



MURILLA COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMUNITY NEWS

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MURILLA COMMUNITY CENTRE INC OFFERS INFORMATION AND SUPPORT TO FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS

Within these walls:

- Rural Family Support Office
- Rural Financial Counsellor
- Community Development
- Miles NILS
- Centrelink Agency
- Murilla Respite Service
- Murilla Family Day Care
- Outside School Hours Care
- Long Day Care Centre & Kindergarten
- The Den Youth Centre
- Broadband for Seniors
- Darling Downs Hearing Care
- Laubman and Pank Optometrists
- TASC - Legal Support
- Housing Support Officer
- Money Care - Financial Counselling
- Lifeline Counsellor

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Thank you to our dedicated volunteer management committee.

Thank you to our wonderful Respite volunteers.



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WELCOME 'SUBWAY' TO MILES



Renee and Daniel are the owners (Business Partners) of the new 'Subway' franchise that opened in Miles on Saturday 15th March 2014.

Both are very excited to be able to offer a different career pathway to community members, as well as affordable healthy sandwiches.

Focusing on hiring people who live in our community including offering training to high school students, Renee and Daniel are very excited about the team of 'sandwich artists' (staff) they are creating. There are still some positions to fill at the store on Murilla Street, so if you are interested in a position, please drop in a resume.

The restaurant is open from 5.00am to 9.00pm daily and offers a 6" Sub from \$5.90.

Welcome to Miles Renee and Daniel and good luck with your business.



QUEENSLAND CANCER COUNCIL VISITS MURILLA RESPITE

In the December 2013/January 2014 edition of the Murilla Community Newsletter we reported on Murilla Respite's successful application for funding from the Queensland Cancer Council, which was put towards purchasing practical items to assist families supporting a loved one with Cancer.

Last month Amber Copeland - Cancer Support Coordinator SWQ from the Queensland Cancer Council presented Jocelyn Smith with Plaques and a certificate acknowledging the support Murilla Respite provides to Cancer patients and their commitment and involvement in the 2013 grants program.





RURAL SUPPORT OFFICE

INTERIM FARM HOUSEHOLD ALLOWANCE (INTERIM FHA)

Interim FHA will help farm families with their daily living expenses and is available to eligible farmers Australia -wide without the need for a drought declaration.

Interim FHA will be paid fortnightly rate equivalent to Newstart Allowance. Existing Transitional Farm Family Payment recipients will now be automatically be transferred to the Interim FHA, so there will be no break in payment.

The interim FHA will be available until the permanent FHA is implemented on 1 July 2014.

Applications will be accepted until **30 June 2014**, and eligibility basics are as follows -

- You must be a farmer
- Contribute a significant part of your labour and capital to the farm enterprise based on specific criteria
- Meet with a Rural Financial Counsellor
- Meet an income and assets test

If you would like to apply, the Murilla Community Centre can assist with your claim, or visit the Department of Human Services or the Department of Agriculture websites.

Supporting documents required -

- Identification - Drivers licence, birth certificate, Medicare Card
- All current bank statements
- Rates notices
- Financial statements
- Tax returns
- Evidence of income and assets (Form)

For more information please contact the Murilla Community Centre **4627 1027** or the Department of Human Services on **13 23 16**.

DAFF DROUGHT ASSISTANCE PACKAGES

Assistance is available for Primary Producers located within a drought-declared area - which the Western Downs area has now been declared.

The Murilla Community Centre can help if you require assistance in applying.

Some of the measures available to assist;

- Emergency Water Infrastructure rebate
- Land rent relief
- Community support
- Transport concessions
- School transport allowance
- Mental health support workshops
- Information and assistance

If you require further information please visit **www.daff.qld.gov.au** or call **13 25 23** or you can contact the Murilla Community Centre for assistance - **4627 2027**.











In addition there are Drought Concessional Loans, offering up to \$280 million in concessional loans to eligible drought - affected farm business for debt restructure, operating expenses and drought recovery activities. There is information about these loans on the above website.





MURILLA VACATION CARE ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Please bring morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea unless otherwise stated. Also bring your water bottle, hat, shoes and spare clothes for the day. All activities must be paid for on the day, and remember your bikes for Wednesday 16th April 2014.

Date	Monday 7 th April	Tuesday 8 th April	Wednesday 9 th April	Thursday 10 th April	Friday 11 th April
Activity	Outing to Miles Hospital  Movie and popcorn at the centre 	Science activities at the centre  Lunch at the Creek Cafe 	Outing to the Dogwood Crossing for Australian Heritage crafts  Picnic lunch at Anzac Park 	Multi-cultural cooking at the centre  Multi-cultural crafts 	Sausage sizzle and play at skate park  Outing to the new Miles Airport 
Cost per day	Nil	\$6.50	Nil	\$4.00	\$4.00

Date	Monday 14 th April	Tuesday 15 th April	Wednesday 16 th April	Thursday 17 th April	Friday 18 th April
Activity	Outing to Movies in Chinchilla  Play at park 	Outing to Dogwood Crossing for library activities  Football game at football field and lunch 	Bike ride along the Dogwood Crossing  Water play at centre (weather permitting) 	EASTER FUN Making Easter eggs Easter hunt making and parading Easter bonnets  Decorating cupcakes with Brittney Richards 	P U B L I C H O L I D A Y
Cost per day	\$10.00	Nil	Nil	\$5.00	



Western Downs Region Officially Drought Declared

Western Downs farmers can access additional State Government assistance after the region officially joined the long list of drought declared areas in Queensland.

On Friday 7 March, the Western Downs became one of 38 local government areas to make-up the almost 80 per cent of Queensland that is now drought declared.

The extra assistance this declaration opens up is on top of the existing support from the State Government and the drought assistance package the Federal Government announced in late February.

The range of dedicated assistance packages offer financial, social and mental health support to farming families, farm businesses and rural communities suffering from drought.

Western Downs Regional Council Mayor Ray Brown said our thoughts continue to be with local farmers during this challenging drought stricken period.

