

One of our Murgon World War 11 veterans, On the 19th April 2024 Alfred (Mick) Purser turned 101 Years. **Photo, Mick Purser being congratulated by South Burnett Regional Council Mayor Kathy Duff.** But Castra, where Mick now resides, couldn't let Mick's actual birthday pass without a party.



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Permanent Flood Signage Project

South Burnett Regional Council is excited to announce that new permanent flood warning signage is starting to be rolled out across the region. Signs have been erected in the northern areas and will be erected in the central and southern parts of the region in the coming months. The locations for this signage have been based on high risk, known trouble spots and the project will be completed by 30 June 2024.

This project is a commitment to flood recovery and resilience and is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, administered by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority.

The permanent fold down flood signage will assist Council's roads team during rain events as they will not have to load as many advance warning signs onto the vehicles, therefore allowing them to respond quicker to full road closures.

The new advance warning signs being installed are "Water Over Road" and "Road Closed Ahead Due to Flooding" to alert drivers to flooding before they arrive at the impact points.

Cr Danita Potter said, "When people need to be rescued from floodwaters, it can be very distressing for everyone involved, including emergency response teams who place themselves at risk."

"The signs are one way of making the public aware of water over roads. However, as we all know flash flooding can occur quickly and without warning. Road closures due to flash flooding may not always have a sign enabled and it may also not appear on Council's disaster dashboard. Remember, always drive to the conditions and if it's flooded, forget it," said Cr Potter.

Follow Council's disaster dashboard for further information on road closures: Dashboard (southburnett.qld.gov.au)

FREE PRAYER!

Is anything in life free? Yes, there is. Is it unconditional? Most "free" offers today are if you buy something from the provider, you get something "free". What about loyalty programmes; they give you something for free, don't they? Hmmm, have you noticed the price of groceries go up when there is a loyalty programme?

Now something that is truly free is prayer. When you feel burdened, you can pray to God and seek the love of Jesus. If you believe that God can help you, that is, have some faith in God (no matter how small) then God's Spirit is right alongside you. The Message version of the Bible in Romans 8:26-27 explains this well – "If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves, knows our [anticipatory] condition, and keeps us present before God."

But wait, there's more! Praying can give you peace and sometimes the answer to your problems.

Murgon Goomeri Uniting Church

Council Continues Flood Damage Repairs

The repair of Council's road network from six declared rainfall events will continue to be a priority for Council as part of its focus on core business, Mayor Kathy Duff has stated.

Council's ongoing flood damage restoration project commenced in November 2021 and has since seen the region experience a series of severe weather events which has caused significant damage to the South Burnett's road network and disruption to the community. The latest event was in January 2024 resulting from heavy rain to the region caused by the ex-tropical cyclone Kirrily system.

"Council had to respond again to emergency damage across our regional road network with temporary repairs to

keep the network open. Council must undertake works in accordance with flood damage guidelines and more permanent restoration works will be undertaken when funding approvals have been secured," said Mayor Duff.

Council is required to prepare submissions to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) for Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) so that the repair works can be approved and jointly funded by the Australian and State governments. Where works are undertaken prior to the approvals Council carries the financial risk until the approvals are received.

Mayor Duff said, "The Council road network consists of 1683 roads, totalling 2,981 kilometres. An estimated 982 roads have sustained damage with an estimated 1,043 kilometres of both sealed and unsealed roads requiring restoration or emergency repairs works."

The damage bill is in excess of some \$63M with over \$40M in restoration and emergency works being completed to date.

"I would like to thank the community for their patience in fixing the network particularly with the ongoing wet weather impacts, I would also like to acknowledge the work of our local contractors and Council staff. Council will prioritise the improvement of our road network and the completion of the flood damage program across the region will continue to be a key priority for the next 12 months," said Mayor Duff.

For any road issues please contact Council and submit a customer request , submit a request online here: https://southburnett.qld.gov.au/councilconnect or alternatively contact Council on 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.

Systematic Inspection Program for Dog Registration

In accordance with section 114 of the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008 (the Act) notice is hereby given that the South Burnett Regional Council intends to conduct an Approved Systematic Inspection Program to ensure that all dogs are registered in accordance with the Act.

The program will commence on 29 April 2024 and concludes on 30 June 2024.

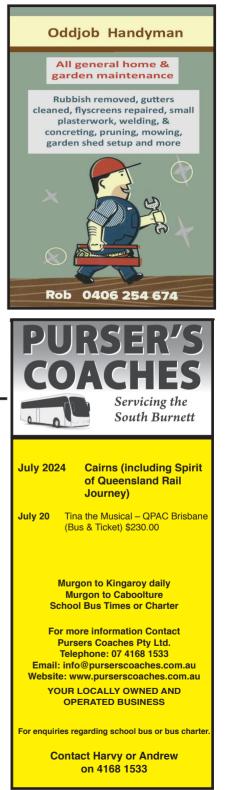
The properties to be included in the Systematic Inspection Program are potentially all properties within the South Burnett area.

Inspections will be conducted between 8.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday during this period.

All dogs over the age of three (3) months are obliged to be registered with the local authority, in which the animal resides, as required by the state's animal management legislation. This systematic inspection program seeks to proactively check to see if animal owners are complying with their obligations.

Council is permitted to undertake these house inspections in order to ascertain compliance with the legislation. The Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008 provides the necessary head of power to carry out the registration checking activities.

For more information, please contact Council's Animal Management team on 1300 789 279, 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.





South Burnett Distillers Secures Silver at Prestigious London Spirits Competition with Signature Ichika Gin

South Burnett Distillers

In a remarkable showing at the globally recognised London Spirits Competition, South Burnett Distillers proudly announces its acquisition of a coveted silver medal for its signature Ichika Gin.

This achievement places the small-batch distillery on the map for the second consecutive year, underscoring its commitment to producing premium spirits.

Originating from South East Queensland's fertile lands, South

Burnett Distillers has once again demonstrated its prowess in the spirit industry. Ichika Gin, lauded for its

delicate Japanese and East Asian inspirations, stood out among competitors for its unique **grape-to-glass ethos** and compelling flavour profile.

Nick Pesudovs, the maestro behind South Burnett Distillers and head winemaker at Clovely Estate, expressed his elation over the distillery's ongoing success on the international stage.

"Receiving recognition for the second year in a row at the London Spirits Competition is not just an honour; it's a testament to our dedicated pursuit of distilling excellence." stated Pesudovs.

"Our Ichika Gin, with its distinctive blend of botanicals and nuanced flavours, epitomises our innovative approach to spirit-making."

Pesudovs' meticulous distillation process transforms local wine into a nuanced base spirit, setting South Burnett Distillers apart from its contemporaries. This artisanal approach results in a gin that not only captivates with its modernity and depth but also captures the essence of its Australian roots.

The **2024 London Spirits Competition** hosted 520 gin entries from 80 countries. Esteemed judges from the UK's beverage sector meticulously evaluated each spirit on the merits of quality, value, and presentation.

"From our inception 36 months ago to being recognised on this significant platform, our journey has been nothing short of extraordinary. This accolade affirms our hard work and positions not only our distillery but also the South Burnett region, as a notable destination on the world's spirits map." Pesudovs said

In light of this triumph, South Burnett Distillers is eager to further develop its distinguished range of grape-to-glass spirits. Visitors are encouraged to experience the full array of signature gins at the Clovely Estate Cellar Door or explore the collection online.

Temporary Closure of the KKRT - Wondai to Tingoora Section ONLY

South Burnett Regional Council wishes to advise that the Wondai to Tingoora section of the Kingaroy to Kilkivan Rail Trail will be closed to the public on Thursday 9 May 2024 from 8.00am to 3.30pm for the Kingaroy State High School cross country competition.

Council apologises for any inconvenience caused during this time.

For further information contact Council's Facilities and Parks team on 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.

