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Local Production a Hit



Comedy conquers all...the 2016 local production of "Murder at the Music Hall" was a hilarious mix of murder, mayhem and music.

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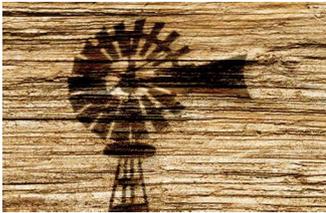
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RURAL FAMILY SUPPORT

Landholder rights strengthened, but critical farm infrastructure excluded

Recently the Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, the Hon. Anthony Lynham announced changes to legislation that streamlined land access provisions that protect the right of farmers, landholders and local communities to lodge an objection against a proposed mining development.

The changes to Queensland's restricted land framework will now include all types of resources including petroleum and gas development, whereas previously it was only applied to coal and mineral mining.

The Queensland Farmers' Federation (QFF) welcome this addition, however remains unsatisfied with the continued exclusion of farmers' essential infrastructure.

Under the legislation a restricted land area can be established around buildings such as homes, hospitals and child care centres, providing landholders the right to say no to any authorised resource activities within 200 metres.

Protection zones around selected agricultural assets, allowing landholders to say 'no' to resource activities within 50 metres of

some critical infrastructure such as principal stockyards, bores and dams are also included.

QFF President Stuart Armitage stated that QFF does not believe that the changes and restricted land areas went far enough to provide protection to all critical farming infrastructure.

"QFF was disappointed that the provisions in s68(1)(a) - pertaining to 'restricted land' in the Mineral and Other Legislation Amendment (MOLA) Bill 2016 were not extended to include critical farm infrastructure."

"In its submission, QFF recommended that farm infrastructure such as irrigation channels and drains; other on-farm management infrastructure for controlling surface water flows including contour banks, graded banks, levees and land which has been subject to 'laser levelling'; hydroponic facilities and other intensive horticultural buildings; and land-uses such as vineyards and orchards, should all be included in the provisions for protected status."

"QFF again calls on the Minister to ensure farmers receive the same rights to protect their investments in irrigation and similar infrastructure on farm."

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Dalby hosts Australia's biggest Drone Industry Forum

In September, Dalby transformed into a drone enthusiast's dream when over 350 people converged on the Showgrounds Pavilion for the very first Drone Industry Forum held in the Western Downs and the biggest in Australia.

Showcasing the latest innovations in Unmanned Aircraft Vehicle technology, attendees were treated to a stellar line-up of guest speakers including 2015 Business Woman of the Year Dr Catherine Ball who kicked-off proceedings looking at the future potential of drones.

With speakers, topics and exhibitors covering a wide range of industries, uses, and interests the Forum embraced Australia's growing thirst for future technologies and how our region's various sectors are not only welcoming innovation but leading the charge in developing innovative ways to do business and provide services.

For more information on the Dalby Drone Industry Forum visit www.wdrc.qld.gov.au.

The Forum was proudly hosted by Western Downs Regional Council, in conjunction with the UAV Challenge, and in partnership with the Queensland Department of State Development and Regional Development Australia.



Turning the drone opportunity into reality at the Dalby Drone Industry Forum

News In Brief

NEW DALBY SKATE PARK A BIG HIT

The Dalby Diplock Skate Park came alive with Riders, Skaters and families on Friday 21 October for a great afternoon of fun and entertainment as Dalby's Pro BMX Rider Josh Fountain led a Skate sesh for the official reopening of the upgraded Park. With a new look, and new ramps to try out with some new tricks, the park is now a more safe and fun active space to skate, ride and come together. Check out the new Dalby Skate Park today!

NOVEMBER IS ASBESTOS AWARENESS MONTH

In the lead-up to Asbestos Awareness Day on Friday 28 November, we're encouraging all homeowners, renovators, tradies and handymen to 'Get to kNOw Asbestos this NOvember'. If you're planning on doing some renovations or DIY it's important to be aware of how to safely manage asbestos in and around the home. For more information on how to protect yourself and your family from exposure to dangerous asbestos fibres visit www.asbestosawareness.com.au.

GET READY FOR BUSHFIRE AND STORM SEASON

The recent severe weather and damaging storms across Australia are a timely reminder to us all to 'Get Ready' now for bushfire and storm season by preparing our families and properties for any emergency or disaster situation. You can take a few simple steps to prepare by ensuring you have an Emergency Plan and Evacuation Kit in place; cleaning your yard and roof gutters; and subscribing to Council's email and SMS Emergency Alerts. Visit our Disaster Management pages at www.wdrc.qld.gov.au.

