FREE and open now. Join The Long Run today and help love go the distance.

Please join us, <https://www.thelongrun.org.au/register/the-long-run>

Clayton and The Long Run team.

P.S. Join The Long Run today and run for the one you love. Once you're registered and logged in you can access handy tips and tools to make your challenge a success.

Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia, ABN: 31 521 774 656

Privacy policy: <https://www.pcfa.org.au/privacy-policy/>

Email: thelongrun@pcfa.org.au

1800 22 00 99

Dam Levels as at 7/9/2020

BP Dam 14.15%

Boondooma Dam 32.22%

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SUB BRANCH MEMBERSHIP

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Murgon Sub Branch

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Well set up & maintained 3 bedroom brick home on 933SQM in quiet part of town with views. Open plan kitchen & dining, separate lounge, fully enclosed & screened entertainment area. Bathroom has shower over bath, a toilet with another separate toilet near the laundry to side exit of home taking you to the garage. Established low maintenance gardens, 2 x tanks, fully fenced & security screened.

WONDAI \$230,000 Negotiable



If you like your privacy then this is the home for you. Set up on the top of the rise above Tingoorra is this lovely home. Fresh modern looking kitchen, dining area through to the long spacious lounge room, with air conditioning. Timber look floor paneling throughout. 4 bedrooms with 3 having built ins & roomy 2 way bathroom. Large paved entertainment area, timber dance floor and a pot belly stove that overlooks the beautiful country views. Double carport plus 2 sheds, 2 shipping containers and a 3 KVA solar system.

TINGOORA \$290,000



Situated on 1012 SQM is this spacious split level family home. Separate kitchen, dining & lounge, with air conditioning & fire place, back deck that overlooks the fully fenced yard. Upstairs is 4 bedrooms with air conditioning & built ins, 2 having access to front balcony. Downstairs is the office, laundry with storage, toilet & 2 roller door garage spaces. Central vacuum system, crimsafe security screen doors, 5000 gal tank & 12x6 metre powered shed.

WONDAI \$329,000



Location is the selling point here with no neighbours on one side just the rural countryside to look out to from the side verandah area.

Three good sized bedrooms, cathedral ceilings with a large split system air conditioner in the lounge. Two way bathroom shower, separate bath & vanity. Spacious kitchen with bay window. Double garage attached to the home with two roller doors. Established low maintenance gardens, fenced back yard with a timber privacy fence.

Two bay colourbond shed with an extra workshop area.

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Rates notices issued

Rates notices for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020, were issued on Friday 21 August 2020 with the final day for discount being Wednesday 23 September 2020.

South Burnett ratepayers have the option to have rates notices sent electronically via email, or by post. If you have not received your rate notice please contact your local Customer Service Centre for a copy to be mailed to you.

Council offers a number of payment options, and are happy to assist ratepayers in finding a payment method that best suits them, with options including:

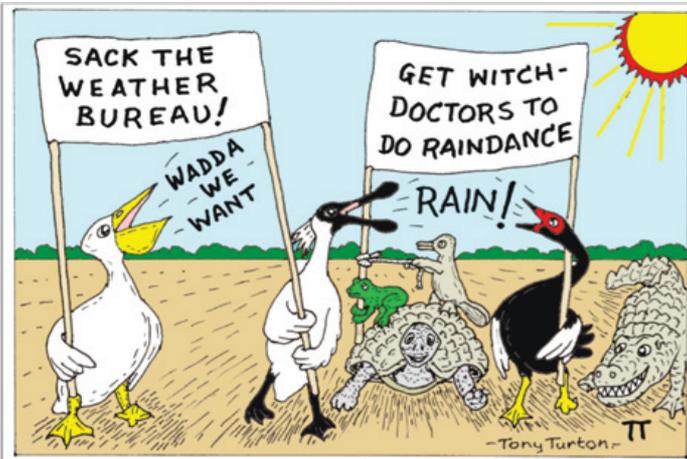
- Telephone & Internet Banking, • Australia Post • BPay • Payment by mail • Paying in person
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Residents are reminded that payment via direct credit (payments into Council's bank account) ceased on 30 June 2020 to allow Council to better streamline processes, ensure that money received is allocated to the correct place and assist with prevention of potential fraud. If you are currently paying amounts into Council's bank account you will need to transition to an alternative payment method.

Council is acutely aware of the financial pressures facing our communities and encourages ratepayers to make payment prior to Wednesday 23 September 2020 to take advantage of the discount offered. Council encourages residents that may be experiencing difficulties in paying their rates to please contact Council's Rates team on 4189 9100 to discuss options available.

Discount will be available up to 4.30pm on Wednesday 23 September 2020.

For further information regarding rates, rate payments, or changes to Council's payment options please contact Council's Rates team on 4189 9100 or email info@southburnett.qld.gov.au.



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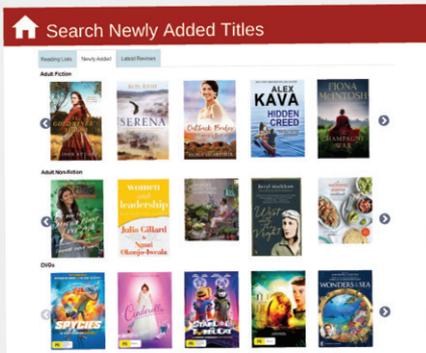
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AUGUST 2020 | www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/libraries

Welcome to Montage – South Burnett Libraries new Online Public Access Catalogue



Aurora Montage provides the ability to search across the entire library collection and return the results in groups of their respective formats. With one search customers can discover books, images, magazines and more that relate to the search term/s used; all from the comfort of home.