AL-ANON

If you are troubled by the drinking of someone close to you, there is now a local support meeting being held at

Goomeri Showgrounds Pavilion Building

Laird St Goomeri

Thursdays 11 am

Contact: 1300 252 666

Or www.al-anon.org.au

for more information

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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94 Macalister St Murgon

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Online Zoom meeting is also available

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TANSEY BOWLS CLUB DONATES TO LIFE FLIGHT

The Annual event hosted by Tansey Bowls Club, will be held on 11th May. Over 100 donated prizes will be raffled and drawn at the Saturday evening bowls day and night barbeque dinner. The Tansey Bowls Club would like to thank all their many supporters who purchase tickets or donate prizes and make this event a very successful annual fund raizing event.

Life Flight is 65% funded by the Queensland Government but it costs a massive \$25,000 for each flight.

Photo Top L-R : Dan Richards, Ralph Beddows, Tracey Litfin, Alex Barsby, Judy McKewin, Harrison Gentry, and Life Flight volunteers Bee Driscoll, June Watts, Lionel Watts



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living and Master bedroom. The double plus garage is spacious with a remote lift door and double door access to the home. The 4th bedroom/office has patio door access to a neat patio. The rear yard is fully and well fenced with double gate access from one side of the house and personal gate to the other side, a blank canvas ready for a new owner to establish gardens. Reduced to \$385,000



For the first time in over 33 vears, this lovely home is now being offered for sale. Lowset with clay block veneer walls nessling amongst established gardens on 21/2 acres. Expansive views.

Generous family layout, the formal living/dining has a wood fire. The timber built in kitchen finished with New Guinea Rose Wood timber doors offers plenty of storage and work stations along with an island breakfast bar. 2 spacious bedrooms both with built ins and air conditioning. The air conditioned rumpus/family room has potential to be converted to provide extra bedrooms with ease, if needed. A covered BBQ area, paved patio, an array of garages, workshops and sheds . There is also covered space to accommodate a full sized caravan. \$740,000



Neat 3 bedroom home in Wondai on low steel stumps. 1012m2 allotment which is fully and well fenced. Air conditioned lounge with The polished timber floors. , kitchen is modern and fully built in with ample drawers and cupboard storage, corner pantry and dishwasher. The separate dining is air conditioned and 2 of the 3

bedrooms are air conditioned. Family bathroom with shower over the bath vanity and toilet plus linen cupboard. Outside at the rear is a covered patio/entertaining area. An enclosed laundry and 2nd toilet alongside plus garden shed. A 2 bay colorbond garage within the back vard. \$360,000



A Striking home, cleverly designed to maximise family living. Lovely welcoming entry leads to the open plan living. built in kitchen and dining area. There are magnificent views from all windows. Leading from the hallway are 2 bedrooms which share a bathroom and ty, lounge area plus an office. Further along

is the Master bedroom with a clever robe area. Lovely en-suite with corner spa bath and separate shower. A separate room here is currently used as an office but would easily make a great nursery or dressing room. The 4th bedroom is very clever in that through one side of the built in robe access is gained to the en-suited area from the Master bedroom. There is a large 2 car lock up garage with access to the house. Plus outside at the rear is a 4 bay colorbond lock up shed which has been divided into 2 to accommodate 2 cars and workshop on one side and a family/games room which is air conditioned and lined on the other side. A truly lovely home. \$770,000

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The 101th birthday of retired Murgon businessman – and World War II veteran – Alfred "Mick" Purser was celebrated at a morning tea at Southern Cross Care (Castra) in Murgon..

Friends, other residents and Castra staff joined with Mick's son Russell, from Noosa, to celebrate the big day in Castra's recreation room.

There was cake, candles and even a morning of music!

Mick grew up on the family's dairy farm, 'Bendee', between Murgon and Nanango (now part of the Bjelke-Petersen Dam).





He enlisted in the RAAF on August 25, 1941.

Russell said his father initially served in the Charters Towers and Townsville areas recovering and repairing parts from downed US aircraft.

He then was sent to Adelaide where he trained as a pilot and began flying DC-3s from Australia to Papua New Guinea.

After he was discharged in 1946, Mick returned to Murgon to complete his apprenticeship as a mechanic with Vic Tessmann.

Mick later bought the business, located where Murgon IGA is now, and called it Murgon Garage.

In 1967, he purchased a school bus run and began building up a bus and coach business. He sold the Murgon Garage to concentrate on his new venture.

In 1996, Mick sold Purser's Coaches to Harvy Dascombe who has continued, along with son Andrew, to build the business into a fleet which now consists of more than 50 vehicles.

Mick also served on Murgon Shire Council for many years.

We wish you enjoy many more birthdays and continue in good health. Love the shirt.

SOUTH BURNETT PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP MEETING Held At The MURGON VETERANS' DROP IN CENTRE On Monday, 29th April 2024

April was the Parkinson's Awareness month and the above morning tea meeting was themed in the colour purple.

Carmen (coordinator) opened the meeting at 10.00am and welcomed 19 attendees and acknowledged several apologies. She also introduced Bob (Board Member of the Murgon RSL sub branch), our delightful compere and judge of the people's purple parade. Also welcomed was Heath Sander, the new Division 5 councillor for the South Burnett Regional Council. Heath introduced himself and talked about a few issues the Council was currently addressing including the decision to abolish the employment of outside contractors and to use local companies wherever possible, in order to help reduce costs.

Chocolates were handed out to those who celebrate their birthdays in March, April and May. Col was the winner of *What's in the Box*. Morning tea, provided by the Auxilary, commenced at 10.30am and the group was provided with a wonderful selection of purple themed cakes, slices and other tasty nibblies, plus tea and coffee.

Doug, one of the group's supporters and the Coordinator of the Murgon Cancer Group told how laughter can help your mood and also help get you through the hard times.



Bob, our entertaining host compered the purple hat and outfit parade giving each winner a funny nickname and a purple created prize. The winners were *Carmen, Garry, Phenella, Stan, Ancy, Janette, Ron, John and Julie.*

The next social meeting will be held at Graham House on Monday, 27th May 2024 commencing at 10.00am at a cost of \$5 per person.

After a lot of laughter and great camaraderie, the meeting closed at 12 noon. If you would like any information on the Parkinson's Support Group please contact Carmen (coordinator) on 5486 1268.

Article and photos contributed by Julie Berry.

SBRCQ 23/24-40 Nanango Entry Sign Replacement

South Burnett Regional Council is seeking offers from suitably qualified and experienced sign manufacturers and installers to replace the Nanango entry sign on the Burnett Highway / Henry Street.

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

The Tenderlink Reference is BURNET- 1093778. Submissions open on Tuesday 30 April 2024 and close at 2pm on Wednesday 22 May 2024.

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CommUNITY DAY by Graham House

WHEN: Saturday, 11th May 2024

TIME: 8am to 11am - Volunteer Ceremony commences at 11am when markets pack up

WHERE: Graham House Community Centre, 21 Taylor St East, Murgon Q 4605

CONTACT: promotions@grahamhouse.org.au

This year's theme for National Volunteer Week is Something for Everyone. In essence of this, we have created a very special event – CommUNITY DAY by Graham House, Saturday May 11 2024 – 8am to 11am with the Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony commencing at 11am.

This event is to honour our volunteers and also welcome members of the South Burnett to come along to our Community Centre and see the diverse range of services we offer to make the South Burnett a more liveable, connected, and diverse community. The day features a fun-filled program of events for the whole family including some special Mother's Day gift ideas, prizes, raffles, activities and more!

To show our appreciation of our volunteers, at 11am we are hosting a special ceremony to personally thank each and every one of them for their dedication to their role and our clients here at Graham House Community Centre.National Volunteer Week was established in 1989 and is the premier celebration of volunteers and volunteerism in Australia. This

special week provides an opportunity to highlight the role of volunteers in our community and to say thank you to the millions of Australians who volunteer, and more specifically for us to say thank you to our 59 very hard working and irreplaceable volunteers here at Graham House Community Centre.

Neighbourhood & Community Centre Week is a nationwide initiative to celebrate the role of over 1,000 Neighbourhood and Community Houses and Centres.