ARRIVAL SAILS INTO DOGWOOD CROSSING, MILES

Local artist Darryn Campbell returns to Dogwood Crossing, Miles with his fourth instalment of his 'Ships of Light' series, *Amarna whitestar Arrival*, which recently opened at the John Mullins Memorial Art Gallery. Visitors to the exhibition, which runs until Tuesday 13 December, will be captivated and transported to the Amarna period of Ancient Egypt (1333 BC) exploring the interesting life and reign of the famous Ancient Egyptian Pharaoh Akhenaten. For more information call Dogwood Crossing, Miles on **07 4628 5330** John Mullins Memorial Art Gallery proudly sponsored by Murilla Hardware Supplies.

JOIN THE CREATIVE CLOUD AT THE LIBRARIES

Students, creators, designers, small businesses and interested residents are now able to access the full Adobe Creative Cloud Suite at their local Western Downs Libraries branch. If you have a project at work, school or even some holiday snaps you would like to edit, Library members can borrow the full Suite, with Photoshop, InDesign, and Acrobat, for a period of two or four weeks. For more information on this incredible resource visit www.westerndownslibraries.com.

DOES YOUR POOL FENCE MEASURE UP?

All Queensland swimming pools, spas and portable pools that can be filled to a depth of 300mm and have a volume of more than 2,000 litres are required to meet the single swimming pool barrier standard. To make sure your pool meets the current safety standard visit the Queensland Building and Construction Commission's website www.qbcc.qld.gov.au/home-building-owners/pool-safety/does-your-pool-comply.

COMBAT MOZZIES THIS SUMMER

There's nothing worse than an unwanted house guest, especially when they have an annoying habit of buzzing around and sucking you dry. Avoid becoming a mozzie meal this summer by regularly checking for water build-ups around your home and yard, cleaning roof gutters, maintaining garden beds, and frequently changing the water in birdbaths and fishponds. For more helpful tips visit www.wdrc.info/pest-management.

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 Meetings of Council will be held at the Tara Customer Service Centre at 9.30am on Wednesday 16 November.

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Download Monthly Update

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



Western Downs Planning Scheme Update

Thank you to all our residents and local businesses across the region who participated in the public consultation for the Amended Draft Western Downs Planning Scheme (WDPS) and Western Downs Regional Council Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP) by attending our Community Q & A Forums or submitting a properly made submission.

Council will now start the process of reviewing all submissions received and formally respond to submitters.

Keep an eye on Council's website and social media pages for updates on the WDPS and LGIP.



AUSTRALIA DAY 2017 NOMINATIONS

Each year the achievements and contributions of inspiring local people and organisations are recognised at official Australia Day Awards Ceremonies held across the Western Downs on 26 January.

Western Downs Regional Council are now calling for people to nominate their local heroes, community groups, sporting legends, and events for the **2017 Australia Day Awards**.

So, if you know someone who goes above and beyond in their local community nominate them now!

Nominations close at 5pm on Tuesday 29 November 2016.

Nomination forms are available at all Customer Service Centres, Western Downs Libraries, and from Council's website www.wdrc.qld.gov.au.

For more information call **1300 COUNCIL**.



Councillor Spotlight

I'm excited to be writing my very first Councillor Spotlight as your new Spokesperson for Community and Cultural Development, and I look forward to working as part of the team of Councillors to ensure vibrant and supportive community and liveability outcomes for our great region.

I'd like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the things I've learned since being elected as your Councillor.

Exemplifying our strong community spirit, I've come to realise that the Western Downs has a very strong cultural heritage and pride in who we are.

There are a huge number of diverse and unique events and talents across our whole region. Over the past few months I've been privileged to have had the opportunity to participate in and attend: the amazing Jandowae Timbertown Festival; the vibrant Dalby Delicious and DeLIGHTful Festival; the diverse Miles Beef, Bells and Bottletrees Festival; and the artistic Tara Bloomin' Creative Showcase. Not to mention the many wonderful races, polocrosse, rodeos, camp drafts, sporting events, concerts, theatre restaurants, library activities and leisure events always happening across our region.

Our communities are also starting to gear up for the Festive Season with our local community groups starting their preparations for the Christmas Street Parties and Carols by Candlelight, which I'm looking forward to celebrating with my family and friends.

Our dedicated community groups continue to inspire me every day and I appreciate just how involved and innovative they are in continuing to bring joy to our residents and visitors. With many great community and cultural events year-round I encourage everyone to support the volunteers who give their time and hearts into delivering these wonderful events.



