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December 2016

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Volunteers clean up after litter bugs



Murilla Landcare continues anti-litter campaign.

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and a happy and safe holiday season!



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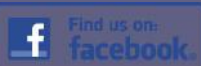
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RURAL FAMILY SUPPORT

Changes to Age Pension

From 1 January 2017, changes to the Centrelink assets test will come into place that may affect your Age Pension payment. These changes include an increase to the assets test thresholds and the assets test taper rate.

The assets test threshold, or disqualifying limit, is the maximum value of assets you can have before they affect your Age Pension payment. The assets test thresholds will be increased under the 1 January 2017 changes, potentially allowing more part pensioners to qualify for the full Age Pension payment.



Currently, pension payments are reduced by \$1.50 for every \$1,000 owned over the assets threshold (excluding the family home). This is known as the Age Pension taper rate. From 1 January 2017, the assets threshold will change and pension payments will be reduced by \$3 for every \$1,000 owned over the threshold. This means the amount of assets a pensioner can have on top of their family home and still receive a part pension will be reduced.

Most of your assets will be taken into account when calculating your Centrelink Age Pension payment. The value included for your personal assets (car, home contents etc.) is what you would get for them if you

sold them at market value. Generally, any debt secured against a particular asset is deducted from the value of that asset.

Some types of assets are exempt from the assets test, irrespective of their value. These assets include your primary home and some income streams, depending on their purchase date.

For more information on what types of assets are included or exempt from the Centrelink Age Pension assets test, visit the Department of Human Services website or make an appointment to see the ladies at the Murilla Community Centre.

More than 495,000 Australians are projected to be affected by the 1 January 2017 changes to the Age Pension assets test.

Commonwealth Seniors Health Card

Pensioners who lose their Age Pension entitlements on 1 January 2017 as a result of the changes to the Centrelink Age Pension assets test will be automatically issued with a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card. They will be exempt from the usual income test requirements for these cards indefinitely.

The Commonwealth Seniors Health Card gives older Australians access to cheaper prescription medicines, Australian government funded medical services, and other government concessions.

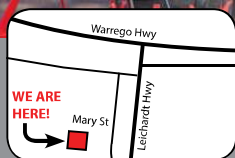


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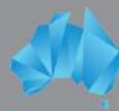
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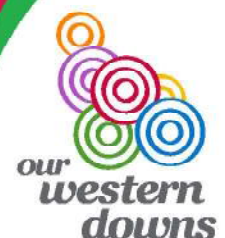
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Chinchilla Christmas Street Carnival

5.30pm – Heeney Street, Chinchilla

15 DEC

Carols By Candlelight Miles

6.30pm – Miles Historical Village Rotunda

18 DEC



Black Toyota Chinchilla Christmas Races

11am – Chinchilla Racecourse

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17 DEC



Miles Race Club Community New Year's Eve Party

5.30pm – Miles Racecourse

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31 DEC



Celebrate Australia Day in the Western Downs

26 JAN

Dalby – Dalby Showgrounds

7am – Breakfast available, 10am – Awards Ceremony

Chinchilla – Chinchilla Historical Museum

7am – Free Breakfast, 8am – Awards Ceremony

Wandoan – Juandah Heritage Site

7am – Free Breakfast, 8.30am – Awards Ceremony

Warra – Warra Memorial Hall

7am – Free Breakfast, 8am – Awards Ceremony

Miles – Leichhardt Centre

7.30am – Free Breakfast, 8.30am – Awards Ceremony, 10am – 2pm Pool Party

Tara – Tara Showgrounds

10am – Awards Ceremony

For full event details visit www.wdrc.qld.gov.au

Save the date

- + 31 Dec – Noonga New Year's Eve Fair – Noonga Hall
- + 7 Jan – Annual Bell Races – Bell Racecourse
- + 4 Feb – Cocktails for a Cure – Jimbour House
- + 16-19 Feb – Chinchilla Melon Festival – Chinchilla
- + 4 Mar – W.O.L.F Moonie Yabbie Races – Moonie Sports Club
- + 5 Mar – Dalby Triathlon – Dalby
- + 25 Mar – Dalby Cancer Council High Tea – St John's Anglican Hall, Dalby

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Murilla Landcare continues anti-litter campaign

Volunteers have returned to the Warrego Highway west of Miles for a second time this year to collect more than 460kgs of rubbish left by litter bugs.