Customers can login to their library membership account to reserve or renew items, suggest items for purchase or request inter-library loans. Montage also allows patrons to view or reserve new release items, create a wish-list of items to read and add book reviews.

The South Burnett Libraries online public access catalogue can be found on the SBRC webpage <https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/facilities-recreation/libraries> Select 'Search the Catalogue' and begin your exploration of the free collections available via your library membership card.

If joining the library has been on your to do list for a while, why not drop into your local branch and discover the thousands of free resources available.

Did you know?

You can browse South Burnett Libraries newly added titles! Simply visit <https://library.southburnett.qld.gov.au/Montage/Lists.aspx#nlists>

If you see a title you would like to borrow simply hit the reserve button.

It's just like online shopping, only free!

You will be notified via SMS, email or mail when your item is ready to collect from your local library <https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/facilities-recreation/libraries/locations-hours>

Happy browsing!



2020 Queensland Senior's Week Digital 'Living Library' Series

South Burnett Libraries celebrated Queensland Senior's Week a little differently this year by creating a series of videos that feature local identities discussing their hobbies, interests and achievements.

The Digital 'Living Library' series promotes and recognises the valuable contribution of older people in our region. Topics discussed included bee keeping, how to access JP services in our area and a short history of the Whipbird Café.

If you'd like to watch these videos, visit the What's On section of the South Burnett Libraries webpage <https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/facilities-recreation/libraries/regular-programs>.



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South-Burnett-Libraries

Speaking on 4SB Football Forum in 1975, Kevin McMahon named these five players as the best of his era – Buddy Hunter and Tommy Perrett (Nanango); Bobby Dennien and Percy Izlaub (Wondai); and Noel Liesegang (Kingaroy and later Murgon).

Kevin was involved with Murgon rugby league for many years and the scoreboard at the Murgon Showground is named after him.



Correct photo

Back Row L-R : A.Ramke (Senior Vice President), P. Horstmann, C.Grimes, P.Hegarty, G.Keleher, P.Robertson, J.Maume (Secretary),

Middle Row, E.Pratt (Treasurer), G.McCauley, G.Vonhoff, D.Maudsley, T.Hawkins, J.Clarris, M.Maudsley (President).

Front Row, T.Otto, J.Fouras, D.Maudsley (Mascot), K.McMahon (Capt-Coach), B.Pratt,

Inset, D.Sommerfeld, P.Connors, I.Nesbitt.

Corrected version and correct photo supplied by a player who played in the game and has a great memory of the event and wished to set the record straight.

WILD DOG & FERAL PIG BAITING PROGRAM – OCTOBER 2020



Council in conjunction with Biosecurity Queensland will be participating in a coordinated Wild Dog & Feral Pig Baiting Program.

Failure to control wild dogs and feral pigs can result in livestock losses, attacks on domestic pets and the loss of native fauna. Landholders have a legislative responsibility to control declared pests on their land and participation in this program is an effective way to help meet this responsibility.

Baiting stations will be held throughout the South Burnett from Tuesday 13 October to Tuesday 20 October 2020.

All participants must register their intention to conduct baiting no later than Friday 25 September 2020.

For further information or to register your intention of attending a baiting station please contact Council's Stock Route and Pest Officer on 4189 9100 or email. info@southburnett.qld.gov.au

Murgon Report 08/09/2020

Weaner Steers \$4.58 c/kg

Agents yarded 600 in Murgon last Tuesday. Export cattle remained firm on previous sales. Weaner cattle once again sold to a very strong market. Heavy Bulls topped at to \$3.18c/kg and \$2532.00. Bullocks sold to \$3.59 for \$1852.00. Heavy Cows over 500 kilograms topped at \$2.85 per kilogram and \$1780.00 averaging \$2.77 c/kg. Cows 400 to 500 kg sold to \$2.69 per kilogram for a \$2.57 average. Lighter Cows under 400 kg topped at \$2.48. Export heifers sold to \$3.54 per kilogram and \$1859.00. Cattle were drawn from Eidsvold, Gayndah, Mt Perry, Kingaroy, Kilkivan and locally. Hereford steers from Memerambi sold for 3.59c/kg and \$1813.00. 420kg Gelviah cross Steers from Nanango sold to \$3.68c/kg to return \$1486.00. Local Charolais steers weighing 350kg sold for \$3.3.94 c/kg and \$1376.00. Local Droughtmaster cross steers with a weight of 336kg sold to \$3.93 to return \$1321.00. Angus cross weaner steers from Goomeri sold for 4.20c/kg and \$1178.00. A draft of quality Santa weaner steers from Gayndah sold for \$4.58 c/kg to top at \$1096.00. Other light weight weaner steers sold out to a top \$4.46. Local Charolais cross heifers sold to \$3.70c/kg and \$1412.00. Charbray heifers from Kilcoy weighing 415kg sold to \$3.37c/kg and \$1399.00. Brangus heifers from Wondai sold for \$1243.00 at \$3.32 c/kg. 286 kg Angus cross heifers sold for \$3.79 c/kg returning \$1086.00. Gelviah cross weaner heifers from Goomeri sold to \$3.94 c/kg and \$847.00. Light weight weaner heifers sold out to a top of \$4.00 c/kg. A small number of Cows & Calves were yarded and sold to \$1610.00.