Cr Kaye Maguire

Spokesperson for Community and Cultural Development

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Planning Applications

NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED - SEPTEMBER 2016

Received	Address	DA Approval Type Sought
2/09/2016	Cunningham Street, Dalby	R2E MCU & ROL - 3 year extension (Multiple Occupancy - 44 Dwelling Units, Activities Building, Office & 1 Lot into 12 Lots)
5/09/2016	25-31 Daisy and 76, 80, 86, 90, 94 & 98 Dawson Streets, Miles	R2C OW - Change Conditions
12/09/2016	168 Sturgess-Baking Board Road, Baking Board	MCU & ROL - Public Utility (Solar Farm) & Dividing Land into Parts by Agreement
13/09/2016	River Road, Nandi	MCU - Public Utility (Telecommunications Facility)
15/09/2016	83 & 87 Oak Street, Chinchilla	MCU - Undefined Use (Short-term Accommodation) & Catering Premises & Multiple Dwelling (27 Existing Dwelling Units)
16/09/2016	226 Aerodrome Road, Chinchilla	MCU - Storage Facility (Chinchilla Works Depot)
22/09/2016	79-87 Loudoun Street, Dalby	MCU - Service Station (24hr Unmanned Truck Refuelling Facility)
27/09/2016	456 Inverai-Belah Road & 2061 Inverai Road, Tuckerang	ROL - Boundary Realignment (2 Lots into 2 Lots)
27/09/2016	97 Blaxland South Road, Dalby	ROL - Lease up to 40 years

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MCU = Material Change of Use ROL = Reconfigure a Lot OW = Operational Works
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Student-led Collective Bursts Onto Publishing Scene With Inclusive YA Novella

In an Australian-first, local student, Lorae Harbottle-Purs, is taking part in a student collective to both edit and publish a Young Adults novella by Australian author K.J. Taylor.

Based in Miles, Lorae is undertaking a Master of Arts (MSTA) in Editing and Publishing, offered remotely through the University of Southern Queensland. The Black Phoenix Publishing Collective was developed to give these students' the opportunity to apply their acquired knowledge from the MSTA to take a real manuscript, in this case K.J. Taylor's fantasy novella *The Price of Magic*, from assessment through editing to production and publication as a student collective.

The Price of Magic is uniquely suited for promotion as part of Mental Health Month. In the world of *The Price of Magic*, only those born with defects or deformities can wield magic. Taylor's storyline is one that celebrates difference, and one she hopes "will help to inspire people dealing with depression, as well as anxiety, physical disability, and terminal illness"

The book is due for print and digital release on 3 Dec on Amazon.com.

For more information about this book or the collective, get in touch with Black Phoenix Publishing Collective at Dallas.Baker@usq.edu.au.

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Murder and Mayhem in Local Theatre Romp

The Leichhardt Hall became a crime scene when "Murder at the Music Hall" lit up the stage. Presented by the Miles Regional Arts Council and directed by Sally Presnell "Murder at the Music Hall" proved to be great entertainment with laughs all round.

Taking place at an old time Music Hall, with all its verve and sparkle, under the genial eye of the garrulous Chairman and overseen by mobbed up Music Hall owner Big Lil. Suddenly, at one of the tables, much to the surprise of those around him, an audience member dropped dead! Then – surprise – an amazing number of witnesses, detectives and suspects just happen to be sitting at various tables, disguised as ordinary dinner guests.

With the help of audience goers and interspersed with classic Music Hall entertainment (including a memorable appearance by a very recognisable 'Hairy Godmother') it was soon discovered whodunit, with surprising results.

Presented over two huge weekends the show, with an all local cast, was a hit.



Next up on the cultural calendar is the never popular annual "Miles Covers...", where locals have a chance to get up on stage and cover their favourite songs. This years theme is the British Invasion so we can all look forward to tunes from classics such as The Rolling Stones, Eric Clapton and Queen all the way through to modern British acts.

Everyone is invited to perform so warm up your pipes, pick your favourite British singers and join in the fun. If you want to join in, contact the Miles Regional Arts Council via their Facebook page or simply show up on the night, ready to perform.

"Miles Covers...the British Invasion" will be held on the 19th November 2016 at the Leichhardt Hall.



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Murilla Community Centre Inc. Annual General Meeting

On Tuesday 18th October the Murilla Community Center held it's Annual General Meeting which included guest speaker, Mr John Reeve.

A detailed report on the activities of the Centre over the past financial year was presented by Centre Manager, Cecily Brockhurst, the Chairmans Report was presented by Noreen Bourne, on behalf of Chairman Andrew Smith, the financials were presented and a new committee was elected.

The committee for the coming 2016/17 year are as follows:

Chairperson - Cr Andrew Smith

Vice President - Noreen Bourne

Secretary - Jan Mulholland

Treasurer - Bill Oram

Committee Members - Melody Rynne, David Uebergang, Aschleigh Perring, Mary Cook, Ben Wiltshire, Jo Robertson, George Moore, Cecily Brockhurst.