Hard working volunteers at the roadside cleanup

The Murilla Landcare Group organised the clean-up with support from the Queensland Murray-Darling Committee (QMDC), Western Downs Regional Council and JJ Richards.

Group Coordinator Claire York said the clean-up was well attended by volunteers, many of whom had helped out in a similar exercise in January where 420kg of litter was collected.

"We again collected and disposed of an impressive amount of litter finding everything from plastic food packaging and empty bottles through to a large section of heavy rubber conveyor belting," Mrs York said.

"People were surprised and disappointed to see the level of littering on this section of roadside and commented that the mentality of the litterers was hard to comprehend, why dispose of litter just as you're leaving town?" Mrs York said volunteers agreed that education would be key in changing the mindset of those who choose to do the wrong thing.

QMDC supported the clean-up as an extension of its 'Rethink Regional Rubbish' campaign which is a partnership of six regional councils, the Australian Packaging Covenant and the Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage Protection.



One volunteer well and truly "cleaned up" by finding a \$10 note

The campaign is encouraging community groups to Adopt-a-Spot, conduct roadside clean-ups and will aim to educate motorists travelling in South West Queensland to keep roadsides litter free.

"There was a sense of pride and accomplishment driving home on a stretch of road that looks so much better afterward," Mrs York said.

Murilla Landcare Group expressed thanks to the volunteers as well as JJ Richards and QMDC for their generous sponsorship of the event on 12 November 2016.

To join a community clean up contact QMDC on 07 4637 6200 or visit www.QMDC.org.au

Clean up fast facts

- 56 bags of rubbish collected
- 460kg delivered to the waste transfer station
- 2.5km of roadside cleaned, (both sides of the highway)
- Waste collected was approx. 15% recyclable and 85% non-recyclable material
- Items included general food and beverage litter, large quantities of vehicle parts, tyre pieces and tie down straps.

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Felix Photography

The Murilla Community News would like to acknowledge the contribution of photographs from Felix Photography.

November's cover and the images on pages 7 and 20 of the November issue were generously supplied by Felix Photography.

We are deeply grateful to Felix and his contribution to this publication.

Trail Ride presents cheque to Kindy

The 3rd Miles Memorial Trail Ride was held in memory of Casey Orchard on the 9th and 10th of July 2016. After having to be postponed due to weather, the ride eventually went ahead.

Proceeds from the event were generously donated to the Murilla Kindy and Miles SES.



Mr Cliff Orchard presenting the cheque to the Murilla Kindy

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Makin it look easy

Most people would consider running a half-marathon an impressive feat but Miles local Shirley Makin makes it look easy.

The 10th biennial Jupiters Pan Pacific Masters Games were held 5 – 13 November 2016 on the Gold Coast. More than 13,000 participants from Queensland, interstate and overseas converged on the popular holiday destinations to compete in one of Australia's premier multi-sport events and Shirley was there, making a splash.

Over the course of four days, Shirley completed more than 20km in the distance running events for her age group, eventually walking away with 5 medals, three gold and two silver.

"I thought I might do okay but I was really chuffed to get medals. I was just in it because I could. The goal for next year is to do another half-marathon," she said.



Shirley completing the Kokoda Challenge earlier this year.

Shirley has also taken part in other fitness endurance events such as the Kokoda Challenge and Tough Mudder.

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Super Speller

Amongst the amazing group of talented students at Miles State School is Queensland's top Grade Two speller.

Aiden Quinn competed in this year's ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) testing where he not only placed in the top 1% in the country for the subject of spelling but took out the top spot for the state for his age group.

Accompanied by his parents and Principal Steven Bennett, Aiden will travel to Brisbane on Friday 2nd December to receive his medal.



Well done Aiden! *Spelling champion - Aiden Quinn*

Gold medal girl headed for Canberra

Dulacca local, Georgia Wylie, is headed to Canberra on December 1st to compete at the Australian Institute of Sport in the National All Schools Athletics Titles as a part of the Queensland Heat team.

