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**Thursday 15th  
October 7:00pm  
onwards**

### **Cumboola Room, Miles**

With Dr Ansmarie Van Erp as Guest Speaker.

Ans Van Erp is a health leader and senior director as well as an advocate for improving the status of women for women and girls and building compassionate, supportive Zonta clubs.

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General  
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## Murilla Community Newsletter Update

Thank-you for picking up and reading the October edition of the Murilla Community Newsletter! Once a black and white, bi-monthly publication, the community newsletter is now printed in full colour once a month. The newsletter aims to ensure information is circulated to community members throughout Western Downs.

This year is the 25th year anniversary of the Murilla Community Newsletter and we are all so thankful for the ongoing support that has kept this newsletter in circulation for so many years.

Murilla Community Centre wishes to thank Kelly Crosby for her efforts with the Community News over the past 18 months and wish her well with her future endeavours.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Centre with your news items, community events, activities and advertisements. Special welcome to Eileen Parker as she takes on the role of Community News. Eileen can be contacted per email [mccmd@bigpond.com](mailto:mccmd@bigpond.com) or per phone 07 46272027

Cecily Brockhurst  
Centre Manager

## Optometrist Lincoln Wagner

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**Community Grants Writer, Kate Bradley**

*Need assistance with a grant application?*

Local not-for-profit organisations, Traditional Owner groups, and community groups that are looking for information about funding opportunities and/or advice about preparing grant applications can access local support from Kate Bradley, Community Grants Writer. This free service, which is funded by Shell's QGC Business and delivered by the Murilla Community Centre, is available to groups across the Western Downs region.

For more information, contact Kate at [mccmgrants@bigpond.com](mailto:mccmgrants@bigpond.com) or 0402 266 536 to book an appointment to meet during an upcoming Community Day:

Miles – Wednesday 21 October

Wandoan – Thursday 19 November

Chinchilla – Thursday 15 October

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Dalby – Tuesday 13 October, Tuesday 1 December

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# Murilla Community Centre Incorporated Annual General Meeting

**Thursday 15th October 7:00pm onwards**

**Columboola Room, Miles**

**With Dr Ansmarie Van Erp as Guest Speaker**

*Ans Van Erp is a health leader and senior director as well as an advocate for improving the status of women for women and girls and building compassionate, supportive Zonta clubs. Ans has had a wide and varied career over many years, in senior leadership and management roles. Ans has held executive positions in a variety of environments, most recently as Director Strategic Business Development of Queensland Rural Medical Service. Her work in rural health services has seen her gain a broad perspective of the challenges faced by rural people and the impact of limited access to health care services. As past District Governor of Zonta District 22, she was immersed in embedding advocacy and service into forty-four clubs across Queensland and Northern New South Wales. She has been intimately involved in raising community awareness of issues relating to violence against women, education for girls and gender equality and in addition to her "day job", Ans has facilitated numerous workshops and is a regular conference presenter.*





# CENTRELINK UPDATES



## Leaving school

Information to help you choose your next adventure if you're about to or have just finished school.

### Further study:

Get ready to take your studies to the next level. Find out what support you can get to help with further study, like university or TAFE.

### Payments for students and trainees

- Youth Allowance for students and apprentices is financial help if you're 24 or younger and studying or an Australian Apprentice either: studying full time, doing a full time Australian Apprenticeship, independent or needing to live away from home to study, temporarily unable to study.
- Austudy is the main income support payment if you're 25 or older and a full time student or Australian Apprentice.
- ABSTUDY is financial help for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and Australian Apprentices.
- Assistance for Isolated Children is a group of payments for parents and carers of children who can't go to a local state school because of geographical isolation, disability or special needs.

Read more on the Department of Education, Skills and Employment's Study Assist website.

### Not sure what's next:

If you need help making your next decision, check out these options. You can:

- use Job Outlook to look for careers and see what you enjoy
- go to myfuture to discover your strengths and make career decisions
- use My Skills to compare the outcomes, duration and locations of training of providers
- use jobactive to look for jobs and get support as a job seeker

### Entering a trade or full time work:

If you're done with the books, get ready for your next adventure.

Whether it's work, work experience or starting your own business, we have options to support your next step.

Read about the help you can get while looking for work or doing an Australian Apprenticeship. You can also get help from the Department of Education, Skills and Employment's jobsearch website with:

- writing a resume
- looking for work
- starting your own business
- finding work experience through Youth Jobs PaTH.

### Tools and information:

Centrelink has tools to help you explore payments and get the latest information about changes for students. You can:

- explore payments based on your situation using Payment and Service Finder
- estimate and compare payments and services using our online estimators
- subscribe to News for students and trainees to get important information and updates about student payments
- ask us your questions on Student Update Facebook and Twitter.

## Government Services—closer than you think

At the Murilla Community Centre we can help you with Centrelink, Medicare and other government programs and services. We're an Australian Government Department of Human Services Agent. Using our computers, you can log in to your myGov account and do your business on the spot. If you don't have a myGov account, we'll help you to set one up.

There are phones for you to access phone self service or speak to a department service officer. If you'd rather use your mobile phone or tablet, we've got free Wi-Fi available 24/7. You don't need a password so you can get online straight away. You can also use the Wi-Fi to download and install the Express Plus mobile apps. We can help you set up your digital services if you're not sure what to do. You can also lodge forms, get your identity documents certified and pick up brochures.

So next time you need to do some government business, drop in and see us or call 07 4627 2027 to make an appointment. We're open Monday - Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm at 73A Murilla St, Miles - next to the Newsagent.

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# MILES POLICE UPDATE

August saw Road Safety Month come and go. Police from Miles worked with other divisions and operational commands to address the issues that plague our road toll. Miles Police are happy to report that, for the most part, Miles Division residents are doing the right thing. Disappointingly there were drink drivers detected. The OIC Miles stated that he can't believe that in these times of consistent education about the fatal outcomes of drink driving, that people will still continue to drink and drive.

## **If you drink, don't drive. It is really that simple.**

Make a plan – if you plan to drink, plan to have a designated driver, or plan to stay over where you are having your drinks. And remember, mates don't let mates drink and drive. Dying in a crash because you were drinking and driving, or having someone else die as a result of your drinking and driving is such a needless waste of life, and something that can be so easily avoided. If police can't persuade you to stop drinking and driving, perhaps Judy Lindsay's story can help to make you think twice. Search the web for [www.cars.asn.au/judys-story](http://www.cars.asn.au/judys-story) if you would like to learn more about the impact drink driving can have. Car crashes change lives forever; from the shock of being involved in a minor crash, to the maiming of people who suffer life-changing injuries, to the deaths of loved ones.

## **Please drive to stay alive.**



**Miles Race Club**  
Invite you to the  
AGM at the track  
Tuesday 27th Oct  
6.30pm  
All positions will be open everyone  
welcome

Drought Community Support Initiative Round 2 The Drought Community Support Initiative (DCSI) is an Australian Government initiative that provides immediate financial assistance to farmers, farm workers and farm suppliers/contractors who live in eligible drought-affected Local Government Areas and to provide support to their local communities.

Not all impacts of the drought are the same. Whatever your situation, we understand that the lingering effects of the drought can be costly and recovery is on-going. Payments might cover numerous expenses such as groceries, vehicle maintenance, energy & utility bills, health & medical expenses, for example. To be eligible you must be:

- 18 years old or older
- An Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Living and/or working in an eligible Local Government Area
- Financially impacted by the drought

The benefit is limited to 1 per household up to a maximum cash payment of \$3000.

Please note that assistance might be provided by either The Salvation Army or Vinnies, depending on your Local Government Area (LGA).

**If you have any questions ahead of filling out an online application, you can call Murilla Community Centre 07 4627 2027.**

*This an Australian Government initiative. Round 2 funding of the DCSI has been open since 19 November 2019 and will continue until December 2020. You can only receive payment once during this period.*

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# Community Update

October 2020



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Welcome to the October issue of our community update.

## Happy and Healthy

It was wonderful to see so many out and about, adhering to COVID safe plans, at the Tara Kite Festival in September. We were proud to work with the Tara Futures Group to support kite making workshops in local schools and the festival, bringing our community together for a great day out.

In conjunction with Mental Health Week we are also pleased to be working with local community groups to host a 'Happy and Healthy' drawing competition for students from Kindergarten/Prep to Grade 6 to share artwork depicting what makes them feel happy and healthy. Entry forms are available from your local community centre, or by contacting [community.feedback@originenergy.com.au](mailto:community.feedback@originenergy.com.au).

There are some great prizes on offer, so please encourage your children, grandchildren, neighbours, and friends to enter.

## Promoting career pathways

As part of National Sciences week we were privileged to join with the Zonta eClub to host the Women in Sciences event in August at Chinchilla High School. The event was also live streamed to multiple schools, including School of the Air. Some inspirational speakers, including Jeannie and Steph, two of our employees based in Miles participated, helping to inspire the next generation of women in STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths).

Don't forget to mark your calendars for 21 October when we are partnering with Chinchilla Community, Commerce and Industry Inc. (CCCCI) at the Chinchilla careers expo, encouraging the retention of young people in the Western Downs and showcasing career options with local business and industries.

## Infrastructure awareness

Recently we reached out to landholders and community groups we work with to share guidelines around working safely adjacent to our infrastructure to protect you, our gas assets and our employees.