Attendees were also regaled with interesting stories from guest speaking John Reeve.

John has had a long career within the department of Primary Industries in Queensland. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Science and a Master's degree in Environmental Management.

John's career has spanned several industries with John taking on roles such as a dairy husbandry officer, buffalo exportation and a Farm Financial Counsellor. While undertaking the Farm Financial Counsellor role John found himself in the middle of a rural crisis. He worked in that role for more than a decade and during that period made a huge impact, on other professionals, banks and most importantly farmers. He corroborated with like professionals overseas and was involved in several international interchanges with Canada and the USA.

Along with John's interesting and informative stories attendees were also treated to an entertaining performance by John on the banjo.



Murilla Community Centre Inc. Chairmans Report

2016 has been another challenging year for our Community Centre, although we have seen a positive weather break, the ongoing challenges in our rural community certainly don't disappear with a change in season.



However with this in mind, we need to look at the background statement from our strategic plan, which states, "The Murilla Community Centre Inc. aims to strengthen and empower people through the timely delivery of supportive services and innovative programs that respond to social and human issues". So, we support, we innovate and we respond. That's the role the Murilla Community Centre performs in this amazing community in its delivery of support services.

To that end, I want to thank our Centre Manager Cecily Brockhurst. Her energy is endless, her determination and commitment an inspiration, and her dedicated and loyal staff, all 68 of them across every service we provide, for their efforts throughout the past 12 months, it can be a really tough gig at times I am sure.

Once again we have wonderful partners who provide fantastic support to the centre and with us make the world go round, from Qld Health and local organisations to our funding bodies in the relevant State Government departments, and not forgetting those that through social conscience and generosity make donations, I thank you very much.

I am fortunate to represent a wonderful committee, a group of diversified members of our community who care. In an ever changing world where the responsibility of committees have become far greater than ever, we are very fortunate to be able to gather such a group.

Thank you again for your efforts.
Cr Andrew Smith

Miles & District Chamber of Commerce invites friends and family to the Annual



Entertainment

Santa arrives 7pm

Photos with Santa

Market Stalls

Food & Bar

and more...



Christmas STREET CARNIVAL

Thursday 8th December

From 5pm

Anzac Park, Miles

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Miles and District Chamber of Commerce Update

The Chamber had its AGM recently and a new committee was elected with a blend of old and new. It includes:

- Chair - John Hoffman
- Vice-Chair - Terese Stewart
- Treasurer - Mitchell Goodchild
- Secretary - Scott Cawley.

It is great to see new faces on the committee and also attending Chamber meetings to discuss the community's issues.

As in the case of many small communities many faces appear in many different activities! Particular thanks to Glen Strandquist and Rachel Kerwick who have stepped down from their roles for a breather and recharge and Helen Thomas who has taken a step back from many years planning and rolling out the Christmas Street Carnival.

Some of the priority actions the Chamber is working on:

- Partnering with the local Council for the upgrade of Anzac Park and surrounds. This was identified from a past community consultation. We are driving towards having the park ready for the Christmas Street Carnival. Thanks to Kylie Bourne in driving this and some of the other initiatives in the Community Plan.

- Engaging with Origin Energy to get many of its employees back into town so that monies are spent with local businesses and so that it may also be made more attractive to their workers with families so that the community and its schools can benefit. David Sweetapple has led the way with John and Rachel in engaging with senior Origin management. They have had the support of the local member Anne Leahy. One of the challenges that the community has in supporting this drive is to market Miles, Drillham, Condamine and district as interesting and welcoming as possible. This can be done individually or sporting clubs, arts council or other interests like fishing & restocking etc. Chamber has its most pressing priority is working towards the development of an active and current information packaging to do this profiling.

- The Chamber has also been targeting

resource companies to increase their spending in local businesses either through purchases or contracts. This is being done most recently with Origin but needs to occur with all resource companies and the Chamber is looking for support in this area from Council.

- Supporting a Buy Local campaign instigated by Son and Thuy at Foodworks with their "I Love Miles". Lets try to spend our money in Miles in existing and new businesses. That is not those 'other people' that are doing it, it's the 'you and I's' that need to do it - buying our food, clothing, hardware, electrical appliances & haircuts in Miles.

Over the next few months the chamber will be reviewing its priorities for the next year via further discussions with new and existing businesses and the community. A special welcome to the four new businesses that have started in Miles in the last few months. See if you can identify them after you read this article.

See you all at the Christmas Street Carnival!