The Next Murgon Sale is on Tuesday the 22nd of September at 8.00 am.



Congratulations to all the team at Pusers Coaches *MBDA Member

Thank you Queensland Bus Industry Council for recognition of the Dascombe family's 40 years in the industry. Proud transport family. We are lucky to love what we do & serving our communities.

Photo L-R: Proud son Andrew Dascombe with his father Harvey Dascombe accepting the award

Another of Murgon's Bottle Trees



It is disappointing that the private land with the bottle tree is overgrown with tall grass and could be such a tourist attraction, it may be the biggest bottle tree of its type still growing, photos could be taken with people standing alongside the bottle tree. This tree may have been a seedling when Captain James Cook discovered Australia in 1770. The tree currently in 2017 stands at 19.5 meters high, has a canopy that is 20 meters in diameter and its maximum trunk girth is 17 meters.

The land was previously owned by Mr Selwyn Retschlag and his wife Jacqueline. Selwyn was a former Murgon Shire Councillor and avid supporter and one of the founders of the Murgon and District Development Bureau and now wishes the area and adjoining 10 blocks of land to be named Bottle Tree Estate. Another exciting thing for tourists visiting Murgon, in our backyard.



On May 25, 2020 it was 100 years since the first students of Windera School enrolled. A quote from the current Assistant Regional Director for the school, Leon Proud, sums up the significance of the day this year.

“What we do today, may be written in the history books. This was evident a couple of weeks ago at Windera SS. On the very same day all students were returning to school post learning at home, was the exact same day

100 years ago students first walked through the gate to attend school. Such great timing, and certainly something for the next time capsule that will be remembered into the future.”



Despite not being able to celebrate as planned on May 23, the students at the Windera School had a memorable day to celebrate the centenary. On their first day of schooling post Corona Virus learning at home, students spent the morning reliving the old ways of schooling. The classroom was set up in rows and the staff adopted the old style of teaching. All students saw a cane, heard when it was used as recorded in the can register. They saw the old alphabet

chart and learnt old running writing. The centenary mural was unveiled. The mural depicts a teacher of 1920 and a student of today. Separating the old with new is a memorial to the many past students and staff who served our country in the wars.

In the afternoon students celebrated with cakes they had made during the day using technology (electric hand mixers) and using old ways (wooden spoon). The youngest student at the school, Samantha Rockemer, and the school captain, Joshua Brunner, cut the cakes.

Winda State School community have rescheduled the centenary celebrations and hope to celebrate 100 years of learning at Winda State School on Saturday, April 10 2021.

Cheryl Harvey - Principal, Winda State School, 2588 Gayndah Road, 4605. Ph. (07) 41 686 153
www.winderass.eq.edu.au



Apply now for share of \$11 million in Future Drought Fund

- Two competitive grant rounds are now open for the Networks to Build Drought Resilience and Drought Resilience Leaders programs.
- Successful providers must have specialist expertise and capability to deliver the program activities tailored to regional needs across the nation.
- The grants are part of the Australian Government's \$5 billion Future Drought Fund.

Applications are now open for two competitive grant rounds worth \$11.2 million to help improve drought resilience throughout Australia, Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien said today.

Mr O'Brien said the programs funded through the Australian Government's \$5 billion Future Drought Fund would provide vital support for producers and communities in Wide Bay to prepare for future drought events.

"The Future Drought Fund provides secure, continuous funding for drought resilience initiatives, and assists farms and communities as they work through the significant economic, social and environmental impacts of drought," Mr O'Brien said.

"Community networks play a critical role in supporting people Wide Bay to prepare for, and live through, times of drought such as we have seen in the past few years, and the \$3.75 million Networks to Build Drought Resilience program is about strengthening the those networks and facilities that can help people when the next drought inevitably comes.

"Our \$7.45 million Drought Resilience Leaders program will support young and emerging leaders to develop, share and apply their skills and knowledge within their local community, and help to build a national drought resilience leadership capability."

The two related programs provide support to regional and rural communities as part of the broader objectives set out under the Future Drought Fund and the Drought Resilience Funding Plan, and will be managed by external providers who have specialist expertise to deliver the program activities tailored to regional needs.

"These competitive grant rounds will select providers to deliver these programs, connecting communities within Wide Bay and building stronger networks to support wellbeing and resilience," Mr O'Brien said.

Applications are open to single organisations and consortiums. Applications close 25 September 2020, and successful providers are expected to be announced later this year. To apply visit the Grants Connect website: www.grants.gov.au

The programs form part of the first, foundational, year of the Future Drought Fund, and will be built on by subsequent investments from the \$5 billion Fund.

For more information about Future Drought Fund programs visit www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought/future-drought-fund

Murgon Golf Club

Murgon Men's Carnival results. Congratulations to Jeremy Zahl of Gayndah who set a new course record 64 yesterday. Thank you to Murgon Betta Home Living for their sponsorship and to all the golfers who attended. Hope you enjoyed your day.