Georgia will be competing in both Shot Put and Discus over the course of two days. At the 2015 competition Georgia won a gold in the Shot Put and silver in Discus and she is currently the Australian Record Holder for Under 16 Women's Shot Put (Hearing Impaired).



Georgia presents the raffle prize to winners Chester and Chris Turvey

To support Georgia in her quest for Canberra a raffle was held at the recent Dulacca Annual Market Day. The \$100 raffle winner, Mr Chester Turvey, donated \$50 of his prize money back to Georgia for her Canberra fundraising.

We wish Georgia and her family the best of luck for her competition.

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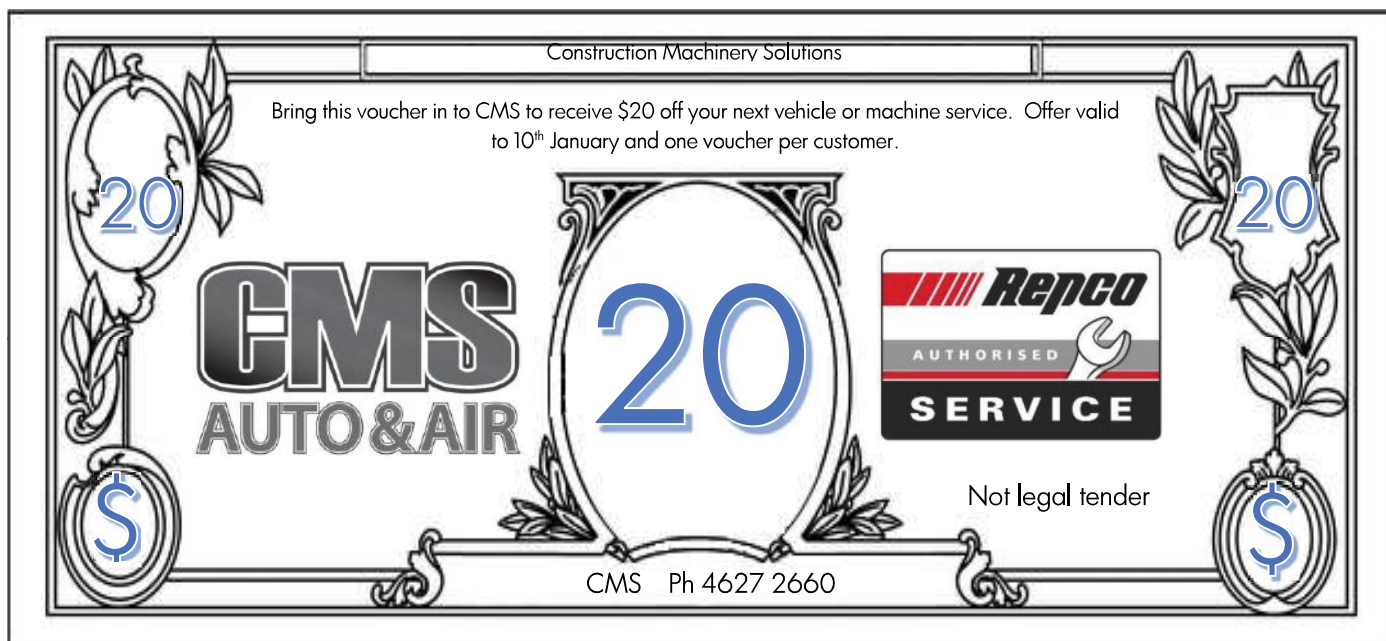
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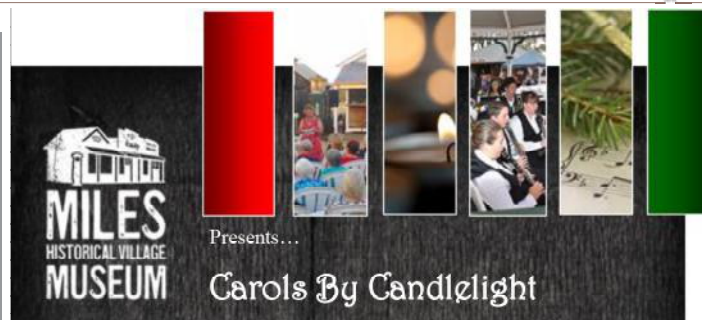
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As another school year comes to a close we would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Article contributed



A community celebration where the Miles Historical Village, Church Groups of the Miles & District, and community members come together to enjoy Christmas Festivities.