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COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS



Congratulations to Steve Baxter & Alice Baxter (nee McDonald) on their wedding held Saturday 1st October 2016.



Best wishes to Mrs Janet Officer who celebrated her 90th birthday at her home "Warrawee" with friends and family on Saturday 22 October 2016.



Congratulations to Ted & Adele Andrews who will celebrate their 60th (Diamond) Wedding Anniversary on November 17th 2016.



Congratulations to Andrea and Col Wotton on their 60th (Diamond) Wedding Anniversary.



Best wishes to Mrs Gladys Embery who celebrated her 90th birthday with family on Saturday 22 October 2016 and with friends and the community at a morning tea on Monday 24th October 2016.



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Carer-Friendly Business Wins State Award

The Great Employer Award recognises a business that employs a carer, and it is the carer who usually nominates them. The business provides flexible working arrangements, supports alternative work arrangements and has established policies or practices in place to support staff to balance work and the caring role.

This year's winning business demonstrates just how this is done, and the immense impact it can have on the quality of an employee's life and that of his family. Miles carer Guy Hussey-Smith, who cares for his son who has Cerebral Palsy, nominated his employer Chris Erwin from the Miles Outback Motel for the support he has been shown, enabling him to balance work with his caring responsibilities.



Award winner Chris Erwin with wife Kate and children.

Guy says: "Chris is extremely flexible when it comes to helping me to balance my work with my duties at home caring for my son. I get time off for medical appointments, and, when emergencies have inevitably arisen, he's granted me advances on my wages to help us out in tough times. Not only that, he paid for me to do a TAFE qualification, finds me extra jobs where necessary, and was generous enough to support our local school to fund-raise for a stair climber so that my son can access the music room at school."

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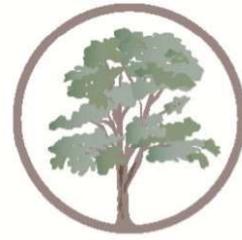
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Ground broken on significant infrastructure projects at Miles Hospital

Work has started on a number of significant infrastructure projects at the Miles Hospital.

The projects, worth \$2.6 million, will see the town's private general practice medical centre, currently located in Pine Street, moved to the hospital site and the construction of purpose-built staff accommodation.



A building already located at the hospital is currently being refurbished to accommodate the general practice, while a site has been cleared for construction to start on the new staff accommodation.



Miles Hospital Director of Nursing Aschleigh Perring said the start of work had created a buzz amongst staff and the community.

"With work now underway on these two significant projects, people are starting to see how the hospital campus will change and lead to service improvements," Mr Perring said.

Pictured above: Artists impression of the completed hospital works

The refurbished building will not only house the GP clinic, it will also incorporate new allied health rooms and the existing dental clinic.

"Once completed, the building will be a primary health 'hub' where patients can attend a variety of different health-related appointments, and they are close to the hospital if further treatments, such as x-rays, are required," Mr Perring said.



Pictured above: Artists impression of the accommodation buildings

"The new staff accommodation will also be a draw-card for clinicians visiting the Western Downs with eight modern, self-contained units to be constructed."

Work on the projects is expected to be completed by the end of 2016.

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LANDCARE NEWS

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 7:00pm: Guest Speaker
 ANNE LEAHY M.P. – MEMBER FOR WARREGO



RSVP: 18th November 2016
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In conjunction with the Qld Murray Darling Committee and as part of the Rethink Regional Rubbish Project, Murilla Landcare is proud to announce that the latest of our approved CleanUp Activities will take place in November 2016.



IF YOU ALSO FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT MAINTAINING THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF OUR LOCAL ROADSIDES, PLEASE CONTACT US TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY!



Early morning, Saturday, 12th November 2016

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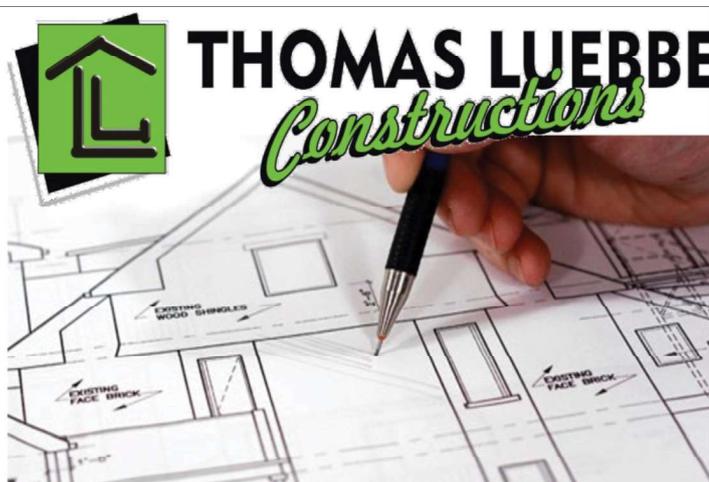
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DIARY OF A WWII SOLDIER

Sargent Alexander Raymond Gee left Papakura Camp (New Zealand) on 26th August 1940 with the Third Echelon. They sailed from Wellington on the "Empress of Japan" on 28th August 1940. What follows is his diary that chronicles his war time experience.

