



# MURILLA COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMUNITY NEWS

DEVELOPING AND SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

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

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- Rural Financial Counsellor
- Community Development
- Miles NILS
- Agent for the Department of Human Services - Centrelink and Medicare
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- Outside School Hours Care
- Long Day Care Centre & Kindergarten
- The Den Youth Centre
- Broadband for Seniors
- TASC - Legal Support
- Housing Support Officer
- Lifeline Counsellor

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**Thank you to our dedicated volunteer  
Management Committee.**

**Thank you to our wonderful Respite  
volunteers.**



## MILES AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS STREET CARNIVAL



This year the Miles and District Chamber of Commerce Christmas Street Carnival will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014, from 5pm.

There is always a great array of local stalls, children's entertainment including Santa visiting around 7pm and pictures with Santa throughout the evening, in the Dogwood Crossing. The Chamber of Commerce, Gigantic Christmas Stocking (filled with goodies donated by local businesses) Raffle will be drawn, as well as the lucky attendance entry form to win generous fuel prizes.

All are welcome and the evening promises to be one filled with family entertainment and Christmas Cheer. Thank you to all who support and sponsor the event.



## WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES TO MILES

Welcome to Angela O'Connor who has established a Hand Therapy practice at the Miles Medical Centre beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014, see page 24. Also welcome to Sharna Griffin who is the new owner of Veronica May Beauty Salon, see page 19.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO WISH YOUR CUSTOMERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS?

Each Christmas we offer to all local businesses the opportunity to wish their customers a merry Christmas through our Miles based Community Newsletter. If you are interested please contact the Community Centre on **mccmcd@bigpond.com** or **4627 2027**.



# RURAL SUPPORT OFFICE

## FARM HOUSEHOLD ALLOWANCE - FHA

The FHA will replace the 'Interim Farm Household Allowance' as of the **1<sup>st</sup> July 2014**. From this date the payment can be made to a farmer or the partner of a farmer or be made to each member of the couple individually.

To ensure continuation of the assistance scheme, transitioning from interim to existing, all customers currently receiving the IFHA are required to apply for FHA a dedicated Farmer Assistance Line -

**13 23 16.**

Customers are encouraged to apply online by registering for online services at [www.departmentofhumanservices.gov.au](http://www.departmentofhumanservices.gov.au) for the FHA but paper forms are available at the Murilla Community Centre.

The FHA provides eligible farmers and their partners (both can apply) assistance and support to help meet their basic household needs.

Customers will need to undertake long term financial activities to assist them improving their financial situation. These activities will be outlined in a Financial Improvement Agreement developed by the customer's Farm Household Case Officer from the Department of Human Services.

## FULLY FUNDED TRAINING AVAILABLE

TAFE Queensland South West and the Queensland Government are lending a helping hand with the program 'Training Rural Communities in a Time of Drought'. This program allows people to study a Certificate III at no cost, giving people the opportunity to learn a different skill in a new industry.

Spaces are limited and eligibility requirements apply -

For more information contact Karen Sugars on **0418 215 240**, [helpinghand.southwest@tafe.qld.edu](mailto:helpinghand.southwest@tafe.qld.edu)



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and your blessings be more;  
And nothing but happiness  
come through your door

*Irish blessing*

## MURILLA COMMUNITY BUS

Community transport to non urgent medical appointments;



- X-rays or other tests
- Specialists appointments
- Hospital appointments

**BUS STOP**

Transport available -  
**2nd Tuesday of each month**  
**4th Thursday of each month**  
(Departure time depends on first appointment)

Ask your referring doctor for a Patient Travel Subsidy form (PTS) to receive a rebate on the cost of travel, lowering the cost to under \$20.00.

Transport from Miles to Toowoomba including stops when requested in Chinchilla and Dalby.

Murilla Community Centre - 4627 2027 for bookings or information

Feedback, - Please let us know what you would like to see in the Murilla Community Newsletter - more photos, more community news, colouring page.....?  
**[mccmcd@bigpond.com](mailto:mccmcd@bigpond.com) or on Facebook**





# RURAL SUPPORT OFFICE

## CREDIT REPORTS

Many people do not know that they can request credit reports about their credit rating. You can request these once a year or in the event of; applying and being refused credit in the last 90 days or where your request for access relates to a decision by a Credit Reporting Body or a credit provider to correct information included in your credit report.