"During these tough weather conditions, I ask that we all keep the region's producers in our thoughts as we continue to wait for much needed rainfall," he said.

"The assistance from the State and Federal Governments is there to help our local farmers during this drought and I encourage them to take advantage of the range of support programs."

For information about drought assistance offered by the Queensland Government, visit the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry's website at: www.daff.qld.gov.au/environment/drought

For more information about the Federal Government's new drought assistance, visit the Department of Agriculture website at: www.daff.gov.au/agriculture-food/drought/assistance/drought-support-farmers-fact-sheet

Extra assistance is available for farmers now the region has been drought declared

News In Brief

FLOOD REVIEW AND MANAGEMENT STUDY ONLINE

The public can now view the Flood Review and Management Study that reviewed the 2010/11 summer floods on the Council website. Council has secured funding for a range of mitigation strategies for improved community preparedness.

COUNCIL COMMENCED 2014/15 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

Council has commenced its Budget Deliberations for the 2014/15 financial year. Budget workshops started in mid-March and will continue into May, with Council aiming to have the budget adopted by the end of June 2014.

COUNCIL'S DELEGATIONS REGISTER REVIEW

In line with changes to the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council's Delegations Register has undergone a major review and has been adopted by Council. The review is to ensure effective governance and maintenance of Council practices, policies and procedures and will now be reviewed annually.

DALBY DADS READ A SUCCESS

About 1,200 people enjoyed Dalby Dads Read on Saturday 8 March at MyALL 107 and the Western Downs Libraries would like to thank the community for their support. The Dads Read Program is a State Library of Queensland family literacy program launched in 2012 to

raise awareness of the importance and benefits of fathers and families reading to their children.

DOGWOOD CROSSING EXHIBITION

Living Change features 33 high quality artworks selected from the 2013 Queensland Regional Art Awards and is on display at Dogwood Crossing, Miles from now until Tuesday 27 May. The exhibition artworks were created by established and emerging artists living in regional and remote Queensland and will be touring regional Queensland throughout 2014. For more information call 1300 COUNCIL.

BLOOMIN' CREATIVE SHOWCASE

The Bloomin' Creative Showcase is a one week art exhibition providing exposure for, and appreciation of, artists within the Tara region from Saturday 2 to Friday 8 August. For more information call 1300 COUNCIL.

COUNCILLOR CONNECT

Connect to Your Councillors today – visit www.wdrc.qld.gov.au/council/councillors for portfolio and contact details.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Ordinary Meetings of Council will be held at the Tara Customer Service Centre at 9.30am on Wednesday 16 April and at the Dalby Corporate Office at 9.30am on Wednesday 7 May.

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Councillor Spotlight

All three areas of Council's environmental health activities are as busy as always.

In the waste area, as part of implementing Council's *Towards a Waste Wise Western Downs* strategy, construction has begun on the Chinchilla Waste and Recycling Centre, which will replicate the successful approach used at the Dalby Waste and Recycling Centre.

We recently announced the successful recipients of the first round of *The Recycling Market Enviro Grants* program for the Dalby community. As other second-hand markets are set-up around the region as part of new recycling centres the program will be rolled-out through other towns.

In the rural services and natural resource management area, construction of the Chinchilla Washdown Facility has finished and an official opening is due in early April. This facility is a key part of the region's washdown bay network to help prevent the spread of weeds and pests.

Meanwhile the management of the *Salvinia Molesta* weed outbreak in Dogwood Creek, Miles continues. I'd like to thank the community for their response to the information day back in November, and for their ongoing patience as we continue to use various strategies to try and keep the weed's impact as minimal as possible.

In the environment and health area, the animal management Approved Inspection Program is underway, where Council officers will monitor compliance with *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* across the region.

Spokesperson for Environmental Health

Cr Greg Olm
0477 977 082



Planning Applications

APPLICATIONS AS AT FEBRUARY 2014

Received	Address	DA Approval Type Sought
31/01/2014	96 Middle Street, Chinchilla	RTC MCU Multiple Dwelling (3 Units) - Staging
04/02/2014	Oak Street, Chinchilla	RTC MCU Multiple Dwelling (53 Units) - Staging
04/02/2014	Dwyer Court, Chinchilla	OW Civil, Water & Sewerage
07/02/2014	80 James Cook Drive, Dalby	OW Earthworks
07/02/2014	816 Dulacca Road North, Bogandilla	MCU Extractive Industry
07/02/2014	72 Acacia Drive, Miles	MCU Multiple Dwelling (2 Units)
11/02/2014	28 Bishop Drive, Miles	RTC MCU Multiple Dwelling (2 Units) - Change to Conditions
11/02/2014	28 Milne Street, Tara	MCU Multiple Occupancy (18 Unit Motel & Manager's Unit)
11/02/2014	27 Kerrs Road, Warra	ROL Boundary Realignment
12/02/2014	22 Dudley Street, Chinchilla	MCU Multiple Dwelling (3 Units)
13/02/2014	921 Sundown Road, Woleebee	OW Access Tracks & Transmission Line Tower Foundations
14/02/2014	57 Heeney Street, Chinchilla	MCU Alterations to Chinchilla RSL
18/02/2014	Ainsworth Street, Chinchilla	RTC MCU Accommodation Building (58 Unit Motel & Catering Premises) - Time Extension
18/02/2014	Johnson Street, Chinchilla	RTC MCU Accommodation Building (58 Unit Motel & Catering Premises) - Time Extension
21/02/2014	141 Cypress Pines Drive, Miles	MCU Multiple Dwelling (3 Units)
27/02/2014	Arndt's Road, Sujewong	MCU Extractive Industry
27/02/2014	Thorpe Street, Chinchilla	OW Civil & Water
28/02/2014	15-19 Taylor Street, Chinchilla	MCU Extension to Industry

MCU = Material Change of Use ROL = Reconfigure a Lot OW = Operational Works
RTC = Request to Change