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Free vaccine targets painful disease

People aged 70 years and over will be better protected from shingles with the introduction of a free vaccine for the painful virus.

Darling Downs Public Health Unit Director Dr Penny Hutchinson said that from 1 November, the shingles vaccine is available free of charge to people aged 70 years, with those aged between 71 to 79 eligible for the vaccine through a five year 'catch-up' program.

"Shingles is a painful blistering rash that is caused by the reactivation of the varicella zoster virus, which is the same virus that causes chickenpox," Dr Hutchinson said.

"The funny thing with the chickenpox virus is that it lays dormant inside the nervous system for many years and can be reactivated when a person's immune system becomes run down through illness or ageing.

"One of the most common complications of shingles is Post Herpetic Neuralgia or PHN. This is severe pain that can continue months to years after the rash has settled.

"The virus can then spread to people who have not previously had chickenpox through direct contact with an uncovered shingles rash.


"In addition to direct contact, shingles can also be spread via the air through coughing and sneezing if the blisters are present in the mouth of the infected person.

"As people get older, the risk of getting shingles and PHN increases. That's why it is important for residents to take advantage of this free immunisation program.

"While we are specifically targeting persons aged 70 years, there will also be a five-year catch up program for people aged 71 to 79 years," Dr Hutchinson said.

For people aged 70 to 79, the vaccine is available from their local GP or vaccine service provider. Those people not eligible for the free vaccine should speak to their GP, as the vaccine can be purchased on a private script.

Dr Hutchinson said if a person thinks they may have shingles then they should consult their GP as soon as possible as there is medication that can reduce the severity of the infection. This medication needs to be commenced within 72 hours after the onset of the illness.



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Technology helps rural and remote child health nurses gain skills

Miles Hospital nurse Helen Wylie has recently participated in an innovative new mentoring program specifically for child health nurses in rural and remote locations.

Mentoring is well-known as a valuable support tool and involves an experienced clinician partnering with an inexperienced clinician to assist them in their professional development. Traditionally, participants meet face-to-face but developments in technology have prompted the introduction of tele-mentoring.

Also called virtual mentoring or distance mentoring, tele-mentoring participants rely almost exclusively on electronic tools, such as email or online meeting software, for their communication.

Ms Wylie was paired with a mentee from central Queensland as part of the state-wide trial undertaken by the Queensland Child and Youth Clinical Network .

"I am passionate about rural health and the role child health nurses play in these communities. It is imperative in rural areas where many child health nurses are sole partitioners that they feel valued and supported in their role.

"Some of the mentees were novice child health practitioners whereas others were experienced practitioners who needed some help getting back into the field," Ms Wylie said.

"We were supported by a coordinator who provided us with a lot of resources to assist us and the mentors also met regularly to discuss various things.

The project has seen benefits not just for the mentees but also for the mentors.

"The project has enabled us as mentors to share resources and information and to gain a better understanding of how other locations operate their service," Ms Wylie said.

"For example, what they do in child health in Caloundra is very different to what we do in child health in a rural location like Miles.

"The use of live streaming cameras gave all participants a glimpse into the working lives of those in the program. As all of the other mentors were from metropolitan regions, they were in awe of what the rural and remote child health nurses did in their working days and gained an insight into the issues that face families in rural communities.

"The mentors can also now use each other as resources or for brainstorming in the future.

"We also discussed techniques for mentoring and supervision and how we can use them more generally outside of the project.

Ms Wylie was supported to undertake the project by Miles Hospital Director of Nursing Aschleigh Perring.

"Helen is a very experienced child health nurse so we're very pleased that she can share her knowledge to benefit other practitioners around the state, particularly those in rural locations," Mr Perring said.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Tony Hindman from the Noonga/Dulacca CSG Net group is the Department of Natural Resources and Mining (DNRM) 2015/16 Bore Monitor of the Year.

Bore owners across the Surat Basin have been monitoring levels in their own private bores as part of a program to monitor and assess groundwater trends in and around areas of coal seam gas development. The program, CSG Net, is an initiative of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines.

