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Miles Races 2017

For more photos of the fun-filled day turn to page 22. Photo by Felix Photography Miles

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The agency's priority is to ensure people with disabilities continue to get the support they need. The changes that are required to existing disability support systems are significant, which means the scheme is in the process of being introduced gradually, ensuring a smooth transition for people with disability and support providers. In Queensland the NDIS will be operating state-wide by July 2019.

If you currently receive disability services you will have been contacted prior to the transition taking place in the Western Downs region. If you are not currently receiving services you will be able to apply to access the Scheme now.

For more information or a participant information pack please head online to www.ndis.gov.au/qld or call on 1800 800 110

The Young Athletes Travel Subsidy now available

The travel subsidy aims to foster the development of young athletes and support elite athlete pathways by providing financial assistance to help alleviate the costs associated with attending championship events.

Subsidies are provided retrospectively under a tiered funding model, with applicants eligible once every 2 calendar years at each tier allowing up to a maximum of \$1200 in financial assistance over the 3 event tiers.

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New sharps bin promotes syringe safety

It's been mistaken for a rubbish bin and a post box, but the new yellow bin on the corner of Colamba and Marion Streets is actually a sharps disposal box that has been installed by the Miles Health Service for the safe disposal of syringes.

Miles Health Service's Director of Nursing, Mr Aschleigh Perring, said that the new bin was tamper proof and the contents were collected and taken for destruction in high-temperature incinerators monthly.

"The new sharps bin is much larger than the previous one and holds the same amount as a wheelie bin," he said.

"It is to be used for clinical sharps such as those used by diabetics to administer insulin and the small lancet devices used to measure blood sugar."

Mr Perring said it was important to know what to do when faced with a syringe in a public area, because a syringe could bite like a snake.

"The best course of action would be to contact the hospital, the Western Downs Regional Council or the police to report the location and get the syringe safely removed," he said.

"If you receive a needle stick injury in the community, wash the area thoroughly with soap and water and present to the emergency department or your general practitioner as soon as possible."

Article contributed by Darling Downs Hospital and Health Services



Thank you from Men's Shed

Men's Shed wanted to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Origin and CPB for the shipping containers that were kindly donated to the program. The donation is greatly appreciated!

Expressions of Interest in Stone Carving Class

We are looking for expressions of interest to run a stone carving session to be held at Men's Shed.

The sessions will commence in April on a Thursday evening and will cost \$20 per class which includes the cost of material.

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Bright, talented and ready to hit the ground running, last month Council welcomed six new Trainees to the Team in our Dalby, Chinchilla and Miles Customer Service Centres.

From Department rotations, professional development courses, and tours of our facilities, Tyson, Ashleigh, Shyann, Marni, Lane and Emily will be provided with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience across Council, learning the ins and outs of Local Government during their traineeship.

During the next 12 months our Trainees will work towards gaining their Certificate III in Business as well as exposure to a diverse range of on-the-job learning opportunities which will be priceless for their career development.

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If you're interested in placing one of our talented Trainees in your business for a period of up to four weeks, please call **1300 COUNCIL**.

A big welcome to our new Trainees who have joined the team at Western Downs Regional Council!

News In Brief

WINFIELDS ROAD WASTE FACILITY OPERATIONAL

The region's newest state-of-the-art waste facility at Winfields Road, Jandowae is now operational, helping our residents rethink how they manage and dispose of their waste. The sustainable, user-friendly and modern facility offers dedicated areas for our customers to easily sort their domestic, commercial, green and recyclable waste. Winfields Road Waste Facility is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 5pm and currently from 1pm to 5pm on the weekend.

MACALISTER LANDFILL NOW CLOSED

Customers are advised that Macalister Landfill is now closed; having reached full capacity. With the state-of-the-art Dalby Waste and Recycling Centre only a 10-minute drive away residents can dispose of their standard domestic waste free of charge. For more information on Council's waste facilities visit: www.wdrc.qld.gov.au/living-here/environment-and-health/waste-disposal/.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at the Jandowae Customer Service Centre on Wednesday 19 April 2017 at 9.30am.