The day starts at 8am and the program includes:

- Community Centre OPEN DAY to celebrate Neighbourhood & Community Centre Week
- Market Stalls including handmade art/craft, gifts, cakes, plants, fresh local flowers, pre-loved clothes and more!
- Sausage Sizzle by Murgon Men's Shed
- Amy's Ice Cream and Coffee Truck
- Face Painting
- Colouring-in Competition
- Kids Art and Craft area including a FREE Mother's Day gift for mum with a special make your own bookmark activity, gift-wrapping and card making
- Mother's Day Cake Stall by the Murgon Hospital Auxiliary ladies
- 'Meet and Greet' with our volunteers at our recruitment stall (you can even test drive one of your new EV cars or our Kia Carnival buses and test their GPS systems if that's a fear holding you back!)
- · And much, much more!





2023/24 Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation Program

As a part of Council's 2023/24 sewerage capital works program and commitment to ensure the long-term sustainability and efficiency of our sewerage infrastructure, Council is undertaking a sewer manhole relining program in the Kingaroy, Nanango, Murgon and Wondai sewer networks over the next two (2) months. Infrastructure Rehabilitation Services (IRS) Pty Ltd was awarded the contract for these works.

The sewer manhole rehabilitation program will extend the life of existing sewerage infrastructure via the installation of cementitious coatings to the internal face of the manholes. The program will involve the use of high pressure cleaning, robotics to inspect the sewers and manual application of coatings within the manholes. This work is complementary to the previous pipe re-lining installation using a PVC liner and restores the network to a near new condition.

The project has commenced and is expected to be completed in June 2024. Further notifications to

affected customers will be provided when works are occurring in their area. Access to manholes on some customer properties will be necessary, with contractors undertaking works whilst being assisted by Council staff.

Completion of works is scheduled for late June 2024 based on the contractor production rate for manhole rehabilitation works, weather permitting. The completion date will however be dependent on network conditions which can only be confirmed once works begin.

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

Please direct any enquiries with respect to project implementation, to Council's Water and Wastewater section by phoning 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld. gov.au.





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Murgon Cattle Sale Report 30/04/2024



Numbers were back to 650 for Murgon's fortnightly sale. Export cattle were cheaper vet again. Above average quality feeders were firm, with lesser quality being easier. Better quality weaner steers and heifers remained reasonably firm. The market for lesser quality lighter cattle was tough. Heavy Bulls sold to \$2.28 per kilogram and \$2220.00. Heavy Cows over 500 kg sold to \$2.16 per kilogram and \$1350.00. Cows 400 to 500 kg topped at \$1.84 per kilogram for \$890.00. Cows under 400 kg were short in number and sold to \$1.55c/kg. Export heifers sold to \$2.20 per kilogram for \$1180.00. Cattle were drawn from Mundubbera, Gayndah, Mt Perry, Nanango, Kingaroy, Kilkivan, Gympie & locally. Local Charbray steers 510 kg sold to \$3.28 c/kg to return \$1675.00. Angus cross steers 475 kg sold for \$3.29 c/kg and \$1560.00. A draft of 50 Santa/Droughtmaster steers from Redgate sold for an average of \$3.22 c/kg & \$1420.00, the topping at \$1560.00 and \$3.28 c/kg. A line of Santa steers from Manumbar averaged \$1225.00 at \$3.37 c/kg topping at \$1256.00 & \$1256.00. 286 kg Angus cross steers ex Mundubbera sold for \$1030.00 at \$3.60 c/kg. Local Angus cross weaner steers sold to \$3.91 c/kg to return \$1075.00. 2 pens of Brangus weaner steers from Tansey sold to \$3.60 c/kg to return \$923.00 & \$912.00. 413 kg Santa heifers from Barambah sold for \$1110.00 at \$2.68 c/kg. Droughtmaster cross heifers 440 kg sold for \$2.60 c/kg for \$1140.00. 380 kg heifers sold to \$1015.00 at \$2.66 c/kg. Speckled Park heifers from The Stuart River sold for \$882.00 and \$2.55 c/kg. Droughtmaster heifers 303 kg ex Gympie sold for \$2.30 c/kg & \$700.00. 262 kg weaner heifers from Wondai sold for \$680.00 at \$2.60 c/kg.

The next Murgon Sale will be on Tuesday the 14th of May at 8.00 am.

South Burnett Regional Council Grant Finder

Winning grants to fund a community project or business has been made a whole lot easier thanks to South Burnett Regional Council's Grant Finder – a one-stop shop search engine for accessing external grants.

With a database of more than 1,250 grants, the South Burnett Grant Finder – powered by Australia's most powerful grant search engine, GrantGuru – is the most comprehensive search site for government and private-sector grant providers in Australia.

Once registered, not-for-profit community organisations and business owners can access a comprehensive list of external grant and funding opportunities; filter grants by location, industry and type of project; sign up to receive grant alerts; access tips on applying; track grants from application to closing date and access helpful information on preparing interim and final reports to a funding provider. The site also lists rebates, concessions, awards and scholarships.

The site also offers a database of grant writers with expertise across a variety of grant programs and industry sectors who are ready to help you write your next application.

Sign up for the South Burnett Grant Finder at https://grantguru.com/au/southburnett

South Burnett Regional Council funded community grants remain separate from the South Burnett Grants Finder and can be accessed via https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/grants-funding





May 2024 | www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/libraries

National Simultaneous Storytime 2024



National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) will take place on Wednesday 22 May 2024 at 12.00pm across our six library branches. In 2023, NSS saw over 2 million kids' reading on the day!

This year's National Simultaneous book 'Bowerbird Blues' by Aura Parker celebrates the iov of connection and collecting special items that we treasure. "When we read together it helps language development, learning and literacy, all while building community. It's also a lot of fun."

Pop into your local library branch or follow us on South Burnett Libraries' Facebook or Instagram pages to be involved in these events.

Save the Date - South Burnett Libraries at Under 8s Day

South Burnett Libraries are looking forward to attending Under 8s Day at Memorial Park in Kingaroy on Thursday 27 June 2024 from 9.30am-12.00pm!

We will be hosting "The Swaggie Man" - a children's entertainer who loves to share the fun behind Australian music and how to make and play simple instruments.

Library staff will have interactive activities available for attendees

and it is a great opportunity for families to find out more about the free programs and resources that are available at the library. If you see the library at this event, be sure to stop by and say hello!

NBN Sessions at Blackbutt

South Burnett Libraries are partnering with the local NBN ambassador who will be visiting the Blackbutt Library to answer any tech questions and to troubleshoot issues library patrons may be having with their smart devices. Judy from the Kingarov Library will also attend to promote BorrowBox, which is the library's digital platform, to demonstrate the features of eMagazine collection. Join us from 2.00pm on Tuesday 16 April at the Blackbutt Library. We'd love to see you there!



Did you know?

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Simply complete the Online Membership Form to receive your South Burnett Libraries membership number. This membership allows you instant access to your library account so that you can begin exploring the thousands of free resources available with your membership.

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Social Book Chats

South Burnett Libraries have been hosting social book chats across the region and have sessions planned for the Nanango, Blackbutt and Murgon libraries.

Come along to meet new people and discuss what books you have read recently or to get some excellent recommendations from the library team.

These chats do branch out into other subjects such as movies and technology as well as discussing hobbies that attendees have in common.

Keep an eye on the South Burnett Libraries Facebook page for information about the next session.

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We sadly mourn the loss of:

RENOUF. Eileen Jov "Bubby" Late of Murgon

BERRY, Steven Herbert, Late of Murgon

WYATT, Maxwell Charles, Late of Wondai and formerly of Portland, Victoria

BARSBY, Bevin, Late of Toowoomba, formerly of Proston and Murgon.

BIRD, Ian Michael, Late of Cherbourg

SCHIEFELBEIN. Rov Norman Late of Hivesville formerly of Maryborough

BOND, Michael, Late of Murgon.

