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December 2017 / January 2018

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Murilla Community Centre Celebrates 25 Years *more photos on page 22*



MERRY CHRISTMAS

*And a happy and
safe holiday*

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Murilla Community Centre Inc. offers information and support to families and individuals, contact **07 4627 2027**

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- Family Support
- Rural Financial Counselling
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Department of Human Services Holiday Closures

Your reporting and payment dates may change when Centrelink is closed for public holidays.

Monday 25 December 2017

Tuesday 26 December 2017

Wednesday 27 December 2017

Monday 1 January 2018

You can still use your myGov account to access your online accounts. You can also use Express Plus mobile apps and phone self service during the holiday period.

The dates you need to report to us have changed for the Christmas and New Year holidays. If you need to report your earnings from employment or tell us something has changed, please contact centrelink directly or visit the centrelink agency in Miles. You can contact the Miles agency on 46272027. Your payments will be fixed after you have reported to and updated your information.



Australian Government
Department of Human Services

Murilla Community Centre Closing Dates over the Festive Season

In preparation for the new year 2018 we have highlighted a few of the social and health payments and services. The Assistance for Isolated Children Scheme is a group of payments for parents and carers of children who can't go to a local state school because of geographical isolation, disability or special needs. Youth Allowance Financial help is also available if you're under 24 and studying, an Australian Apprentice, looking for work or sick. If you would like to discuss your eligibility for applying to any of these resources please contact the Murilla Community Centre for more details. For clients currently receiving payments who are interested in looking at applying for a health care card you can also find further information at the Murilla Community Centre. You can contact us on 46272027.

The Murilla Community Centre will be closed from 4pm 22nd December and will reopen on the 2nd of January 2018.

Are you an easy target?

A burglar will usually act on easy or tempting opportunities, especially when it is evident that no one is around, or the risk of being caught is low. For tradespeople tools are important, if you were to lose them, how much would that cost you?

The Queensland Police working with Suncorp Insurance have put together a list of tips for what you can do to protect your property.

- Use an engraver FREE available from your local police station
- Use identification (ID) warning stickers on personal property and on windows and doors to deter potential offenders, ID stickers are available from your local police station
- Keep photographic records of your property that cannot be engraved
- Keep a list of all serial numbers, model numbers and specific features of your personal property for not only insurance purposes but for police
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Council leading the way in excellence across Australia

Council's Customer Contact Team has proven they're leading the way in innovation, recognised as the best of the best for the second year running at the National Local Government Customer Service Network Awards, taking home the top gong for Innovation in Service Delivery earlier this month.

In this financial year alone, teams and individuals across Council have been recognised in a total of 11 state and national awards, highlighting how we're continuing to pave the way in excellence in the Local Government sector.

Western Downs Regional Council Spokesperson for Finance and Corporate Services Councillor Ian Rasmussen said departments, teams and individuals right across Council are making waves both in Queensland and across Australia.

"From our teams behind the Jacko Cavanagh Bridge Project, the WDRC Works Reorganisation and the new Planning Scheme, to the extraordinary achievements of our CEO Ross Musgrove, General Manager Jodie Taylor and Business Systems Analyst Simone Hubner, we're kicking goals in every department," he said.

"This recognition of the efforts of staff at both a state and national level is a tremendous salute to their commitment to continually set best practice benchmarks and ensure that our communities remain a great place to live, work and play."

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BURSARY AWARDS

For our graduating Year 12 students across the region, the first steps toward their future were made easier, with six WDRC Community Spirit Bursaries awarded at Awards Nights in October and November. Based on academic performance and community involvement, the recipients were awarded with \$1,000 and paid work experience with Council. Congratulations to the Class of 2017!

SCHOOL BASED TRAINEE

School based trainee Madison Haylock recently commenced her traineeship with Council as a part of the WISE (Women in STEM & Entrepreneurship) Program in partnership with Golden West Apprenticeships. Working one day a week at Council's Dalby Depot, Madison will undertake a Certificate II in Engineering. Here's to more women in science, technology, engineering and maths!

MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS

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

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at the Chinchilla Customer Service Centre on Wednesday 13 December 2017 at 9.30am.

PREMIER VISIT

Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk dropped in for a visit to the 'Energy Capital of Queensland' to discuss future projects for the region with Deputy Mayor Cr Andrew Smith. In addition to her interest in renewables and the Works for Queensland projects, the Premier also visited the Kumbia Races, the 'Flemington of the Bush' for Melbourne Cup Day.



Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk and Deputy Mayor Andrew Smith



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Councillor Spotlight

With the end of the year approaching, it is timely to look back on the achievements of the Utilities Department and staff, and the impacts on our communities.

A fantastic initiative that is being carried out over the 2017/18 financial year is the replacement of more than 4.5 kilometres of water main pipes across the Western Downs.

The upgrade of these water mains will be undertaken within the towns of Dalby, Chinchilla, Jandowae, Tara, Wandoan and Warra.

This is a mark of Council's commitment to great liveability in our communities, as highlighted in our Corporate Plan 2017 - 2022.

On that note, I'd also like to thank the Bell community for their patience as we work with the Department of Natural Resources to locate a suitable new water supply for the township.

And as we move towards the end of the year, I'd like to encourage those of you searching for Christmas presents to remember to support the local businesses within our region.

Strong communities are happy communities, and I'm sure we can all agree there's a plethora of offerings in the Western Downs retail, entertainment, hospitality and other sectors which will make fantastic gifts for your loved ones.

Cr Peter Saxelby

Spokesperson for Utilities

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#LOVEWesternDowns

Western Downs Regional Council received an Award for Planning Excellence and a Commendation at the recent 2017 Queensland Planning Institute of Australia Awards for Excellence in Brisbane.



Pictured L-R: Deputy Mayor Cr Andrew Smith, Planning Officer Dominic Bradley, Mayor Cr Paul McVeigh, General Manager Jodie Taylor, Development Assessment Coordinator Cecil Barnard, Planning & Environment Manager Todd Summerville, Economic Development Manager Amanda Pugh, CEO Ross Musgrove and Senior Planner Kate Swepson.

Planning Applications

NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED OCTOBER 2017

Received	Address	DA Approval Type Sought
03/10/2017	631 Goldens Road, Bundi	MCU - Rural Workers' Accommodation
04/10/2017	17 Millbrook Court, Dalby	MCU - Domestic Outbuilding
11/10/2017	24 Galaxy Drive, Dalby	MCU - Horse Stable & Outdoor Area
17/10/2017	2164 Horse Creek Road, Bundi	MCU - Telecommunication Facility
18/10/2017	Winton Street East, Dalby	MCU - Warehouse
24/10/2017	22 Napier Street, Dalby	R2C MCU - Impact Industry (Additional Shed)
24/10/2017	23 Melaleuca Avenue, Dalby	OW - Earthworks
27/10/2017	1-7 Burbank Street, Chinchilla	MCU - Extension to Church

MCU = Material Change of Use ROL = Reconfiguring a Lot OW = Operational Work BWPS = Building Work Assessable Against the Planning Scheme R2C = Request to Change an Existing Approval RZE = Request to Extend the Relevant Period

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NOONGA NOTES

The Noonga Community would like to express their condolences to Mary, Barry, Sheryl, Clancy and Henry Sinnamon on the passing of Ray – Husband, Father, Father in Law and Grandfather. A memorial service was held at Noonga on Sunday 12 November as part of the regular Presbyterian Church service which Ray and Mary attended regularly. The Noonga Hall was overflowing with family, neighbours, and friends, a testament to Ray's life. The family had decorated the hall with tributes to Ray, including milking and farming bits and pieces, sporting items such as Jackson cricket scoring books and trophies and photos. Sons Barry and Graham spoke the Eulogy covering all areas including his love of sport, family, Santa cows, landcare, grasses and weeds and dung beetles. A point of interest was the responsibility placed on Ray, then 18 years old, by his parents to run Charmana when they retired to Calounda in 1950. Ray and his sister Margaret (20 years old) continued to farm for another 6 years. Below is a set of instructions left to young Ray from Walter (his father) which are as pertinent today as they were 67 years ago. Our last council meeting was held at Noonga on Monday 6th November. If you would like copies of the minutes please contact Fiona Sinnamon. Next meeting will be run by the Jackson CWA on Thursday 22nd of February.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RAY