ANZAC DAY SERVICES On Friday 25 April 2014 the Western Downs will be commemorating ANZAC Day with the following services:

Location	Service	Start	Venue
Bell	Dawn Service	6am	ANZAC Memorial Park
Bunya Mts	Commemoration Service	8am	Dandabah Picnic Ground
Chinchilla	Dawn Service	6am	Cenotaph Fuller Place
	Street Parade	10.45am	Heeney Street
	Commemoration Service	11am	Cenotaph Fuller Place
Dalby	Dawn Service	4.28am	ANZAC Park, Patrick Street
	Street Parade	9.30am	Cunningham Street - Patrick Street
	Commemoration Service	9.45am	ANZAC Park, Patrick Street
Dulacca	Commemoration Service	8.45am	Pioneer Memorial Hall
	Dawn Service	4.28am	
	Gunfire breakfast	5am	
Glenmorgan	Commemorative Service/ Street Parade	11am	Glenmorgan Soldier's Memorial Hall
	Lunch	12pm	
	Dawn Service	6am	Jandowae Memorial Hall
Jandowae	Street Parade	11.30am	Dalby Street, High Street, George Street
	Commemoration Service	11.45am Approx	Jandowae Memorial Hall
Kaimkillenbun	Commemoration Service	8.30am	Cumkillenbar Park
	Dawn Service	5.45am	ANZAC Park
	Street Parade	11am	Murilla Street
Miles	Commemoration Service	11am	ANZAC Park
	Luncheon for returned service personnel and their families	12pm	Leichhardt Centre Miles
Tara	Dawn Service	5.30am	Tara Memorial Hall
	Breakfast	6am	
	Street Parade	10am	Day Street - Fry Street
	Commemoration Service	10.40am	Tara Memorial Hall
	Lunch	12pm	
Wandoan	Dawn Service	5.30am	ANZAC Memorial Wall
	Street Parade	9.45am	Royd's Street
	Commemoration Service	10am	Wandoan Cultural Centre
Warra	Commemoration Service	9am	Warra Memorial Hall

For more information, visit www.wdrc.qld.gov.au or telephone 1300 COUNCIL (1300 268 624).

Works Projects April

CHINCHILLA DISTRICT:
Beelbee Road South – Resheet and Seal, finish Mar 2014
Brigalow Canage Road – Widen and Seal, finish Mar 2014
Chinchilla Street – Footpath, finish Apr 2014
Glenhope Road – Reconstruction, finish Mar 2014
Gormley Road – Resheet and Seal, finish Apr 2014
Gormley Road – Footpath and K&C, finish May 2014
Heeney Street – Footpath, finish Apr 2014
Kerr's Road – Floodway, finish Jun 2014
Oak Street – Footpath and K&C, finish Jun 2014
Pelican Back Road – Floodway, finish May 2014
Racecourse Road – Resheet and Seal, finish Apr 2014
Slessar Street – Widen and Seal, finish Mar 2014
Zeller Street, Chinchilla-Tara Road, Gasko Lane Intersection – Intersection upgrade, finish Jun 2014

DALBY DISTRICT:
Alice Street – Reconstruction and Reseal, finish Apr 2014
Bligh, Wilkes, Courts and Curtis Street – Stormwater Augmentation, finish Sep 2014
Bunya Street Mercy Bridge – Concrete Footbridge Replacement, finish Jun 2014
College Crescent – Reconstruction and Reseal, finish Mar 2014
Jimbou Station Road – Reconstruction and Reseal, finish Apr 2014
Yumborra Road – Reconstruction and Reseal, finish Mar 2014

MILES DISTRICT:
Bests Road – Gravel Resheet, finish Mar 2014
Fairymeadow Road – Upgrade, Widening and Seal, finish Mar 2014
Harphams Road – Upgrade and Bitumen Seal, finish May 2014
Kogen - Condamine Road 222/342/2.1 – Upgrade, Widen and Seal, finish Apr 2014

Kogen Condamine Road (CH65.34 to 69.22) – Upgrade, Widen and Seal, finish May 2014
Leichhardt Highway 116/268/35 – Upgrade, Widen and Seal, finish Mar 2014
Various Roads - Local Roads Network – Flood Restoration Works - 2012 event, finish Mar 2014
Various Roads - Local Roads Network – Bitumen Reseals, finish Mar 2014

TARA DISTRICT:
Beardmore Street – Reconstruct, finish Jun 2014
Bennetts School Road – Resheet and Seal, finish Apr 2014
Cecil Plains Road – Replace Concrete Floodway, finish Jun 2014
Henry Court – Reconstruct, finish Mar 2014
Humburg Road – Replace Concrete Floodway, finish Apr 2014
Joseph Road – Resheet and Seal, finish May 2014
Mary Road – Widening and Seal, finish Apr 2014
Payne Street – Reconstruct, finish Apr 2014
Weitzels Road – Replace Concrete Floodway, finish Apr 2014
Werange North Road – Resheet and Seal, finish Jun 2014

WANDOAN DISTRICT:
Bundi Road – Gravel Resheet, finish Apr 2014
Clifford Road – Gravel Resheet, finish Mar 2014
Fosters Road – Gravel Resheet, finish Mar 2014
Hansons Road – Gravel Resheet, finish Mar 2014
Horse Creek Road – Upgrade, Bitumen, finish Apr 2014
Horse Creek Road – Gravel Resheet, finish Mar 2014
Various Roads - Local Roads Network – Flood Restoration Works - Nov 2011 event, finish Mar 2014
Various Roads - Local Roads Network – Flood Restoration Works - 2012 event, finish Mar 2014
Various Roads - Local Roads Network – Bitumen Reseals, finish Mar 2014

During all works traffic and pedestrian signs will be erected for public safety and residents are requested to follow the signed instructions at all times. Council regrets any inconvenience caused. Your patience is appreciated.