Part 3

I can see the crowd at the gates and also a small crowd on the wharf on the other side of the ship, and hop over from time to time hoping the Frank would show up. I also give a mighty call in case he is in the crowd, as they are too far away to pick anybody out.

Shortly before lunch a tremendous uproar from the railway yards indicate another train, the last, and it is soon alongside and men are pouring on board. It is lunchtime and I have found the Sergeants Mess. It looks pretty good and the menu OK. Lord, there is a Chinese waiter at each elbow, seems to be hordes of them, however my appetite is not great.

I am disappointed at not seeing Frank but being ever hopeful hasten back to my possie on the bow. A chap below thinks the crowd will be let onto the wharf as soon as everybody is on board. As a last resort I call out to a chap on the wharf if he will ring up for me. He says he will so I scribble a note on an envelope and put some money in it and toss it down. I doubt whether the chap will be able to find the number and whether Frank would be there if he did get through.

About one o'clock the gates are opened and down come the crowd. I scan them hopefully as they flock down, and call out but there is no sign of anyone. They are packed right down to the end of the wharf, surely I can't have missed him. Ropes are being tossed off and I'm not feeling too happy but hooray! There he is! That leap of my emotions gave vent in a mighty whoop. No wonder he nearly dropped in his tracks. He tells me he got the phone message, rang Les and dashed down. I will be eternally grateful to that chap who made the call for me.

We yell out to one another, and then with no appearance of Les and knowing how fast he will be travelling, I get worried but thank God here he comes with Philip. It is good to see them. I am glad I have stuck to my position against the rail as the troops are packed all around and extend right up the rigging. I have to shout at the top of my voice to be heard and have difficulty hearing them, however the chappies alongside me are most helpful. Les throws up two pennies and one of these is brought to me by one of the chaps.



Well here we go, she is moving and we are really off. Moving out stern first, we renew our cries of farewell. Les, Frank and Philip move along the wharf below me and are soon in the thick of the crowd. It doesn't do to take ones eye off them as it is very difficult to pick them out again. This scene is likely to remain ever vivid in my memory, as the crowd grows dimmer and faces fade out I can still see Les' hat waving over the crowd. Quite a number of people have coloured streamers and these can still be seen when we are well away from the wharf. With the wind helping, the boat swings round and is soon moving down the harbour, but to our surprise we swing round into the wind and drop anchor. Few tarry up on deck, it is pretty cold and a general inspection of the boat is made.

Continued in next month's Community Newsletter...

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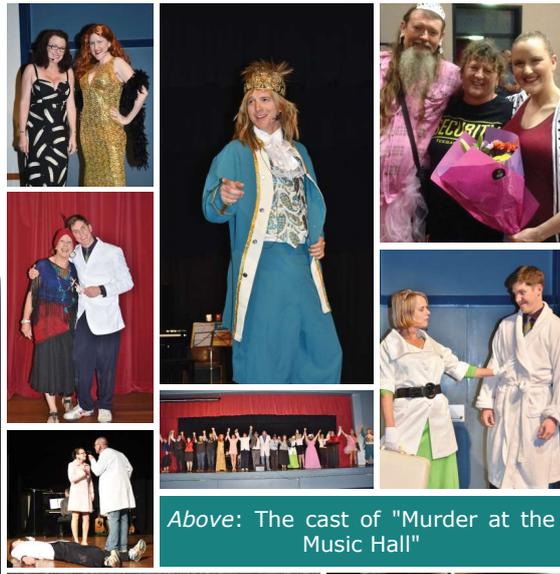
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COMMUNITY SNAPS



Above: The ladies from "Find Ur Wings" celebrate the end of a successful 12 week program
 Below and right: Miles Devils Presentation Night - 8 October 2016



Above: The cast of "Murder at the Music Hall"



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NEW YEARS EVE

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Combined Churches Prayer Meeting

The first Combined Churches prayer meeting was held Saturday 8th of October.

Thank you to the Miles Library who made their room available for this event and all following meetings. Three churches attended including the Presbyterian Church, Catholic Church and C.O.C. Church.