MURGON CARNIVAL RESULTS 30/8/2020

Kindly sponsored by Murgon Betta Home Living

	Event	Trophy	Won By	Score
A. Grade				
	18 Gross	\$40.00 Voucher	J. Zahl	64
	R/u Gross	\$30.00 Voucher	S. Walker	72
	18 Nett	\$40.00 Voucher	J. Plant	67
	1st R/u Nett	\$30.00 Voucher	N. Dowdle	68
	2nd R/u Nett	\$20.00 Voucher	AJ Sandhu	69
	3rd R/u Nett	\$20.00 Voucher	J. Dundas	69
	4th R/u Nett	\$20.00 Voucher	C. Harch	70
B. Grade				
	18 Gross	\$40.00 Voucher	B. Glenbar	82
	R/U Gross	\$30.00 Voucher	G. Wragge	83
	18 Nett	\$40.00 Voucher	J. Taylor	68
	1st R/u Nett	\$30.00 Voucher	R. Noffke	69
	2nd R/u Nett	\$20.00 Voucher	M. Hooley	71
	3rd R/u Nett	\$20.00 Voucher	P. Hegarty	71
	4th R/u Nett	\$20.00 Voucher	T. Kruger	71
	5th R/u Nett	\$20.00 Voucher	W. Paterson	71
C. Grade				
	18 Gross	\$40.00 Voucher	B. McMurdy	88
	R/U Gross	\$30.00 Voucher	D. Thompson	90
	18 Nett	\$40.00 Voucher	T. Teague	69
	1st R/u Nett	\$30.00 Voucher	G. Burgess	71
	2nd R/u Nett	\$20.00 Voucher	R. Scott	72
	3rd R/u Nett	\$20.00 Voucher	R. Jinks	72

News & Grants

info courtesy of BIEDO

Gambling Community Benefit Fund: applications open in mid-September for not-for-profits and community groups seeking funding to support infrastructure improvements, equipment and project costs from \$500 - \$35,000. Deadline 11:59pm 31 October 2020.

FRRR Tackling Tough Times Together: applications now open for projects in drought affected communities with funding streams available of up to \$20,000, or for projects up to \$60,000. Applications close 22 October with outcomes announced in February 2021

RISE (Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand) Fund. Opening 31 August until funds are expended (or by 31 May 2021). RISE will support the employment of artists and workers in the arts and entertainment sector, as well as in connected industries such as hospitality, accommodation, transport and freight

Nominations are now open for the HESTA Impact Awards and HESTA Early Childhood Education & Care Awards! If you know a local hero doing amazing work in early childhood education, or in the community and disability services, health and aged care sectors, you can nominate them now! Nominations for all Award categories close on 1 November 2020

NBN COVID-19 Education Assistance Package. This scheme is available to 30 September for eligible family households who are not, or were not connected to NBN prior to 1 March 2020. Determine if you're eligible to and how to access this assistance.

Great to catch up with yet another lovely group Aged from 65-85, age didn't stop us, we rode on the South Burnett Rail Trail from Kingaroy to Murgon. The cycles were transported on a purpose built trailer being towed by a 12 seater commuter bus with murals on the side of the lifestyle you can enjoy and life begins at Halycon.com.au (these people are certainly enjoying retirement and enjoyed lunch in down town Murgon before heading home to the sunshine coast)



Crowd Turns Out For Twilight Fun



Photo L-R: Phyllis Hopf chatted with Steve and Kim Boyter at Saturday's Goomeri Gourmet and Twilight Markets ... the trio were very pleased with the large turnout after having to defer the event for six months because of pandemic concerns

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Goomeri's first Twilight Markets following this year's COVID-19 shutdowns has been hailed a great success.

The Saturday evening event, held in Market Square next to the old railway station building, operated under a COVID Safe plan and attracted a big crowd eager to enjoy some tasty food and browse for some bargains.

The Twilight Markets – organised by the Pumpkin Festival committee – are usually held quarterly as a fundraiser for the annual festival.

The festival was cancelled this year due to COVID-19, but the setback has only firmed the committee's resolve to make the iconic event even bigger and better next year.

Festival co-ordinator Kim Boyter admitted the cancellation had been “a blow”.

“Goomeri is famous for our Pumpkin Festival, and normally the town gets a bit of a boost for six months after it runs,” she said.

“We've really been missing that boost this year.”

But Kim said she was very pleased with Saturday's turn-out, which was run as a COVID Safe event – creating extra work for the organisers.

Each visitor had to sign in and hand sanitiser was widely available.

Kim said she had been unsure how many people would come along.

“There are a lot of people who are still reluctant to go out because they're worried about COVID,” Kim said.

“But it's nice to see so many people out for the evening, and it's nice to be able to bring something like this that everyone enjoys.”

The Twilight Markets began in October 2018 with a two-fold aim: to allow guests to sample a wide range of food vans and market stalls in a town where dining and shopping choices are limited, and to help raise funds for the Pumpkin Festival.

On Saturday afternoon, these two goals were easily achieved.

Market Square was packed end-to-end with stalls along one side and food vans on the other, while music played over a PA system.