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THANK YOU CAMEBY DOWNS

The Murilla Community Centre successfully applied through the Cameby Downs Community Investment Program for funding to purchase a floor scrubbing machine for the Community Centre buildings.

The Murilla Community Centre would like to thank the Cameby Downs Mine for their acceptance of the application.

The machine is going to make a difference to maintaining the cleanliness of the facilities that are utilised by so many community members.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Gina Bidgood, who has made the Queensland Girls Under 12 State Cricket team, an outstanding achievement. Gina will be travelling to Darwin in June to compete in the National Titles.

Also congratulations to Nicole Richards who has been chosen to play in the All Star Rugby League team, Vs the Indigenous All Star Rugby League team, as the curtain raiser for the New Zealand Vs Australia first test match in early May.

Congratulations ladies it is wonderful to see you achieving goals in sports you love.



COMMUNITY SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

Origin is working together with local businesses to address skills needs and to help local people stay local by offering Community Skills Scholarships.

If you are enrolled and employed as a first year apprentice, are 15 years or older and live in the Western Downs, Maranoa regional council or Banana Shire council areas, you may be eligible for an Origin Community Skills Scholarship worth up to \$13,500*. Applications close 30th June 2014.

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NOONGA NOTES

Noonga Community
Association Inc.

By Fiona Sinnamon

The Noonga Fitness Group meets most weekday mornings at 7.30am. Fitness sessions consist of an arrangement of circuit training, weight training or cardio. The cost is free. Please contact Polly Leahy or Pen Hindman for further details.

The commencement of the Noonga tennis season has been delayed due to the drought. At the moment the dam which supplies the water to the courts is dry.

The Noonga Community Association was successful in applying for a grant to purchase equipment from the Caring for Our Community Initiative within the Queensland Government Community Support and Sector Development Program. The Association hopes to purchase a pop up shade, pie warmer and new sandpit toys.



Congratulations to Payton Leahy for some outstanding performances in the sports arena. Payton has been named as number 2 seed for the Miles and District tennis team, which will try out for South West Representation in Chinchilla in April 2014. Lochlan Holmes of Jackson was also selected as number 2 seed in the boys section.

Very proud Grandmother and dedicated coach Mary Leahy watched and cheered all day.

Payton also received the female sportsmanship award at the recent Miles and District Football and Netball Carnival in Taroom.



Clancy Sinnamon having played his first full cricket season for Miles, recently celebrated Miles winning the 2013-14 Chinchilla and District Senior Cricket Final against Chinchilla team Crossroads.

Clancy was named joint man of the match scoring 43 runs not out whilst wearing Barry's shirt from his cricketing days!

Who knows what team Clancy will play for next season, but if nothing else he has a premiership win under his belt for his home club of Miles. Congratulations Miles!

Photos and article contributed



THANK YOU QGC FROM MURILLA GARDEN GROUP

The Murilla Garden Group Inc are thankful to QGC for the donation of \$2015 towards the purchase of a 3x6m shade shelter. The shelter is also available for other community groups to use. The shade will be utilised at Garden Group meetings on the 2nd Thursday in March, April, May, June, September, October and November. The shade will be a wonderful addition to events especially the Annual Biggest Morning Tea, which this year will be held at Steve and Kylie Bourne's house in Miles. Photo was taken at Binbian Rural Fire Brigade AGM on January 28th 2014.

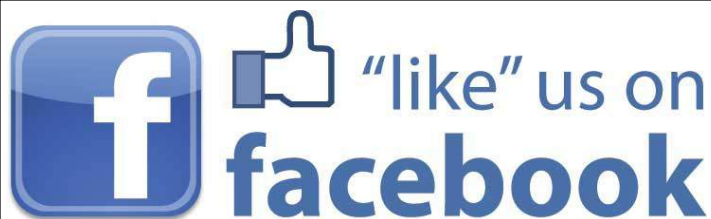


Buddy Statham, Simon & Gail Kutasi, Cameron Grierson, Mike Patch, Sandy & Michael Hinz

CRICKET COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to the Miles Cricket team who won the Chinchilla District Senior Cricket Final against Chinchilla team Crossroads in March.

Congratulations to all who played including Chris McEvoy and Clancy Sinnamon who won joint man of the match and Tim Perkins who was awarded player of the year. Great job gentlemen, best of luck next season.



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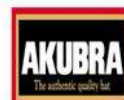
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MONTHLY BUSINESS SHOWCASE

MILLARD TYRE CENTRE (MILES)



Bruce and Kay McDougall commenced trading in Miles in 1985 as Millard Tyre Centre as part of a large trading group, under the wise leadership of it's founder Mr Allan Millard. Initially the business was dedicated to the sale and repair of tyres only, situated on the busy Warrego and Leichhardt Highways.

David Stiller ran his own Mechanical Service in the allotment next to Millard Tyre Centre and this was soon combined to provide the community and passers by a mechanical and tyre service hub. David as a highly skilled mechanic added an additional essential service provided by the business. David has returned to the store after a few years absence, to oversee the Mechanical Workshop.

Peter and Ian, Bruce and Kay's son's, have contributed many years of skilled and loyal service, as the business has a family focus, which has contributed to its success.

Kay and Bruce proudly sponsor the Condamine Gun Club (Clay Target Shooting) consider it to be a great asset to the community as it is a great family club, including shooters ranging from teenagers to retirees.

The store holds a number of products ranging from tyre brands like Michelin, BF Goodrich, Toyo and a number of Asian brands, ute and horse float matting, batteries like Alco and Besco in addition solar camping panels are available. The Mechanical Services include general servicing, exhaust systems, wheel alignments, suspensions and safety certificates.



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Fax - 4627 1895 Email - bruce@millardtyremiles.com.au



At the country music festival in Tamworth this year two of our long serving Australian balladeers were recognised for the huge contribution they have made to Australian country music. Dianne Lindsay and Graham Rodger were both admitted to the Tamworth "Hands of Fame".