Bore owners are provided information and support to submit data for storage on the department's groundwater database. Outcomes from this monitoring, along with information from monitoring conducted by DNRM and the CSG companies, is shared and discussed with participating landholders at annual workshops.

The Noonga/Dulacca CSG Net group met recently to discuss the 2015/16 annual monitoring report, at which Tony was presented with the award across the entire project for his dedication to monitoring and recording several bores most consistently and efficiently throughout the year. Congratulations Tony!



Tony (left) is being presented with the award by Ian Hayllor (right), Dalby, who represents the GasFields Commission Queensland for Water and Salt Management.

If you would like more information on the CSG Net program or would like a copy of the monitoring reports, please contact us.

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Part 4

Certainly no dinghy this boat, and most of the chaps are soon lost. By trial and error one eventually reaches one's destination. Tea time is soon here, and our mess is chock a block with diners, the topic of conversation is mostly confined to praise of the menu and the service. A short stroll around the deck, boat, prom, A, or B, I'm hanged if I know but I shall know them all well and truly before we have finished our voyage, I'm certain of that. And so below to the men's quarters, there is a certain amount of chaos, but the men take it all in very good humour. They are agreeably surprised at the excellence of their meals, and by ten pm are settled down, every nook and cranny filled up.

This morning I wake as fresh as a daisy and find we are still at anchor, the city is almost obscured in mist and the harbour looks very dismal. Going below I find things a veritable beehive. The boys are soon tidied up and having seen them safely off to breakfast, hasten off for my own. Our mess is at the stern of the ship, the officers also dine here, an hour after us. The men have the 1st and 2nd class dining rooms. Whilst I am having breakfast I notice that the ship is underway, and by the time I get on deck find we are well down the harbour and soon passing Seatoun. I can see a sheet being waved from Worser or Karaka Bay, perhaps it is Les. Frank no doubt has seen us move off, and will have rung him.

As we pass through the heads I can see a number of cars lining the road and can hear the tooting of their horns. Our numbers have increased and escort vessels are standing by. We are soon ploughing through the water and by eleven o'clock have run into sunshine. It is not until evening that we lose sight of land, and places which have been with us at intervals during the day take their farewell. By tea time we are experiencing sufficient swells to make some of the boys rather uneasy, and many lose their meals before the evening has gone very far. I spend most of the night getting the boys settled again. There is still some confusion, argument and rechecking.

I sleep soundly and am awake bright and early, finding myself ahead of time and I readjust my watch. The day is perfect and the ship slipping along, there is a complete lack of vibration, and it is often difficult to tell if the engines are running. They are stopped from time to time for a certain purpose. Apart from a gentle swell the seas is like glass and everyone is astonished at such lovely weather. It is quite a comfort to see the other boats with us, and I watch them ploughing along. Our escorts, who go all over the place, are sometimes just discernible on the horizon.

I try my hand at deck tennis after breakfast, and am successful in both doubles and singles. During the morning a whale is sighted and I watch it spouting for some time. We put in the time lying in the sun, playing deck quoits, and crown and anchor boards appear. Deck space for training is limited, and we manage to do some physical training. Some of the other units do a route march. There are loud speakers all around the ship, and as far as I can gather there are five records to play over it. One is Colonel Bogey, then Tipperary, Keep the Home Fires Burning, A bagpipes record, and a march the name of which I do not know, and the tune I certainly do know. So the day passes quickly enough. I look back towards N. Z. often enough, with many thoughts of those there, thinking of what you are all doing at this and that hour. I know you will be thinking of me often and wondering how things are going. I have met quite a number of Wellington chaps, of previous acquaintance. There are two boys, who boarded with George at Petone, and neither knew the other was on the ship.



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On the 2nd of November Miles State High School celebrated the outstanding achievements of students at their 38th Annual Awards Night. Students were recognized for academic, sporting, cultural and community achievements.

Year 12 Dux – Abbey McDougall
Year 11 Dux – Brittany Gorry
Year 10 Dux – Mare Delport
Year 9 Dux – Rebecca Hoffman
Year 8 Dux – Dawn Love
Year 7 Dux – Nadine Jones

Awards Night is a special annual event that openly celebrates and gives recognition of individual and group achievements in the academic, sporting and cultural arenas.