1. Don't shirk responsibility
2. Check all bills before paying
3. Pay monthly if possible
4. Always think three months ahead
5. Keep watch on stock
6. Don't forget if you pay get what you paid for
7. Don't be afraid to argue if you think you're in the right, - if shown wrong apologize don't be afraid to take it
8. To fatten pigs give them something to fatten on
9. If you see something you just don't want then - but will later on, buy as these times it is best to have a spare
10. If you want anything done and not sure write we can always discuss and see what's best.
11. Keep all accounts and watch for anything strange
12. Social events are all right in their place but in life the place is more important
13. Don't forget to write us as we like to know how you are getting on and like to know you are doing well
14. Keep mint and all burrs down
15. Keep all machinery in good order especially milking plant
16. Pull pipes down and clean during winter
17. Get manure into washout between house and pigsty
18. Gravel on road through gate.
19. Put timber up from rain



MILES POLICE UPDATE

On the 12th and 13th November 2017, police from Miles arrested three juveniles in relation to a spate of wilful damage and unlawful entry and trespass offenses. They were released on strict bail conditions from the watchhouse, which included a curfew. They appeared at the Chinchilla Magistrates court and were dealt with under the Juvenile Justices Act, and also given probation. Miles police are hopeful that this court action will see the last of the unnecessary damage caused by the juveniles in the town. Perhaps the involved children will turn over a new leaf. November saw the execution of Operation Papa Maximise in the Miles Police Division. The operation started with a static intercept site on the Warrego Highway east of town. Westbound traffic was stopped. It was followed up with a static intercept site on the Warrego Highway at Dulacca where a large number of heavy vehicles were stopped. The Leichhardt Highway at Condamine was also targeted in that manner. Mobile patrols have then been operating, and will operate until the end of the December/January school holidays to make the roads a safer place.

Operation Papa Maximise was run as a precursor to Operation Safe Speeds and Operation Austrans. Police from State Traffic Task Force, Roadside Drug Testing Unit and Roma Road Policing Unit assisted Miles Police during these events. A number of drink and drug drivers were nabbed during these operations. This was disappointing to the OIC Miles, especially considering that the vast majority of drug affected drivers detected were from the Miles Division itself. Police urge all Miles Residents to do in a drug driver; if you think someone is driving under the influence of drink or drugs, call the PoliceLink with information such as rego number, make and colour of car, and the driver allegedly involved in such an offence. Call 000 if the offence is happening right now. Miles Police take road safety seriously. State Traffic Task Force, Roadside Drug Testing Unit and Roma RPU will continue to assist Miles Police in this endeavour; you may have noticed an increase in both marked and unmarked police cars intercepting drivers along the highways and byways of Miles. As we approach the Holiday Season, please drive to arrive alive.

Cancer fundraiser a family affair

Lyn & Neil Ward, Lyn's sisters Fay, Beris and Val as well as daughter Barbie & grandchildren, Meaghan & Dillon hosted a Fundraiser for Breast Cancer on Saturday 28th October 2017. It was such a fun evening with a Fashion Parade hosted by Style 4415. With Kate Erwin as compere and local models, Shirley, Renae & Sharon all attendees enjoyed seeing the latest styles all available in Miles. Top Model being Neil Ward wearing his favourite ONESIE! \$2150 was raised for the Cancer Council! A brilliant effort & many thanks to the Ward Family.



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Miles Devils Senior Rugby League AGM Update

The Miles Devils Senior Rugby League held their AGM on Thursday 09 November- the following people being elected for the upcoming 2018 season.