Dianne is a member of The Kirkpatrick Family Dynasty within country music, her uncle was Slim Dusty. Dianne's career has stood the test of longevity having started on the stage at a very young age. She now stands tall not just as a member of this dynasty but a fine artist in her own right.

The second balladeer to be honoured with "The Hands of Fame" does not have Slim's blood flowing through his veins, but when it comes to matters of Australian country music and keeping the Australian country ballad alive and well, he certainly shares Slim's 'big heart'. It is sixteen years since Graham turned full time professional, but in that time he

has amassed seventy two major country music awards including the "Hands of Fame" and "Golden Guitar." He has been acknowledged with awards by the Tamworth Songwriting Association on twenty seven different occasions. It is through his writing and performing that he is keeping the Australian ballad modern, fresh and very much alive. Graham, just as Slim did, does not get up on stage to sing a song, but to tell a story and he is coming to Miles in May.

Slim was renowned for taking his music to the people of the bush. Graham shares many of Slim's passions but none more so than his desire to share his love of the Australian ballad with all Australians, so much so that this winter Graham will be following in the footsteps of Slim as he enjoys a fifteen town tour zig-zagging his way from Miles to Birdsville. When interviewing Graham I enquired as to why one of Australia's leading country music artists would wish to take time out of his busy schedule to do shows in isolated townships like Windorah; population 40. Graham's answer was brief and straight to the point. "I'd like to give back something to the people who have given me so much. It is these men and women who have trusted me with their personal and often quite private stories. It is from their generosity and their first hand accounts that I have found the inspiration to write many of my songs. It is a gift and a trust which is not easy to repay".

Graham smiled as he went on, "besides I cannot think of a better way to spend the middle of a cold Australian winter than enjoying the warmth of the Queensland outback, witnessing incredible vistas by day and performing by night".

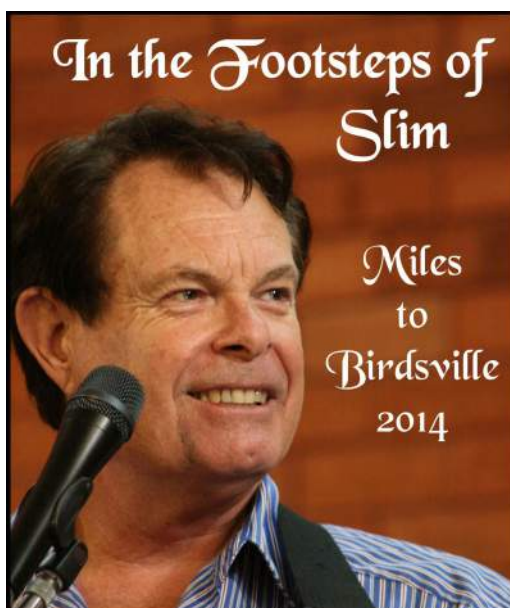
When asked about the repertoire that locals are likely to hear at concerts Graham replied; "fifteen percent of my shows are probably covers of Slim, Stan Coster and Tex Morton, in other words our earlier pioneers of the Australian country music scene. I might even include some comical covers of the great Chad Morgan. The other eighty-five percent of what I sing are songs I have written and/or recorded. Australia and Australians are heavily at the forefront of the themes for my ballads. Some of my songs will make you laugh, others will have you reaching for the tissues, but hopefully all of them will entertain you and increase your appreciation of this wonderful country we get to call home."

**LATEST AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY MUSIC
'HANDS OF FAME' RECIPIENT VISITING MILES**

As he travels through the channel country many of his concerts will contain songs Graham has written about the specific area. He has recorded several songs about the Cooper, the Diamantina, Burke and Wills, the Middleton Hotel and the Min Min Lights, just to name a few.

This is not just a concert tour, Graham loves outback Queensland and he will tell you that it is certainly his favourite part of this planet. He is keen to share his part of heaven on earth with as many people as possible, hence his decision to make his concert tour into a tag-along. The entire principle of Graham's tour is based on inviting his supporters from the coast or interstate to come with him and personally experience our beautiful outback Queensland first hand and to give people living in this outback the opportunity to enjoy first rate Australian music presented by one of Australia's leading balladeers. As a result over one-hundred people in over 50 caravans will form the Graham Rodger cavalcade.

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April is bulb planting month in Queensland. If you long to have a spring show of beautiful bulbs now is the time to plant them. Bulbs are often shared around by gardeners or if necessary can be purchased reasonably inexpensively from Southern Bulb Nurseries by Mail Order.

There are many spring flowering types to choose from such as low growing Freesias, Blue Babianas, Anemone and Ranunculi.

Try any of these with a backdrop of blue Wisteria. They should flower at the same time and will fill your garden with perfume.

Plant them with the pointy end up except for anemone where the claws go down. Plant these bulbs in well dug over soil which has been enriched earlier in autumn. They then just require some water on a weekly basis and maybe some liquid fertilizer when they are budding up. Jonquils, Daffodils and Dutch Iris are also available and will perform well in their first year as they come with the flower already in the bulb when you purchase them.

Cold autumn and winter temperatures are required for flowering in future years. It is always exciting watching those flower stems pushing up through the soil. Bulbs are one of our garden jewels. Autumn is a perfect time to put in seeds for spring flowers. They can be planted in tiny pots or punnets or in the case of some that dislike root disturbance like poppies plant straight into the garden for spring fireworks. Choose from pansies, violas, stocks, larkspurs, cornflowers, sweet Alice, lobelia, foxglove, snapdragon and hollyhock to name a few. Sweet Peas can also be planted now into some prepared soil with extra dolomite added.

"Monsieur Tillier" is a Tea Rose which was bred in 1891 in France and is still relevant in to-days garden. A country garden is the ideal place for this stunning rose which can grow into quite a substantial bush up to 2m. high and wide. Be sure to give it plenty of room when you plant it and prepare to be amazed at the beautiful coppery pink double silken roses in profusion. During our winter the flowers are probably at their best but flowers complimented by leathery foliage are born all year round on this most delightful rose. Try planting some of the aforementioned golden freesias to carpet the ground underneath "Monsieur Tillier" for a spring to remember.