Visitors could sit down to enjoy seafood, burgers, Mexican cuisine, foot-long German sausages, fudges, loaded potatoes, ice-creams, pancakes and gourmet coffee for dinner at tables spaced around the grounds. Courtesy South Burnett Online

Police Pride Shines In Murgon

The South Burnett PCYC was a sea of blue on Friday 21st August for the annual Queensland Police Service Dalby Burnett Patrol medals and awards ceremony.

Police from across the region converged on Murgon for the celebration.

They were joined by proud family members, many of whom had travelled far to watch the awards being handed out.

Invited guests – including South Burnett mayor Brett Otto – also filled the hall, suitably social distanced.

The morning was compered by Dalby Burnett Patrol Inspector Graeme Paine, who praised the officers receiving recognition for their dedication to duty and commitment to service.

Assistant Commissioner Mike Condon distributed the medals and certificates.

He made special mention of the work by police across Queensland in difficult times to keep COVID-19 out of the community, especially the officers who had manned the Cherbourg checkpoint.

A highlight of the morning was the presentation of Commissioner's Certificates (see below) to four civilians who had performed acts of bravery – including the three men who saved a toddler from a tragic fire in Kingaroy two years ago.

Bravery Of Fire Heroes Recognised



Patrick Drinan, Zachary Hairon and Lex Petersen after Friday's awards ceremony in Murgon

August 21, 2020

The courage of three men who rescued a toddler from a fatal house fire in Kingaroy in 2018 was officially recognised during a police ceremony in Murgon on Friday morning.

A 47-year-old man and two small children – aged 2 and 11 months – died in the fire on March 24, 2018.

A four-year-old boy escaped unscathed thanks to the actions of three passers-by.

The bravery of Lex Petersen, Zachary Hairon and Patrick Drinan, who smashed windows to save the child, was recognised with the presentation of Commissioner's Certificates at the Queensland Police Service Dalby Burnett Patrol Medal and Award ceremony held at the Murgon PCYC.

The official commendation, read out during the ceremony by Inspector Graeme Paine, detailed the trio's actions on that tragic day:

“Mr Lex Petersen, Mr Patrick Drinan and Mr Zachary Hairon were all driving in the vicinity in their separate vehicles at the time when they observed the house on fire. There were no open doors or windows in the house.

“The mother of the children then came running up the footpath screaming that her partner and babies were locked inside the house.

“Mr Petersen, Mr Drinan and Mr Hairon approached the woman and obtained the key from her. Mr Petersen went to the front door to attempt to unlock it, but the flames and heat were too intense to approach the house.

“The men then used a large piece of timber to break a front window. They observed a small child run out of the room and go to the next room.

“They again used the timber to break the next window. The child came over to the window and was able to be lifted out of the window and removed from the house.

“Mr Petersen then ran to the back of the house, up the back steps and unlocked the back door but was unable to push the door open. He then returned to the front of the house which was well-engulfed by fire when emergency services arrived.

“Mr Petersen, Mr Drinan and Mr Hairon are awarded Commissioner’s Certificates for their brave actions.”

They were presented with their certificates by Assistant Commissioner Mike Condon BM APM.

Mr Petersen told southburnett.com.au his only wish was that he had been able to save more lives that day



Assistant Commissioner Mike Condon BM APM with South Burnett mayor Brett Otto



Master of Ceremonies Inspector Graeme Paine (Dalby Burnett Patrol Inspector) and Detective Inspector Matthew Kelly



Assistant Commissioner Mike Condon presented Vincent Melbin, from Dalby, with a Commissioner's Certificate for rescuing a man who jumped into the Brisbane River in March 2019

On March 15, 2019, at 2:50am, Vincent Melbin and his companion Bridget Fraser observed a man about to jump from the Goodwill Bridge into the Brisbane River. The pair tried to talk the man down but only got him to identify himself before he jumped. The man briefly submerged before he came up, struggling to keep himself afloat.

Despite not knowing the depth of the river or what was submerged, Vincent – at great risk to himself – jumped about 10-15 metres from the bridge into the river. He grabbed the man and supported him long enough to swim over to a jetty that was under construction. He supported the man, who had fallen unconscious, in the water until police arrived and helped both men out of the water.

Acting Superintendent Garrath Channells presented District Officer's Certificates to three officers:



Sergeant Bradley Fewtrell (Wandoan) for providing a timely, high quality and efficient policing response that resulted in the apprehension of two armed and dangerous offenders at Yuleba in 2018



Sergeant Rene Bond (Murgon PCYC) and Senior Constable Jamie Leonard (Murgon) for their efforts in 2018 to save the life of a young man who had attempted suicide



Assistant Commissioner Mike Condon presented Sergeant Matthew Donaldson (Cherbourg) with the National Police Service Medal (15 years) and the National Medal (15 years)



Anthony Turner (Dalby) received the Qld Police Service Medal (35 years clasp)



Senior Constable Rob Firman (Kingaroy) received the Qld Police Service Medal (20 years clasp)



Louise Thompson (Cherbourg) received the Qld Police Service Medal (20 years clasp)



Acting Sergeant Murray Sanewski (Kingaroy) received the Qld Police Service Medal (15 years clasp)



Senior Police Liaison Officer Stephen Grant (Murgon) received the Qld Police Service Medal (15 years clasp)



Police chaplain John Selwood received the Qld Police Service Medal (15 years clasp)



Senior Constable Jamie Leonard (Murgon) received the Qld Police Service Medal



Stephen Johnson (Murgon) received the Qld Police Service Medal

The National Police Service Medal recognises the special status that sworn police officers have because of their role protecting the community. It represents a police officer's past and future commitment to give ethical and diligent service. A minimum of 15 years' service is required to qualify.