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM UNDERWAY

With a focus on building stronger and safer assets for our communities, Council has allocated a total of \$5.22 million towards the replacement of the old timber bridges on Burncluith Road, Greenswamp Road and Bundi Road. The new dual lane, steel reinforced concrete bridges will provide enhanced accessibility for locals and significant flood immunity upgrades. Keep an eye on Council's Facebook Page and website for updates.

ONE MILLION STARS TO END VIOLENCE

We're calling on our communities in the Western Downs to help us weave 10,000 stars by July 2017 as part of the One Million Stars to End Violence project. Each star weaved represents a peaceful statement about ending all forms of violence and will be showcased at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games. Drop into your local library, gallery or museum to weave a star today. For more information call **1300 COUNCIL**.

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS

This Anzac Day come along to the various commemorative services and events being held across the Western Downs on Tuesday 25 April to pay tribute to the brave servicemen and women who've proudly served our country in conflicts and peace-keeping operations around the world. Keep an eye on Council's Facebook Page and website for the full list of Anzac Day services.

MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS

Our Councillors know there's no better place than the Western Downs. Find out why they love living and working in our great region by visiting: www.wdrc.qld.gov.au/about-council/councillors-connect/meet-your-councillors/.

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Download Monthly Update

Scan the QR Code to access past and current editions of Council's *Western Downs Wire: Monthly Update*.



Councillor Spotlight

With many fantastic projects underway in our communities, it's an exciting time for our region! Bringing some of these projects to life would not be possible without your support, so to keep you up-to-date with what's happening I hope you enjoy my first Councillor Spotlight as your new portfolio Spokesperson for Parks, Open Spaces and Cemeteries.

Firstly, I would like to extend congratulations to Our Parks and Open Spaces Crews on how they are throwing themselves into making our towns look and feel great. Whether you are driving down the streets of your town or walking along our many footpaths you'll have noticed our vibrant and colourful flower beds and the beautifully landscaped parks.

Currently our Tara Crew are giving Tara's main street a 'plant makeover' by incorporating some colourful annual plants which make the town more pleasing to the eye. We've also had a new art sculpture installed in town celebrating the vibrant Tara Festival of Culture and Camel Races. Have you spotted Clarence the Camel yet?

Miles residents will soon see the next stage of ANZAC Park get underway. The final concept of this stage is out for the community to view and give feedback. As part of the redevelopment of the ANZAC Park Precinct the Miles Crew will undertake reshaping and upgrading of the gardens.

Other capital projects include the works at MyALL 107 and the new footpaths along the Myall Creek in Dalby.

Finally, Council has embarked on the Town Entry Signage Strategy which aims to create effective signage for the Western Downs that will unite our region. We will be undertaking community consultation to find the town features which will promote local economic development and tourism opportunities.

For travellers to the Western Downs, thoughtful signage says a lot about the nature and character of our towns and in turn promotes what makes our region so great.

Cr Carolyn Tillman

Spokesperson for Parks, Open Spaces and Cemeteries

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Celebrating our local women on International Women's Day

International Women's Day is celebrated on the 8th of March annually. It marks the global celebration of the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. There are many unsung heroes in rural Queensland who are worthy of celebration and one of them is Miles local Kate Cochrane.

Kate is 92 years old and was born in 1925. She was a teenager by the time World War Two stole the lives of over 27,000 Australians and wounded thousands more. Growing up in a time where education, especially for women was not considered a priority Kate left school at an early age. As a capable horsewoman at thirteen Kate was sent off by her mother to jillaroo on various properties around the Western Downs. It was only a few years after marrying at the age of 17 that Kate and her husband settled in Miles in 1950.

I went to visit Kate at her home. These days she lives alone with her little dog Abby who she rescued from the pound just last month. She welcomes me inside, spoils me with tea and a selection of delicious baked goods, which like everything she cooks, is made in her 60 year old woodstove oven.

In a ritual that has been ongoing for well over a decade, Kate spends the beginning of the week working away in her kitchen preparing baked goods to take to the residents in the Carinya Aged Care Facility for morning tea every Thursday. She bakes monthly for St Luke's Markets and makes fortnightly visits to the Milton House Nursing Home to hand out books and sing with patients.