My special wishes for rain for each and every reader.



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A NIGHT AT THE HISTORICAL VILLAGE



The theme for March's 'A night at the Village' was the 80's with movie snippets from local events, and a spotlight on three new Historical Displays.

There was a general 80's knowledge quiz, with Quiz Master Raelinda Allwood and a team of helpers, Raelinda got in to the spirit of the 80's by sporting a lovely 80's bow and frequently using 'ace' 80's terminology.

The highlight of the night was the Radio Play - 'Shelter from the storm' performed by Shirley Makin as Mrs Tinkelpiper, Tegan Mehta as Melissa and Pat Stains as Darren. They were supported with sound effects by Brian Wright and directed by Kerry Mulholland.

There was a tasty BBQ dinner, drinks and even some donated cookies from Subway.

All reports were that people really enjoyed themselves,



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Late last year we had a new addition to the team. Amy Bevan is now working in Client Services and Administration. She is a returned local who is enjoying being back in Miles and getting involved in the community again. Amy along with her six siblings grew up in Miles and it will always be home to her.

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Gates open at 11.30am and the day kicks off at noon with a complimentary finger food luncheon courtesy of the committee. The St George Lions Club will be providing bar and BBQ services all day and the Lions Club will provide breakfast on Sunday. Please remember to bring your cash as there are no Eftpos facilities available on the banks of the Moonie River!

Guests are able to book a table under the shade of the bough shed, \$25 secures a table for eight and a bottle of champagne. Please email Cindy Coggan to book pccoggan@bordnet.com.au. Families are well catered for and the kids will be entertained on the free jumping castle. The evening kicks off with an amazing fireworks display rolling into the night with live band and DJ.

The Flinton Race Club committee have been hard at work all year on a new shower and toilet block. Free camping is available next to the race course.

Ladies and gents make sure you dress to impress for Fashions on the Field. Last year's entries saw a bevy of gorgeous fillies and many handsome lads battle it out for top fashion honors. For those who are fleet of foot and fit, be ready to contest the Flinton Dash Footrace to be held on the track following the last race. There is \$1,000 cash up for grabs and the glory of being written into the Flinton history books.

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A brand new Australian hybrid, *Grevillea* 'Dorothy Gordon' has its origins in the 132-hectare Myall Park Botanic Garden in the Brigalow Bioregion near Glenmorgan in south-west Queensland.

In 2006, caretakers Warren Crispin and Marion Firms showed a new seedling with unusual leaves to one of the Garden's Directors, Queensland Government Botanist Dr Nita C Lester. When Dr Lester was unable to identify the seedling, she initiated a process of protection, observation and recording that would span a period of seven years.

The Garden's Directors decided to name the new chance hybrid *Grevillea* 'Dorothy Gordon' after the renowned watercolourist, already well known by many Australian flora enthusiasts as mother of the three Gordon sisters — Robyn, Sandra and Merinda.

During the seven years of monitoring at the Garden, the plant survived two drought periods and wet ground for two months. Explains Nita, *'In 2010, four years after locating the first specimen and observing it surviving two droughts and a six month wet period, it was clear that the new chance hybrid Grevillea would be a beautiful addition to the horticultural and landscaping worlds.'*

The nectar-rich spikes of *G. 'Dorothy Gordon'* attract various butterflies as well as native stingless bees and honey bees. Both the nectar and insects it attracts are irresistible to various honeyeaters and lorikeets. Fairy-wrens have been observed nesting within the hybrid's foliage, finding safe haven from predators. By night, microbats have also been observed coming to the blooms.

Planting *Grevillea* 'Dorothy Gordon' near a birdbath and in view of a secluded hide, bench or picture window will bring rewards for nature lovers, bird watchers and photographers. Growing to 3 metres in height and of a similar width, the abundant spikes and fern-like foliage will enhance an Australian plant collection as a large rounded shrub with branches starting low to the ground.

G. 'Dorothy Gordon' is also suited to individual plantings amongst exotics. It may be kept lightly pruned to a small dense shrub or as an informal hedged border. Frequent trimming encourages blooms but heavy pruning should be avoided. It can be grown in a wide variety of soil types and is sun hardy, and drought and wet tolerant.

The investigations conducted by Dr Nita C Lester concluded that the new hybrid *Grevillea* is of historical and horticultural significance. Nita acknowledges, 'Only a few people were involved in the development and progress of this new registered Australian flora hybrid — from first observations to planting trials in various locations, designing the label and propagating plants for market — they must be commended for their diligence and for



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keeping the secret over the eight years it has taken to bring this new Grevillea to public attention.'

G. 'Dorothy Gordon' will be released for the first time to garden, botanic and nature enthusiasts at noon on 26th April 2014 at Myall Park Botanic Garden. If you wish to be one of the first to own a G. 'Dorothy Gordon', 20mm pots may be ordered by emailing contacting the Myall Park Botanic Garden on 4665 6705. Further information can be found at www.myallparkbotanicgarden.com

With such a unique beauty, *Grevillea* 'Dorothy Gordon' is sure to come quickly to the attention of not only its surrounding fauna, but enthusiasts of Australian flora everywhere.

Article by Rosemary Gemmell

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Since leaving Miles, Amy has lived in Toowoomba and Brisbane. She has worked in various Administration, Customer Service roles and on Creative Projects.

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Friends of Carinya recently applied through QGC to implement this program and were successful. Beginning in March, Carinya will have the program for 3 hours every day for 50 weeks. The initiative is supported by the WDRC who will maintain the equipment. The Silver Memories program has proven to make residents happier and more social, creating stronger relationships among staff, residents and families.

The Halls of Carinya will be filled with the timeless performances by Lois Armstrong, Fred Astaire, Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra and the like.