The evening was a clear demonstration of the outcomes achieved by the collaboration of Miles State High School's students and its partnership with parent, guardians and the wider community.

Agforce Workshop to Tackle Feral Pests

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With 30 workshops to be rolled out in the first six months of 2017, the AgForce Projects team is keen to ensure we are delivering in areas where there is greatest demand.

For more information visit www.agforceprojects.org.au or call (07) 3238 6048.

You can also express your interest online for a range of available AgForce Projects workshops including Grazing BMP, Coal Seam Gas, GPS Essentials and Property Computer Mapping.

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Smoko Writes Puzzle Answers

Christmas Circle Words

Angel - Holly - Candy
Family - Candle - Sleigh
Stocking - Decorate -
Reindeer

Christmas Trivia

1. Comet
2. Top Hat
3. Whoville
4. Buddy the Elf
5. The Ghost of
Christmas Past, The
Ghost of Christmas
Present, The Ghost of
Christmas Future
6. Elvis Presley
7. Eleven Pipers
Piping
8. Twice
9. Underneath the mistletoe
10. The North Pole



Festive Anagrams Challenge

Silent Night	The First Noel	Deck The Halls	Hark The Heralds Angels Sing	God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen	Frosty The Snowman
Good King Wenceslas	Jingle Bells	Away In A Manger	O Come All Ye Faithful		

NOONGA NOTES

The Vices have it

Congratulations to Marnie Leahy who was elected Vice School Captain of Miles State High School and James Sinnamon who was voted in as Vice Captain of Groom House at Toowoomba Grammar. Well done Noonga Kids!

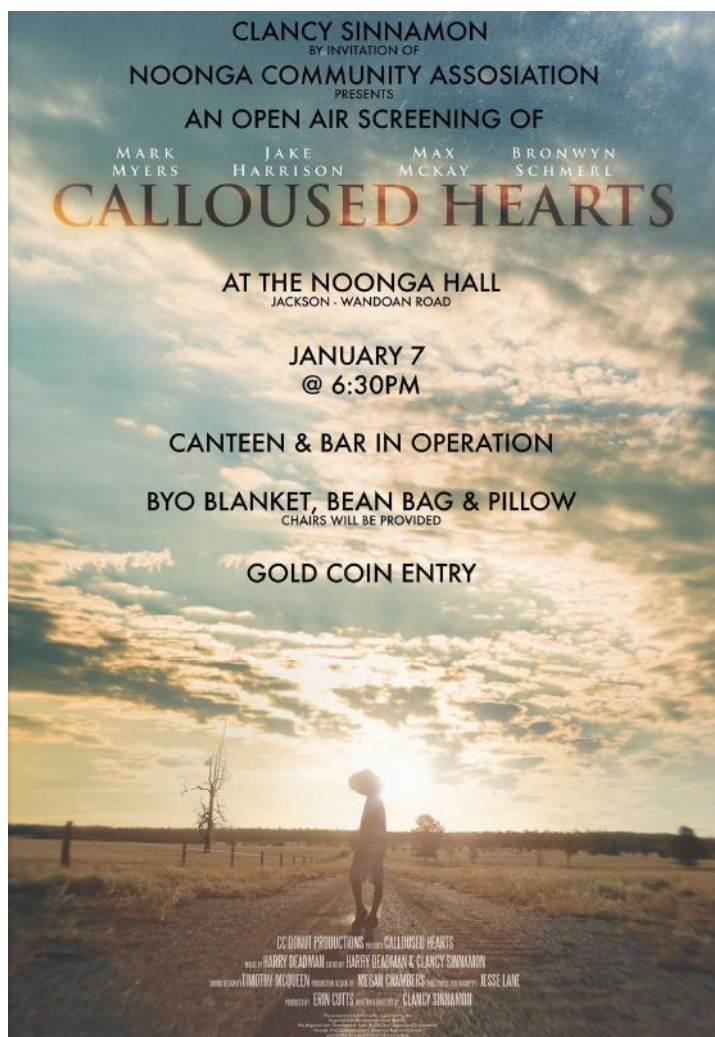
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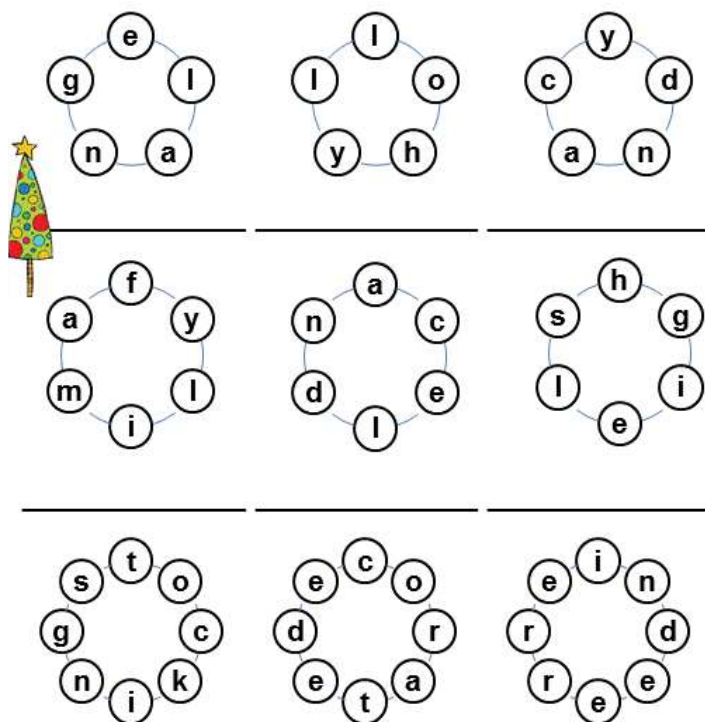
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Christmas Circle Words