Working collaboratively enables us to highlight infrastructure using flags and other methods to ensure safe, effective workarounds for activities such as new fencing, cultivating paddocks near new right of ways, burning off of contour areas and blade ploughing.

If you see something unusual, or have any questions, please contact us so that we can help manage the activity, or any concern promptly.

## Operational updates

CPB are active with pre-drill activities on properties north, east and west of Miles. This is ahead of Savanna Rig 449 which is scheduled to drill 10 wells around Miles during October and November as part of a larger development program stretching north from Condamine through to Condabri.

From October you may also see CPB working on the gathering network for these wells, including trenching and laying of pipe and cable. One of our completions rigs will then follow the drilling and gathering works to complete each well.

## Staying in touch

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.



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## Miles Meals on Wheels

This year, 2020, Miles Meals on Wheels (MOW) celebrates 35 years of service to the community of Miles and district!

A public meeting was called on the 26th of February 1985 in the Miles Civic Centre at the instigation of Mrs Ann Johnston. A committee was formed with Mrs Bet Little (President), Mrs Ann Johnston (Vice-President), Mrs Joy Shapcott (Secretary) and Mr Hardy McMahon (Treasurer).

A door knock of the whole town revealed that 14 people would benefit from the service and arrangements were made for the Miles Hospital to cook meals for \$1.50; recipients to pay \$1.50. At the present time MOW have 12 recipients and the Miles Hospital still supplies a three course meal with a vitamin C supplement (juice), for \$7 and recipients pay \$7.

Letters were written to all the women's organisations in the town asking for volunteers to deliver meals, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. With a very good response, deliveries commenced on Monday the 17th of June 1985. Now 35 years later many of these same organisations and volunteers were still delivering until COVID-19 came to our shores and those in the vulnerable age group, which was about 90% of the volunteers, were advised to retire.

Fortunately others have come to the fore and with the assistance of Murilla Community Centre staff and Council staff, often foregoing their lunch breaks, a revised roster was able to be put in place and meal deliveries continued uninterrupted.

The service MOW is providing has basically remained unchanged over the 35 years. As a celebration, on Wednesday the 26th of August (National Meals on Wheels Day) the Miles Health Service supplied a special meal and the recipients had the extra thrill of having it delivered by our local Councillors, Andrew Smith and Kylie Bourne.

The willingness and generosity of community members has kept MOW running smoothly for 35 years and now the Management Committee would like some new, younger and tech- savvy members. So we are once again appealing to our community for volunteers to come to the fore.



"There is much wisdom in the marvellous Irish proverb:

**We live in the shelter of each other.**

What a splendid image of service! Caring for one another is what strong communities do. It was John Paul II who reminded us that **the quality of any community can be measured by the care it provides for its weakest members."**

### **Our AGM is to be held on October 20th at 5.30pm in McKillop Hall**

Come along or contact the committee if you would like to be part of this community service!  
Pam Fawcett (President), Noreen Bourne (Secretary), Dorothy Upton (Treasurer)

*Above photo: Councillors Andrew Smith and Kylie Bourne delivering meals.*

*Below Photos: Tia Thomas, from Meandarra, with her grandfather Ted Gibbons, doing MOW in Miles in 2010, then in 2020 (all grown up).*





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## COMMUNITY UPDATE



### COMMUNITIES FUND NOW OPEN

Shell's QGC Community Fund is open once again, offering community and traditional owner groups the opportunity to apply for funding between \$10,000 - \$40,000.

Last year 24 applications were supported and included projects such as irrigation upgrades, shade sails, solar panels and community hall enhancements.

Applications opened on the 28<sup>th</sup> September, closing on the 31 October. Successful applicants will receive their funding early 2021. For more details, visit the Shell website.



### GANGARRI SOLAR FARM POWERS AHEAD

Shell's Gangarri solar project is taking shape, with construction work now well underway.

Gangarri is Shell's first industrial-scale solar electricity farm, being built near Wandoan in the Western Downs.

Civil works are well advanced and local Chinchilla business Specialty Services Queensland is currently installing the 30,000 piles required for project.

Over the coming months, the work program will also include the installation of:

- More than 900 kilometres of cable;
- 27 main inverter stations; and
- 45,000 electrical terminations.

The solar farm will generate 120 megawatts of solar electricity and is expected to be completed in early 2021.

To help celebrate the Gangarri project, Shell is proud to support a limited number of small-scale renewable energy initiatives in the Wandoan area.

Successful applicants will be announced in the coming months.

#### CONTACT DETAILS

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#### DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH A COMMUNITY OR BUSINESS GRANT?

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## Miles Child Health

Miles Child Health nurse Helen Wylie is based at the Primary Health Care Unit at Miles Hospital. Helen is an experienced Midwife and child Health nurse with over 20 years of experience working with families in our region. Our service offers parenting advice and support as your baby grows and develops from newborn and beyond. A Child health nurse can assist with regular health checks for infants and children, help manage behaviour issues and support your parenting needs of:

- Getting to know your baby
- Breastfeeding
- Growth and developmental milestones
- Healthy eating habits – introduction of solids
- Sleep patterns – settling techniques
- Immunisation
- Hearing assessments

Appointments are available on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for both Clinic scheduled appointments and Home visiting as required.

Contact Helen on 4628 5629 or the Miles Hospital on 4628 5600.

## National Council of Women's Scholarship sponsored by David Littleproud MP

On Tuesday the 25th of August, David Littleproud announced Georgia Wylie as the recipient of this year's \$1000.00 bursary. Georgia is in her first year of studying a Bachelor of Primary Education with the University of Southern Queensland and claims that after her graduation she wants to return to the bush to teach students in rural and remote communities. This highlights her passion for rural and regional education as this bursary brings Georgia one step closer to her long-term goal of giving back to the hearing-impaired community. Being hearing-impaired herself, eventually Georgia would like to become an advisory teacher for hearing-impaired students.

Mr Littleproud declared that Georgia is without a doubt an extremely worthy recipient.

To encourage rural women to pursue further study, Maranoa MP David Littleproud has offered a \$1000 bursary through the National Council of Women of Queensland (NCWQ). "I know how important it is to ensure our next generation of young women thrive and are able to access financial support while studying. I am thrilled to be part of such a great initiative," Mr Littleproud said.

The Maranoa MP said many students were forced to move from their local community in order to pursue further study after finishing school.

"Targeting education at students is a continual effort: identifying those with the motivation to study, tracking their progress and supporting their ambitions are all important factors," he said.

"This bursary is designed for a female first year, full-time student in a tertiary course, such as university, TAFE or the Conservatorium of Music.

I believe it is important to support and nurture a variety of study fields." To be eligible for the bursary, applicants must also be a constituent of the Maranoa electorate, although they may have relocated for their studies. They must also be an Australian citizen or Permanent Resident of Australia.

"We understand that moving out of your local community to pursue further study can be daunting and costly. That's why I think this is such a great initiative by the NCWQ," he said. "I hope to see many young people return to the bush and apply their skills in a range of different industries to grow our region. That's why I'm committed to supporting our youth and giving them every opportunity possible."



## Enrolment for at Miles State Primary School for 2021

At this time of the year, it is important that you let MSS know of the enrolment status of your child for the next year so they can start planning their classes and possible groupings for the following year. This process will look different from previous years so that students, families and staff will know their class allocation and teacher for next year by the end of 2020. In order for the staff to make informed decisions around staffing; they would appreciate if families could indicate their enrolment status for next year by emailing [admin@milesss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@milesss.eq.edu.au) and inform of intentions for 2021.

Please note that proposed classes that are advised for 2021 could change if expected student numbers increase or decrease substantially.

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- Family bathroom with claw foot bath
- Front verandah overlooking the property

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2020 entry "Top Dog" by Clare Staines

# Senex to sponsor Wandoan Photo Challenge for 3 years

SENEX Energy will continue as sponsor of the Wandoan Photo Challenge for the next three years after announcing continued support for the annual competition last week.

Despite COVID-19 prompting the competition to shift online this year, entries in the 2020 Photo Challenge increased more than half to 247 photos.

Senex's Community Relations Manager Trevor Robertson said further support would help the competition to increase its contribution to Wandoan.

"This gives certainty to the organisers in uncertain times," he said.

Wandoan Photo Challenge Coordinator Helen Golden welcomed Senex's three-year commitment.

"In 2021, we have a new judge on board and two new *Work* categories: one for normal work photos and the other for close-up shots capturing the finer details of work," she said. "We'll also have the ongoing category *Small Town, Big Country*. Work is central to our lives, but it's not always what you think of it as. Yes, it is mustering a mob of cattle or drilling on a rig, but it can also be the untold work of caring for others and our land. It could be someone cooking to feed the work crew, to someone repairing a saddle, to the kids feeding poddies."

Trevor welcomed the new work theme, saying it opened the competition up to a wider pool of participants.

"We'd love to see images that capture the essence of work, that bring out the skill, the emotion and even some of the beauty or drama that weaves itself into our everyday."

"Work is a big part of what makes up the great communities like Wandoan and surrounding towns and districts," he said. "The work categories will acknowledge the diverse work that goes on, from the gas industry to agriculture to truck drivers to shops."

**'It's important that events like this stay strong in these challenging times'**

Trevor said the photo challenge was unique in that it promoted Wandoan and the surrounding district and also supported the success of the Wandoan Show.

"We've been on board with the photo challenge the last couple of years and seen the competition grow over that time," he said.

"We'd like to see it grow even more. Being part of the community, it's important that events like this stay strong in these challenging times."