The **National Medal** recognises 15 years' diligent service by members of Australian police forces and members of the ambulance and fire service.

The **Queensland Police Service Medal** recognises 10 years of diligent and ethical service by members of the QPS and is not granted as a right by virtue of long service. A clasp may be awarded to a medal recipient upon completion of each additional five years of qualifying service.



Murgon Police Station was well represented

Courtesy photos & help appreciated to South Burnett Online.

Speed Limit Slashed On Range



The speed limit on the notorious Cooyar Range stretch of the New England Highway – the site of multiple accidents over the years – will drop from 100km/h to 60km/h this week.

Transport and Main Roads Southern Queensland Regional Director Kym Murphy said the change followed community feedback and a review of speed limits.

“We’ve listened to the community and the Speed Management Committee has undertaken a speed limit review,” Ms Murphy said.

“The review process considers a range of factors such as road function, roadside environment, road construction standards, prevailing traffic speeds and crash history.

Ms Murphy said 60km/h zone would extend from Kingaroy–Cooyar Road – the T-intersection at the top of the range – to the bottom of the Cooyar Range.

“This section of road is rather steep and susceptible to strong winds, and both of these factors contributed to the reduction in speed,” she said.

“The committee includes representatives from the Queensland Police Service, local council and the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

“Toowoomba Regional Council was involved in the Cooyar Range reduction.

“I urge all motorists to observe the new speed limit signs and to always drive to conditions.”

Courtesy South Burnett Online

Covid19 cancels Blackbutt Bazaar

“We have taken the financial risk and burden to deliver an event in these uncertain times, and today we announce the uncertainty that Covid19 continues to deliver has outweighed the gain we had intended to bring to our town of Blackbutt. Therefore we are cancelling the Top of the Blackbutt Range Bazaar, Boutique and Local Produce markets on October 4.”

“The new event was put together by the committee of the Blackbutt Avocado Festival in an effort to boost confidence and support local businesses; as well as those people who use the markets as an outlet to sell their goods and wares. However, when the South Burnett was identified as a region requiring to increase restrictions, the confidence of our community took another hit, and so did some of the confidence from travellers looking to make the South Burnett home for the October long week.”

“When the restrictions were announced in July, the committee pushed on delivering CovidSAFE plans for the event as the South Burnett did not have any COVID19 cases. We had successfully put together a COVIDSAFE plan and was in the process of ensuring we were delivering at the highest of safety standards. However, the accumulation of increasing cases in the South-East and Toowoomba though has meant that the committee has changed their priority from putting on an event, to focusing on the needs of it’s own community and its sentiment on safety.”

“We had also been working to meet the new Visit South Burnett tagline, ‘stay another day’ by putting an event on to compliment the October long weekend, the existing Nanango Markets in effort to capture the drive market and push dollars into our main street businesses and small business market operators that have really suffered.”

“If there is one thing the community can be assured about, it’s that our committee has not given up, we won’t give up; we continue to work to deliver greater good to our town. There is a next event we look to, a next Avocado festival and even a Big Avocado on the horizon. We always work towards the horizon, that’s what event organisers do, it’s certainly what the Blackbutt Avocado Festival committee do.’

Please be sure to follow our Facebook Page “Bloomin Beautiful Blackbutt Gateway to the South Burnett” or to make enquiry for sponsorship, stallholders or learn more about the festival send an email to admin@avofest.com.au. It’s an exciting time for the Blackbutt Avocado festival and its supporters, be sure to stay tuned and please offer any support where you can.

The 2021 Blackbutt Avocado Festival will be held on Saturday, 11 September.2021

Jeff Connor, Chairman

Hope you enjoy this.

A Great Lesson on Stress

A young lady confidently walked around the room with a raised glass of water while leading a seminar and explaining stress management to her audience. Everyone knew she was going to ask the ultimate question, ‘Half empty or half full?’ She fooled them all. “How heavy is this glass of water?” she inquired with a smile. Answers called out ranged from 8 oz. To 20 oz.

She replied, “The absolute weight doesn’t matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that’s not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I’ll have an ache in my right arm.

If I hold it for a day, you’ll have to call an ambulance. In each case it’s the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes.”

She continued, “and that’s the way it is with stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won’t be able to carry on.”

“As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we’re

refreshed, we can carry on with the burden - holding stress longer and better each time practiced.

So, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don’t carry them through the evening and into the night. Pick them up again tomorrow if you must.

1 * Accept the fact that some days you’re the pigeon, and some days you’re the statue!

2 * Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

3 * Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.

4 * Drive carefully... It’s not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.

5 * If you can’t be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

6 * If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

7 * It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.

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8 * Never buy a car you can't push.

9 * Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.

10 * Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.

11 * Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.

12 * The second mouse gets the cheese.

13 * When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

14 * Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.

16 * Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.

17 * We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.