President – Alex McKellar

Vice President 1 – Jamie Kerwick

Vice President 2 – Warren Tribe

Secretary – Stevie Gyemore

Treasurer – Wendy Obrien

Assistant Treasurer- Bree Benson

Canteen Coordinator – Bree Benson

Thank you to the outgoing position holders and congratulations to the new committee.

Coaching positions for 2018:

We are looking for Coaches for all four Grades: Under 16's, Under 18's, Reserve Grade and A Grade.

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Merry Christmas from the Murilla Community Centre

Wow, what a year 2017 has been! If you told me 25 years ago that I would be sitting here writing this, I wouldn't have believed it. The Murilla Community Centre celebrated its 25th birthday in November and it has been nothing short of a challenging and rewarding journey the entire way. In 1992 when I was first employed at the Centre which comprised a small team, I would not have imagined today we would have over 70 staff across a broad range of services. Murilla Community Centre began with very humble beginnings, as a result of problems of drought and recession identified in the community in 1992. Concerned citizens recognized the need to educate and support people about matters relating to Health, Education, Training, Recreation and Community Welfare. It was as a result of a "Future Search Workshop" where the need for a Community Centre was again identified that the actual Centre became a reality! I do not believe I would have managed without the ongoing support of many people including committee members, staff and volunteers. Chairpersons, Carolyn Campion, John Uebergang, Jim Logan, the wonderful Melody Rynne, Kay Taylor and Andrew Smith have all given me the encouragement to strive on when the going got tough. Special mention must go to long term committee members Jan Mulholland and Noreen Bourne. Fast forward 25 years and 2017 saw another successful Bookfest, a much loved Community event in its 5th year. Our annual Women's Wellness day which was attended by over 200 women and host to fantastic local stall holders and inspirational guest speakers. On the 18th of November as part of fundraising for the Murilla Community Centre and Murilla Long Day Care and Kindergarten locals were treated to the musical prowess of the band Urly Noxx over dinner and games of lawn bowls. A huge thank you to everyone's efforts, the evening was a great success! I wanted to take this opportunity to thank our amazing staff, sponsors, volunteers, past and present committee members and government bodies, for another successful year. We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Street Carnival where we will once again be helping with the Santa photos! Blessings to all, Cecily Brockhurst.



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Kids, get your letters to Santa this Christmas!

Writing to Santa is a time honoured tradition that boys and girls look forward to each year. That's why we're encouraging children to take their pencils (and crayons) to paper and send their wish lists to Santa this Christmas. Letters, drawings and wish lists should be addressed to: Santa Claus
North Pole
9999

Letters should be posted* nice and early to give Santa enough time to reply before the big day. Don't forget to include a 65c stamp on the front of the envelope with the child's name and address clearly marked on the back.

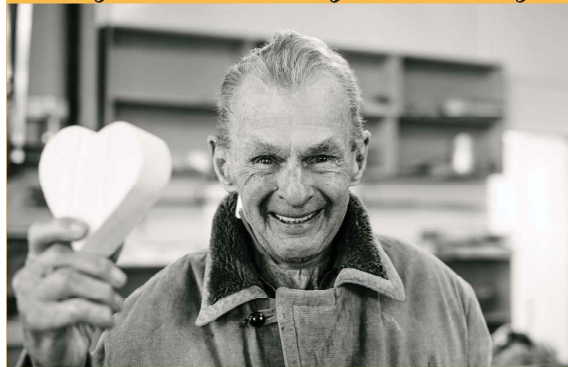
*Santa Mail letters can be posted in the dedicated Santa Mail box found in our Post Offices or any Australia Post red street posting box.



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Western Downs Regional Council are looking for stories from every corner of the Western Downs that capture the heart of the region. If you have a great story please email the WDRC directly on info@wdrc.qld.gov.au They welcome all stories and look forward to hearing from you!