Kate modestly refers to her ongoing involvement in the community as her "weekly exercise". When I asked her how on earth she still has the energy, being NINETY TWO she simply states, "I like helping people". Kate directly attributes her great health to her involvement in the community as it gets her out of the house, walking around and engaging with others.

Kate's past is filled with colourful stories and achievements. Her own lack of access to education growing up hardened her determination that her three daughters would receive the opportunity to not only go to school but finish school and go on to university. She took an AI course and became the first female inseminator in Miles. Did you know she has a donkey? The donkey is 37 years old and every day except Sunday Kate drives just outside of town to the property where the donkey lives to feed him.

Kate is the definition of age defying. She is living proof that no matter how old you are you can still have a positive social impact on your surroundings. She is one of the many hidden gems in rural Queensland silently doing their part for the greater good of their community, no matter how small the deed may seem.



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Yuleba Fun Run attracts International runner

German runner Kathrin Ballieu's love of running and a desire to visit Australia have led her to be one of the first entrants at this year's Yuleba Marathon and Fun Run on Saturday 8th April. Kathrin will fulfill her dream of visiting Australia and with her husband Hans-Jurg will run the half marathon at Yuleba on what also happens to be her birthday. 'We like to drink beer as much as they say the Australians do' she said. 'Being from Munich, city of Oktoberfest, we should feel at home with the open hearted Australians!'

Proudly presented by CPB and Origin, the Yuleba Marathon and Fun Run brings runners, walkers, volunteers and families together, with many stories such as Kathrin's shared over the course of the weekend. Events include the marathon, half marathon run/walk, 10km run/walk, 5km run/walk and 3km Family Roll & Stroll.

Help Kids Like Nick organising spokesperson Rosie Jones said the event, in its fourth year, benefits children and adults in Australia with the rare chromosome disorder Wolf Hirschhorn Syndrome. Ms Jones said 'This syndrome can result in severe disability and money raised gives these families a much better chance of meeting some of their often complex needs.' 'We would love more people to be a part of the day at Yuleba and the highest fundraiser can win a \$1000 Apple voucher.'

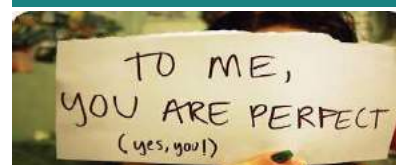
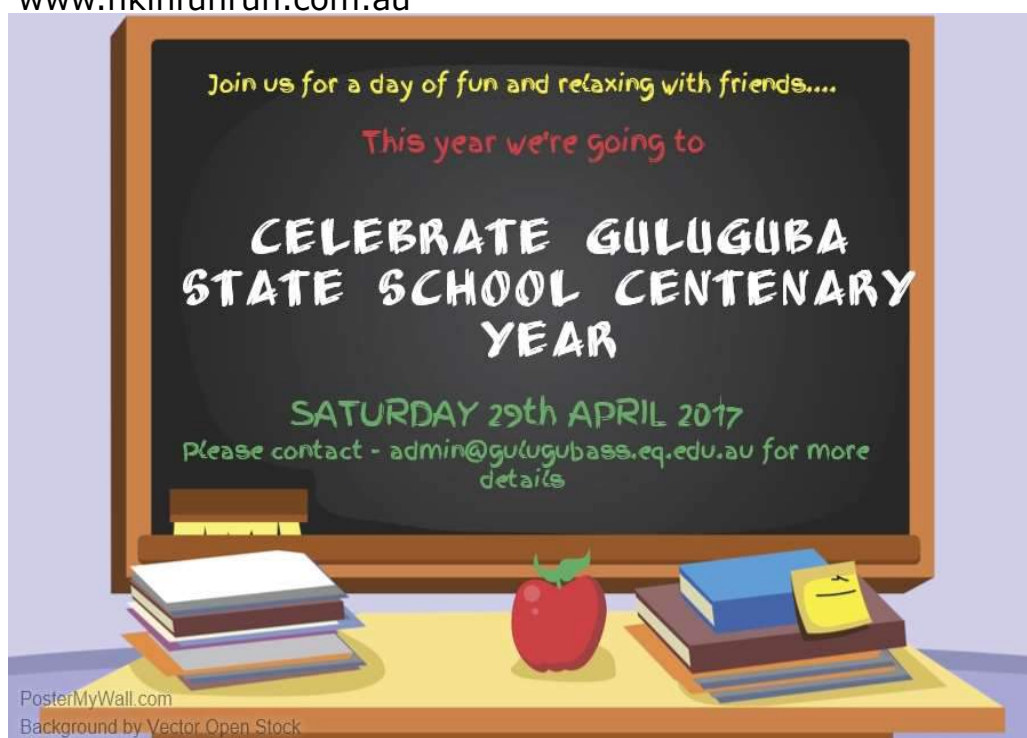
After the Saturday morning events and presentations, a charity auction will be held with great items on offer such as a woodfired pizza oven donated by Rockcote. The lunchtime crowd can relax with music by singer songwriter Benny Nelson (Xfactor). The evening events kick off with Back 'n Business band and a smorgasboard dinner. Campers are welcome and food is available all weekend.