Meetings will be held on the 1st Saturday of each month at 2pm until 3:30pm. All are encouraged and most welcome to attend. For further inquiries please contact Dell Gray: 0448 815 633.

National Aboriginal Birth Certificate Program

Free Birth Certificate and free birth registration for Aboriginal young people who are preparing to attend pre-school, primary or secondary school or transitioning from school to the workforce or further education.

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- The meaning of dementia
- Effective management strategies
- Responding to changed behaviour
- Person centred approaches

**Thursday,
November 10th
9am-11am
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- Learn about good brain health

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WHEN: Saturday December 3rd at 6pm

WHERE: Wandoan Cultural Centre

DINNER: Dinner and drinks package included in ticket price (full bar service also available)

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Greg Ritchie is a former state and international Cricketer who played in almost 100 games for QLD and represented Australia in 30 international test matches and 44 ODI's. Greg scored over 10,170 runs in his first class cricket career and was named as one of the greatest QLD batsmen in Sheffield Shield history amassing over 6000 runs for his state. With a career in media covering everything from sports commentary, radio host and The Footy Show, Greg is considered one of Australia's best keynote speakers and is well known for his comedic anecdotes.

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NOONGA NOTES

With support from the Maranoa Regional Council, the group of Noonga Youths were able to tear around the bush surrounds of the Noonga grounds and participate in hours of laser skirmish. Every so often they would re-appear, sporting healthy glows and refilled on refreshments before going off in the dark again.

However not only did the youth have a good time, parents were also having a great time in the hall playing table tennis. Several rounds were able to be played until the skirmish mob appeared and they still had the energy to partake in a lively game.



Winners on the night were Henry Sinnamon, Lawton Elliott, Tom York and Cory Leahy.

Graduation
 Congratulations to Clancy Sinnamon on graduating from Bond University with a Bachelor of Film and Television

New Years Eve Fair
 Plans are underway and funding is being sort to enable the Noonga Community Association to once again provide a venue and entertainment for families to welcome in the New Year.

Further details in the next Noonga Notes, but keep the date free.



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Fourth Saturday of the month
7am - 12 noon
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Chinchilla Markets

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Taroom Markets

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Second Sunday of the month
8am - 12 noon
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Annual Markets
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December



Church Services

Catholic Church - Miles

Cnr Dawson & Edith Sts
1st Sunday 8:00am
2nd Saturday 6:30pm
3rd Sunday 6:30pm
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Lutheran Church - Miles

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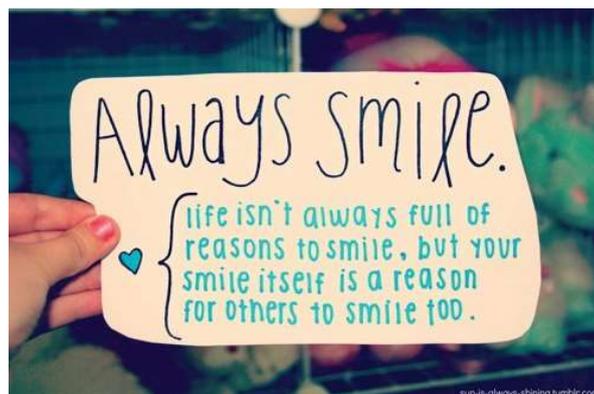
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Trivia Answers

- Five (Australia is the sixth largest country: Russia, Canada, China, USA, Brazil)
- Queensland
- Fraser Island
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Miles 4628 5629

Miles Health Service (Hospital)

