



# MURILLA COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMUNITY NEWS

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## October 2015

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**WELCOME NEW OWNERS OF THE GULUGUBA CAFÉ**  
Open Monday to Saturday 7am - 4pm



Officially opened in early August, the Guluguba Café has undergone some impressive renovations and the new interior creates a welcoming, relaxing and positive atmosphere. The coffee is great, the staff are lovely and there are a number of different menu options, including \$10 meals. The Café have on display items by local artists and are seeking more to promote the talent in our district. Welcome Chris and Jackie and best wishes for the future. For more information contact 4628 2210.

**STATE SCHOOL - STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY OR PUPIL FREE DAY MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015 is a pupil free day at our State Schools. The Murilla Outside School Hours (OSHC) and Vacation Care and the Murilla Long Day Care have programs and care spaces available. The OSHC caters for children aged prep to 12 years. The program runs from 8am - 6pm. For bookings please contact 4627 2999. The Murilla Long Day Care caters for children aged 0 - 5 years, 6am - 6pm. For bookings please contact 4627 2108.

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# RURAL FAMILY SUPPORT

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

## STATE GOVERNMENT FUND PARENTING PROGRAM

The Queensland Government will be funding a two year trial giving Queensland families free access to the award winning 'Triple P' - Positive Parenting Program.

This program was founded by Professor Matt Sanders - University of Queensland Parenting and Family Support Centre Director, and the programs focus is on helping adults manage a child's behaviour and becoming confident parents.

This program has been used in 25 countries and is ranked by the UN as the leading parenting program.

Parents can sign up voluntarily or may be referred to the program by a counsellor or GP.

For more information on the Triple P Program please visit - **[www.triplep-parenting.net.au](http://www.triplep-parenting.net.au)**

On the parenting website you can register your interest to undertake the course.

## CHARTERS TOWERS RURAL CRISIS SUMMIT

The Charter Towers Rural Crisis Summit was held at the Charters Towers Golf Club on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015. There were over 350 people in attendance, with people flowing over to standing room only inside and outside the room.

The meeting was chaired by Shane Knuth, State Member for Dalrymple and Robbie Katter, Member for Mt Isa, calling for government to do more to assist people in need, especially through increased water infrastructure and debt reconstruction measures.

A host of other rural advocates - including Winton grazier Charlie Phillott, Aussie Helpers co-founder Brian Egan, Cate Stuart (formerly of Mt Morris station at Charleville) and QUT economists Mark McGovern and Ben Rees - also addressed the conference.

Charlie Phillott who was featured on Channel 9's 60 minutes on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2015, spoke along with ANZ CEO and admitted that the bank had badly handled Charlie's case. Consequently the bank will reverse the foreclosure proceedings and return the property to the Phillott's.

Bill Bryne, Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries followed, he did not make any commitment and made it clear that the government would not intervene in commercial relationships.

Barry Egan from Aussie Helpers told of his eviction from his property and subsequent depressive illness prior to founding Aussie Helpers. Cate Stewart also related her story after being evicted from Mt Marrow.

Federal Member for Kennedy, Bob Katter gave the closing address and encouraged people to continue to fight for change and justice in rural property.

Thank you to Ben Rees for information regarding the event.

## CONGRATULATIONS SHANE EISING

Congratulations to Shane Eising of 'Tanish' Pty Ltd who won an award in the 2015 Feed Central National Hay Quality competition. The awards recognise crops with the best visual appearance and feed analysis.

Shane's hay was bailed by 'SunUp' Contracting of Condamine.



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**CONGRATULATIONS LOCAL AGE CHAMPIONS IN ATHLETICS**

Congratulations to Mackenzie Patch from Miles and Georgia Wylie from Dulacca who competed at the South West Trials Athletic event in St George in September 2015. Both Mackenzie and Georgia were awarded Age Champion for their respective age groups.

Along with other local young people Mackenzie and Georgia have qualified for the State competition. Great work to all who qualified. What a wonderful achievement.



**FREE ASSESSMENTS**

FROM Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to  
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**Damian Bell, Executive Counsel**

Damian is an internationally experienced advisor and business executive whose roles have spanned legal and financial advisory. Damian advises clients on a broad range of corporate and commercial matters including: asset sales and leasing; water licences and allocations; regulatory compliance; asset protection and private restructures; succession planning and estates.



**Dan Creevey, Partner**

Dan Creevey practised law in Chinchilla for over 5 years before becoming a founding partner of Creevey Russell Lawyers in 2009. Dan now specialises in litigation in the Toowoomba office.



**Jessica Acton, Lawyer**

Jessica is part of one of Queensland's most prominent grazing enterprises. Jessica is a 'true bushie' who takes an active interest in issues facing rural Australia. Jessica specialises in rural property sale and purchase transactions, PPSR livestock registrations, livestock leases, breeding services agreements, feedlot leases and other agistment arrangements.

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Mayor Ray Brown and the Parliament of South Australia Natural Resources Committee tour Dalby and Chinchilla to gain an insight into the gas industry in the region.

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**Date:** Saturday 24 October  
and Sunday 25 October 2015  
**Time:** 9am to 3pm  
**Location:** Wandoan Cultural  
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## South Australian Parliament representatives visit region

Recently Western Downs Regional Council Mayor Ray Brown welcomed representatives from the Parliament of South Australia's Natural Resources Committee to the region as part of their Central Queensland tour.