For more information and to see the entries for 2020 go to [www.wandoanphotochallenge.com](http://www.wandoanphotochallenge.com)

# HOW CAN YOU HELP 'PINK UP' OUR TOWN?

The Chamber is supporting “Pink Up Your Town” for the McGrath Foundation during the month of October.

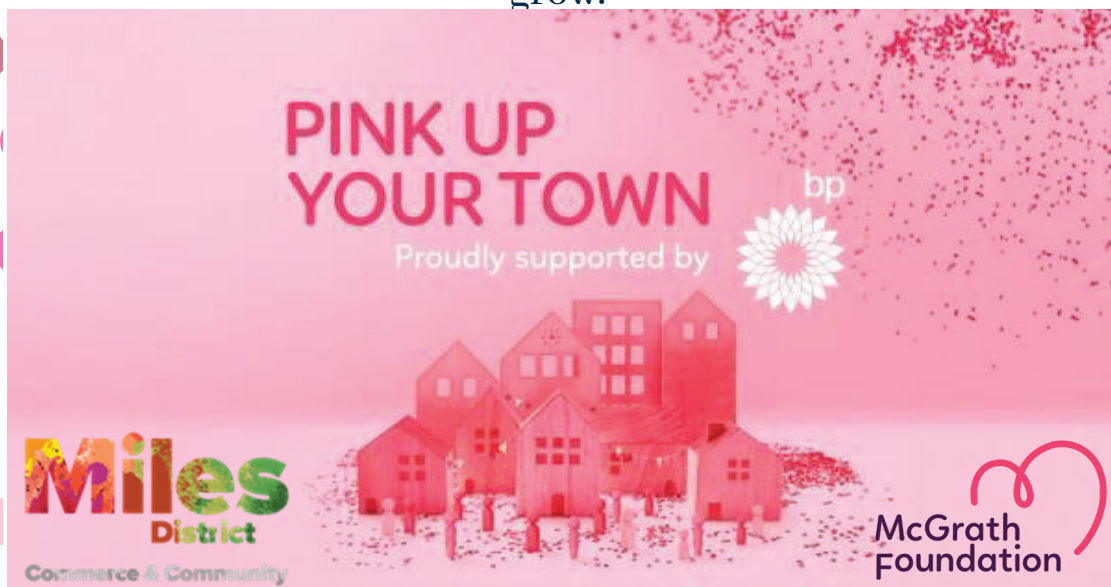
We’re calling on you; our neighbours, sports clubs, schools and local businesses to get behind our efforts and help us create a visual show of support for people in our own local area experiencing breast cancer.

A number of events will be hosted through out the month so watch out for media alerts. Covid Restrictions pending.

By pinking up and helping us raise funds for the McGrath Foundation, you’ll help ensure families across Australia have the specialised care and support of a McGrath Breast Care Nurse.

A breast cancer diagnosis can change your life in an instant. McGrath Breast Care Nurses are there every step of the way providing physical, emotional and psychological support to individuals and their families.

With more than 18,000 people diagnosed with breast cancer in Australia this year, the need for McGrath Nurses continues to grow.





## Queensland Small Business Skills Hub

Through the Queensland Small Business Skills Hub small business owners, startups and their staff now have a great opportunity to access over 500 highly relevant online courses, ranging from a few minutes to an hour, for FREE until December 2020.

The courses are grouped under key topics including:

- Foundation business skills - Sales, Finance, Business development, Understanding HR
- Leading a successful business - Building and growing teams, Developing leadership, Work-life balance, Personal wellbeing and mental health
- Connecting businesses and customers - Customer service, Negotiating skills, Digital marketing, Marketing and advertising
- Digital skills and adapting to change - Office IT skills, Business systems, Business planning, Cyber-security

Examples of courses available include – Introduction to Digital Marketing, Keys to set up a Remote Team, Build Resilience through Perseverance, How to Deal with Customer Complaints and Improve Your Business, Cyber Security Tips for Small Business, Top Retail Tips, The 4P's of Marketing and Starting a Small Business.

The Queensland Small Business Skills Hub is an initiative supporting small business recovery from the impact of COVID-19 funded by the Queensland Government as part of its Unite and Recover for Queensland Jobs economic recovery strategy.

To access the free courses, eligible small business owners with an ABN registered in Queensland and a team of 20 or less staff can register at <https://www.qldskills.com.au>

## Australia Day Award nominations now open

Western Downs Regional Council is calling for residents to shine a light on the tremendous work of local groups and individuals in their communities by nominating them for the 2021 Australia Day Awards. Council is now accepting nominations for the region's most significant awards which recognise the region's local legends, talented sportsmen and women, creative talents, volunteer heroes and generous community groups. Western Downs Regional Council Mayor Paul McVeigh said now is the time to show your appreciation for those outstanding people in the local community.

"It has been a challenging year for all so it's particularly important to give those who work hard and deliver great work for their community the pat on the back they deserve by nominating them for our prestigious awards," Cr McVeigh said.

"Our community members are our loudest advocates for what's great about our region so why not use that voice to recognise those who put in the effort and dedication to help make our region a better place.

"It doesn't take long to fill out a nomination and residents will have until midnight on Saturday 31 October 2020, so I would encourage anyone and everyone who knows someone great to get on board and work towards getting them the recognition they deserve."

Nominations are open for our six categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Local Volunteer of the Year
- Local Creative Arts Award
- Local Community Organisation Achievement Award
- Local Sports Award

Nominations are open until midnight Saturday 31 October 2020 with the winners to be publicly announced when they receive their awards at the annual Australia Day events in our local communities.

For more information or to nominate, visit [www.wdrc.qld.gov.au/australiadayawards2021](http://www.wdrc.qld.gov.au/australiadayawards2021).

### Reminder!

Drought Funding is still available for household expenses. Please present your account for expenses such as Phone, Rates, Food, Household Water, Fuel, Medical, Pharmacy etc.

Applicants will be assessed on an individual basis. We are unable to cover bills that have already been paid.

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4627 2027 or [mccm@bigpond.com](mailto:mccm@bigpond.com)

### Legal Aid

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### Lives Lived Well

The Murilla Community Centre works in cooperation with Lives Lived Well to provide a quality service to the community.

Lives Lived Well Relationship Counsellor Kylie Lamb visits monthly - to make an appointment please contact 0447 193 939.

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Lives Lived Well Drug and Alcohol Counsellor Lucy Duffield visiting each Monday - to make an appointment please contact 0417 674 333.

### QCWA Chatter

While we do do a lot of chattering, QCWA stands for Queensland Country Women's Association. As a member of your local CWA, you become a part of an active community of women who, together, improve the lives of women and their families living in regional, rural and remote Queensland. We are renowned for our great home cooks and artisans - but the CWA is so much more than that.

It's about friendship, community, connection and making a difference.

*Why not join us today?*

You are invited to our next meeting in the Miles rooms off Corbett Drive on October 12th at 5.30pm.

For more information about QCWA please check out the website at [qcwa.org.au](http://qcwa.org.au)

or

email [qcwamiles@gmail.com](mailto:qcwamiles@gmail.com)



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### Community Notice Cancellation of Christmas Street Carnival

The Miles Chamber and Community Group wishes to advise that the 2020 Street Carnival will not take place in December this Year due to ongoing Covid uncertainties and lead times for approvals and licencing.

We apologise for any inconvenience

The Chamber takes this opportunity to advise that the Giant Stocking Draw and Christmas Lights Competition will proceed as normal. Some businesses are looking at running additional activities.

We look forward to hosting the 2021 Carnival with great anticipation

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### **Boost for Western Downs businesses thanks to grants**

Almost \$70,000 in grants has been awarded to local businesses as part of the Shell's QGC Business Navigator COVID Response Program. Sixteen Western Downs businesses were successful in applying for the 'Ready to Reopen' grant which offered funding for businesses to help build economic resilience following the COVID-19 shutdown. These businesses will receive funding of up to \$5,000 to assist in getting back to business after the recent restrictions due to the pandemic.

This 'Ready to Reopen' grant is part of a larger COVID Response Program offering a range of services to businesses in the Western Downs to assist with response and recovery including several grants and also the opportunity for local businesses to work with a grant writer. These services are being facilitated by the team at Business Navigator Western Downs.

Business Navigator Western Downs is a business growth and innovation advisory service supported by Shell's QGC business and delivered by Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise (TSBE). During the pandemic, their focus has been on helping business owners access funding, assisting with financial management, marketing to new customers and developing new business products.

TSBE CEO, Ali Davenport, said the recipients will benefit from the financial assistance in various ways. For some, this may include costs associated with observing new social distancing and health requirements.

"The program is assisting business in the Western Downs to reopen, to ensure they can take advantage of opportunities, and assist in ensuring businesses are resilient during this time," said Ms Davenport.

The successful businesses include Hedges Sports Store, Dalby Squash Centre, Jenn's Beauty, Wandoan Café, Condamine Hotel, Innov8 Hair Style Beauty, Tara Newsagency, Miles Windsor Hotel Motel, Juandah Hotel Motel, Lisa Kennedy Collections, DropBear Fitness, The Dulacca Hotel, Creek Café, Kobbers Motor Inn Dalby, Graham Winter's Smash Repairs and Country Pathfinder.