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Work out what each word is and write it on the line below the circle.



Answers on page 25



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Christmas Trivia

1. Name Santa's 5th Reindeer
2. What magic article of clothing brings Frosty the Snowman to life?
3. The Grinch tried to take Christmas away from residents of what town?
4. What is the name of the main character in the Will Ferrell movie, Elf?
5. Name the three ghosts that visit Scrooge in A Christmas Carol?
6. Who is most known for singing Blue Christmas?
7. On the 11th day of Christmas my true love sent to me _____?
8. How many times does Santa check his Naughty & Nice list?
9. In the song, I Saw Mummy Kissing Santa Claus, where were Mummy and Santa?
10. Where does Santa live?

Answers on page 25

Festive Anagrams Challenge

Unscramble the following festive anagrams

Hint: Think Christmas Carols!

**LISTEN
THING**

**HET STIRF
LONE**

**DOGO GINK
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December

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| 8 | Miles Chamber of Commerce Christmas Street Carnival - from 5pm | Anzac Park, Miles |
| 13 | Toddler Tuesday @ Dogwood Crossing / Miles Library - First Christmas | Bookings Essential
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| 13 | Miles Hospital Auxiliary 9:30am @ the Senior Citizens Rooms, Miles | |
| 17 | Dulacca Sports Club Inc. Trivia Night & Christmas Party | ALL WELCOME |
| 18 | Carols by Candlelight - Miles Historical Village - from 6:30pm | |
| 18 | Toddler Tuesday @ Dogwood Crossing / Miles Library - Creepy Crawlies | Bookings Essential
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| 22 | Miles Hospital Auxiliary 9:30am @ the Senior Citizens Rooms, Miles | |
| 25 | Christmas Day | |
| 26 | Boxing Day (Public Holiday) | |
| 27 | Christmas Public Holiday | |
| 31 | New Years Eve Beach Party @ Miles Race Club - from 5:30pm | FREE ENTRY |
| 31 | New Years Eve at Noonga - Free Games and Rides | 6pm till late |
| 31 | New Years Eve Races - Dawson Jockey Club, Taroom | Gates Open
11am |

January

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| 2 | New Years Eve Public Holiday | |
| 26 | Australia Day - see page 5 for events around our region | |

February

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| 11 | Miles & District Picnic Race Day | |
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**Have you got an event coming up?
Let the community know!**

Send through the details of your event and
we will put in on the Community Calendar!

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