SBRCouncil Ordinary Meeting Dates

In accordance with Section 254B of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council advises that the Ordinary Meetings for the remainder of 2024 have been scheduled as follows:

- Wednesday 24 April 2024
- Wednesday 15 May 2024
- Wednesday 19 June 2024
- Wednesday 10 July 2024 (Special Budget Meeting)
- Wednesday 17 July 2024
- Wednesday 21 August 2024
- Wednesday 18 September 2024
- Wednesday 16 October 2024
- Wednesday 20 November 2024
- Wednesday 18 December 2024

Ordinary Meetings commence at 9am in the Warren Truss Chamber, Glendon Street Kingaroy unless stated otherwise.

Residents are invited to attend the meeting as members of the public gallery.

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When: Thursday, 23 May 2024



Where: QCWA Rooms, Rodney Street, PROSTON

Time: 10.00 am

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Details: We will keep our doors open until approximately 3.00 pm, so please feel free to drop in and have a cuppa, for a very worthy cause.

If you are unable to join us this day, but would like to donate towards cancer

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Contact:

Email: prostonqcwa@yahoo.com.au President: Val Klein – phone 41689391 Treasurer: Mellissa Dunn – phone 0448289402 Secretary: Lyn Reynolds – phone 0407540504



73 Macalister Street, Murgon

Saturday 11th May 2024— 5.00—8.00 pm

\$10.00 Entry Fee

includes light refreshments.

Mocktails will be available for purchase. Food and drinks can be enjoyed in Waterlily Workshop and Garden.



Stroll through the gallery , whilst listening to relaxing background music, and vote for your choice of artwork for the

Peoples Choice Prize-voting must be completed by 7.00 p.m.

Exhibiting artists, members and volunteers free entry, tickets at the door, for more information Ph 0472 741 664, Art & Craft available for purchase on the night.

Some Upcoming Events in May & June

May

Nurture you Burnett Visionary Women - Wondai Town Hall - 10th May
 The Harrington Circus Show - Murgon Showgrounds - 10th-12th May

Burrandowan Picnic Races - Burrandowan - 11th May
 Gordonbrook Dam Mountain Bike Trail Grand Opening - 18th May

- Rufus Jack Bundy Party Kingaroy RSL 24th May
 - · Goomeri Pumpkin Festival -Goomeri 24th-26th May
 - Junior Motorcycle Club Race Day Kingaroy 25th May

• Mud Women Mothers & Daughters - Proston CWA - 25th May

• Mud Women Mothers & Daughters - Wondai Art Gallery - 26th May

<u>June</u>

Hillview Cottages Aussie Camp Oven Dinner Under the Stars - 1st
 June

Mud Women Mothers & Daughters- Kingaroy QCWA Hall - 1st June

 Mud Women Mothers & Daughters - Ringsfield House Nanango - 2nd June

Motors N Mochas - Kingaroy - 2nd June
 Winter Dinner Ball - Inverlaw Hall - 8th June

Community Resilience & Emergency Services Expo - Booie - 8th
 June

South Burnett Community Orchestra Concert - Kingaroy - 15th June

Kingaroy Scout group 100 year celebration - Kingaroy - 22nd June

• Wondai Country Running Festival - Wondai - 22nd-23rd June

Local Markets;

 Kingaroy Friendship Markets - 3rd Saturday - Kingaroy Showgrounds

· Nanango Markets 1st Saturday - Nanango Showgrounds

Wooroolin Community Markets 2nd Saturday - QCWA Building

- Yarraman Markets Every Saturday Toomey St Yarraman
 - Murgon CBD Markets 2nd Sunday Lamb St Murgon

 Nanango Church Yard-Op Shop Markets - 4th Saturday of the Month - 110 Burnett Street

 Blackbutt Country Markets 3rd Sunday - Les Muller Park Coulson Street Blackbutt

Wondai Country Markets 4th Saturday - Coronation Park Wondai

Bunya Mountains Markets Last Sunday - Bunya Mountains

Hivesville Country Markets - Last Sunday

Proston - 3rd Saturday of the Month

Workshops

 SBRC Project Planning 101 from brainstorming to budgets - 29th April, May 2nd & May 3rd

 Community Resilience And Emergency Services Expo - East Nanango - 25th May

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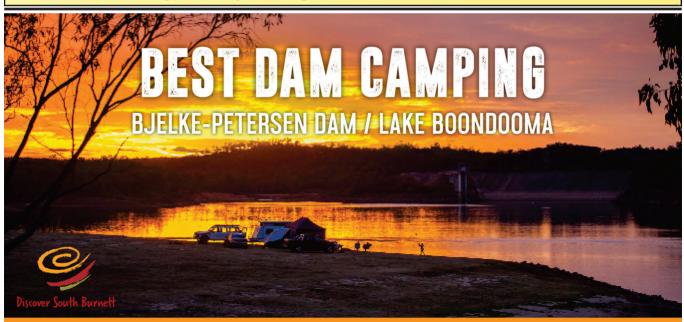
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NIGHT IN THE ARMY RESERVE

Wondai Depot

Tuesday 7th May 2024 from 6:00pm

89 Bramston Street, Wondai

Come and meet local Army Reserve soldiers, view training and talk about life, service and the benefits of being a part-time member of the Australian Army Reserve.

For further information, contact: PHONE 0477 719 620

The 25th/49th Battalion, The Royal Queensland Regiment (25/49 RQR) traces its history back to 1875, when the 8th Company of the Queensland Volunteer Rifle Brigade was formed in Toowoomba. Other heritage from this early era includes the 11th (Darling Downs) Australian Infantry Regiment and the 5th (Stanley) Australian Infantry Regiment, whose combined recruiting area drew on men from the Greater Brisbane area all the way to Roma.

In 1915, the 25th Battalion was raised at Enoggera and in the following year, the 49th Battalion was raised in Egypt. Both units fought in all major battles on the Western Front during WWI. Following the war, both units became part-time citizens militia, seeing activation in WWII and 2nd AIF counterparts being raised.

In 1997, the 25th and 49th Battalions merged to become the 25th/49th Battalion of the Royal Queensland Regiment. Since then, soldiers of the battalion have deployed on operations to Malaysia, East Timor, Sierra Leone, the Solomon Islands, Egypt, Bougainville, and Iraq. 25/49 RQR has also made contributions to domestic operations including Operation Bushfire Assist and Operation Covid Assist. 25/49 RQR also sends soldiers to support border security operations and participate in major multinational exercises such as Exercise Talisman Sabre.

25/49 RQR continues to have a broad presence over southern Queensland, spreading from Coast to City and Country. 25/49 RQR has its main headquarters at Greenbank, sub-unit headquarters at Toowoomba, Southport and Loganlea, and smaller depots at Gatton, Warwick, Dalby, Wondai and Roma



Dog Registrations for 2023/24 are Now Overdue

Residents are reminded the current registration period for dog renewals are now overdue.

Council will now be auditing the registration system to identify those who have not complied with the requirements of the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008.* Failing to comply may result in enforcement action being taken which may include Infringement Notices being issued.

If you have not paid your dog registration, please contact Council to make payment or update any details, including change of ownership, moved out of the area or if your dog has sadly passed away.

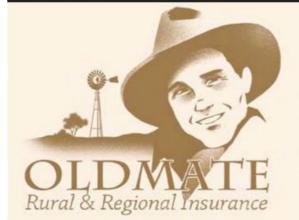
Please note under the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* Section 54 it is the animal owner's responsibility to notify Council within 7 days of any changed information. Penalties apply for failing to update details. Council would prefer your cooperation to resolve this matter in complying with the Act to avoid enforcement action being taken.

Should you require any further information or assistance, please contact Council on (07) 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.

Did You Know



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SENATE INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF 3G NETWORK SHUTDOWN

The looming shutdown of the 3G mobile network has raised concerns about potential impacts on access to Triple Zero and emergency services, Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien said today.

"There are concerns that some Wide Bay residents will be unable to call Tripe Zero once the 3G network shuts down later this year, principally in those areas where there is no 4G coverage available," Mr O'Brien said.