Early bird registrations with a free t-shirt close Friday 10th March. Final registrations for the Marathon and Fun Run close on Wednesday 5th April.

For more information and to register visit www.hklnfunrun.com.au



Kathrin Ballieu in action in one of the many marathons she has participated in!



eKindy now available in Dulacca

The Dulacca and District Kindy Playgroup has partnered with eKindy Queensland to offer a specialised early childhood education program to the children of Dulacca and surrounding areas. eKindy commenced on Tuesday 31st of January with lots of inside and outside activities to keep the little ones busy and engaged. eKindy will operate Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.00am to 2.30pm.

It has been a number of years since the building on Killarney Street operated as a Kindergarten and with the support of parents, grandparents and members of the community the Kindy has received a spring clean. The community at large is very pleased that equipment purchased from fundraising efforts due to the hard work of previous Kindy committees can be put to use again.

If you wish to enquire about this fantastic opportunity to attend eKindy and enroll in the eKindy program please contact Anna Hughes 0418780223 / chevalle@bigpond.com

Condamine Bell Gymkhana & Family Fun Day

On Saturday, 1st April 2017 the Condamine Sports Club is hosting the first ever **Condamine Bell Gymkhana & Family Fun Day!**

The day will kick off at the Condamine Sports Grounds at 8:30am with the horse events, followed by lunch and then competitive push bike races - for those kids who prefer wheels!

An onsite canteen and bar will keep the troops happy all day long and family entertainment will cap off the celebrations in the afternoon.

There will be something for everybody - with raffle prizes and popular, local market stalls LK Collections, Millie & Maude and Dulacca Delicious, to name a few, setting up pop-up shops for the day.



Enquiries to Toni Gray / Amanda Weeden – by email
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BFS kiosks offer a friendly and secure environment to receive basic training and learn new skills. You can expect to have a volunteer tutor on hand to help you achieve your individual goals or if you are a bit more advanced, there are free online tutorials that will help reinforce your computer skills.

All the resources available on the Broadband for Seniors website can also be accessed at home.

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Miles Devils Season Kicks Off

The Senior Rugby League had a very successful AGM with the following positions being filled and a good number of committee members in attendance.

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Vice President	Jamie Kerwick - 0428 455 579
Treasurer	Wendy O'Brien

Congratulations to all!

It is going to be an exciting season for the Miles Devils. We already have a number of major sponsors on board who are QLD Hotel, Miles IGA and Palmers Coaches.

Our A Grade team has already commenced training on Tuesday and Thursdays at 6:30pm with reasonable numbers.

Taroom / Wandoan Battlers, coached by Matt Doherty, coming off a successful finals placing last season, will be joining us again as the Devils Reserve Grade.

An enthusiastic group of Under16's / 18's are looking for more players! If you are turning 15 or 16 this year you are eligible to play.

All player registrations can be completed online - go to "Play NRL" and follow the links. The cost is \$60 for the Under 16's and \$80 for all other players. Payment can be paid to Wendy O'Brien.

Our season will commence with a launch at the QLD Hotel on March 24th - all sponsors, players, families and supporters are welcome to join us. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Our first game is the annual Terry Charles Memorial Cup on the 1st April 2017. This year it is hosted by Taroom. The following four teams, Miles Devils, Chinchilla, Taroom / Wandoan Battlers and Tara compete for the shield.