The delegation visited Dalby and Chinchilla meeting with the Mayor, Council representatives, and key community groups to gain an insight and appreciation of the impacts, opportunities, and challenges that the coal seam gas industry's expansion has brought to the Western Downs and Surat Basin regions.

These insights into how the energy sector has transformed the local economy and the future of our communities, as well as how Council continues to work alongside the CSG industry in our region will be taken into consideration by the Parliament of South Australia's Natural Resources Committee inquiry into Unconventional Gas.

## News In Brief

### DOGWOOD CREEK BRIDGE OFFICIALLY OPENED

After months of planning, preparation and construction the newly replaced Dogwood Creek Bridge on Hookwood-Pelham Road, Miles, officially opened to the public last month. The impressive 25-metre single span steel truss bridge, originally manufactured by the Department of Defence, replaces the old timber bridge built by the community in 1943. By repurposing the steel truss bridge Council kept the cost of the replacement project down and delivered the community a more sustainable and reliable asset during heavy rain events.

### CHINCHILLA AERODROME UPGRADES

The Chinchilla Aerodrome has recently reopened after the first phase of a \$4.7 million rehabilitation project, was completed on schedule and on budget. The project, designed to enhance the operational capabilities of the facility was delivered by Council, QGC Pty Limited, and Ostwald Bros. The much-needed upgrades, funded by QGC, has significantly improved the reliability and safety of the runway and taxiway for aircraft and regular users of the aerodrome. For more information on the Chinchilla Aerodrome Rehabilitation Project call **1300 COUNCIL**.

### OCTOBER IN THE LIBRARY

We're having howling good fun this Halloween at the Library. Our Junior Bookclubs have been reading up on all things spooky and they're celebrating with a night of book-based games in Chinchilla and Dalby on Friday 30 October. Anyone is welcome to come along and join the fun – and while you're at it, why not join a Bookclub! Book now at [www.westerndownslibraries.com](http://www.westerndownslibraries.com).

### JOIN YOUR LOCAL SES

Give back to your community and learn valuable disaster management response skills by joining the Western Downs SES Unit. The SES is a vital volunteer organisation, and the Western Downs has seven active groups within the region dedicated to helping our communities during times of need and disaster. Local SES groups are always on the lookout for new members, with new recruits provided with training and full protective clothing. For more information on recruitment contact the Regional Local Controller on **0418 311 641**.

### CHANGES TO COMMUNITY GRANTS POLICY

Do you access Council funding programs? A recent review of Council's Community Grants Policy and funding programs has resulted in a number of changes to some of the funding categories. If you regularly access Council's funding programs or want to know more about how Council can assist your community organisation, make sure you check out these new changes on our dedicated Community Grants Opportunities webpage at [www.wdrc.qld.gov.au/grants-and-funding](http://www.wdrc.qld.gov.au/grants-and-funding).

### POUND PETS GIVEN SECOND CHANCE

The 'Western Downs Pound Pets' initiative is helping to give animals that can't be reunited with their owners a second chance at finding a new forever home. So, if you are looking for a new 'man's best friend' or feline companion, keep an eye out for the 'Western Downs Pound Pets' feature in the Dalby Herald every Tuesday and the Chinchilla News every Thursday, as well as Council's Facebook page for regular updates.

### WATCH OUT FOR MAGPIES

Spring has sprung across our region and so has the Magpie breeding season. Council is advising residents to try and stay clear or be cautious around where magpie swooping is occurring. Council actively installs 'magpie alert' signage when made aware that nesting is occurring on

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public land to notify residents that nesting birds may swoop on intruders. Residents are encouraged to call **1300 COUNCIL** to report areas where magpies are swooping. For more information on what you can do to stay safe around swooping Magpies visit [www.ehp.qld.gov.au/wildlife/livingwithmagpies.html](http://www.ehp.qld.gov.au/wildlife/livingwithmagpies.html)

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#### COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Ordinary Meetings of Council will be held at the Dalby Corporate Office at 9.30am on Thursday 22 October and at the Dalby Corporate Office at 9.30am on Wednesday 4 November.



## AUSTRALIA DAY 2016 NOMINATIONS

Know a local 'unsung hero' who deserves to be recognised for their outstanding achievement or contribution to the community?

Western Downs Regional Council advises that nominations are now being sought from residents for the **Australia Day Awards on 26 January 2016**.

Nominations are called in the following categories:

**Local:** Citizen of the Year Award, Young Citizen of the Year Award, Junior Cultural Award, Senior Cultural Award, Junior Sports Award, Senior Sports Award, Sports Administrator/Coach/Official Award, Community Project/Event of the Year Award.

Nominations in these Local categories will be considered for the following:

**Regional Awards:** Citizen of the Year Award, Young Citizen of the Year Award, Sports Achievement Award, Community Project/Event of the Year Award and Cultural Award.

**Nominations close at 5pm on Tuesday 1 December 2015**

Nomination forms are available at all Customer Service Centres, Western Downs Libraries and from Council's website [www.wdrc.qld.gov.au](http://www.wdrc.qld.gov.au).



Scan the code with your mobile for more information and nomination forms



## Councillor Spotlight

It is great to see that although our regional economy has recently experienced some turbulence as the energy sector moves into ongoing operation and maintenance phases, that the Western Downs continues to buck the trend of rural decline and is leading the state as one of the best regions to invest in.