"We also have residents who rely on 3G medical devices and businesses with equipment that requires 3G service, so there is some concern about the state of readiness for the proposed closure of Telstra's 3G network at the end of June 2024 ."

The Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee has begun an inquiry into the shutdown of the 3G mobile network and telecommunications services and will be looking into the potential impacts this closure might have on regional Australia.

"I encourage Wide Bay residents who are concerned about their access to mobile and telecommunications services after the 3G closure, to have their say and make a written submission to the Senate Inquiry before the end of May," Mr O'Brien said.

The Senate Inquiry will be open for public submissions until 31 May 2024, with the report due for completion by the end of November 2024.

Further information about the Senate Inquiry and how to make a submission is available at www.aph.gov.au/ Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Rural_and_ Regional_Affairs_and_Transport/3GNetworkShutdown.

Telstra has released a 3G SMS Checker Tool which will provide advice about whether devices need to be upgraded to be able to access the 4G and 5G networks.

The Checker Tool can be accessed via SMS by texting the number '3' to number '3498' or '3GXT' which corresponds to the letters on your phone's dialling keypad, to receive almost instant advice on your device. Further information about the 3G closure is available at www.telstra.com/3Gclosure.



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- Church Hall, 20 Thorn St, Murgon (Children only)

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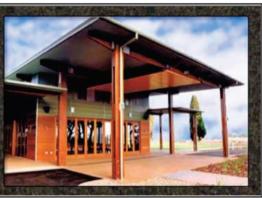


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Wondai & District Garden Club



What a very wet Expo Saturday. Many thanks to all who ventured out & supported our event & the stall holders.

They will be back for our Spring Expo 28th, 29th September

Our lucky raffle winners were:

1st Carole Beardmore, 2nd D Thornton, 3rd Teague Ardrey, 4th Elizabeth.

All our proceeds plus the donations from wishing well are being donated to Life Flight.

Our next meeting 10th May is at the Wondai RSL Room. 9.15am with Fran our guest speaker.

Enquiries Denise 0741689736.

South Burnett Mountain Bike Club – Taste the Trail

South Burnett Regional Council would like to advise members of the public that on Saturday 13 July 2024 the Kingaroy to Wondai section of the Rail Trail will be hosting the 2024 South Burnett Mountain Bike Club Taste the Trail Event.

There is expected to be around 70 riders during this period between the hours of 9:00am through to 2:00pm and whilst the rail trail will remain open to the public, Council recommends avoiding the area during this period.

Further information on the ride and registrations can be found at https://tastethetrail.com.au/





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Photo: Mayor Kathy Duff With Cr Heath Sander, and members of the Murgon RSL Sub Branch and our planners progressing an exciting project for Murgon, Veteran's units behind the Drop In Center!!



SOUTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL GRANT WRITING WORKSHOPS

Join us for an informative and hands-on grant writing workshop coming to a South Burnett town near you! No matter what grant writing skill level you are, this event will cover a range of topics to help you get that grant. Learn the ins and outs of grant funding guidelines, grant project plan development, navigating the application process, and increasing your chances of securing funding.

KINGAROY

Monday 27 May 2024 9am to 11am I 1pm to 3pm 1913 Council Chambers Edward Street Kingaroy

WONDAI

Wednesday 29 May 2024 9am to 11am Wondai Council Office Meeting Room MacKenzie Street Wondai

PROSTON

Thursday 30 May 2024 10am to 12pm Proston Community Hall Rodney Street Proston

MURGON

Thursday 6 June 2024 9am to 11am Murgon Council Office Meeting Room 42 Stephens Street West Murgon

NANANGO

Friday 7 June 2024 9am to 12pm Nanango Cultural Centre Cnr Drayton and Henry Streets Nanango

BLACKBUTT

Friday 7 June 2024 2pm to 4pm Blackbutt Community Hall Lot 2 Bowman Road Blackbutt

Space is limited, so booking for these

sessions is recommended. Book your spot by visiting Eventbrite.com.au . For further information or assistance please call the Community Development Team on 4189 9100 or via email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.

This project received funding from the Australian Government.

THE FORGOTTEN FLEET

In honour of Victory in the Pacific (VP) Day, 97-year-old Queensland veteran Len McLeod joined RSL Queensland's South Eastern District to commemorate the day that marked the end of the Second World War for Australians 78 years ago.



So who was Leonard or Len McLeod? Len's service history began at the age of 15 when he joined the Australian Imperial Force at his fourth attempt having been rejected three times because of his age but getting away with it eventually.

His mother didn't want him to enlist as she had already lost her husband who came home from WW1 only to die from being gassed on the Western Front so Len told her that he was headed for Queensland to join the Home Guard, but instead Len set out for Brisbane to undertake Jungle Warfare Training with the first intake at Canungra before setting sail for New Guinea.

Len recalls that the Japanese bombed them the first night they were there.

Len soon joined the 'Biscuit Bombers' who dropped food and supplies from aircraft to the soldiers fighting in the jungle below.

However, after some time had passed and the death of two of his best mates left him shaken, Len transferred back to the Infantry. He went on to serve with the 2/7th Battalion in New Guinea as a 'spotter' and soldier before coming down with dengue fever and dysentery, which led to his medical discharge.

Whilst in recovery, he was shooting rabbits with a mate near his home in Victoria when his friend shot him in the hip and legs by accident – ruling out any prospects of re-joining the Army.

The irony of being shot back home and not by the Japanese was not lost on Len.

Later, not being eligible to rejoin the Australian forces, at the age of 18, Len enlisted in the US Army Small Ships and ended up on board the Armand Considere as part of what was known as 'Mission X', a section primarily made up of Australians who were considered too old, too young, or medically unfit to serve

in the Australian Armed Forces.

"A key part of our role was to deliver essential supplies to other forces in the south-west Pacific – from weapons and ammunition, to food, building materials and medical supplies," Len said. "We'd also facilitate many logistical tasks like transporting soldiers, repatriating those who were wounded or killed, guarding and removing prisoners – often sailing at night and taking cover during the day."



After the war, Len served in China to support the UN Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, returning to Australia in 1946 and working on the oil rigs in Bass Strait.

Over the years, Len passionately pursued peacekeeping endeavours and became devoted to shining a light on Small Ships veterans who were part of the 'forgotten fleet' – his own service not officially recognised until 75 years after the war.

So it was that in July 2020, Len was presented with the 1939-45 Star at a small local ceremony – a medal which recognises the bravery and sacrifice of those who served with the United States Army Small Ships Section.

Leonard McLeod passed away just a few weeks ago at his home in Wondai on the 26th March 2024 with his daughter and her husband by his side. No fan fare. No pageantry. Just a quiet passing of a soldier whose life epitomizes the lives of our men and women who serve Australia in the armed forces.

We are honoured to have his daughter Denise and Son-in-Law Barry West here with us at the Murgon Anzac Day celebration service.

Google, Len Leonard McLeod QLD and click on "we were very lucky" for his full interesting story

Queensland Dairy & Heritage Museum Murgon



Our museum is situated off Gayndah Road, opposite the Murgon Saleyards. We are **OPEN** from 9.30am-12.30pm Tuesday to Sunday. Closed Monday and some public holidays. Entry is \$5 adults, \$3 students and under 3 free.

The museum is set on spacious grounds with buildings dating back to the 1800's. The history that has been displayed is worth the visit. Our ancestors certainly did not have it easy but what they endured is proof of their resilience,

We would love to have you visit and maybe you may like to volunteer. It is rewarding and you get to meet interesting people from local, interstate and overseas, each with a story to tell. *Joy Fennell*

First General Meeting for the New Council

The new Council has held its first Ordinary General Meeting for the new term, on Wednesday 24 April 2024 in the Warren Truss Chambers, Kingaroy. The Meeting was held in conjunction with a Citizenship ceremony where Council welcomed ten new Australian citizens.

The new Council has hit the ground running, with important items such as Kingaroy's water quality being discussed with \$100,000 secured to clean (air scouring) the Kingaroy water pipes. Council portfolios were voted on, with portfolios to be removed to give Councillors more focus on their divisions.