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Qld Community Achievement Awards – local nominees

Saturday 18th November was an exciting night for the Western Downs as we had one nominee and two finalists attending the awards at Royal on the Park, Brisbane. Josette Moffatt was nominated in the Teaching Excellence Awards and attended the event with her biggest supporter, Brady Moffatt. Josette was acknowledged at the beginning of the ceremony for her commitment to Miles State High School, its community, teachers and students. Jo Bender (Manager, Chinchilla Cinema) was a finalist in the Customer Service Awards and Dalby Welcoming Community were also finalists in the Cultural Diversity Award. Both of these finalists were in the top three of their categories and even though they did not win they were great ambassadors for our region with their inspiring stories. Representatives from local council, Jodie Taylor, Scott Bird and Kaye Maguire, were seated at the Australia Pacific LNG table with local Kylie Bourne. Kylie was also acknowledged during the ceremonies for her assistance in judging the APLNG Community Hero Award which was won by Selena Wool of Capalaba for her support of families who have lost babies during pregnancy. The awards have been encouraging, acknowledging and rewarding the valuable contributions that individuals, communities and businesses have been making throughout Queensland for the past 15 years. These awards recognise those that work tirelessly to improve their communities by promoting the social, economic and environmental prosperity.



Above left: Beth Woods, Tania Marshall, Jo Bender and Josette Moffatt



Seasons greetings from the Miles Show Society

Hello again. The year is almost over. Christmas is just around the corner. As usual, I am not organized. Maybe next year!! Speaking of Christmas, it is time for that special cooking. Do you make an exceptional rich dark fruit cake? If so, did you/ would you consider making an extra one (20cm Square) and putting it away to mature for the show. It needs to be a 250gms mix with currants, chopped sultanas, raisins, cherries, nuts etc. optional BUT NO prunes or figs. If you win first prize at our show, you are entitled to compete at regional level with a 25cm square cake (500gms mix). The successful regional winner is then entitled to compete in the Exhibition with another 25cm square cake – a great achievement to win. An expensive exercise I admit, but there are many local show society chapters that are represented. If you are interested, you need to notify at the time of entry so that the appropriate paperwork can be prepared. How are your investigations and experiences with the Monte Carlo biscuits progressing? I am sure you are all capable of producing a fantastic tasting product, but this is more than that! What am I looking for?? I hope to see a big representation from our budding young gardeners. Have you tried growing a pea or bean seed in a jar yet? It can be quite fun watching the leaves and roots emerge. After the show, or if your practice one becomes ungainly in the jar, it can be transferred to the garden and you might find yourself with your own home grown produce. It would be wonderful to see more entries from the junior community members in all pavilion sections. We had some beautiful items presented in the Handcraft section this year. It is great to see that some of the older more intricate crafts are still being practiced. The trend seems to be away from sewing as in clothing and there are many wonderful crafts and needlework skills that can be applied to accessories and soft furnishings to make you the proud owner/exhibitor of a statement piece. "Handicraft" allows such a variation in skills. I am sure that there is something there for most of us. The proposed schedules are on our Website under Pavilion Notes. I do hope that having these early is helpful. Not having class prizes this year was a difficult but necessary decision to make and I thank you all bearing with us and being loyal supporters. In 2018 the plan is to restore class prizes, but unfortunately these still come at a cost. In the overall running cost of the Show, the pavilion class prizes are not a moderate cost. Donations, sponsorship and class entries fees can only cover a minor part of these, so unfortunately though it will only reduce, not solve the problem, there will be an increase in the entry fees for Adults to \$2.00. Entry fees for juniors will remain at \$1.00 with prize money adjusted accordingly. Any sponsorship or donations are most welcome as Champion and Best Section Exhibits and Most Points per section and some categories still need to be covered. We have regular supporters who cover some of these and thank them sincerely. If you feel that you can assist, please contact me and I will let you know which areas are in need. We would like to be able to publish sponsor/donor names in the official schedules so would appreciate this being dealt with as soon as possible. Meanwhile please have yourselves very happy and safe Christmas and New Year celebrations Till next time, Elaine.

The Lions Club of Miles Trash & Treasure 2018 is back and we want your help!