With Western Downs' unemployment rate the lowest in Queensland in July, at 3.4%, means that we're streets ahead of regions like Toowoomba and Brisbane's Inner City which are sitting at 5.5%, and almost half the state-wide average of 6.5%.

This demonstrates that we're still on the front foot as far as the economy is concerned and that there is light at the end of the tunnel with great opportunities for business investment in the Western Downs.

The strength of our regional economy and our bright future for business investment and growth can be seen throughout the region, with new businesses continuing to open their doors in our communities providing favourable prospects for local suppliers, school leavers, and the static housing market.

Tourism is also showing remarkable signs of strength, with recent events such as the Opera at Jimbour, Tara Festival of Culture and Camel Races, and Dalby Delicious and DeLIGHTful bringing a noticeable number of day and long-term visitors to our communities.

It is hopeful and eagerly awaited that the recently approved joint tourism project between Council and Australia Pacific LNG will increase tourist numbers in our region. I will watch this space with keen interest as Council, APLNG, Chambers of Commerce and dedicated community groups work together to ensure this tourism project encourages positive investment into our great region.

#### Spokesperson for Economic Development and Tourism

**Cr Tony Brame**

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## Works Projects October

### CHINCHILLA AREA

Burnt Bridge — Replace Bridge, finish Oct 2015  
Burra Burra Creek Road — Widen and Seal, finish Feb 2016  
Dawson Gate Road — Resheet and Seal, finish Nov 2015  
Oak Street — Extend Kerb and Channel, finish Nov 2015  
Stormwater Drainage — Trunk Drainage Stage 2 Completion, finish Nov 2015

### DALBY AREA

Byrnes Road — Bitumen Upgrade, finish Oct 2015  
Curtis, Bligh, Wilkes and Nicholson Streets — Dalby Stormwater Augmentation Stage 4, finish Dec 2015  
Dalby-Kogan Road — Widen and Seal, finish Nov 2015  
Winfields Road — Bitumen Upgrade, finish Oct 2015

### MILES AREA

Fairymeadow Road — Intersection Upgrade, finish Nov 2015  
Racecourse Road — Intersection Upgrade, finish Oct 2015

### TARA AREA

Benn Street — Reconstruct and Seal, finish Dec 2015  
Chinchilla-Tara Road — Widen and Seal, finish Oct 2015

### WANDOAN AREA

Bundi Road — Bitumen Reconstruction, finish Oct 2015  
Horse Creek Road — Bitumen Upgrade, finish Oct 2015  
Wastewater Treatment Plant Access Road — Bitumen Upgrade, finish Oct 2015

*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.*



## Planning Applications

### NEW APPLICATIONS FOR AUGUST 2015

Received	Address	DA Approval Type Sought
30/07/2015	22 Milne Street, Tara	MCU - Shop
30/07/2015	McNulty Street, Miles	RTC MCU - Industry
31/07/2015	McNulty Street, Miles	RTC MCU - Industry
03/08/2015	187 Chinchilla-Wondai Road, Chinchilla	RTC ROL - 1 Lot into 3 Lots
05/08/2015	Windeyer Road, Wandoan	RTC OW - Roadwork
07/08/2015	44 Laycock Road, Miles	RTC ROL - Lot 1 into 14 lots and lot 1 into 24 lots
10/08/2015	Kabunga Road, Grosmont	ROL - 1 Lot into 2 Lots
11/08/2015	18079 Warrego Highway, Dalby	RTC MCU - Retail Showroom
12/08/2015	44 Laycock Road, Miles	MCU - Storage Facility, Ancillary Office and Coach Parking
20/08/2015	Lynns Creek Road, Moraby	MCU - Extractive Industry
26/08/2015	17728 Warrego Highway, Dalby	ROL - Boundary Realignment
27/08/2015	387 Bungaban Road, Roche Creek	MCU - Telecommunications Facility
27/08/2015	46 Challacombe Street, Bell	MCU - Telecommunications Facility
31/08/2015	Yumborra Road, Dalby	MCU - Light Industry (Shed)
01/09/2015	178-198 Drayton Street, Dalby	RTC ROL - 2 lots into 3 lots
01/09/2015	178-198 Drayton Street, Dalby	RTC MCU - Vehicle Showroom
01/09/2015	178-198 Drayton Street, Dalby	RTC MCU - Vehicle Showroom
01/09/2015	17775 Warrego Highway, Dalby	RTC MCU ROL - Multiple Dwellings, Vehicle Showroom
01/09/2015	17775 Warrego Highway, Dalby	RTC MCU ROL - Multiple Dwellings, Vehicle Showroom
01/09/2015	4 Golden Street, Wandoan	RTC MCU - Multiple Dwellings
01/09/2015	Banjo Patterson Place, Dalby	MCU - Shed
03/09/2015	Surcingle Road, Chinchilla	MCU - Extractive Industry

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

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# MEMOIRS OF THE MILES HISTORICAL VILLAGE, EDITION 13

BY JOYCE DAVIDSON

We would like to offer our sincere apologies for the spelling mistakes and incorrect information in the September edition of the Murilla Community Newsletter



In 1984, Brian and Trish Ford travelled to Brisbane to present an application for a Bicentenary grant project. Out of 350 applications the Miles project was one of the fifteen accepted, with a grant of \$58,250 allocated to establish a unique showcase of the geological and anthropological features of the Great Artesian Basin, from prehistoric occupation to the last 200 years of European Settlement. Brian and Trish were to be

congratulated on their successful application. In 1984 a grant to assist local Museums, valued at \$1,200 was received from the Queensland Museum.