"The General Meetings will be open to the public and livestreamed, these meetings are where decisions can and will be made. The plan for the other Wednesdays will be to gather information only, with workshops being held in halls or venues across our region and can include road trips or catching up with community groups. The plan is for this Council to represent their communities and learn about all facets of Council rather than just being tied to a portfolio. Decisions cannot and will certainly not be made behind closed doors", said Mayor Kathy Duff.

Discussions were held on the review of Council's phone call systems including monitoring calls, the engagement of after-hours call service providers and lone-worker monitoring. The provision of these services is being reviewed and options are being considered.

A significant milestone was the adoption of the proposed major amendment to the South Burnett Regional Planning Scheme 2017. This review of sections of the planning scheme has been conducted over the past two years and the intent of the planning scheme amendment is to refine planning policy and effectiveness of the planning scheme in facilitating growth and investment, guide good development outcomes, as well as respond to changing community needs across the South Burnett Region. As this process concludes, Council also resolved to undertake a project which includes a land use investigation to assess:

1. a. the availability of land within the South Burnett region that may be suitable to incorporate into an expansion of the RR1 precinct to allow further subdivision of 5-acre (2ha) lots into one-acre (4,000m2) and/or two-acre (8,000m2) lots (smaller rural residential lots); and

b. the suitability and viability of, and options to facilitate the land identified in (a) above, to be able to be developed into smaller rural residential lots.

2. A report outlining the outcomes and recommendations of the investigation referred to in 1. above be presented to Council.

This proposal will allow Council to consider and facilitate any opportunities for increased options for smaller lifestyle lots throughout the South Burnett region, to allow existing residents to age in place without having to relocate from their existing property or the region.

The public can access a live stream of Council meetings and view the recorded (archived) meetings by following the links to meeting schedules, agendas, and minutes via Council's website 'Council Meetings' page here: Council Meetings: – South Burnett Regional Council



Pictured from left to right, Cr Heath Sander, Cr Danita Potter, Mayor Kathy Duff, Cr Linda Little, Cr Ros Heit, Cr Deb Dennien and Cr Jane Erkens

Help fight respiratory illnesses this winter



Darling Downs residents are being encouraged to protect themselves against respiratory illnesses such as influenza and whooping cough (pertussis) this winter.

There has been ongoing rise of whooping cough cases in the Darling Downs region. The cases have been predominantly occurring in school aged children.

Since the beginning of the year, more than 180 cases of whooping cough have been confirmed in the Darling Downs Health region.

As the disease has been presenting mildly in school aged children, students have been attending school and community events. Unfortunately, this is causing people to unknowingly spread the illness to vulnerable people in our community.

It is important for parents to get their children tested if they have an ongoing cough and if whooping cough is found, to get treated with antibiotics to reduce the risk of spreading the illness. A person with whooping cough is infectious for 21 days after the onset of a cough or five

days after commencing antibiotics.

Darling Downs Public Health Physician, Dr Priya Janagaraj said parents are reminded to keep their children at home as per the Queensland Health Time Out recommendations to protect our infants.

"It is especially important for infants and pregnant mothers to get vaccinated as the disease can cause severe illness in infants under 6 months.

"The whooping cough vaccine is available for all pregnant mothers from 20 weeks onwards.

"It is also a timely reminder to get the flu vaccine in preparation for the winter months. The best way to avoid getting sick is to talk to your GP about receiving a flu or whooping cough vaccination.

"Immunisation is the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones against influenza this winter.

"Vaccinations can take up to two weeks to work, which is why we're encouraging all Darling Downs residents to roll up their sleeves sooner rather than later.

"This year Queensland Health is providing a free flu vaccine to everyone above the age of six-months, so I'd encourage all members of our community to visit their GP or pharmacist and get the influenza jab soon," said Dr Janagaraj.

Influenza can cause severe illness in pregnant mothers and it important that pregnant women get vaccinated early at any time during their pregnancy.

Influenza and whooping cough are both highly contagious, infections that can affect the upper airways and lungs. In addition to receiving the vaccination, there are some simple steps that can be taken to help fight respiratory illnesses.

These include washing your hands, covering your coughs and sneezes, and staying home if you are sick.

Some members of the community are more at risk from influenza and complications, these groups include people 65 years and older, those who are pregnant, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, children, and people with underlying medical conditions

Murgon PCYC Bathroom Renovations

The South Burnett PCYC in Murgon will be undergoing bathroom renovations as part of funding provided under Phase 4 of the Australian Governments Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program.

Council has engaged a local building contractor to demolish the existing lower-level male and female toilets and construct new toilets and showers incorporating two toilet / shower facilities suitable for use by people with disabilities.

Alternate toilet facilities will be available on site during the works.

Commencement is scheduled for mid-May 2024 with completion anticipated by the end of September 2024.

All enquiries can be directed to Council's Facilities & Parks team on 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au .



Anzac Day in Wooroolin



Exciting Announcement!

Calling all young leaders in South Burnett! Are you ready to make a difference in your community and unleash your leadership potential? Join our FREE Youth Leadership Team at PCYC South Burnett!

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Open to 14-21-year-olds, our program runs every Thursday during school terms from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity!

Scan the QR code to register and secure your spot today! Let's shape the future together! $\frac{4}{28}$

PRATT AGENCIES WEANER SHOW & SALE - 3rd MAY 2024



Pratt Agencies Annual Weaner Show & Sale was held on Friday the 3rd of May. Just over 900 guality Burnett weaners were varded. Since the season changed for most at Christmas calves have done exceptionally well and was evident with the yarding averaging 270 kg. A good buyers panel was in attendance with calves going to the Darling Downs, North Burnett, central Queensland and locally. Charolais steers a/c G & J Zahl Gayndah sold for an average of \$1130.00 at \$3.51 c/kg, topping at \$3.74 c/kg. A & R Barsby Tansey sold Charbray steers to average \$3.47 c/kg & \$1110.00. 2 pens of Charbray steers a/c M Smith Gayndah sold for \$3.75 c/kg for \$1200.00 & \$1047.00. Local Charbray steers from A Angel Murgon sold for \$1047.00 (\$3.64 c/kg) & \$972.00 (\$3.74 c/kg). W & S Dollard Manyung sold Charbray steers for \$3.76 c/kg for \$1011.00. Charolais cross steers from the Kelly Brothers sold to \$1086.00 at \$3.62 c/kg. T Court Tansey sold Charbray steers for \$925.00 at \$3.76 c/kg. Charbray steers a/c G Wason Kilkivan sold to \$3.70 c/kg returning \$846.00. T & A Dennien Windera sold Charbray calves for \$850.00 at \$3.64 c/kg. D Smith Gayndah sold 2 pens of Brangus steers for \$3.52 c/kg (\$992.00) & \$3.54 c/kg (\$917.00). 2 pens of local Santa steers sold for \$3.52 c/kg (\$994.00) & \$3.68 c/kg (\$825.00). Santa steers a/c the Hasselbach Family Moffatdale sold to \$996.00 at \$3.70 c/kg. Braford steers from the Davies Family Yarraman sold for \$3.42 c/kg returning \$918.00. Santa steers from Manumbar a/c Finney family sold for \$3.68 c/kg for \$1020.00. Droughtmaster steers from M & R Cooper Windera sold for \$973.00 at \$3.58 c/kg. 2 pens of Charbray heifers from A &R Barsby sold for \$2.54 c/kg to return \$768.00 & \$679.00. G & J Zahl sold Charolais cross heifers for \$693.00 at \$2.48 c/kg. 2 pens of Charbray heifers from Tansey sold for \$2.35 c/kg returning \$714.00 & \$582.00. Local Charbray heifers from Manyung sold to \$556.00 at \$2.38 c/kg. Droughtmaster cross heifers from P & M Hunt sold for \$729.00 at \$2.32 c/kg. Santa heifers from Crownthorpe sold for \$595.00 at \$2.46 c/kg. Light Droughtmaster heifers from J Crawford Murgon sold to \$2.60 c/kg returning \$548.00. Results:

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South Burnett Orchid Society Inc

We enjoyed a great time as part of the Wondai Garden Expo in the Wondai RSL main hall.