If you are interested in Rugby League we invite you to get involved either as a player, supporter, sponsor or volunteer. Please contact either Alex McKellar or Jamie Kerwick for further information. Lets keep rugby league alive in the bush - go the mighty Devils.

The Junior Rugby league sign on / season launch will be held Friday 10th March at 5:30pm at the Century Oval , Miles. All players and their families are invited to attend and meet with the coaches & discuss the upcoming season. Stay and watch the footy on the big screen, Broncos Vs Cowboys. Bar and BBQ operating - For Further information contact Carey Volker on 0428 271 066.

We look forward to an exciting year ahead and thank you again to our sponsors, supporters, volunteers and players for their continual involvement and enthusiasm!

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Project to monitor and host Parthenium Bio Control

MEMBERS of the Queensland Murray-Darling Committee (QMDC) have established a glasshouse at Roma to grow a large number of Parthenium bio control hosts to try and combat the evasive weed.

From this month, staff have been planting seedlings and manually infecting harvested plants with the Summer Rust bio control with the intention of offering them to landholders and councils.

It takes about 10 days for the rust spores to begin to appear on the leaves before falling off and being blown onto other plants.

While a bio control hasn't been created that can fully kill Parthenium, the project is aimed at stunting the plants growth and reproduction.

Queensland Murray-Darling Committee Weeds & Pest Animal Technical Officer Tom Garrett said it was hoped that the project would enable them to understand which bio controls were most effective.

"Bio controls have all been available a fair while they just haven't been spread enough in this region and that's what this project is about," he said.

"It is getting all those bio controls, finding which ones are most effective and just distributing them through landcare groups, council and private landholders.

"What you are looking for with something like Parthenium is to keep it as stunted as possible.

"If you have a mature plant they will grow to about three and a half foot tall if you let them and there will be 150,000 seeds on there and they have a 10 year seed life so if you can get them to that size with only 10 seeds on it or 10 flowers and 50 seeds on each flower you have actually got a lot more chance of success."



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Miles and District Horse and Pony Club Back for 2017

Miles and District Horse and Pony Club held their first rally day for the year on Sunday February 5th at the showgrounds. Welcome back to the "older members" who have not been to Pony Club for a while and a big welcome to the rest of the club members.

There was a good turn up of riders considering the hot conditions. Rally days will be held on the first Sunday of every month. Everyone is welcome to attend and if someone has some special horse skills that they would like to share with the Pony Club that would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Jo Mildern on 0449 822 256 if you would like more information. Hopefully the next rally day will be a bit cooler, see you there!





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Part 6

The next thing land is sighted. Yes there is no mistaking it. By midday we are passing it. It is a small island, two in fact. Then we see more land, lots of it and during the early afternoon pass quite close. It is very barren and uninviting, dead trees stand out on the skyline. Two small steamers pass by and we soon start to leave land behind. Our speed seems to have increased considerably, planes continue to visit us and as the evening approaches the wind rises and the sea is becoming very choppy and the swell more pronounced.

Before tea, orders come round to close the portholes so it looks as though we are to have a taste of rough weather. The notable vibration in our dining room confirms my ideas about the increase in speed. The swell is increasing and the boat pitching quite a bit. It is a great business getting about on deck at night in the blackout. We have to do this to get to our lounge and dining room and it is a thrill every trip, I find myself hugging stanchions and ventilators. You can't see your own hand and have to feel along the wall for the doors and then find the handle. Sometimes you get shot along and feel frantically for something to hang onto. This is likely to be somebody else and he gets a deuce of a fright. We all wear slippers and tennis shoes so you don't hear one another getting about.

The ship is dipping quite considerably during the night, all our company except the officers are in the centre of the boat so we feel a minimum of movement but of course at the bow and stern things are different.

I awake this morning to find our cobbles ploughing away alongside. It is a great sight to see their bows dipping down, down, throwing the water at times over the deck and rising right out of the water again.

I notice quite a bit of room to spare at breakfast and have a good appetite. Despite my thick head I have landed a wretched cold. Wild as hops. I forgot to mention we were all vaccinated on Friday but no signs of any effects yet.