In January 1985, the Miles and District Historical Village was among 10 Queensland Museums to receive an award for their high standard and contribution to the local community from Queensland Art's Minister, Mr McKechnie.

Also in 1985 the Miles and District Historical Society, became an Incorporated Association.

The Governor and Lady Campbell visited the Museum on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 1985. Lady Campbell was presented with teaspoons as a memento of their visit.

The Commonwealth Bank purchased the land occupied by the old Winchome building and offered the building to the Miles and District Historical Society for removal.

Don Duffel, Alan Davis, Doris Davidson and Lloyd Bell removed the awning prior to the building being moved to the Museum by Chappel removalists, where it was to become the Bank. "Lloyd" the electricity Authority never did find out who disconnected the wires. Removal costs were \$2,295 and painting by Paul Morris was \$1380. Alterations and repairs were carried out by Les Rose and Co, at a cost of over \$14,300. The fireproof door and fittings cost over \$1,500.

It was a strange coincidence that Les Rose spent his early apprenticeship years working for Giles and Co when they built the building for Winchcombe Carson, and he was now many years later working on the same building.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of September 1985, The Australian Bank of Commerce, a replica of that bank built in 1911, was opened by Mr Jack Griffiths, Commonwealth Bank Manager of Branch Operations. One of the highlights of the opening was the 'HOLD UP' by Ned Kelly and gang, also the Steve Hart gang of highwaymen.



Cr Leo Bishop, Don Neal M.L.A, John Osbourne - Toowoomba Tourism and Development Board during the 'Hold Up'.



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## PROUD OLD SCHOOL GETS NEW LOOK - POWERLINK MEDIA RELEASE



Warren Monks-Project Manager John Holland,  
Mark Foster-Wallumbilla SS P&C Vice  
President, Maxine Thomas-Community  
Engagement Advisor, Santos, Melissa Graham  
-Wallumbilla State School Principal

The 122 year old Wallumbilla State School has some shiny new additions after a massive working bee on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2015, to revamp parts of the school and Wallumbilla pool.

Powerlink Chief Executive Merryn York said she was pleased Powerlink and its construction contractor, John Holland, had joined together to fund \$50,000 of upgrades.

More than 50 volunteers from Powerlink and John Holland gathered with local community members, including Maranoa Regional Councillor Ree Price, to get their hands dirty.

Wallumbilla State School Principal Melissa Graham said the school community was particularly thankful that a very important structure of historical value was being restored as part of the work.

John Holland Executive General Manager for Infrastructure Jim Salmon said it would not be possible without the support of local businesses and tradesmen who had rallied around the idea.

"I would like to extend a big thank you to the local tradesmen and businesses who supported us this weekend to make a real difference at Wallumbilla".

Article and photos contributed





# GARDEN NOTES

BY EMMA EISING - MURILLA GARDEN GROUP



October is upon us and the weather is warming up. It is great in the garden this time of year with the extended daylight hours, the warm soil and the sun, bringing everything to life. Watering has commenced, that is if you have a good supply. Otherwise weeding and mulching is essential, hopefully you have got on top of it by now, as soon as spring starts the weeds seem to pop up everywhere.

It is also time to dead head any spent blooms. Dead heading is simply just taking of any spent flowers, by either just snapping them off by hand or by cutting. Regular dead heading not only keeps it looking attractive but also keeps the plant from going to seed and therefore focusing its energy into flowering, resulting in healthier plants and continued blooms. The second bloom should last longer than the first.

Every year around the beginning of September, when the chances of frost are minimal, we cut our lawn back to the lowest height on the lawn mower. This is a form of dethatching or scalping. We carry all the dead grass away and put it around outer trees for mulch. When we do this we also fertilise the lawn with cow manure and then aerate it, to allow better water penetration. We have a couch lawn so if we don't do this it becomes too thick over the summer months and can get fungal problems. So at this time in October I now have a super healthy lawn. This however invites lawn grubs so I am on the alert for them as they can take over very quickly.



## IN THE VEGGIE PATCH



I have found a great tip for growing celery. Previously when I have grown celery, the stems were tough and stringy. This year I tried something different, with great success. I found some left over poly sheeting in the shed and formed a tube out of it. Then placed it around a couple of the celery plants in the garden and within five days, not only had these ones grown twice as fast as the uncovered plants but the stems are a beautiful pale green colour like the shop

ones they were also super tasty and juicy.

You could probably also use PVC drain pipe. You can see in the picture the four I covered up 5 days earlier.

It is time to plant; sweet potato, corn, beans, leeks, lettuces, spring onions, squash, zucchini, chillies and capsicum. Get those fruit fly traps out, to protect your tomatoes and other susceptible plants.





## DULACCA ANGLICAN CHURCH



Beth Patch cutting the cake with Ali Nixon and Bishop Cam

The Dulacca Anglican Church was decommissioned by Bishop Cameron Venables on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

A number of community members and parishioners attended the event and Ali Nixon made a beautiful cake to commemorate the occasion.