There are three main Credit Reporting Bodies (CRB), and no legislation to ensure they hold all the same information, suggesting then you should request one from each.

Veda: **[mycreditfile.com.au](http://mycreditfile.com.au)  
1300 762 207**  
D&B: **[checkyourcredit.com.au](http://checkyourcredit.com.au)  
1300 734 806**  
Experian: **[experian.com.au](http://experian.com.au)  
1300 783 684**

For security reasons you will be asked to identify yourself and send certified copies of your identification.

For more information contact the CRB's or visit the office of the Australian Information Commissioner on **[www.oaic.gov.au](http://www.oaic.gov.au)**

## AGFORCE PROJECTS DELIVERS FREE WEBINAR

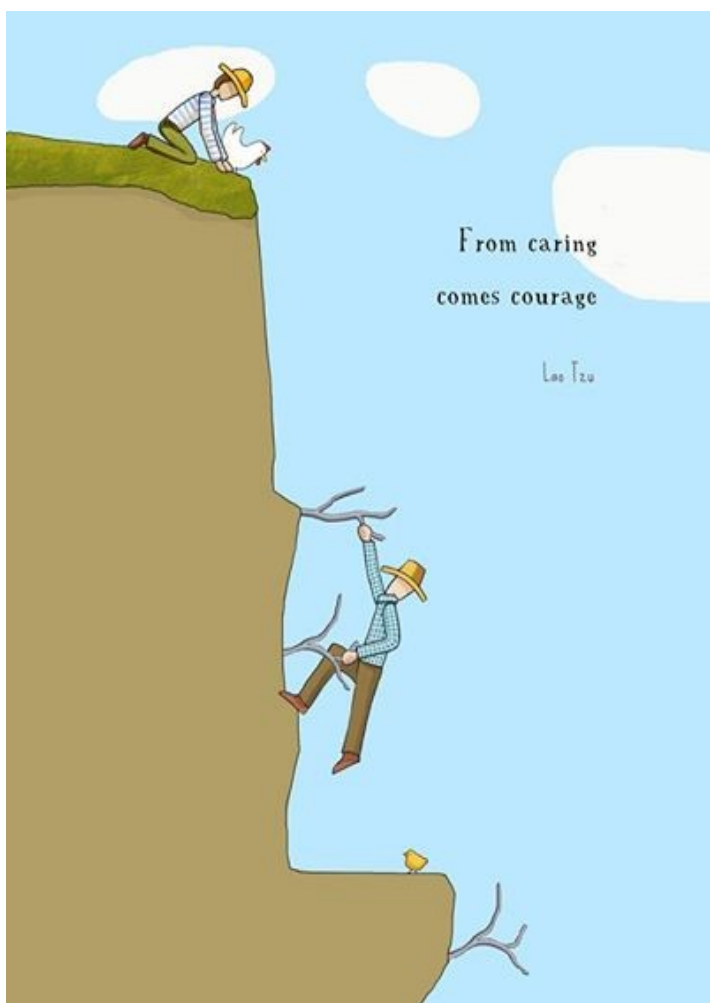
AgForce Projects have recognised the need for a free webinar covering information for landholders regarding CSG (Coal Seam Gas) as this will result in less time away from their properties and business.

The next webinar is titled - 'Negotiation to Remediation' and will cover the whole process of CSG activities on the property.

The webinar is being held between 4pm and 5pm, Tuesday November 11, 2014.

Landholders who are unable to attend the webinar are still encouraged to register, as the session will be recorded and provided electronically to all registrants. For more information and to register visit **[www.agforceprojects.org.au](http://www.agforceprojects.org.au)**

The webinar will discuss: Landholder rights and responsibilities when negotiating with a CSG company, an overview of negotiation process from initial activities to advanced development and operation and the phases of development and landholder rights in relation to these phases, including basic seismic to drilling wells and capping/abandoning wells.