Paul Winter from Graham Winter's Smash Repairs was successful in his application and says the grant will support purchasing toolboxes to allow each work bay to have their own tools, helping to keep teams separate. "We are implementing dedicated toolboxes to each work bay with the grant funding," said Mr Winter. "This allows for the disinfection of tools only once a day as only one staff member will be using that toolbox, rather than every time a tool is used, to prevent cross contamination." "This grant is a fantastic chance to get this done and into place now." "This will allow us to get on with the job of smash repairs while being COVID safe." "We take the COVID restrictions very seriously as it is important to us that we protect the safety of our staff, customers and our families." "Thank you to Shell's QGC for this wonderful initiative and Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise for the implementation of the grant funding," said Mr Winter.

Other companies who were successful with their applications have purchased protective equipment, sneeze guards, new signage and the creation of outside dining spaces to accommodate more patrons while complying with social distancing requirements. The funds are also going towards building renovation projects to comply with COVID-19 restrictions and the creation of website platforms with the capability from online sales and booking features.

Fran Peterson from Shell's QGC business commented that, "while most businesses know what needs to be done to respond to these challenges or grow their customer base, having access to additional resources, including advice from business growth experts and additional funding, enables them to make this happen more quickly and easily." "Shell's QGC business is committed to building diverse, thriving economies in the regional communities we have been a proud part of for many years, and that means doing what we can to support the local business community during these challenging times," said Ms Peterson. "We are pleased to be able to provide this additional support through the Business Navigators program to support business resilience in the Western Downs." "The grants will assist these businesses make their plans a reality, helping to create a thriving, diverse local economy. The continued growth and success of local businesses has a positive impact on the entire community," said Ms Peterson.

For more information on the Shell's QGC Business Navigator COVID Response Program please see: <https://www.navigatorwesterndowns.com.au/covid-support>



*David Winter - Graham Winter Smash Repair*

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A Long Drive for Drought is a fundraising initiative in association with Drought Angels. Every dollar raised goes directly to supporting farmers and families in drought stricken communities.

In the final leg of their journey, the convoy stopped in at the Condamine Pub and were welcomed by Publican Andrew 'Smithy' Smith, Deputy Mayor of Western Downs Regional Council. The convoy would like to thank 'Smithy' for his warm welcome and support of the Long Drive for Drought. Please visit their facebook page at Long Drive for Drought or website for more information <http://longdrivefordrought.com.au/>



## Advertising in the Murilla Community Newsletter

If you know of anyone in our community who has done really well at their chosen sport, charity work or a personal interest, please let us know! We can congratulate or thank them publicly and show how proud you and the community are of them. We also encourage people to advise us of local community events so we can assist with getting the word out to the community with FREE or low cost advertising. If you have photos of past events or activities within our community we would love to publish them for you. Please ensure they are your own photos, not anyone else's and the people are willing to have their photo published.

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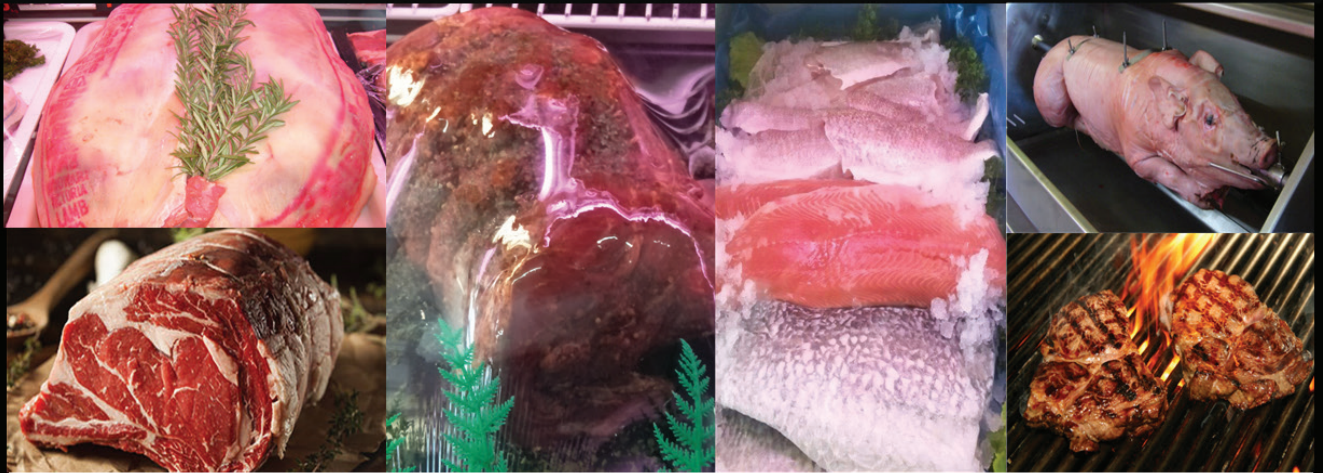
Articles and Advertisements will be required by the 12th of the month before.

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## NEWS FROM MILES STATE HIGH SCHOOL

### MEDIA and STEM CENTRE

The school has recently opened the doors to a new Media and STEM lab which aligned perfectly for the inclusion of a Virtual Reality Learning (VRL) Hub – thanks to Arrow Energy and the Endeavour Foundation. Mr Colin Boyce MP (Member for Callide), Mr Peter Dirks – Endeavour Foundation and Miss Sally Sattler from Arrow Energy joined us to showcase the new VRL Hub simulations and equipment. The VRL simulations will enhance the opportunities for students to learn about industries and their environment prior to entering the workplace. As students explore career options through our detailed Career Pathways Program they will be able to have access to these simulated experiences. Our STEM Club has already incorporated the VRL Hub into their STEM investigations and preparing them for life in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.



### JOSH ARNOLD – MILES COMMUNITY SCHOOL'S SONG

### "HOME TO THE CROSSROADS"



As many of our community have already seen, we held the launch of our very own Miles Community School's song – Home to the Crossroads and music video. Congratulations and thank you to all the students from our cluster primary schools, kindergartens, and Miles State High School for working so brilliantly with Josh Arnold to make this happen for our community.

**Our journey takes its twists and turns  
Mistakes and memories will help us learn  
For all the Miles behind us  
We carry Miles within us  
Find our way home, to the crossroads  
Find our way home, to the crossroads**

### YEAR 6 TRANSITION BEGINS!

Year 6 students from our region stayed behind at Miles High following the Josh Arnold song release to begin the Transition the Year 7 Program. Our Transition activities and lessons show students what a high school looks like, sounds, like, and feels like. We look forward to seeing them again for the next transition activity. Parents are welcome for school tours during this time. Please register your interest for a school tour (See below for details).



### NEWSLETTER ONLINE

Miles SHS encourages our school community to download the SkoolBag app or link through the school website and have a look at the great new format and interesting articles in our newsletter.



#### Miles State High School

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#### Visit the Miles SHS Experience...

We are happy to take you on a tour of the wonderful school and facilities, and discuss meeting the learning needs of your student. Please contact us via the school office (46285111) to put your name down for a tour. Numbers will be limited due to COVID regulations but community and parents/carers are welcome.

# LOCAL BUSINESSES INSPIRED TO THINK BIG

A group of business owners in the Western Downs are celebrating this month as they receive their Cert IV in Small Business Management.

The Ideas to Outcomes program facilitated by Business Navigator Western Downs, was delivered by TAFE Queensland via a series of online workshops, mentoring and peer-to-peer support over a 12 week period.

Business owners were inspired to think big and take an outsider's perspective as they worked across a variety of areas such as managing small business finances, better understanding their customers' needs and shifting their mindset to be empowered and have impact as an innovator.

Miles-based Emily Beutel of 'Emily Beutel Weddings & Events' has been actively implementing changes to her business upon completion of the program.



"The tools we got to take away are an incredible asset to my business, as well as the new enthusiasm and empowerment I have to reach my business goals".

Suzie Wood, Business Coach with Business Navigator Western Downs supported participants throughout the challenging curriculum.

"This course really made a difference in the way participants think about their business" said Suzie. "They found a lot of value in the one-on-one sessions and have acquired skills to help in both the short term and long term".

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## CHAPLAINCY NEWS

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There's nothing more delightful than hearing the squeal of children as you walk into a room, or hear the words, "Chappy, sit with me!" And there's nothing more rewarding, than having a child (or adult) confide in you to share their pain. Such are the privileges of chaplaincy.

And the stresses? Well, we'll save that for another day!

So... what does a chaplain do anyway? Here's a typical day at the High School...

I'm greeted at the beginning of the day, at the front office, by a very caring person, who doesn't just ask how I am, she actually wants to know. Such a promising start to the day.

Every Tuesday, we are treated with lots of yummy food, zappy music, and the friendly faces of four awesome people from Kup of Kindness.

I enjoy connecting with staff and students over hot chocolate, muffins, cereal and fruit. From then on, anything can happen in my day.

I always open my room during the breaks, and provide a variety of craft. Often, in a quiet corner of the room, a student will confide something that has caused him/her, distress. Or, the more outgoing student will let the whole group know of their latest drama!

Today, it was Support Staff Day, so the students cut and glued paper baskets, filled them with chocolates (individually wrapped, of course!) and delivered them to our hardworking staff.

Every now and then, a student will arrive at my office to make an appointment for a chat. This, I usually organise with the teacher, and spend time with the student towards the end of a lesson.

A good day, at the high school.

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What about the Primary school?

Well...I start the day at 8am by greeting the early risers in the courtyard. Then at 8:30, when the bell goes, one of the students usually invites me to read with him/her.