We are collecting unwanted items to sell at our Trash and Treasure 2018 (date to be advised). Any donation is greatly appreciated as the funds from the sale of items do go back towards the community. As Christmas is around the corner many people are clearing to make room for more. We can arrange pick up of goods!!! Contact Sue Large 0458777668 to arrange the collections of goods!

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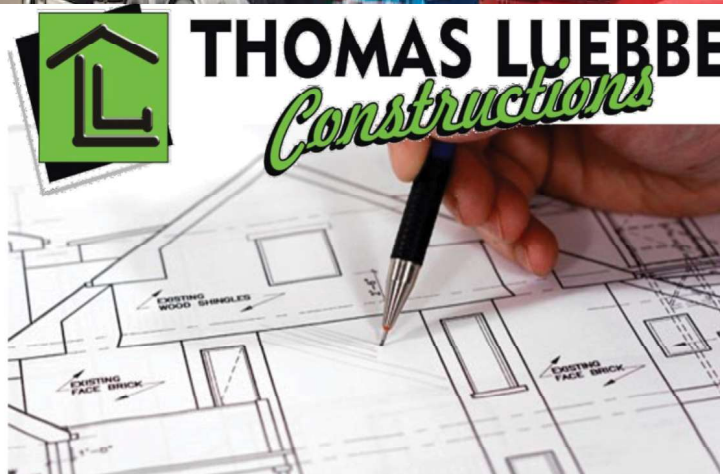
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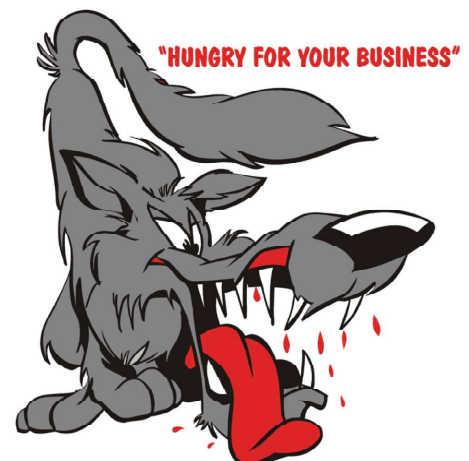
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Miles and District Chamber of Commerce, 2017 in review

Miles District Chamber of Commerce and Community is committed to supporting business and community in our area.

We welcome new members and encourage you to become involved in Chamber if you are interested.

LOOKING BACK! Some of the achievements of Chamber in the recent past with activation, delivery and planning around the following:

1. Live Local: • Miles Community Investment Plan- with close to 4 million dollars' worth of projects or initiatives that have been or are in the pipe line:

a. Anzac Park upgrade project with funding secured through Council and Origin Energy (Stage 2 to commence shortly)

b. Miles Welcomes You Project- paper collateral (brochure, magnets, banners and 2 events held)

c. Tourism (leveraging the)-

- Review, Strategic Development and Marketing of the Miles Festival "Miles Back to the Bush Festival" + Concept development and seed funding for the "Great Artesian Basin and Coal Seam Gas Interpretation Centre" at the Miles Historical Village Museum

d. Young Entrepreneurs Legacy- supporting and leveraging funds for the Mobile Pizza Oven for the Miles High School Students

• Partnership meetings and discussions with Council and Origin regarding camp closures- Chamber has played a critical leadership role in the Condabri Camp closure (late December 2017)

• Christmas Street Carnival- hosted every year by Chamber in Anzac Park

2. Buy Local

• Providing critical feedback into the "Local Buy" portal for Origin

• The Miles Money initiative- encouraging local shopping in the lead up to Christmas

• Business After Hours- with 2 events held in recent months and enjoyed by those that attended

• Discussions that have leveraged increased stay rate conversions in our towns accommodations (hotels; motels)

3. Employ Local

• Advocating for outcomes that have long term potential to shift positive outcomes in the space of employing local ie. with major companies

4. Education and Training

• Membership with Chambers of Commerce & Industry Queensland (CCIQ)- an initiative funded by QGC. Members of Miles Chamber become an automatic member of CCIQ at present and can access support, advice and training opportunities