18 * A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

19 * Have an awesome day and know that someone has thought about you today.

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY

20 * Save the earth..... It's the only planet with chocolate!*

Free training is being run at Cherbourg TAFE next week.



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

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

- serve alcohol legally and responsibly in a licensed venue in Queensland
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- utilise Microsoft Word and Excel

Duration: 5 Days

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

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When	Where
Monday 14 th September to Friday 18 th September 2020 8:30am to 3:30pm each day Please enquire as soon as possible as places are limited. Applications required by 4 th September 2020	CHERBOURG TAFE Queensland Nurunderi Campus Collins Road Cherbourg

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2020 October Open Art Competition

Includes \$3000 Mayor's Acquisitive Art Prize
and Open "Australian Poetry Theme Art Competition"

The Acquisitive prize will be judged from all entries in all open sections.

Over \$8,000 in Prize money

Entries must be in the Wondai Regional Art Gallery no later than 2pm, Saturday 26th September.

No late entries will be accepted. Art to be collected by 2pm Saturday 31st October.

Opening night 2nd October 6pm, \$5.00 Adult Entry – children free

Hot and cold supper will be provided, Local wine will be available for purchase

Live entertainment, Announcements of winners

Acquisitive Section (Open) Prize \$3000

The winning entry in the acquisitive section will be judged from all Open Sections 1 to 6. Irrespective of art value the winner will receive \$3000. The winner will not be eligible for any other prize. The acquisitive section is sponsored by the South Burnett Regional Council.

Sections 1-6 Any Theme/ Subject

Adult Entry fee \$6.00/ FOG members \$4.00 / Child entry (under 18) Free

Section 1 (Open) - Art

(a) **Oil or Acrylic** section - Prize 1st \$500 2nd \$200

(b) **Watercolour (Pure)** section - Prize 1st \$500 2nd \$200

(c) **Pastel** section – Prize 1st \$500 2nd \$200

(d) **Any Other Medium** - Prize 1st \$500 2nd \$200

Section 2 (Open) – Photography

Photography - Prize 1st \$500 2nd \$200

Section 3 (Open) - Sculpture and Ceramics

Sculpture and Ceramics - Prize 1st \$500 2nd \$200

Section 4 (Open) – Indigenous Art of Australia

Indigenous Art of Australia - Prize 1st \$500 2nd \$200

Section 5 South Burnett Residents Only any Medium

South Burnett Residents Only – Prize 1st \$500 2nd \$200

Section 6 Open Australian Poetry Theme

Artist is to choose an Australian poem written between 1800 and 1900.

To use any medium to interpret the poem.

You are also required to submit an extract of the poem with your entry including title and author – Prize 1st \$400 2nd \$200

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Almost 12 months to the day after Di Holden had a stroke at work at Nutrien Ag Solution Goomeri.

She was able to repay the team at life flight who saved her life, by getting her to life saving treatment in Brisbane in just 36 minutes. Di and Andrew Holden own the Nutrien Ag Solutions store in Goomeri (formally known as BGA) and have supported life flight for a number of years through battery recycling and the Tansey bowls Day. Due to Covid this year the bowls day has been cancelled, so Di and Andrew decided to travel to the sunshine coast Base to present a cheque for \$5000.00 to Mandy Hentschel

Senior Fundraising Coordinator North Coast

The fundraising has been tough this year with the Covid restriction so we decided rather than just giving our battery money raised. we would add to the amount ourselves and make this donation Di said. You don't know when you may need their help and it's truly a fantastic sight to see the chopper land when your loved one is so ill Andrew said we are so very lucky to have them.

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Irish Math Test

A Irishman wants a job, but the racist foreman won't hire him until he must pass a little math test.

Here is your first question, the foreman said. "Without using numbers, represent the number 9."

"Without numbers?" The Irishman says? "Dat is easy." And proceeds to draw three trees.

"What's this?" the boss asks.

"Have you ain't got no brain? Tree and tree plus tree makes 9" says the Irishman.

"Fair enough," says the boss. "Here's your second question. Use the same rules, but this time the number is 99."

The Irishman stares into space for a while, then picks up the picture that he has just drawn and makes a smudge on each tree... "Ere you go."

The boss scratches his head and says, "How on earth do you get that to represent 99?"

"Each of da trees is dirty now. So, it's dirty tree, and dirty tree, plus dirty tree. Dat makes 99."

The boss is getting worried that he's going to actually have to hire this Irishman, so he says, "All right, last question. Same rules again, but represent the number 100."

The Irishman stares into space some more, then he picks up the picture again and makes a little mark at the base of each tree and says, "Ere you go. One hundred."

The boss looks at the attempt. "You must be nuts if you think that represents a hundred!"

The Irishman leans forward and points to the marks at the base of each tree and whispers, "A little dog come along and poop by each tree."

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Kathy's Comments

Covid Restrictions Tightening

The Covid restrictions are tightening again for our region with some cases in other areas causing concern. These are tough times for everyone but as has been said "we are all in this together". I saw the impact of the Spanish flu in the film at the Ration Shed recently. The number of deaths was incredibly scary. We all need to keep our social distance and play by the rules to keep our community healthy and safe. Please use this opportunity to discover what we have in our own back yard. Please also use the opportunity to shop locally and support our local businesses who are relying on the local trade to keep afloat. This is a chance to work together, support each other and keep our community safe and strong.