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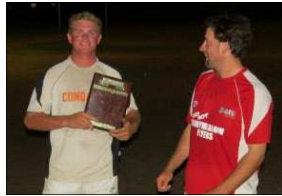


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WORLDS GREATEST SHAVE



Miles resident Jennene Vonhoff bravely took part in The Worlds Greatest Shave, cutting off her lovely long blond hair to support the cause. The Worlds Greatest Shave is a fund raising event that raises funds and awareness for the Leukaemia foundation who support families and individuals diagnosed with blood cancers.

Jennene would like to thank the Miles community for their wonderful support and La Rose Hair dresser for cutting her hair for free. Jennene raised \$3350 for the foundation, and her inspiration for this hair cut was her father, who sadly passed away before the day of the hair cut.



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School Captains Rachelle Moore and Aaron Mullins Cutting cake

On Wednesday 26th February 2014 Year 12 Leaders were presented their positions formally at the School Leaders Investiture Ceremony.

Mr Tony Manteufel welcomed the official party, guests and students, certificates were presented by Mr Roderick and Mrs Ailsa Gilmour.

Congratulations to the following students - School Captains - Rachelle Moore and Aaron Mullins. School Vice Captains - Stevie Gyemore and Inari Saltau, Committee Chair Persons - Cultural - Madeline Grace, Environmental - Cassie Knight, Publications - Kayler Swift, Social - Courtney Stevens, Sport - Christopher Jackson. Sporting Captains - Binbian; Brooke Perkins and Kieran Hardy,

Cameby; Georgie Gyemore and Joshua Stenhouse. Student Council Executives - President; Rachelle Moore, Vice President: Aaron Mullins, Secretary; Inari Saltau, Treasurer; Stevie Gyemore.

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JAZZ IN THE GARDEN - MILES

This is the 4th time Steve and Kylie Bourne have hosted Jazz in the Garden. Each time it is held it raises funds for local and other valuable causes that support our community in times of need. This year the funds raised at Jazz in the Garden will go towards Aussie Helpers (in aid of our drought affected farmers); as well as Murilla Kindergarten who are operating the bar for the afternoon.

The Alison Bryant Jazz Ensemble from Toowoomba plays a number of Jazz sets throughout the afternoon and is supported by Miles local cover band 40 Zone.

Throughout the afternoon lunch will be provided, as well as raffles and an auction. Guests enjoy an afternoon of entertainment with friends and family under the 90 year old jacaranda's at "Sunnyview", Miles; all in the name of charity!

Article contributed, more information see 28

Maranoa Animal Rescue



Maranoa Animal Rescue was founded to assist animals in the rural/remote areas of Western Queensland.

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Jazz in the Garden 2014

Date: Saturday 3rd May 2014, 12 - 6pm
Venue: 'Sunnyview' Miles QLD 4415

Tickets: \$55pp prepaid - \$60 at garden gate, tickets can be purchased via the following options, post monies to Kylie Bourne, pay at Dogwood Crossing, Miles or direct deposit to: Jazz in the Garden BSB: 124952 Acc: 100 114 283 Ref: Initial and Surname

Entertainment by: 'The Alison Bryant Jazz Ensemble' and cover band '40 Zone'

Dress: Smart Casual

Bus: Departing rear of Community Centre at 11:45am \$5 return trip (pay on day)

Featured stalls: Homewares by LK, The Fudge Lady, Plant and Garden Ornaments by Bindaroo Bottle Trees

Jazz in the Garden 2014 is in aid of Aussie Helpers for our drought affected farmers and Murrumbidgee Kindergarten

Directions: Turn off Warrego Highway (just east of Miles) at Racecourse Road which runs into Hookwood Road.
Second property on left is 'Sunnyview' 2.67km from Highway
Contact: Kylie Bourne Ph: 07 4627 1043 Mob: 0467 171 225 Email: the.bournes@bigpond.com

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Country Music duo Jam, Jeanel Dalquin and Maree Cruickshank competed and were awarded second place for their entry in, the category

'Anything Goes, comedy section', at the Warwick Ultra Golden Country Music Festival in February 2014.

The Duo played 'Stuck in the middle with you' while dressed up.

Pictured above is Jeanel and Maree proudly holding their second place trophies.

Congratulations ladies and best wishes for your future performances.



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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



Home Games 2014

'See you at the Fish Tank'

26th April
3rd May
10th May
31st May
14th June
28th June
5th July
2nd August

Miles Devils Home Games 2014

4th May
11th May
25th May
1st June
29th June
20th July
27th July



FREE WOMEN'S MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC

Location	Dates
Chinchilla - 4662 8888	16 th April, 30 th April, 14 th May, 28 th May
Miles - 4628 5600	17 th April, 16 th May
Wandoan - 4627 4444	9 th April, 7 th May
Meandarra "Ballara"- 4665 6336	12 th May



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Every Friday at the Dulacca Kindy is open for Playgroup at 9am - Please join Facebook page for more details.

Miles Gym

Mums Fitness Class - Circuit Style workout for mum's with bubs under 5years 9.15am on a Tuesday and Thursday.
Kids Fitness and Game Session - Tuesdays 3.30pm - 4.15pm for 2 - 5 year olds. P - **4627 2157**, join Facebook page for updates or E - murillafitness@hotmail.com

Condamine Playgroup

Meeting every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 9.30am at Margaret's house (Family Day Care Home) or Pioneer park, Condamine. Contact Margaret - **4627 7027**

Toddler Tuesday

Held every second and third Tuesday of the month at the Dogwood Crossing, 10.30am - 11.00am, bookings are essential. This program is aimed at children 18months to 4 years.