• Delivery of a number of workshops with CCIQ locally in Miles for businesses

• Where and if required; supporting and building partnerships that leverage projects, activities and outcomes for education and training

MOVING FORWARD: Some of the anticipated focus areas for Chamber in the next 12 months include:

1. Live Local: • Miles Community Investment Plan- finalise projects and review the plan for future project delivery

a. Anzac Park upgrade – finalisation of Park catering Facilities (namely Miles Driver Reviver) and open space construction by Council, delivery of the World War interpretation panels/ stories (being undertaken by Miles & District Historical Society) Visit what remains to be achieved in this space

b. Miles Welcomes You Project- create a digital platform to support the paper collateral & host another couple of Miles Welcomes You events

c. Young Entrepreneurs & Youth- investigating what activities/ projects would be beneficial

d. Tourism- work with Council and businesses to strengthen product and overnight stays in our towns

• Christmas Street Carnival

2. Buy Local

• Continue to feed into the "Local Buy" portal for Origin and other major proponents

• The Miles Money initiative- if supported in 2017, this may continue in 2018

• Business After Hours- host more of these if businesses are interested in participating

3. Employ Local

• Advocating for outcomes that have long term potential to shift positive outcomes in the space of employing local ie. with major companies; Freight Hub concept; renewable energy projects

4. Education and Training

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• Delivery of a number of workshops with CCIQ/State Development locally in Miles for businesses

• Where and if required; supporting and building partnerships that leverage projects, activities and outcomes for education and training

In closing the Miles District Commerce and community group wishes all a happy and safe Christmas Holiday.

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The Murilla Landcare Group Inc.
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Above: Road Warriors making a donation to the Murilla Community Centre