Thank you to Bishop Cameron Venables and Reverend Jeff Balnaves for the lovely service.



Celebration cake made by Ali Nixon



## Murilla Garden Club

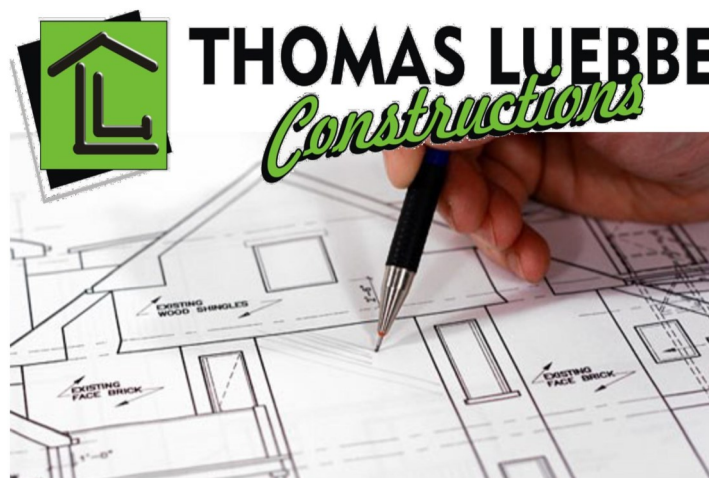
2015 has shapped up to be another fantastic year for the club with many lovely local gardens to visit. Our monthly program is as follows:

November 12<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Breakup  
awaiting volunteer venue

**New members very welcome!**

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## MILES MEALS ON WHEELS TURNS 30



Miles Meals on Wheels committee members - Dorothy Upton, Treasurer, Pam Fawcett, Chairperson and Noreen Bourne, Secretary

Meals on Wheels Miles (MOW) celebrated 30 years of delivering meals in the Miles area to the frail, aged and disabled.

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015 members of the community and the committee commenced the day with morning tea at 10am followed by their AGM. The executive accepted renominations for the coming year. Debbie Dennis QLD MOW association chaired the AGM.

Following the meeting a delicious lunch was enjoyed by everyone at the Swagsman. Both Pam and Noreen addressed the gathering, speaking of the history of the organisation and the recent struggles with the government regulations and expectations of the volunteers delivering the meals.

Mrs Gladys Embrey, who was one of the original volunteers along with Mrs Betty Little (not pictured), was able to share and enjoy the lunch at the Swagsman.



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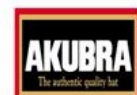


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## MILES LADIES NETBALL PRESENTATION

Congratulations to the Blue team who topped the table for the Miles Ladies Netball competition, and to the Pink team who were runners up.

Thank you to the Miles Ladies Netball Committee who organise this social competition each year. Please keep an eye out for the AGM Date in March or April 2016.

## NEVILLE AND JEAN AUSTIN CELEBRATE

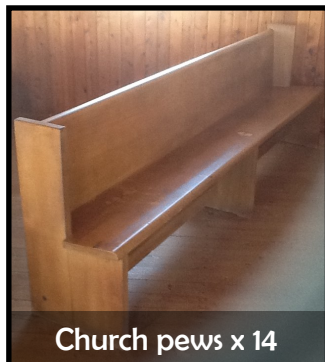


Congratulations to Neville and Jean Austin who recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with family and friends at the Club

Hotel in Chinchilla. Best wishes for the future Neville and Jean.

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

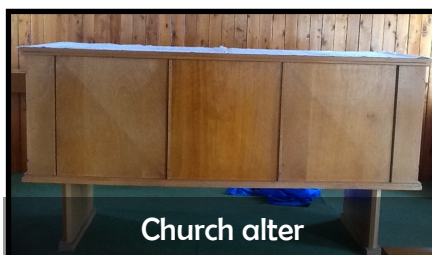
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### What is Health-e-Regions?

The Health-e-Regions project is supported by QGC to help provide rural health services delivery to the towns of Dalby, Chinchilla, Miles, Wandoan and Tara. The project aims to promote and support access to specialist health services through the installation of equipment and training of staff to conduct telehealth consultations.

### What is telehealth?

Telehealth is the use of digital technology to provide healthcare by connecting patients to specialists in separate locations. A high-speed, secure video link enables you to connect with your healthcare provider for assessments and follow-up visits.

During a telehealth consultation, you are able to see, hear and talk to your healthcare provider on a television screen and they will be able to see, hear, and talk to you. You can even bring your family with you to your consultation.

### Telehealth case study

A five-year-old boy in Miles requires specialist treatment in Brisbane on a monthly basis. This necessitated at least a two-day trip for the family, with his siblings missing school and his parents missing work. The alternative was to separate the family unit and have him travel with just one parent; however the ideal treatment included all family members.

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## KYLIE BOURNE MOSAIC COURSE



Local artist Kylie Bourne held another successful Mosaic course in September 2015, with attendees creating beautiful mosaic birdhouses. Please see page 18 for more images and for information contact Kylie via her Facebook page.

## CONGRATULATIONS ACASON FAMILY

Congratulations to Josh, Deb and Eva Acaon on the safe arrival of Ella. Best wishes for the future.