Miles Playgroup

Held at Outside School Hours Care—9.30am—11.30am every Monday, morning tea provided, \$2 per child \$5 per family for more information—**0421 924 678**—Michelle Poore, school term only

Are there other events you think should be advertised in this section - please email mccmcd@bigpond to add







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Contact: Janene 4627 1549

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2nd Saturday at 7.00am & 3rd Saturday 6.30pm

Cnr Dawson & Edith Streets
contact: **4627 1139**

St Luke's Anglican Church

Sundays 8.00am

Cnr Dawson & Constance Streets
contact Rev Balnaves: **46271190**

Presbyterian Church

Sundays 9.00am

Cnr Murilla & Dawson Streets
contact: **4627 1180**



Lutheran Church

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday 8.30am
2nd & 4th Sunday 10.30am (HC)

Murilla Street contact Elva Hahn: **4627 1107**

Crossroads Christian Outreach

Service every Sunday 9.00am & 6.00pm prayer
meeting, 64 Murilla Street

All Welcome. Contact: **0437 337 772**

All welcome

DOGWOOD MOTOR AND AUTO GROUP

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Back room of Murilla Community Centre.

Start time **7.00pm**

Contact Les **4627 1324**



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6th March

3rd April

1st May

5th June

7th August

4th September

2nd October

6th November

From 12:00pm – 2:00pm
Murilla Community Centre

Bookings Essential
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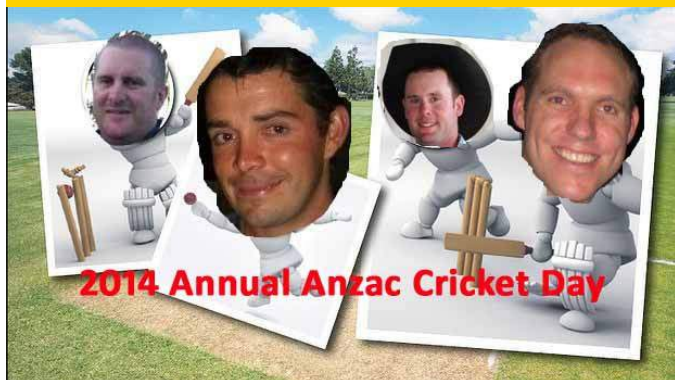


DIRECTIONS - Turn off Warrego Highway (just east of Miles) at Racecourse Road which runs into Hookwood Road. Second Property on left is 'Sunnyview' 2.67kms off the Warrego Highway

Joan & Don Brownlie 4635 5026

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Friday 25th April 11.00am start till late

We can't guarantee the quality of the cricket, but we can guarantee a good time!

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Contact - Sarah 0418 786 811



The Miles Driver Reviver will be open for the Autumn School Holidays, including Easter and Anzac Day holidays.

4th April	2pm - 8pm
5th - 29th April	8am - 8pm
25th April	6am - 6pm

Volunteers are still urgently needed, and anytime that can be spared would be greatly appreciated.

Contact Anne Collins - 4627 2391 or 0437 753 007 or John after hours on 4627 1149.



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WORD UP!

'Quire' - Two dozen sheets of paper.

'Discombobulate' - To confuse.

'Agraffe' - the wire that holds the cork in Champagne bottle.

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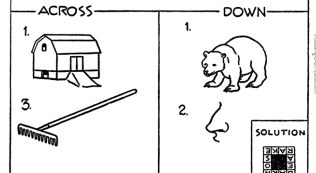
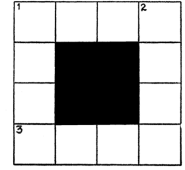
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- 'Geoluhread' was the word used to describe the colour orange before the word orange was adopted.
- Venus is the hottest planet in our solar system with a surface temperature of over 450°C.

Picture Crossword



TO THE MEN THAT ARE GONE - RAY WRIGHT 2004

If you'll spare with me a moment,
It will not take me long.
So let your mind go drifting back,
To the men - that are long gone.

One day I met old "Farmer Grey",
On a far off water course
He was stringing cattle with "Clancy",
And now he rides a horse.



One night - beside my fire side bright,
A man called "Sweeny" came in sight,
He was black and blue, from fighting,
"But", he told me he was right.



I was camped beside a water hole.
Neath the shade of a coolibar foil,
When a ghostly figure from the past,
Put his billy on to boil.

And while I was in the City,
I heard old Banjo was about,
He'd come to fight for a bushman,
Who had knocked a Barber out.

And the man from Snowy River,
With his horses came in sight
He said he had to weal them
Before their rangers came in sight.



Well, I must end this little tale now,
For my sentiments are nearly gone,
But I hope your memories drifted back
To those men - that are long gone.



"I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination."
Jimmy Dean

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because those who mind don't matter
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April

- 3** AgForce Projects - Property Computer mapping workshop - Miles, **07 3238 6048**
- 5** Murilla Community Bookfest - 8.30am - 2.00pm, Miles Civic Centre
- 5** Wandoan Charity Rodeo, 10am start
- 15** Wandoan Show Holiday
- 18** **Easter Friday**
- 19** Flinton Races - to book a table - pccoggan@bordnet.com.au
- 21** **Easter Sunday**
- 22** Earth Day
- 25** **Anzac Day**
- 25** Dulacca sports club Anzac Day cricket day - 11am - Midnight; Facebook for details
- 26** Condamine Cods home game vs USQ Saints
- 26** New grevillea hybrid release - Myall Park Botanic Garden - 11am - 4pm, **4665 6705**
- 26** Plant Sale at the Myall Park and Botanic Garden

May

- 3** Jazz in the Garden at 'Sunnyview' Miles, contact kylie **0467 171 255**
- 8** Murilla Garden Group - Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
- 21** Dogwood Crossing—Authors talk, Peter Perkins, author of 'The Condamine Bell' Novel
- 23** Graham Rodgers 'In the footsteps of Slim' concert tour
- 16** Photographic exhibition & auction - Myall Park Botanic Garden, **4665 6705**

June

- 14** Tour de Meandarra, bike ride



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



Miles Bowls Club
Every Wednesday and Friday
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Register teams by 5.30pm - 6.00pm start, The Bar is open for drink purchases.
If you have a large group please let the club know in advance.



Donate your old eyewear to vision impaired people in developing countries. The Lions Club of Miles is inviting families to donate disused spectacles so they can be reconditioned and offered to people in poorer communities.

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