Miles 4628 5600

Miles Historical Society

Miles 4627 1492

Miles Home & Community Care

Miles 4628 5628

Miles Medical Centre

Miles 4627 1388

St Vincent De Paul

Miles 0428 194 267

Murilla Fitness Centre

Miles 4627 2157

Murilla Respite & In Home Community Care

Miles 4627 2027

Polocrosse

Wandoan 4628 2284

QCWA

Miles 4627 1774

Condamine 4665 6119

Qld Health Dentist

Miles 4628 5687

Regional Arts Council

Miles 4627 1707

Wandoan 4627 5039

Rugby League

Miles Jr 0418 677 634

Miles Sr 0427 620 144

Wandoan 0409 059 845

Rugby Union

Condamine 0439 275 794

Senior Citizens Club

Miles 4627 1427

Show Society

Miles 46277276

Wandoan 0448 274 387

Sports Clubs

Dulacca 0429 701 931

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Miles 4627 1503

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Drs Surgery 4628 9942

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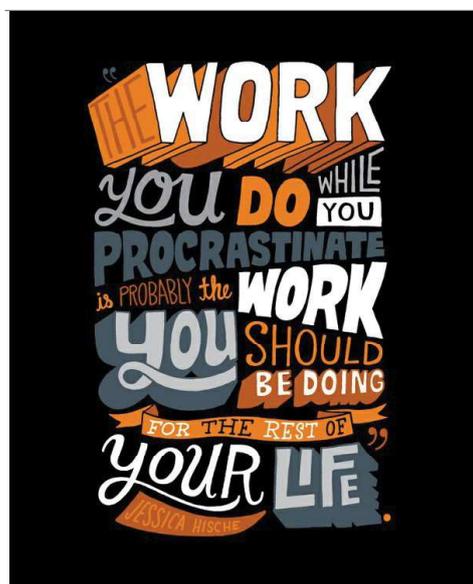
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13 11 14



Classic Sudoku

Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear exactly once in each row, column and 3x3 box.

Answers on page 23

6			2		4	8		
2						3		9
	5							
					6			
4	6			1			9	3
9	8			4	7			
8							1	
				6	2			
	7			3	5		4	

Australian Animals Boggler Puzzle

How many words of 3 letters or more can you find using the letters below? Words are formed from adjoining letters. Letters must join in the proper sequence to spell a word and may join horizontally, vertically, or diagonally, to the left, right, or up-and-down. No letter square, however, may be used more than once within a single word. You may use plurals if available. Score 1 point for each 3 letter word, 2 points for 4 letter words, 3 points for 5 letter words and so on. Score an extra 2 points for each Australian animal you discover!

P	L	U	M
T	A	S	E
Y	P	U	A
K	O	A	L

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Australian Trivia

1. How many countries are larger than Australia?
2. In what state/territory was the highest recorded temperature, of 53°C, recorded?
3. Australia has the world's largest sand island. What is its name?
4. In what year was Advance Australia Fair proclaimed as the national anthem by the Governor-General?
5. Do all states/territories have the same blood alcohol limit for non-probationary drivers?
6. What animal is on the Western Australia flag?
7. In what city did the Commonwealth Parliament first sit?
8. What animal featured on the 2 cent coin?
9. Who is the only person to have been awarded both the Australian of the Year and Young Australian of the Year titles?
10. Who is on the front of the current issue \$100 note?

Answers on page 23



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COMMUNITY CALENDER

November



- 1** Wandoan Community Cup Day - Wandoan Showgrounds
- 8** Toddler Tuesday @ Dogwood Crossing / Miles Library - Arrival Bookings Essential
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- 8** Hannaford Rose & Geranium Club Xmas Breakup hannafordrg64@gmail.com
- 8** Miles Hospital Auxiliary 9:30am @ the Senior Citizens Rooms
- 9** Miles Dogwood Crossing Mini Makers - Aliens Landing in Miles Bookings Essential
4628 5330
- 10** Dust of Uruzgan - presented by Miles Regional Arts Council Table Bookings
4628 5330
Tickets at the door - Leichhardt Hall, Miles
- 14** Toddler Tuesday @ Dogwood Crossing / Miles Library Bookings Essential
4628 5330
- Let's go on an Adventure
- 19** Miles Covers...British Invasion - Local artists performing Table Bookings
4628 5330
presented by Miles Regional Arts Council
- 19** Shaping Lives Dance Concert - Tara
- 20** Dulacca Annual Market Day, Dulacca Hall 8am to 12pm Contact Adele
4627 6045
- 25** Miles Hospital Auxiliary 9:30am @ the Senior Citizens Rooms
- 26** Dulacca Bush Beach Volleyball Family Fun Day 0429 701931
- 26** Shaping Lives Dance Concert - Miles
- 29** Nominations close for WDRC Australia Day Awards Contact Council for details

December



- 8** Miles Chamber of Commerce Christmas Street Carnival - from 5pm Anzac Park, Miles
- 13** Toddler Tuesday @ Dogwood Crossing / Miles Library - First Christmas Bookings Essential
4628 5330
- 13** Miles Hospital Auxiliary 9:30am @ the Senior Citizens Rooms, Miles
- 17** Dulacca Sports Club Inc. Trivia Night & Christmas Party ALL WELCOME
- 18** Carols by Candlelight - Miles Historical Village - from 6:30pm
- 18** Toddler Tuesday @ Dogwood Crossing / Miles Library - Creepy Crawlies Bookings Essential
4628 5330
- 22** Miles Hospital Auxiliary 9:30am @ the Senior Citizens Rooms, Miles
- 25** Christmas Day
- 26** Boxing Day (Public Holiday)
- 27** Christmas Public Holiday
- 31** New Years Eve Beach Party @ Miles Race Club - from 5:30pm
- 31** New Years Eve at Noonga - details to come

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