When the kids go into class, I'll set up my room for craft, and then visit the Preps. Such a delight, as little bottoms shuffle over on the carpet, to sit with me.

The day is pretty mad from there, with craft during the breaks, and helping in classrooms during the lessons.

And the day ends...with a clean up, and admin.

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### Wanna Chat?

If you would like a chat with a caring listener (that's me!) please ring the school. I'd love to hear from you.

And that's Mums and Dads too.

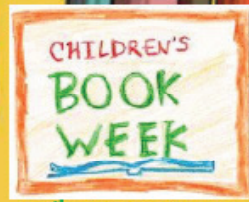
# COMMUNITY SNAPS

## Book Week

Congratulations to all the amazing educators at the Long Day Care & Kindergarten who dressed up for Book Week on the 26th of August.



Elissa – Pippi Longstocking  
Tara – Cruella De Vil  
Georgie – Mary Poppins



Congratulations to all our amazing Educators who dressed up today for Book Week 2020.



Karen B – Captain Hook  
Rebekah – Tinkerbell  
Ruby – Peter Pan



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Payge – Wendy (Peter Pan)



Judith – Harry Potter  
Juliet – The Hungry Caterpillar  
Terese – Little Red Riding Hood



Amy – Old MacDonald  
Stevie – Dorothy (Wizard of Oz)

## Father's Day Weekends Nine a Side Rugby League

Page 25 top photo - Miles forward Bluey Smith

Page 25 bottom photo - Player of the Carnival Cody McGrady from Highfields

Below left - Miles Black team

Below right - Miles Blue team





# SENIOR MILES DEVILS UPDATES

## **Miles in Style – Father's Day Weekend Nine a Side Rugby League**

They may not have won the Inaugural Father's Day Nines weekend tournament, but the Miles Club and Rugby League in general were the big winners on the weekend. 10 teams from various parts of the State converged on the township of Miles on the Western Downs over the weekend to play in a Father's Day tournament that will no doubt carry on for a few more years to come. The Miles Devils Club couldn't be happier with the response from both players and spectators alike, who enjoyed perfect weather conditions and some quality Rugby League.

After 15 games were played, there was some fierce competition between the teams on the Saturday afternoon. Teams retreated to the comfort of the inner sanctum of their respective team camps and debriefed about how they went on day one. Leading point scorers on the first day were Highfields Gold with 3 wins from 3 starts. This set up day two of the finals, something that was going to be a great spectacle for those diehard fans to come and enjoy.

The Miles teams acquitted themselves well and were not fazed by their more fancied opponents during the weekend. The Miles Black team affectionately known as Steiny's Scrubbers showed that they will be a force in the Roma and District Competition if it ever gets off the ground in 2021. These blokes consider themselves as the Miles Devils Reserve Grade Team, but there are a few amongst them that wouldn't be out of place and have a great chance of being selected in the Miles First Grade Team. Most notable players in the team were Kevin Brown & Veteran Jamie Bowden, as well as Anthony Madigan who never gave up all weekend and showed some great ability during the tournament.

The Miles Blue Team which was effectively the First thirteen picked by Coach Richard Steel won 2 from 3 games. These lads have been training, socialising, and playing a small amount of games with each other all year and are gelling into something for the future. Harry Myers is still a young man who can play in the under 18's but when he's playing against the older more experienced opponents shows no fear and is growing in confidence the more, he plays. Zack Tattam is another youngster who will learn a lot from the older members of the squad and benefit from playing in such a close-knit team. Ryan Rayner had his usual busy games during the weekend and was well supported by the ever-reliable Travis Hahn. Veteran Jarod Hutchinson wound back the clock as he sat many an opposition forward on their backside as they underestimated the diminutive elder statesman of the team.



Englishman Lewis Hall adapted well to the Australian Summer like conditions and lead the Miles team well around the field in both attack and defence. Most notable was his control of the game and a perfectly struck drop goal to break the 16 all deadlock and win the opening game against Yandina. The only downside to the weekend was an injury to young Miles School Teacher Josh Moore, who injured his knee early in game one. Josh will have his injury assessed over the next couple of days and the Club wishes him a speedy recovery.

Overall winners for the weekend were Highfields Gold who played very well right from start to finish of the tournament. The Highfields team out muscled a well drilled Mungindi Team in the final to take home the first prize. Player of the Carnival was awarded to Highfields' Cory McGrady who was outstanding all weekend. Having teams like Yandina and Highfields come out to these country centres gives the young lads out here a bit more of an idea as to where they are on the scale of Rugby League. Country teams play against the same teams and players every year. It is tournaments like these that give them the chance to pitch themselves against different and stronger opposition.

This tournament proved to be a shot in the arm for the struggling hotel and accommodation businesses in town, having been hamstrung by the Covid 19 pandemic over the last six months. A few dollars were poured into Miles during the weekend, and it is a credit to the Miles Club to try and help the Miles economy.

Congratulations to the Miles Club for a great weekend, and a remarkably successful year. This Club has come a long way in twelve months (even with no regular season). It has a very proactive committee and a great bunch of players. The players are the ones who entertain us each week, and there is not one Prima Donna amongst them – simply good lads that are having a ball and playing the Greatest Game of All. Bring on 2021.





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# BACK TO THE BUSH FESTIVAL

## LEGENDS & LARRIKINS

The theme for the 2021 Miles Back to the Bush festival is 'Australian Legends and Larrikins'. To enhance the Legends and Larrikins theme, we will be commemorating our very own Local Legends and Larrikins (Both living and Departed) through a series of short stories on the lives they have lived and how they have helped shape the Miles District.

### LOCAL LEGENDS: John and Jan Mullins

A handsome young man... A pretty young lady... And so the story of a much loved Miles local couple began... On Australia Day in 1958 a handsome young man new to Miles pulled up in his work ute at the local Barber Shop to fill up with fuel.

The young lady who came out wearing a quaint summer dress, stilettos and freshly painted nails to fuel his car caught his eye. This lad is new to town and thinks this young lady is so beautiful he cannot take his eyes off her. As he leans against his ute looking cool, he dreams of the day that he might sweep this girl off her feet, marry her, and have half a dozen kids.

Sounds like something out of an old romantic movie doesn't it? Well it is so close to the truth it isn't funny. And that's how John and Jan Mullins came to be acquainted in the small township of Miles.

Young Johnny Mullins came to Miles in the Summer of 1958. He was following a couple of his mates Tom Seaniger and Murray Purves, who had moved to Miles earlier to start their own business, and John had the same aspirations. The boys shared a house on the corner of Marian and Pine Streets.

John played footy for the Miles Devils, was Tom and Murray's 'water boy' when they played Tennis and did what all young fellas in small country towns do. Throughout his life John always enjoyed a cold beer and a smoke. It was normal to see him unwind after a hard day's graft puffing on a Craven A in one hand and holding a beloved VB stubby in the other.

Jan was born in Miles as she says by 'accident'. Jan's parents Bowen and Jane Cable were returning home to Yuleba on the passenger train when flood water over the railway line halted their progress for 3 days. During their forced stopover in Miles Bowen Cable was offered a job at the Local Barbers, which he later purchased coinciding with the birth of their baby girl Janice. The Cable's became Miles residents and remained in Miles for their entire lives.

John and Jan were a courting couple when in 1961 Jan entered and won the Inaugural Miles Miss Civic Centre. Miles Miss Civic Centre was one of the most Prestigious events on the Miles calendar for many years. John and Jan Married on 26th January 1963 and formed a partnership that was to see them build their business from scratch to the Hardware and Plumbing enterprise it is today. Murilla Hardware was opened in 1965 in Murilla Street, where it still stands today. A second Hardware store (Mullins Hardware) was opened in Chinchilla a few years later. The Miles shop sold everything hardware to many satisfied customers, while John had his plumbing side of the business in the yard beside the shop. As well as doing the usual plumbing jobs in the area, John and his workmen spent many hours building Galvanised rainwater tanks. These tanks were transported to homes, businesses, and farms all over South West Queensland.

Some of John's achievements during this time were being contracted to work on the new Charleville Hospital and being a part of building the Australian Stockmen's Hall of Fame in Longreach, where John and his men did the Roof and all Plumbing and Drainage. John Mullins Jnr took over Mullins Plumbing in 1993 and still operates in Miles today.

Whilst running their business' John and Jan also somehow found time to raise Six children – John, Melissa, Rachel, Fleur, Regina, and Marcus. All the Mullins children have at some time worked behind the counter at Murilla Hardware or in Plumbing and these days you will also spot some of the Grandchildren helping during School Holidays and weekends.

In 1986 John and Jan were confronted with a tragedy no parent should ever go through when their eldest daughter Melissa passed away as a result of a car accident.

In the early 1990's John was diagnosed with Cancer and after a few operations he was back walking the floor at Murilla Hardware, keeping everyone in check. John's ill health continued for 15 years until he passed away in 2005.

John and Jan Mullins' family have sponsored, supported, and participated in many Community Groups and functions over the Years. John and Jan were active members of The Miles Rotary Club for many years until declining membership forced it to shut down.

Show Society's not only in Miles but other towns in the region have benefitted from their generosity, as well as many sporting clubs. The Miles Devils, Miles Pony Club, Miles Golf and Bowls Club just to name a few. The Art Gallery in the Dogwood Crossing Centre in Miles and the Miles Races bears John's name as a memorial to a man and his family who have worked hard for the District and Contributed to the success of so much in our Region.