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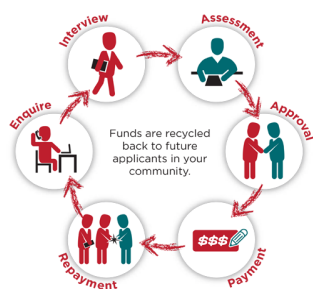
Nick and Sharna

Nick and Sharna exchanged Wedding vows on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at St Lukes Anglican Church Miles. Reverend Jeff Belnaves officiated. The couple shared the wonderful celebration with family and friends at the Swagsman Motor Inn, Miles.

Best wishes for a long and happy life together Nick and Sharna.



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# COMMUNITY SNAPS

## MILES ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTATION OF 'WESTERN DOWNS WESTERN FRONT'



Neil Bidgood as Henry and  
Nikki Robertson as Daisy



Tegan Mehta as Kyla and  
Ted Gibbons as Ted



Raelinda Allwood as Sally and  
Ted Gibbons as Ted

Tegan Mehta  
as Kyla, Ann  
Gibbons as  
Ann, Raelinda  
Allwood as  
Sally and Neil  
Bidgood as  
Henry  
pictured right



Tegan Mehta as  
Kyla

### WESTERN DOWNS WESTERN FRONT

The Miles Arts Council's Anzac Centenary Project play "Western Downs Western Front" contemporary play was set in Miles in 2015 by award winning playwright Hugh O'Brien. It honoured the heroic deeds of the men and women of the Murilla Shire in World War I.

The play premiered over 4 nights, in September 2015 at the Leichhardt Centre in Miles, featuring local actors.

The play was a great success and feedback has been extremely positive. Combining humour with a serious message the play kept the audience enthralled and entertained

Playwright Hugh O'Brien said "the very talented cast and director Ron Kelly did a magnificent job bringing to life an interesting array of characters" and that the "Miles Regional Arts Council is one of the most innovative, dedicated and professional groups in Australia and their

contribution to keeping local arts alive and relevant is extraordinary."

Thank you to all of those who participated, behind the scenes, on stage and during the research and formative stages, all assisting to make this wonderful event possible. Please see above for images of the event, and if you would like more information about future presentations the Miles Arts Council are bringing to the area please visit - <https://sites.google.com/site/regionalartsgroup/>

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African Boxthorn is a spiny shrub from South Africa. Introduced to Australia in the mid 1800s as a hedge plant, it has since spread into pastures, neglected areas, roadsides, railways and waterways. It produces a dense thicket armed with spines that can form an impenetrable barrier to domestic stock. African Boxthorn has been recognised in Australia as a Weed of National Significance (WoNS). African boxthorn can be an aggressive invader of pastures, roadsides and reserves. It forms impenetrable, sharp spined

thickets, which can cause problems along fence lines and inhibit the movement of stock. Dense infestations will reduce the usability of pasture land and hinder mustering. Dead plants can still be a problem to stock and tyres, as plants remain spiky for up to 20 years if not burnt.

**Declaration details:** African Boxthorn is a declared Class 2 plant under the Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002. Declaration requires landholders to control declared pests on the land under their control. **Herbicide control:** After herbicide application, African boxthorn plants often lose their leaves and appear dead but may still recover and produce new leaves. This can occur a number of times before the plant is properly dead, especially if a root-absorbed herbicide is used. **Foliar spray:** Overall spray the bushes to the point of run-off. Optimum time for spraying is February–May, when plants are actively growing. Do not spray during hot, dry summer periods. **Basal bark treatment :** Carefully spray around the base of each stem to a height of 30–40 cm above ground level. **Cut stump treatment:** Cut each stem off as close to the ground as possible and immediately (within 15 seconds) apply the herbicide mixture liberally to the cut surface. **Root application:** Apply one of the residual herbicides to the soil between the base of the plant and the drip line, preferably when the soil is wet or rain is expected.

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#### **Glyphosate 360 g/L (Roundup®)**

Rate: 1 part glyphosate to 1.5 parts water

Comments: Stem injection or stem scrape application

Withholding period: Nil.

Herbicide group: M, Inhibitors of EPSP synthase

Resistance risk: Moderate

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#### **2,4-D 300 g/L + Picloram 75 g/L**

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Rate: 1.3 L per 100 L of water

Comments: Handgun application for small bushes only. Spray soil to drip line. Thorough coverage is essential. Spray prior to budburst.

Withholding period: 1-8 weeks (see label).

Herbicide group: I, Disruptors of plant cell growth (synthetic auxins)

Resistance risk: Moderate

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#### **Tebuthiuron 200 g/kg (Graslan®)**

Rate: 2 g per m<sup>2</sup>

Comments: Hand application (granules). Estimate the area within 30 cm beyond the drip line of the target plant and calculate the amount of Graslan required. Do not apply near desirable trees.

Withholding period: Nil.

Herbicide group: C, Inhibitors of photosynthesis at photosystem II (PS II inhibitors)

Resistance risk: Moderate

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#### **Triclopyr 240 g/L + Picloram 120 g/L (Access™)**

Rate: 1.0 L per 60 L of diesel

Comments: Basal bark application up to 5 cm basal diameter. Cut stump application for over 5 cm diameter.

Withholding period: Nil

Herbicide group: I, Disruptors of plant cell growth (synthetic auxins)

Resistance risk: Moderate





# COMMUNITY SNAPS

## AROUND THE DISTRICT



Members of the Miles and District Chamber of Commerce at the Annual General Meeting



Miles and District Child Services Group who organised 'Read to Me' event and presenters.