The wind is pretty strong now and all the boats are ploughing into it in great style. Lunchtime. Lots of vacant spaces about. Also, not too many diners look happy either. I thought it was a dirty trick to order roast pork with my neighbour, only just making the grade. However it was delightful. Heaven knows what poundage I go now but I'll be real porky soon!

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Above The Cods 10s Squad at the Aubigny 10s
Left some of the beautiful frocks on show at Miles Races
by Felix Photography and some photos from the famous
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Miles and District Local Junior Cultural Award Winner Brad
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Above Amelia, Khloe and Archie enjoying the playdough at eKindy



Miles and District riders enjoying a trot

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Noonga Dance

Although the day was hot the evening was very pleasant particularly in the outside seating area at the Noonga Dance. There were no mossies or insects and a gentle breeze was blowing which was particularly appreciated by those having a break from dancing.

More than 60 people plus children attended and our musician Keiran Lillas accommodated all tastes in dancing. The special children's bracket with the well known knights, mounts and cavaliers dance and the limbo tested timing and agility. Ned Hindman and Cameron Moran also took part in the "spin the bottle" dance and managed to be in the last three couples with Les and Jan Lucas having the good fortune not to have the very slippery spinny bottle point to them. Greg and Brenda Gillespie chose the right balloon to stand under for the lucky spot.

Following a delicious supper, dancing resumed with the monte carlo and the drawing of the lucky door and raffles. Greg and Lynette Seawright chose their cards well and Kim Bell is off to Possum Park for a nights' accommodation.

The Noonga Community Association would like to thank everyone for coming and making the dance a success. The old hall has seen plenty of dances since 1929 and the tradition of an old time family dance has continued at Noonga since then and hopefully will for many years to come.

Pilates

Pilates sessions resumed at Noonga on Fridays. Starting at 9.00am this low intensity exercise with instructor Rowena Gill a qualified Occupational Therapist is a wonderful way to stretch those muscles, improve circulation, strength and weight loss. It only costs \$10 a session plus a plate for a healthy morning tea to follow.

SW tennis selection under 18's

Payton Leahy has been named in SW team and is travelling to Townsville this month to participate in the state trials. Her sister Marnie only missed out narrowly. During the selection trials both girls played extremely well. It was a tough day all round with fierce competition and very sweltering heat.

Friday Night Tennis

At night the Jackson-Wandoan road is a dark and lonely place, but on Friday nights as you approach the Noonga Tennis courts a glow appears. The tennis court lights are getting a work out as Friday night tennis recommences after a very, very long absence. It's a social night of play and also the opportunity to test your tennis skills against the ball machine. Come and join in on the fun for just \$2.00..



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Chinchilla Markets

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2nd Saturday 6:30pm
3rd Sunday 6:30pm
4th Saturday 6:30pm
5th Sunday 8am Ecumenical Service

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Smoko Writes Puzzle Answers

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Famous Australian Women Quiz

1. Who was the first woman elected to the Australian House of Representatives?
2. Which famous Australian sportswoman has won more Grand Slam tennis events than any other?
3. Who wrote the famous words "I love a sunburnt country, a land of sweeping plains"
4. What was the name of the Aboriginal Woman who was named Australian of the year in 1984?
5. Which female Australian Olympic track legend is also a scientist?