We would like to thank the people who visited us and bought Orchid plants, we hope you enjoy them for years to come. Care for them and they will reward you with their magnificent beauty.

If you want to know anything about maintaining orchids come and talk to our experts at our meetings which are held at 2.00pm on the last Sunday of every month at the CTC rooms in Somerset Street (Youth Park) Kingaroy.

PROSTON QCWA NEWS

"Work Smarter, Not Harder" – these are the words we try to live by at Proston QCWA. Sometimes though, "Work Harder" rears its ugly head. This was the case for February and March 2024.

Activities included first HOY Day for the year, in February, plus the one for March; both of which were fun days. Remember – they are held on the third Thursday of each month at our rooms in Rodney Street, Proston, starting at 10.00 am. Entry is \$5.00 per person. This charge includes morning tea and a lucky door prize. A raffle is also run on the day, usually fruit and vegetable tray.

Proston Show was held on 8th and 9th March and saw some of our members take up their duties as officers of the Show Society, as well as assist with our stall. Pavilion entries from our members were at a premium and the display by our branch did us proud. The outside stall was also busy.



Then came our Giant Easter Cent Sale on 16th March! What a busy day this was – Proston Market stall in the morning, then setting up the Community Hall, in readiness for the cent sale to get under way at 1.00 pm. The foyer of the hall was decked out with an impressive Easter Theme. Those who attended were presented with a vast selection of items to tempt them to put more tickets into each draw. Plans are afoot to hold another cent sale later this year. Our thanks go to everyone who played a part in making this event such a success.

We then began selling tickets in our Easter Raffle and set the drawing date for Thursday, 28 March, at which time we had a stall selling lots of yummy Easter treats. Winners of raffle were: -

| 1st Prize | Mary Ducey |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| 2nd Prize | Shaylee @ Post Office |
| 3rd Prize | Angel Doessel |

Ticket Green C12 Ticket Green C59 Ticket Blue C51

Congratulations to winners and a big thank you to all who supported us by buying tickets in this raffle.

In between all this, members undertook a major feat, catering, in the community hall (without power,) for a funeral wake.

Funds raised from these events have boosted our bank balance, allowing us to consider and discuss how we can best allocate money to where it is needed most in our community.

Now we are already concentrating on events for May, Judith Publicity Officer



Trevor and Bonny Breitkreutz (nee Cook) (on left in photo) celebrated their 70th wedding Anniversary on the 24th April 2024. Trevor was 1 of 6 children and Bonny was 1 of 11 children.

Their bridal party consisted of themselves and 1 attendant each; Trevor having Bonny's brother, Colin, and Bonny having Trevor's sister, Marjorie, and today they are the only living siblings from each family.

To say in this day and age that you still have your bridal party left when most are in their 90's is, a feat.

Trevor and Bonny Breitkreutz were married at the Church of England in Goomeri on the 24th April, 1954 at 11 am by Rev. Jack Kruger. The reception was held at the Goomeri Hall of Memory supper room, with 65 wedding guests. Their cake was made and iced by Mrs Myrtle Eisenmenger. For their honeymoon, Trevor borrowed his father's Ute to travel to the Gold Coast for a week.

Their work life was varied in their early years, with Bonny working at local cafes from the age of 13 and living with her cousin, Merle Brown until they were married. Trevor worked as an offsider for Col Palmer, a local carpenter, followed by the Sawmill, and then worked for Jack Bown, cutting and carting timber. In 1963, he started at the Council, where he worked until retirement in 1994. For most of her married life, Bonny helped with catering for various community groups and functions mostly being held at the Goomeri Hall of Memory, where she also held the job of caretaker and cleaner for The Kilkivan shire council for 21 years until her retirement in 1994.

They bought their McGregor St home in 1953, rented it out until their marriage, and paid £8 per month in repayments. With Trev's carpentry background, they were able to do all of their own renovations throughout the years. In these years, they raised 5 children: Gregory, Peter, Ann, David and Margaret in that home.

Throughout their lives in the Goomeri Community, they did much volunteering and were associated with many sporting groups. It was Trevor's love of cricket that saw him organise and get the cricket club house. Originally this was the old Cinnabar school initially located at the Goomeri Show grounds. Trevor later saw that this building was moved to the Sports Grounds behind the bowls club and swimming pool. It is still here to this day, named in honour of them both: 'The Breitkreutz Pavilion'.

In 1994, they moved to Beerwah and still have the family home there. Where they continued their community volunteering.

Anzac Day in Murgon 2024 SBRCouncil thanks all involved in ANZAC Day Services

Commemoration services across the South Burnett were held on ANZAC Day to gather as a grateful community to honour the courage, sacrifice and to pay respect to our veterans, their families and all defence force personnel.

South Burnett Regional Council would like to thank the RSL Sub Branch's, Queensland Police, Council staff and all involved in the coordination of successful ANZAC Day services held around the region.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them. Lest we forget.

Murgon marked Anzac Day with a well-attended Dawn Service at the Murgon War Memorial with local residents and veterans backing up at 9:45am for the traditional march and service.







Parade steps off



Mr Mick Purser -WW11 Veteran, Uncle Eric Law AM, Mr Grahame Blackwell OAM, Dr Graham McAlister, Cr Heath Sander took the Salute.

Welcome address was given by Kevin Gill, Murgon Sub-Branch President followed by Welcome to Country delivered by Wakka Wakka Elder Uncle Eric Law AM Everyone then joined in to singing the New Zealand and Australian National Anthem. Prayers were delivered by Mr Glen Vonhoff. Commemoration of Indigenous Service in WW1 by Elder Uncle Eric Law AM. Commemoration of ADF Service Timor Leste given by Mr Grahame Blackwell OAM, Dr Graham McAlister delivered the ANZAC Address Cr Heath Sander read the Resolutions. Numerous Wreaths were then laid around the Monument.



Crosses being inserted in a miniature cemetery (made by the late Jim Kingston OAM) by school students whilst Names of the Fallen were read out by Murgon High School Captains.

Kevin Gill, Murgon Sub-Branch President read the Ode followed by the playing of the Last Post & Rouse by Mr Mark Birch.



Then followed the story of the significance of the Pidgeon & the release of the Pidgeon's



The song Lest we forget performed by all of the Murgon area school children



At the end of the ceremony school children formed a guard of honour for the march off



At a recent fund raizing night held at 55 million years ago we wish to thank Pat Van Kempen who shared her recent overseas trip with lots of sketches of the different places she visited.

GOOMERI PUMPKIN FESTIVAL 24TH – 26TH May 2024

CONTACT 0484 629 424 co-ordinator@goomeripumpkinfestival.com.au



Emma's our new Youth Member



Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington, has officially welcomed Emma Lindholm of Kingaroy to her new role as the 2024 Youth Member for Nanango and congratulated her on taking on this important challenge.

Deb caught up with Emma in Kingaroy before she heads to Brisbane for the Queensland Youth Parliament (QYP) launch weekend being held from 12-14 April.

"Each year I am always impressed by our Nanango Electorate Youth Members and Emma is no exception," Deb said.

"As a young person from regional Queensland, she understands the issues which matter to regional people and it is obvious she is very passionate about her community.

"She is very interested in the Parliamentary process and how to she can help influence real change. It was a pleasure to talk with her about the Youth Parliament process and the unique opportunity she will have this year as our region's Youth Member.

"I know she is passionate about representing young people from our area and being the voice of youth in our electorate through the QYP process.

"She has been selected for the Health, Mental Health and Emergency Services, Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence and Seniors and Disability Services Committee and will now help write a Bill proposing a law reform on this topic.

"The Youth Parliament program will kick off on 12th April when the Youth Members will meet for the first time, participate in a special launch ceremony at Parliament House and start discussing ideas for their Bill.