*This tribute was written by Ken Brown*





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The festival is a perfect opportunity to showcase our District and celebrate all that we love about living in the bush. Whilst the main event will be held on Saturday 11 September, visitors will be encouraged to explore other parts of our District over the weekend.

A sneak peek at just a few of the events in the 2021 program includes festival favourites such as Dinner Under the Stars at the Village, the Feedlot to Fork Gala Ball, Tractor Pull, Tough Bugger, Dog High Jump, Sheep Shearing, Beard Appreciation, and the Collections Tour where visitors are invited to view vintage and quirky collections of some of our favourite residents, along with Village favourites, the Condamine Bell toss and Billy Boiling challenge. New to the festival in 2021 will be SDSR steam train which will bring visitors from the east, as well as taking a day trip across to Dulacca on Friday.

Of course organising a festival takes many hands and we would love more people throughout our district to be involved in organising the celebrations. Joining the festival committee does not mean you will be assigned a job (unless you would really like one), it just means that you are informed and can be part of the decision-making process. Part of the fun is organising the celebrations.

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## 49th Anniversary Day:



Anniversary Day at the Village this year was celebrated with a casual get-together and barbeque for committee members, volunteers, staff and their families. This was a great opportunity to bring everyone together and celebrate the successes of the past year. We have certainly faced our challenges like everyone else due to COVID-19, however the year is ending on a high note with many positive outcomes:

- GABIC redevelopment nearing completion of Stage1
- Visitor numbers and merchandise sales increasing considerably since re-opening
- Fantastic team effort from our volunteers and committee members during an overwhelmingly busy period over the last few months. We extend a huge thank you to everyone who has assisted during the past year and look forward to a positive year leading up to the 50th.

## CARETAKER POSITION

We had a great response to our call to fill the Groundsman/Maintenance position recently. A number of applicants were interviewed and the Committee had the decision of selecting one applicant. We congratulate Allan Schwerin who was the successful applicant in this process. We welcome Allan to our team and trust he enjoys his time working with us at the Village.

## YOUTH WITH A MISSION

Once again we have been blessed to receive the assistance of YWAM volunteers. The group came at a time when the Village was in extreme need of assistance with 3 staff members out and renowned August winds had strewn leaves and branches throughout the Village. The team were fantastic with the removal of massive amounts of leaves from the main street, roof gutters and around the buildings. In addition they cleaned handrails and sills, cobwebbed outsides of the buildings, vacuumed and cleaned the machinery shed and equipment.



Thanks again Angelique Delport for showing your support of our facility. To Hayden Schaffuer, Nathan Crooy, Molly Jones, Ryan Kiper and Keely Lock from the USA; Marcus Lock and Ayden Burger from Canada, Twinkee Polius from the Caribbean and Aaron Foo from Singapore – you were our saviours in time of need and your work was very much appreciated.

## TRIPADVISOR TRAVELLERS CHOICE AWARD 2020

Miles Historical Village was awarded a 'TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Award for 2020'. It is based on the reviews made by visitors to our Village Museum and posted onto the TripAdvisor website. To receive an award the attraction must be in the top 10% of the respondents worldwide. The visitor numbers to the Village Museum in July and August have been all time records. Half of our visitors have been from Brisbane and many visitors have been from the south east corner of our state. For many visitors this has been their first trip to this part of the state.





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# CAR CLUB NEWS



Whats Crankin'; as we charge into hopefully a wetter than average spring the MMEC-DMAG have some important dates coming up on the local motoring calendar.

**Bunya Mountains Club Run & Community Markets – 27/09/2020** - chaps bring a few utes, you never know what bargains may be found up in 'them there hills' north-east of Dalby.

**Car Club AGM – 07/10/2020** - Annual Memberships are due , forward your \$30.00 to Treasurer Wayne for membership renewal... Remember, no membership renewal no cheap club registration for your old pride and joy.

**Car Inc Meeting – 01/10/2020** - venue to be advised.

**Car Club Xmas Party** – Miles Bowls Club, date to be announced.

The Miles Motoring Enthusiasts Club would like to thank Kelly Crosby from Condamine for the total dedication, patience and professionalism that she has put into making the Community Newsletter a big success in the last couple of years. Kelly has been great to work with putting the Car Club articles together, having some great ideas, artistic retro talent, plus understanding and presenting our news just right 110% of the time. The Miles Car Club would like to wish Kelly all best in her new position in Early Childhood and we hope to see her out here educating the masses sometime in the future. We look forward to working with Kelly's successor Eileen Parker in future Car Club articles.

October is Bathurst month, the annual 1000km Touring Car endurance race is said by many to be the toughest bitumen tarmac race in the world, up there with Le Mans and the Spa 24 hour classics in Europe. It is a grueling test of both stamina and machine, 161 laps up and down Mt Panorama. Australian, American, European and Japanese ego's, dreams and machines have been shattered as the mountain takes its revenge on the inexperienced and the faint-hearted. We look back 50 years to the year 1970, the cubic inch displacement and horsepower war is raging between General Motors Holden, Ford and Chrysler. V8 Falcons, V8 Monaro's, 6cylinder hemi powered Chargers and Holdens mighty 6 cylinder Torana's battle it out back then, in the 500 mile race. Driven by a Canadian with the name of Allan Moffat, Fords mighty GTHO XY Falcon Phase 3 sedan powered by the new 351cubic inch Cleveland v8 takes the chequered flag streets ahead of the opposition. Ford won again with the XY GTHO sedan in 71', winning in 73' and 74' in an XA 2 door V8 hardtop, and 77' in the famous XC Cobra V8 hardtop 1-2 mountain whitewash. The General won in 75', 76', 78' and 79' in the 4 door SL/R 5000 & 2 door A9X V8 Torana's. A Victorian driver by the name Peter Brock won his first of 9 Bathurst victories on a wet day on the mountain in 1972, succeeding in a David and Goliath struggle with his little giant-killing 6 cylinder L J Torana GTR-XU1 2 door coupe up against the might of the Ford factory V8 works team... A bit of moisture on a wet, greasy track can make up for a horsepower difference.

1980 heralded new cars, new rules, turbo and rotary technology, plus a big thumping 500HP Z71 Camaro from the states with a Chanel 9 logo on its roof. However, the story of this particular decade will be kept for another October edition in future years. 2020 marks the last year that a Holden will race at the Bathurst event, lets hope that the ZB Commodore's last hurrah at the mountain is a success story.

Until next time keep the all the big thumpers honkin' up the Mountain, across Skyline, through the Dipper and pedal to the metal down Conrod Straight... No replacement for displacement.



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# FISHING CLUB NEWS



Welcome to the August & September Fishing Clubs update.

Our August trip was held in Miles and only the brave stuck it out for a wet and cold weekend. Only one fish was weighed in for the event with the winner being John Camm and his Jew fish. Unfortunately our September Carp Busters Event was greatly reduced due to Covid restrictions but we were still lucky enough to see competitors come from Brisbane, Toowoomba, Roma and Goondiwindi.

25 people attended giving the local community a boost in accommodation and tackle sales. Tamara and Robbie ran the weigh ins at Caliguel Lagoon and made sure the event ran smoothly. Great job guys! 66 carp were caught and 3 yellow belly with the results as below:

Peter Delaforce	28 Carp	largest 63cm and 2.86kg
Deon Matthee	25 Carp	largest 56cm and 2.38kg
John Camm	4 Carp	largest 54cm and 1.3kg
Jason Tillman	3 Carp	largest 54cm and 1.83kg
Nicole Whysall	3 Carp	largest 46cm and 1.4kg
Ann Smith	1 Carp/1 Yellow belly	largest 52cm and 2.08kg
Tim Coup	1 Carp	largest 34cm and 0.36kg
Darryl Davies	1 Carp/2 Yellow belly	largest 43cm and .65kg

As of August 2020 the Miles Fishing Club has signed a lease to take over Karingal Reserve off pump station road. Some great plans are underway to create a 42 acre camping and fishing reserve where we will hold our monthly events. We are always on the lookout for businesses and members to help with this project that will definitely benefit the Miles Community.

To coincide with the new lease the club has been through a name change and now known as "Miles District Fishing and Recreation Club inc." and the club secretary can be contacted via email [milesdistrictfishing@gmail.com](mailto:milesdistrictfishing@gmail.com).

Our next two club events will be held at Karingal Reserve in Miles.

**17th and 18th October** - Fish anywhere in the Western Downs with weigh in at the club house on Sunday.

**14th and 15th November** - Fishing in the Dogwood and targeting Jew.

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*Peter Delaforce, Club President.*







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# MYALL PARK BOTANIC GARDEN UPDATE

Spring has arrived at Myall Park Botanic Garden and it is a wonderful time to visit. There is nearly always room in the camp ground but the accommodation is heavily booked at present which means that more people are visiting the region and hopefully staying around to visit other interesting places close by. It is hoped that all of the tourist facilities in the region are experiencing an influx of Queenslanders from elsewhere and that each facility will promote the other attractions in the area. Word of mouth will be our best promotion for future years.

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# NOONGA NOTES

Sunday September 6th wasn't only Father's Day it also saw the Noonga winter tennis fixtures come to a close. It was a short season due to covid but still filled with loads of laughs, good banter between players and teams and Finals day did not disappoint. It came down to the grind with Barry/Henry Sinnamon's team taking the Winning title, after defeating Brendan Leahy's team by a very close 7 points.