Above: Murilla Community Centre 25th Anniversary Celebration



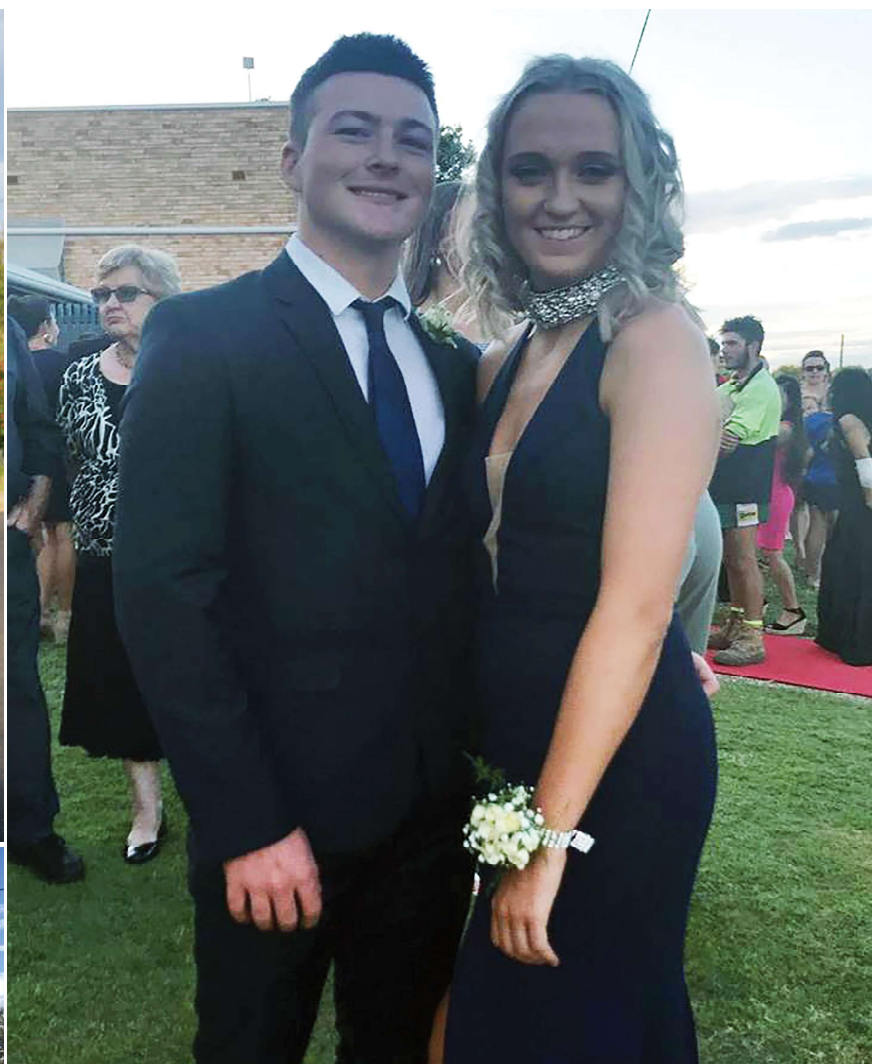
Above: Murilla Garden Group Meeting



Miles State High School Year 9 Students learning CPR



COMMUNITY SNAPS



Miles State High School Formal arrivals
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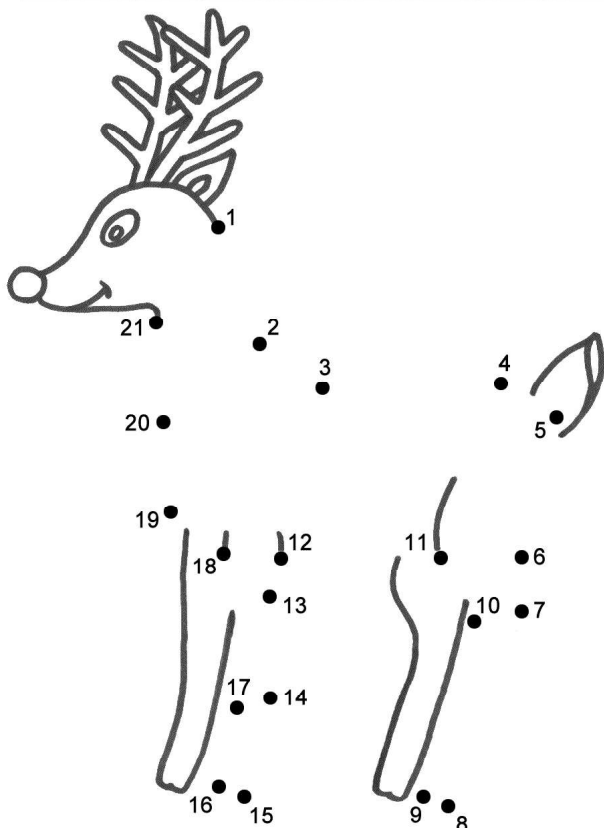


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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December

- 3** Mayoral Christmas Carols from 6pm @ Chinchilla Museum
- 6** Grosmont State School End of Year Break Up Evening from 6pm
- 7** Miles Christmas Street Carnival from 5.30pm @ Anzac Park Miles
- 8** Meandarra Community Christmas Festivity - Contact Stacey 0429332119 for info
- 8** QLD Public School holidays commence
- 9** Noonga Christmas Tree BBQ RSVP to Fiona Sinnamon on bifeakuna@gmail.com
- 9** St Luke's Markets, St Luke's Church Dawson St, Miles 8.30 - Noon
- 9** Noonga Community Christmas Tree from 6pm RSVP to 4627 6357
- 12** Bingo - Miles District Hospital Auxiliary 9am @Senior Citizens Room
- 16** Miles Twilight Carols from 6.30pm Miles Presbyterian Church

January / February

- 22** QLd Public School Term One starts
- 26** Australia Day - Public Holiday visit the WDRC website for information on Australia Day Celebrations happening in your region
- 26** Noonga Australia Day Celebration - more details to follow
- 30** John Mullins Memorial Art Gallery 18 November 2017 0 30 January 2018 Dogwood Crossing, Miles
- 3** Noonga Dance with music by Sound Elite contact Fiona for more info on bifeakuna@gmail.com
- 10** Miles Races 2018 Save the Date!
- 14** Valentines Day

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