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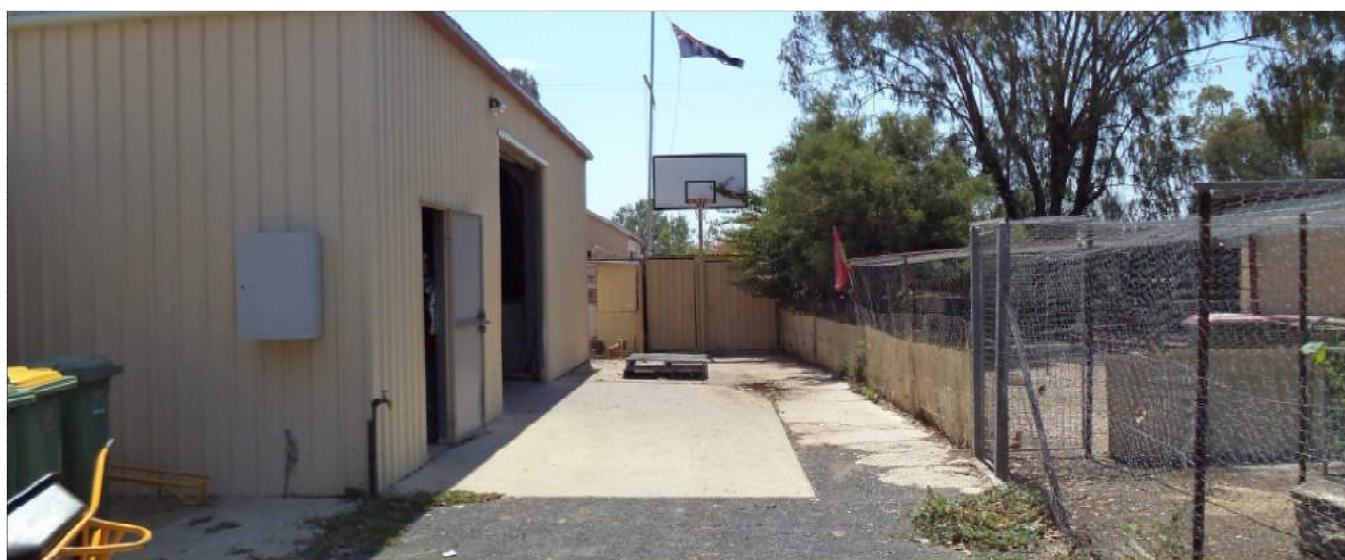
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March

- 1** Miles Bookclub Meeting 11.30am at Dogwood Crossing, Miles
- 4** Come 'n' Try Girls' Rugby League Clinic Chinchilla 08.30am Bulldog Park
- 9** Murilla Garden Club AGM from 09.30am, The Ken Kennedy Gardens, Miles Hospital
- 11** Miles & District Chaplaincy- Family Bush Dance from 06.00pm Leichhardt Centre
- 11** St Luke's Markets, St Luke's Church Dawson Street, Miles 8.30am - 12 noon
- 13** Murilla Long Day Care Open Day from 09.00am 131 Murilla Street, Miles
- 13** Toddler Tuesday @ Dogwood Crossing / Miles Library - Bookings on 4628 5330
- 14** Bingo - Miles Hospital Auxiliary 09.30am @Senior Citizens Rooms
- 18** Miles Lions Club Trash 'n' Treasure 07.00am Senior Citizens Building
- 18** Toddler Tuesday @ Dogwood Crossing / Miles Library - Bookings on 4628 5330
- 22** Bookfest Volunteers meeting 3.30pm @Senior Citizens Rooms ALL WELCOME!
- 25** Fabulous Fabrics Workshop 9am, Dogwood Crossing Miles, Bookings Essential
- 25** Wandoan Cup Race Day - Wandoan Showgrounds 92 Roche Ck Rd Open Noon
- 31** Bingo - Miles Hospital Auxiliary 09.30am @Senior Citizens Rooms
- 31** Miles Hospital Auxiliary Monthly Meeting 2.00pm @ Hospital Meeting Room

April

- 1** Bookfest 2017 from 8.30am at the Leichhardt Centre, Miles FREE EVENT
- 1** Rock the Garden, Charity Fundraiser 12.00pm - 6.00pm more details to follow
- 8** Yuleba QLD Fun Run & Marathon starts 6.00am, registration now OPEN!
- 11** Bingo - Miles Hospital Auxiliary 09.30am @Senior Citizens Rooms
- 11** Murilla Garden Club from 09.30am - Local Host to be confirmed
- 17** Easter Monday - Public holiday
- 22** Dulacca Annual 6-a-side Cricket Day Team nomination Peter Scotney 0427 110 885
- 22** Drillham Family Dance - Drillham Hall
- 21-25** Wandoan Show Festival 2017 *early bird special tickets on sale now!*
- 25** Anzac Day - Public Holiday
- 28** Bingo - Miles Hospital Auxiliary 09.30am @Senior Citizens Rooms
- 28** Miles Hospital Auxiliary Monthly Meeting 2.00pm @ Hospital Meeting Room