Third place getters went to Scott Tennyson's team, and Hamilton Walker's team in last place. In traditional Noonga style, every team took home a prize, the winning team men won Solar Lights, the ladies Cheese boards & knives, the runner up men's team were awarded Work socks and the ladies received a Wilshire saucepan. Third & fourth place getters received blocks of chocolates but the most fun of the day was when Hamilton Walker's Team were awarded a special losers prize, home made embossed biscuits Created By Payton's Pantry.



*Winning team: Barry/Henry's team! 2020 Winners! Front left: Payton Leahy, Melissa Wathen, Karol Watson (Oh! Karol!!), fill in Karleen Haslop, Barry Sinnamon, Cory Leahy & Henry Sinnamon.*



*Runner up team:  
Brendan's team from left:  
Brendan Leahy, Adrian Sharp,  
Dave Erbacher, Helen Golden,  
June Henry & Mary Leahy*



*Special embossed biscuits for the losing team.*



*Third place getters, Scott Tennyson's team, from left: Vanessa Tennyson, fill in Brian Sinnamon, Scott Tennyson, fill in Emma Watson, Katrina Clelland & fill in Maree Ryan.*



*Last place getters but the biggest grinners, Hamilton Walker's team, from Left: fill in Dan Haslop, Hamilton Walker, Penelope Hindman, Polly Leahy, Kay Price & Richard Golden.*



*Noonga held a raffle on Finals day, A Lifelight raffle of a bear and merchandise, all money raised from the raffle was donated to LifeFlight. The lucky Winner was Brian Sinnamon.*

Being Father's Day, many families enjoyed a relaxing playful day outside with their dad's and family. This lovely photo to the right was taken of three generations of one family celebrating.



*From left: Sheryl Sinnamon, her Dad Malcolm Bazley, and his Grandson Henry Sinnamon.*

Noonga Tennis Club would like to thank everyone who nominated and committed to playing in a team this year, also to the dedicated fill in players who turned up to help out when needed, and also Thank you to the local Noonga community members for their support and understanding in not being able to attend the tennis until stage 3 restrictions came into place half way through the season.



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# JACKSON JOTTINGS

## Festival of Small Halls

Jackson Hall will be the venue for 2020 Spring Tour for Festival of Small Halls in the Maranoa on Saturday 17 October. The night will commence with a BBQ from 5pm with the music starting at 6.30pm. A bar will be in operation. The singers are all Australians this year: singer songwriter, Shellie Morris, and blues duo Hussey Hicks. Tickets are available from [iwannaticket.com.au](http://iwannaticket.com.au) or for more information, ring Trish Sedgwick 0427 709 611. We are in for a good night as those who attended last year's event will attest.

## Jackson Social

On Sunday 30 August, ten Jacksonites travelled to the Yuleba Pub for our monthly social. Good food, good company, good night. Our social events are usually held on the last Sunday of the month but in the run up to Christmas this will be flexible.



## New Fence at Jackson Hall

QCWA Jackson Branch has worked with Maranoa Regional Council and community members to complete the new fence surrounding the hall and the playground. Community members deserving recognition for their efforts are Dave Sedgwick, Terry Hyland, Allan Sharman, Graeme Canning and Dave Veritz and thank you to the council.

## Queensland Seniors Week

In recognition of the contribution made by Seniors in the Maranoa, Maranoa Regional Council provided a two course meal and a few hours of musical entertainment on Thursday, 27 August, at the Roma Bowls Club. The Johnny Cash tribute band, 'Leaving Jackson' from Brisbane played and sang songs made famous by Johnny Cash, Elvis Presley and Kris Kristofferson among others. The large crowd at the Bowls Club included people from across the Maranoa. It was a great event provided and supported by the council and everyone enjoyed themselves.



## Kylie Bourne Mosaics

Over the weekend of 29/30 August, people travelled from Roma, Brisbane and all points in between to Kylie's property near Miles to partake in a wonderful, creative event. Kylie is a well known mosaic artist and was willing to share her knowledge and expertise in this medium. All projects, pots, signs, pavers were completed on the weekend and all participants left with a feeling of accomplishment and satisfaction with their completed items.

**QCWA Meetings:** Jackson - 2nd Monday of the month at 9am





# MENS SHED & WOMENS SHED

THURSDAYS 3:30pm  
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## MURILLA COMMUNITY CENTRE FULLY BOOKED BOOKSHOP

Open Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm  
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Between the Pharmacy and the  
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Please note: The Bookshop is run by  
volunteers and therefore opening hours  
are subject to change.

Proceeds go to the Murilla Community Centre





# CHEAP & EASY RECIPES



## **Creamy Tuscan Chicken**

*Makes 4 Servings | 5 min prep | 40 min cook*

### **Ingredients**

1 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil  
4 boneless skinless chicken breasts  
Kosher salt  
Freshly ground black pepper  
1 tsp. dried oregano  
3 tbsp. butter  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
1 1/2 c. cherry tomatoes, halved  
3 c. baby spinach  
1/2 c. heavy cream  
1/4 c. freshly grated Parmesan  
Lemon wedges, for serving

### **Method**

1. In a skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Add chicken and season with salt, pepper, and oregano. Cook until golden and no longer pink, 8 minutes per side. Remove from skillet and set aside.
2. In the same skillet over medium heat, melt butter. Stir in garlic and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add cherry tomatoes and season with salt and pepper. Cook until tomatoes are beginning to burst then add spinach and cook until spinach is beginning to wilt.
3. Stir in heavy cream and parmesan and bring mixture to a simmer. Reduce heat to low and simmer until sauce is slightly reduced, about 3 minutes. Return chicken to skillet and cook until heated through, 5 to 7 minutes.
4. Serve with lemon wedges.



## **Breakfast Baked Sweet Potatoes**

*Makes 2 Servings | 5 min prep | 45 min cook*

### **Ingredients**

2 medium DOLE sweet potatoes, washed  
2 tablespoons natural almond butter  
1 DOLE banana, sliced  
2 teaspoons chia seeds  
Cinnamon  
Sea salt

### **Method**

1. Preheat oven to 180C. Line a medium baking sheet.
2. Use a fork to poke several holes in the sweet potatoes, then place on prepared baking sheet and roast sweet potatoes for 45 minutes or until tender. Remove from oven and allow to cool.
3. Split the warm sweet potatoes open and sprinkle with sea salt. Drizzle 1 tablespoon of almond butter, 1 teaspoon of chia along with banana slices and a sprinkle of cinnamon in each sweet potato. Serve immediately.



## **Condensed Milk Swirl Slice**

*Makes 10 Servings | 15 min prep | 25 min cook*

### **Ingredients**

395g tin condensed milk  
2 tbs golden syrup  
100g butter  
1 pkt chocolate cake mix  
125g dark chocolate

### **Method**

1. In a small saucepan, mix together condensed milk, golden syrup and 60g butter. Stir continuously over a gentle heat for 5-6 minutes until a thick caramel forms.
2. Preheat oven to 180C. Grease a slice tin and line with baking paper.
3. Make the chocolate cake according to the packet instructions and pour into the prepared slice tin. Dollop spoonfuls of caramel on top of the cake batter. Use a knife to swirl caramel into the batter, do not overmix. Bake for 20 - 25 minutes until the cake is just cooked through. Allow to cool.
4. Place the dark chocolate and remaining butter in a bowl and microwave in 30-second bursts, stirring in between until smooth. Pour over cooled slice and spread evenly. When the chocolate has set, slice and serve.



### Blonde D'Aquatane Weaners

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Contact Val 0408 682 011

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### For Sale

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4627 4437

### For Sale

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French White Millet stubble & Red Panicum Stubble \$66 inc.  
Chinchilla area. Phone  
Jim Gosden 0427 584 397

### House Cleaning

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0428 341 560

### Hummingbirds Goal Setting

Are you interested in changing your life and setting goals?  
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### Jumping Castle Hire

from the Meandarra Anzac Memorial Museum  
0429 332 119

### Lifeline Financial Counsellor

Visiting the Murilla Community Centre, Miles

### Massage Therapy

Relaxation & sports sinus, asthma, stomach, migraine and headache treatments  
Contact Kate  
0431 334 029

### Miles Country Music

The third Sunday of each month at the Lutheran Church Hall.  
Contact Maree 07 4627 1494

### Miles Lions Club

Cold room for hire  
0458 777 668

### For Sale

Bambatsi Seed in Drillham  
Contact Raymond 0428 987 966  
raymondlicht@bigpond.com

### Miles Show Society Meeting

Last Thursday of each month meeting at the Miles Showgrounds  
Contact 4627 1234

### Missy's Healing Room

Angel reading, energy clearing, ancestral clearing, home clearing, Reiki master, massage therapy certified, oracle cards interpreter.  
Distance sessions.  
0459 483 972

### Potable Water Deliveries

Palmer's Coaches  
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### Presbyterian Church Hall for Sale & Removal (Miles)

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### Sudoku Answers

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# COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