Anna and Jason from Horizon Housing

Central photos top to bottom -

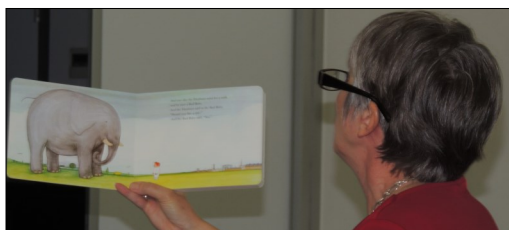
Participants in Kylie Bourne's Mosaic workshop.

Some of the creative works from above workshop

Myall Botanical Gardens Spring Day, with Ivan Venables



Last picture - Bird watchers and attendees at the Myall Botanical Gardens Spring Day enjoying breakfast.



Anne Keam demonstrates reading style at the 'Read to Me' event



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Mayor Ray Brown and the Western Downs Housing Trust officially opened the units in Ross Street Miles on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

The one and two bedroom units are available for rent at affordable rates to members of the community

of Miles.

Horizon Housing and staff at the Murilla Community Centre can assist with applications. These rentals are also advertised on realestate.com For more information please call 4627 2027.



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## GHOSTS OF GALLIPOLI WERE NOT FORGOTTEN



The Miles Historical Village Museum held its anniversary afternoon on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2015.

The focus of the afternoon was to remember the thirteen young men associated with the old Murilla Shire who were deployed to Gallipoli in 1915 during WWI. The stories of:

- Charles Parish
- Douglas Handford
- Edward Stevenson
- William Fennelly
- James Suley
- Hugh Hagan
- Frederick Ratcliff
- Eric Newberry
- William Burrow
- John Kennedy
- John Williams
- Arthur McGrath
- Thomas Walker



were told by Sam Cowen, Jason Erbacher, Caleb Kuhl, Dustin Davis, Andrew Barker, Stephen Hardy and Sam Little.

Earlier in the afternoon the crowd was entertained by the beautiful voices of Angela Krause, Rhiannon Allwood and Darcy Hayward. Andrew Wotton recited Lawson and Paterson poems. Anne Croft took us back 100 years with some 1915 facts and trivia. Children participated in traditional games run by Dean White, Helen Thomas and Libby Upton.

The Annual Quart Pot Boiling competition was hotly contested with David McDonald showing his experience with a win. Glenda O'Brien and Brent Chilvers won the Five Treasures Hunt Draw. The multi draw raffle was popular with the locals and the visiting tourists who took a number of prizes with them.

The afternoon was enjoyed by nearly 200 people. The Historical Village management committee wish to thank all of the volunteers who helped, cooked, set up, ran events, catered and cleaned up to make the afternoon a success.

Article and photos contributed.



Elizabeth Upton getting some outside help from Dom Kerwick during the Quart Pot Boiling competition

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## CONDAMINE BELL RODEO 2015

Article and photos contributed



All Round Winners Mitch Eastwell & Cheyenne Whitwell with committee members Dusty and Vickie Tattam

Another year of the Condamine Rodeo has been and gone, and it is safe to say the committee is ecstatic.

This year proved to be extremely successful with

close to 270 nominations, the largest competitor entries the National Rodeo Association has seen for this season.

The bulls sure did bring their buck with only two open bull-riders managing to ride time winning on a score of 73 points.

Congratulations to local cowboys and committee members Dusty Tattam for winning the steer wrestling on 5.421 seconds and his brother Travis Tattam

placing 4th overall in the Team Roping event.

Spectator numbers were down from the previous year however there were still plenty of familiar faces supporting the community event and helping to raise funds for Careflight.

The Miles Junior Football Club and ICPA did a great job supplying food and drinks on the day and we hope to have you back next year. The committee would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our sponsors as well as everyone who helped to make the day a success.

A special mention to Cobb Industries, T & W Earthmoving, IOR Petroleum, SFPS, Liberty Rural, Boral, CGC, Condamine Bell Hotel, Palmers Coaches, JJ Richards, Masterhire, Western Downs Regional Council and Miles & District War Memorial Club. The Rodeo simply would not work without kind donations and hardworking volunteers.

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The categories in which they are finalists include; Best Bush Pub, Best Redevelopment up to \$2 million and Best Pub accommodation.

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### Miles Regional Arts

### Council

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### Chamber of Commerce

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Miles Junior - 0418 677 634

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Condamine Cods - 0439 275 794

### Sports Clubs

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### Miles Swimming Pool (Summer)

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### Dogwood Crossing

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### Miles Home and Community Care

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### Miles Medical Centre

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### Murilla Community Centre and Murilla Respite & In Home Care

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### Miles Community Child Health

4628 5629

### Queensland Health Miles

### Dentist

4628 5687

## CHURCH SERVICES

### Catholic Church

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 8.00am

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 6.30pm

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 6.30pm

Condamine - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 11am

Dulacca - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 9am

Cnr Dawson & Edith Streets

**4627 1139**

### St Luke's Anglican Church

Sundays 8.00am - Cnr Dawson

& Constance Streets

Contact Rev Balnaves

**4627 1190**

### Presbyterian Church

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Cnr Murilla & Dawson Streets

**4627 1180**

### Lutheran Church

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday 8.30am

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## MYALL PARK BOTANICAL GARDEN SPRING DAY BIRD WALKS 2015 - Article and photos contributed



Visitors came from far afield to attend the two bird walks at Myall Park Botanic Garden on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2015 evening and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August morning. Walks were led by Mr Ian Venables (Brisbane) and Dr Nita C Lester (Mapleton). Bird species recorded included Wedge-tail Eagle through to the small beautiful birds such as superb Fairy-Wren and the Double-Barred Finch. The new Bird Hide provided numerous sightings as the birds played in the water and sang from the nearby bushes. Breakfast on the Sunday was popular with 17 attending. Birding stories were exchanged and possible birding locations discussed for the return journeys home.