Visit South Burnett

I am really pleased that our Council has supported Visit South Burnett with a partnership agreement and some funding. I think that it is wonderful to have a local tourist organisation to drive tourism in our region. I would really love to see everyone get behind Visit South Burnett. I believe we have huge opportunities to really do a great job promoting and marketing tourism in our region. How great would it be if we all worked together to co-ordinate events? I can think of numerous opportunities for events to piggy back off each other and encourage visitors to stay an extra week to catch the next event. Even if every time a traveller comes they stay just one extra night it will make a difference in a positive way to the economy of our region. Please get on board now and join the group, help to promote it and let's make the South Burnett the place to be for events, friendly people, things to see and do and good old fashioned country hospitality

Thank you Cherbourg Council

It was a memorable visit to Cherbourg for me when our Council was invited for a luncheon and tour of the Ration Shed. I have never had time to watch the film about the history of Cherbourg until the other day when we were all given the opportunity to sit down and watch it. It was very interesting to hear Eric Law share the stories of the war and the Cherbourg men who fought and came home and were not even recognised for their efforts. We were also treated to a beautiful lunch and a catch up with Mayor Elvie, CEO Zala, the Council team and senior staff. Thank you to Cherbourg Council for a very enjoyable visit to your community.

Qld Dairy & Heritage Museum AGM

I take my hat off to the volunteers who have kept the Museum going ever since amalgamation. The Museum was given to the community just before amalgamation. It is a shining example of what is possible when people have fire in their bellies and passion for their community. The Museum has gone from strength to strength and is a showcase for our region. There are numerous buildings, a fabulous museum, a church and a massive amount of open space. This is all kept immaculately by a small team of volunteers. Congratulations to the President, Cynthia Hatchett, and your team who have been elected to carry the torch for another twelve months. Thank you for all that you do to look after



this precious piece of heritage for our region.

Hivesville all a buzz!!

I was excited to share the enthusiasm of the Hivesville Progress Association with a million ideas and lots of interest in progressing their community. Our Council is fully supportive of their initiatives and I am really looking forward to working with the committee to get some "Hives" for Hivesville and lots of other exciting things that they have planned. Watch this space as the community is buzzing with excitement!!

Planning for Proston

The community needs to make some decisions on the park between the hall and the pub. Council has some funding to put a new set of swings in that space. The swings were encroaching on the Hotel land and they needed upgrading so they have been removed until a decision has been made. There is an opportunity to spend the funding in Railway Park and upgrade it if that is what the majority of people want. Whatever happens there will be community consultation before any decision is made. Please make sure you provide your feedback on this matter when you get that opportunity.

The Magic of Mondure

I was extremely impressed when I was invited to have a look at Poppy Cross's Shed. It is absolutely amazing. The Mondure Rural Fire Brigade BBQ's are a chance to have a beer and a burger with salt of the earth people who love their community. I think people are starting to realise the benefits of clean country living and open space. I am sure our region will grow when this pandemic passes.

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Grants of up to \$3000 are available.

All applications are assessed by the Coopers Gap Community Consultative Committee (CCC), a voluntary group set up to assist communications between AGL and the community.

This seventh round of grants will specifically target the communities of Bell, Jandowae and Kumbia.

Applicants located outside these areas can also apply but applications from these three districts will take priority.

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Sod turning marks start of \$450,000 new Drop-In Centre for Murgon veterans and families

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien turned the first sod on the new Drop-in Centre for Murgon veterans, which delivers on his \$450,000 election commitment and will create about 40 jobs.

Mr O'Brien said he was delighted to see works begin on the significant project, which is next to the Murgon Council Office on Stephens Street.

"This drop-in centre was a key priority for the Liberal and Nationals because it will deliver significant benefits for veterans and the Murgon community, providing a safe and comfortable place to help veterans who have served to protect our country, and who deserve to have a place of their own to socialise and receive support," Mr O'Brien said.

"Importantly, the project will also create about 40 jobs, including electricians, plumbers, concreters and other trades, which will provide a significant flow-on benefit to the Murgon and South Burnett community."

The Drop-In Centre will include a Welfare and Pensions Office and staff, a large meeting room with conference facilities, a kitchen and barbecue area.

"The Murgon Sub-Branch is experiencing rapid growth in membership, and they need a larger premises to deliver better welfare and advocacy services, and family-friendly social facilities," Mr O'Brien said.

"The meeting room and facilities will be available to community groups such as the local Parkinson's Support Group, so there is widespread benefit for the whole Murgon community.

"The centre will also house the RSL Sub-Branch's memorabilia collection and historic photo gallery, and information so that school children will be able to learn about Australia's Defence history, ensuring our Anzac legacy is remembered by future generations."

Mr O'Brien said large-scale infrastructure projects like the Drop-In Centre would ensure regional Australia continues to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, create jobs and provide a lasting benefit for our local communities.

"Now more than ever before, we know that investments like these are critical in places like Murgon, because helping regional areas recover and supporting the local economy means that Australia can recover faster," he said

The Drop-In Centre has been fully budgeted for, and is scheduled to be complete by March 2021, weather permitting.



A First Aid Moment with Murgon Local Ambulance Committee

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