<b>Abrahams</b> 4627 1516	<b>Goal Setting</b> 0402 691 178	<b>Miles Historical Society</b> 4627 1492	<b>Queensland Machinery Agency</b> 4696 3350
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<b>Apex</b> Wandoan 4628 4426	<b>Gosdens Machinery</b> 4665 2289 0427 584 397	<b>Miles Hospital</b> 4628 5600	<b>R&amp;S Gilmour Carpet Cleaning</b> 0457 025 088
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<b>Bowls Club</b> Miles 4627 1101 Meandarra 4665 6159 Wandoan 4627 2436	<b>ICPA</b> Western Downs 0428 425 576 Taroom 4628 6236	<b>Miles Tyre &amp; Battery</b> 4627 2955	<b>Show Society</b> Miles 4627 1243 Wandoan 0448 274 387
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<b>Chinchilla Vets</b> 4662 7637	<b>JB Designs</b> 4627 1549	<b>Motor &amp; Auto Club</b> Miles 0437 327 848	<b>Sports Clubs</b> Dulacca 0429 701 931
<b>Condamine Cods</b> 0439 275 794	<b>J Kerwick Electrical</b> 0428 455 579	<b>Murilla Community Centre</b> Miles 4627 2027	<b>Swimming Pool</b> Miles 4627 1503
<b>Community Child Health</b> Miles 4628 5629	<b>Joe Swalling (Painter)</b> 0429 879 647	<b>Murilla Fitness Centre</b> Miles 4627 2157	<b>Taroom Health Services</b> Hospital 4628 9900 Drs Surgery 4628 9942
<b>Community Choir</b> Miles 4627 1707	<b>John Mullins Plumbing</b> 4627 2163	<b>Murilla Fish Stocking Assn</b> Miles 0427 276 243	<b>TC Grazing</b> 0447 285 214
<b>Cricket Club</b> Miles 0407 871 049 Condamine 0409 627 073	<b>Kerwicks Earthworks</b> 0427 620 144	<b>Murilla Long Day Care &amp; Kindergarten</b> 4627 2108	<b>Tennis Club</b> Miles Ladies 4627 1549 Miles Social 4627 2100 Noonga 4627 6358 Wandoan 4627 5253
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<b>Driver Reviver Miles (A/H)</b> 0437 753 007	<b>Landcare</b> Wandoan 4627 3859	<b>Murilla Respite &amp; In Home Community Care</b> Miles 4627 2027	<b>Tribes Plant Hire</b> 0427 953 686
<b>Dulacca Hotel</b> 4627 6101	<b>Lions Clubs</b> Miles 4627 1344 Wandoan 4627 4041	<b>Nutrimetics Consultant</b> 0402 691 178	<b>Wandoan Primary Health</b> 4627 4444
<b>Electeck Services</b> 0407 731 996	<b>Lincoln Wagner Optometrist</b> 4627 2027	<b>Palmers Coaches</b> 4627 1294	<b>Warrego Locksmiths</b> Alex 0402 653 861
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<b>Foodworks</b> Miles 4627 1178	<b>Masonic Lodge</b> Miles 4627 1707	<b>Pollys Hairdressing</b> 0427 276 483	<b>Western Downs Veterinary Service</b> 0484 607 253
<b>Fox &amp; Rynne Accountants</b> Miles: 4627 1500 Taroom: 4627 3225	<b>Meals on Wheels</b> Miles 4627 1173 Wandoan 4627 4219	<b>Polocrosse</b> Wandoan 4628 2284	<b>Williams Clinic</b> 4627 1214
<b>Garden Club</b> Murilla 4628 1144 Leichhardt 4627 8425 Wandoan 4627 4190	<b>Miles 4x4 and Outdoors</b> 4627 1587	<b>Property Water Solutions</b> 0409 509 544	
<b>GDL</b> 4627 1900	<b>Miles Arts Council</b> Miles 4627 1707 Wandoan 4627 5039	<b>QCWA</b> Miles qcwamiles@gmail.com Condamine 4665 6119	
<b>GK Beauty</b> 0429 654 775		<b>QEC</b> 0427 110 885	
		<b>Queensland Hotel</b> 4627 1152	



# AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

## Community Markets

**Restricted due to COVID-19.**

### St Luke's Markets

St Luke's Church  
Dawson Street, Miles  
Second Saturday of the month  
8:30am - 12 noon  
Contact 0419779686

### Taroom Markets

Leichhardt Park, Taroom  
Second Sunday of the month  
8:00am - 12 noon  
Ade 0427596417  
Heady 0428273025

### Chinchilla Markets

Chinchilla Showgrounds  
Gaske Lane  
Third Sunday of the month  
Starts 7am  
Contact 0439 074 088

## Church Services

**Restricted due to COVID-19.**

### Catholic Church - Condamine

2nd Sunday 11:00am  
4th Sunday Liturgy

### Catholic Church - Dulacca

1st Sunday 10:00am

### Catholic Church - Miles

Cnr Dawson & Edith Streets,  
Miles  
1st Sunday 8:00am  
2nd Saturday 6:30pm  
3rd Sunday 6:30pm  
4th Saturday 6:30pm  
5th Sunday 8:00am Ecumenical  
Service

### Crossroads Christian Outreach

64 Murilla Street, Miles  
Sunday Service 9:00am  
Prayer Meeting 6:00pm  
**Ph: 0437 337 772**

### Lutheran Church - Miles

1st-4th Saturday 5:00pm (HC)  
5th Sunday 8:00am  
Ecumenical Service  
Contact Jean Austin  
or Pastor Mark  
**Ph: 4627 2322  
or 4662 7175**

### Presbyterian Church - Miles

Cnr Murilla & Dawson  
Streets, Miles  
Sundays 9:00am  
Sunday School 10:30am  
**Ph: 4627 1180**

### Presbyterian Church - Wandoan

Moore Street  
Sundays 9:00am  
Contact Rev Laurie Peake  
**Ph: 0438 274 157**

### St Luke's Anglican Church

Cnr Dawson & Constance  
Streets, Miles  
Every Sunday 8:00am  
5th Sunday 8:00am Ecumenical  
Service  
**Ph: 4627 1190**

### Tara Community Church

Sunday Service 9:00am  
**Ph: 4669 4336**

### The Gums Church

3rd Sunday 9:30am  
**Ph: 4669 4336**

### Wandoan AOG

23 Royd Street  
10:00am Every Sunday  
5th Sunday 10:30am  
Wandoan Churches Together in  
Cultural Centre  
**Ph 4627 3434**

## Vinnies Miles

At the Catholic Church Ground, Dawson  
Street, Miles.

*Everything you buy or donate inspires change in  
your local community.*

### OPENING HOURS

Monday 2:00pm - 4:00pm  
Wednesday 9:00am - 12:00noon  
Friday 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Volunteer operated so opening hours are subject  
to change.

*Profits fund St Vincent de Paul Society services and  
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**Donations to Murilla Community  
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We want to hear from you! If you know of anyone in the community who has done really well at their chosen sport, charity work or a personal interest, of an upcoming event, photos or stories! Please let us know! Email [mccmcd@bigpond.com](mailto:mccmcd@bigpond.com) or contact Kelly at the Murilla Community Centre on 4627 2027





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You may not use proper nouns, abbreviations, or contractions.

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Answers on page 44



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Please note: To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, there have been limits placed on organised gatherings and visits to vulnerable groups, therefore, events advertised in the newsletter are subject to change.**

## October

- 4th** Miles Show Society Working Bee - 8:00am
- 8th** Kate Bradley, Community Grants Writer - Tara  
Murilla Garden Group Meeting - Madonna & David Moore, "Sandalwood Park", 1243 Moores-Bice Rd Drillham.
- 8th - 11th** Condamine Bell Campdraft - from 5:30am Thursday 8th October until late Sunday 11th October 2020.
- 9th** Last day to submit drawing for the 'Happy and Healthy' Art Competition - Contact [community.feedback@originenergy.com.au](mailto:community.feedback@originenergy.com.au)
- 10th** St.Lukes Markets - Miles
- 12th** Miles QCWA Branch Meeting - Miles rooms off Corbett Drive - 5:30pm  
Jackson QCWA Meeting - 9:00am
- 13th** Lincoln Wagner Optometrist - Murilla Community Centre, Miles - Contact 07 4627 2027  
Kate Bradley, Community Grants Writer - Dalby
- 14th** Lincoln Wagner Optometrist - Murilla Community Centre, Miles - Contact 07 4627 2027
- 15th** Murilla Community Centre AGM with Guest Speaker Ans Van Urp - Columboola Room - 7:00pm  
Kate Bradley, Community Grants Writer - Chinchilla
- 17th & 18th** Fishing Club Event - Fish anywhere in the Western Downs with weigh in at the club house on Sunday.
- 20th** Meals on Wheels Annual General Meeting - McKillop Hall - 5:30pm
- 21st** Kate Bradley, Community Grants Writer - Miles  
Chinchilla Careers Expo
- 27th** Miles Race Club Annual General Meeting - Miles Race Track - 6:30pm
- 29th** Miles Show Society Meeting - Walsh Pavillion - 7:00pm  
Car Club Bunya Mountains Club Run & Community Markets - see page 33 for more information
- 30th** World Teacher's Day  
Australia Day Award nominations close midnight tonight - For more information or to nominate, visit [www.wdrc.qld.gov.au/australiadayawards2021](http://www.wdrc.qld.gov.au/australiadayawards2021).

## November

- 1st** Car Inc Meeting - venue yet to be advised
- 4th** Miles QCWA Branch Meeting - Miles rooms off Corbett Drive - 5:30pm
- 7th** Car Club Annual General Meeting - see page 33 for more information
- 9th** Jackson QCWA Meeting - 9:00am
- 14th** St.Lukes Markets - Miles
- 14th & 15th** Fishing Club Event - Fishing in the Dogwood and targeting Jew.
- 19th** Kate Bradley, Community Grants Writer - Wandoan

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