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# COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

**St Luke's Country Markets**  
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8.30am - 12 noon  
St Luke's - Dawson Street  
Contact 4627 1757

## DULACCA SPORTS CLUB HALLOWEEN TRIVIA NIGHT

30<sup>th</sup> October  
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**The Creek Café  
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**Miles and District Chaplaincy**

**TRIVIA  
NIGHT**

Miles Lutheran Hall - Murilla Street, Miles  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015  
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\$10 per participant  
For bookings and to RSVP  
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Save the Date  
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Branch Fundraiser for  
Cancer  
31<sup>st</sup> October 2015  
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**MURILLAKINDY**

**SEAFOOD  
NIGHT!**

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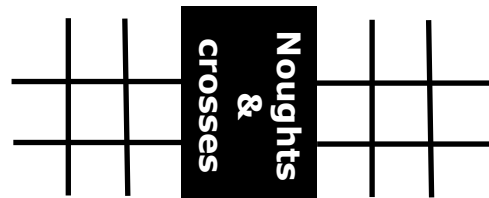
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The Waterlily in 'Chinamans Lagoon' are - Nymphae Nerosea.



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C.S. Lewis

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The town of Miles was developed in 1878. Originally named Dogwood Crossing, it was changed in 1878 to honour William Miles.

EXCERPT FROM  
UNTITLED POEM BY  
MARGARET  
NEWBERRY

Have you seen the golden dogwood,  
blooming up and  
down the creek?  
Have you really sat  
and listened to the  
rain?

Have you torn off  
strips of tea-tree  
bark and seen the  
outback colours?  
Have you heard the  
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refrain?

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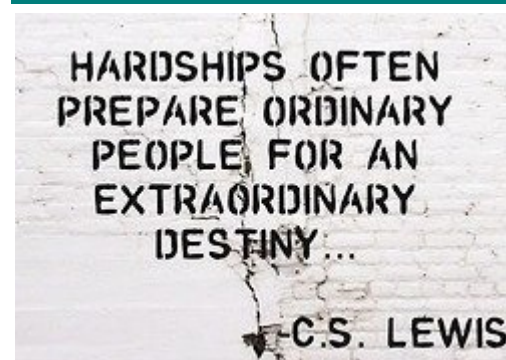
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# FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

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## October Breast Cancer Awareness Month

- 16** Miles and District Chaplaincy Trivia Night
- 11-17** Carers Week
- 17** Miles Devils Leagues Club Presentation evening
- 19** State Schools Staff Development or Pupil Free day
- 22** Health Nurse visiting Miles Hospital - **4628 5600**
- 24** Murilla C+K Kindergarten Seafood Night - Civic Centre (Leichhardt Hall) - Contact **0407 152 200**
- 24** Garage Sale & Market Day - Kogan State School, 8am - 3pm **0419 045 363**
- 24 & 25** Free grant writing, plan and manage and event/festival workshop - Wandoan (Western Downs Regional Council - **4628 5355**)
- 25** Grandparents day
- 26 & 27** Optometrist Lincoln Wagner visits Murilla Community Centre - **4627 2027**
- 30** Dulacca Sports Club's Halloween Trivia Night - **0418 786 811**
- 31** St Joeys Big Night Out - Bull Ride, Chinchilla
- 31** QCWA Ingleston Branch and Ingleston Golf Club Fundraiser for Cancer

## November 'Movember'

- 2** Murilla Long Day Care Kindergarten Open Morning 9am - 11am, **4627 2108**
- 3** Melbourne Cup
- 5** Health Nurse visiting Miles Hospital - **4628 5600**
- 11** Remembrance Day
- 12** Murilla Garden Club Christmas breakup - awaiting volunteer venue - **4669 2175**
- 14** Men's Breaky - 7am, \$5 (BBQ breaky), guest speakers, Miles Historical Village all welcome - Hosted by the Presbyterian Church - **4627 1180**
- 14 & 15** Miles Bull riding School, Miles Showgrounds 9am - **0458 000 951**
- 21 & 22** Free Association Governance and successful running of a Not for Profit Organisation workshop - Miles (Western Downs Regional Council - **4628 5355**)
- 28** Condamine Cods Rugby Union Club Awards Night

## December

- 7, 8, 9** Optometrist Lincoln Wagner visits Murilla Community Centre - **4627 2027**
- 24 Dec - 3 Jan** Murilla Community Centre Closed for the Holiday Season - **0419 779 686**
- 31** Miles and District Amateur Picnic Race Club New Years Eve Party

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- 9 April** Murilla Community Centre Bookfest
- TBA** Women's Wellness Day

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