"From there they will meet and liaise with their committee members and then they will come back together in late September for the official 'Sitting Week' at Parliament House in Brisbane to debate their Bills and deliver personal statements.

"The YMCA Youth Parliament brings together 93 young people aged 15-25 each year to teach them about the government decision-making process, while providing an excellent leadership opportunity for young people like Emma who may one day become Queensland's future decision makers," she said.

Wondai Art Gallery presents its May Exhibition



Local Artist Robyn Dower is back offering a new experience.

Featuring in the front and main galleries, she brings you a delightful exhibition with a strange twist. Will you be able to work out what it is all about?...

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Graham House Community Transport PRESENTATION OF NEW VEHICLES DONATED BY MURGON RSL

Graham House Community Centre have very kindly and generously been donated 2 NEW Kia Carnival People Movers for our Community Transport Service.

Receivership of these vehicles is taking place at a special presentation at Murgon RSL, Wednesday 15th May at 5.30pm.

We invite all media to attend and help us thank Murgon RSL for their donation and let our community know how much we appreciate it.



Maree Anderson Transport Co-Ordinator GRAHAM HOUSE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

"From the time we received Murgon RSL's donation this vehicle has assisted 292 clients and delivered 1492 one way trips for Medical appointments, Chemotherapy treatments, Specialist visits, Social and Business trips and connected clients with family"

For more information: Aliesha Johnston Promotions Officer

GRAHAM HOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

promotions@grahamhouse.org.au

07 4196 8400

Event Details

| WHAT: | Presentation of NEW Community Transport vehicles |
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| WHEN: | Wednesday, 15th May |
| TIME: | 5.30pm |
| WHERE: | Murgon RSL |



We must thank the workers of the South Burnett Regional Council for the preparation of the gardens for ANZAC Day in Murgon, they were absolutely beautiful.

Mayor Kathy Duff Attends LGAQ Mayoral Forum



South Burnett Regional Council Mayor Kathy Duff and CEO Mark Pitt attended the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) special Mayoral Forum held Wednesday 17 April 2024 at Parliament House. The Forum provided a great opportunity to meet with fellow Mayors and colleagues from around the state along with senior members of the State Government.

The LGAQ forum policy and advocacy agenda for the upcoming state election campaign was also discussed. Mayor Kathy Duff said "Meeting with the Ministers and the Opposition Leader was a great opportunity to advocate for our region on issues such as renewables, water and youth crime."

"The forum was also an opportunity to learn about any new legislation and requirements for the Mayoral role and network with the other Mayors and CEOs from across Queensland," said Mayor Duff.

Photo : Mayors from across Queensland at Parliament House.



Gem Show 'Rocks' South Burnett

It was fun for the whole family at the 2024 South Burnett Gem Show held at Wondai Sportsground.

Congratulations to the hard working South Burnett Gem And Fossicking Club who continue to grow this unique event.

Deb's Local Hero Grants Announced

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington has congratulated four local community groups on receiving one of her 'Local Hero Grants' in Round 22 of the program.

Deb said the grants will go to groups ranging from supporting homeless services, to sporting groups and campdrafting.

"These are modest but meaningful grants of \$250 to help clubs achieve those smaller projects," Mrs Frecklington said.



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

The winners of the March 2024 Round 22 are:

South Burnett Support Alliance - To support 'The Meals Project'

Western Stars Cali Dance Studio - Supporting the growth of calisthenics in the South Burnett

Kingaroy Netball Club - Supporting netball

Kilcoy Campdraft - Ribbons and Awards for Junior Riders in the Novelty Events

"I would like to congratulate the successful groups and encourage other interested organisations to apply in the next round of funding which closes on 31 August.

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

One small act of kindness grows into larger benefits



At Christmas the Creative Friendship Craft Group, who meet weekly at the Baptist Church Murgon, received a donation of items from Pat Eggleson from Mt McEuen.

When the ladies of the craft group opened the first shoe box they found it full of small four inch squares cut into triangles of material in light and dark shades. After a lot of thought and discussion as to how to use these small pieces of material a quilt and matching cushion was created under the guidance of Ros Harvey by all the ladies of the group. This took approximately six weeks of

careful craftsmanship to produce a magnificent outcome. The ladies were very. Pleased with the result as can be seen in the photograph.

On Tuesday 16th April 2024 the Creative Friendship Craft Group presented Muriel Schultz from the Murgon Hospital Auxiliary with a finished quilt and cushion to raffle for their upcoming Mother's Day fundraising event.

All proceeds from this raffle will go to purchasing equipment needed at the Murgon Hospital for use by all.

A big thank you to Pat, Ros and all the ladies involved in this project.

We encourage everyone to support the Murgon Hospital Auxiliary's upcoming Mother's Day raffle.



in the Les Fogg Pavilion at the Nanango Show Grounds.



Mondure Hall Committee hosted their

annual "A Gardening Experience " day in March.

Almost one hundred people attended, where they were entertained with very informative talks on propagation of plants from your garden, by Penny Hegarty, growing & maintaining bulbs by Graham Mitchell, Herb growing by Sally, and how to grow a terrarium by Romanie also the growing of Frangapanni by Alex, & how to grow Orchids by Lyn & Joan. There was a variety of plant stalls available where you could purchase plants etc.

Mondure Hall Committee, wish to thank Murgon Mitre 10, also Wondai Hardware, for their kind donation to our raffle. The Raffle was won by Margret, and Joanne Evans won Lucky Door Prize. Congratulations to the winners, and our heartfelt thanks to all who purchased tickets, also to those who attended.

Upcoming events A Wellness Day will be held in June. Biggest Morning tea in July, Trash & Treasure in September.

We have recently purchased a sound system for the hall. We are also going to install Fans throughout.

Community Garden

Benefits include:

- a great way to meet new people
- stay active
- get some sunshine
- take home healthy produce



Are you a green thumb?

Do you enjoy growing and eating your own fresh produce?

Come along and join our Community Gardeners!

8am Monday

(behind Graham House Community Centre)



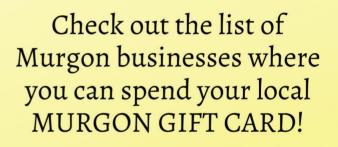
Members of the public are welcome to come and collect fresh produce from our reception on a Monday.

We have an abundance and would love to share!

MURGON LIONS CLUB AND CLOYNA HALL COMMITTEE ANNUAL DINNER



 FRIDAY 17th May 2024 at CLOYNA HALL, 6.30 – 7.00 PM COST: \$30.00 Per Person (cash only), 3 course meal All proceeds to Cloyna Hall Guest Speaker
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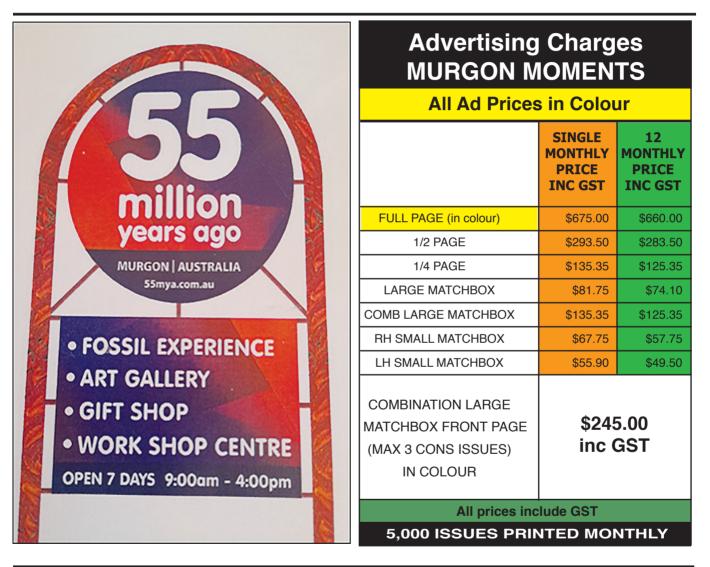
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