# RURAL SUPPORT OFFICE

## PRODUCERS CELEBRATE GRAZING BMP MILESTONE IN CQ - AGFORCE PROJECTS

The first graziers in Central Queensland to receive their Grazing Best Management Practice (BMP) Accredited Certification will attend a special presentation dinner in Emerald in October.

Grazing BMP was launched in 2013 to help graziers identify steps to improve the long-term profitability and sustainability of their grazing enterprise.

Property Manager Phil Orchard - Belmont Research Station (Ag-Force owned) says the program is an excellent way to improve his impact on the environment as a grazier and also increase profitability.

"I have been working in the rural and agricultural industry for most of my adult life. Being both a father and grandfather it's very important to me that we leave the environment in a better condition than it is at present for the next generation."

"After taking part in grazing BMP, I have a better understanding of pasture management and the importance of soil structure," says Mr Orchard.

Grazing BMP officer Michael Taylor said "The program which is designed for producers, by producers, helps graziers self-assess and identify opportunities in their current practices to become more sustainable and also demonstrate good environmental and animal stewardship."

Mr Taylor said, "as consumers increasingly demand produce sourced from sustainable production systems, we are confident the industry can utilise the Grazing BMP tool and capture industry progression, foster and support the ongoing development of a sustainable product, and also deliver the

real facts across the whole industry.

The Grazier BMP partnership includes the Fitzroy Basin Association, AgForce and the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

For more information about the Grazier Best Management Practice (BMP) visit AgForce Projects website - **[www.agforceprojects.org.au](http://www.agforceprojects.org.au)** or contact them on **3238 6048**.

Article contributed



## ARC NATIONAL PROJECT: MAKING AND CHALLENGING WILLS IN AUSTRALIA

Are you a rural landowner who has made a will?

Have you made a conscious choice not to make a will and are aged over 45 years?

University of Queensland researchers are conducting an ARC-funded study into the process of making a will. The study aims to enhance understanding of decision making processes people use when making wills, and the principles that guide asset distribution in farming families.

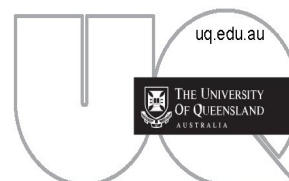
Researchers are hoping to speak with rural landowners who have made a will or people aged 45 and older who have decided not to make a will.

Participation involves completing a confidential face to face or telephone interview (up to an hour), at a time and location convenient for you.

To find out more please contact:

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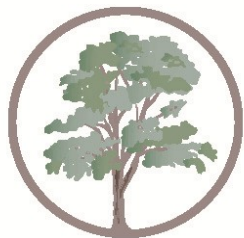
## RESTART PROGRAM

The Restart Program offers employers an incentive of up to \$10,000 if they hire an eligible job seeker aged 50 years or older. The program recognises that when older workers lose their job, they often face significant barriers to finding work.

For more information you can visit [www.experiencepays.gov.au](http://www.experiencepays.gov.au) or 13 17 15.

**Why Mature Workers?** Sometimes mature workers can bring a lifetime of experience and knowledge that they can pass on to younger employees, including a strong work ethic.

This is an Australian Government, Department of Employment Initiative.



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## Heart of Australia Big Heart Truck visits region

Last month, Mayor Ray Brown, Councillors Carolyn Tillman and Charlene Hall welcomed the Heart of Australia mobile medical service, dubbed the 'Big Heart Truck', to Dalby.

The 25 metre-long, custom-designed, clinic-on-wheels is fully equipped with specialist diagnostic equipment and is an Australian first providing specialist cardiology and respiratory medical services to rural and regional communities.

Its first circuit will see the truck travel in a fortnightly rotation across the Surat Basin, stopping at Dalby, Roma, Charleville, St George and Goondiwindi.

The mobile clinic will next stop in Dalby on Sunday 9 November. Residents wanting to make an appointment with the specialist staff need to obtain a referral from their GP.

For more information and a list of services, as well as the Big Heart Truck timetable, visit [www.heartofaustralia.com](http://www.heartofaustralia.com)

*At the Dalby launch of the Heart of Australia 'Big Heart Truck' are Mayor Ray Brown, Heart of Australia founder Dr Rolf Gomes, and Arrow Energy representative Tania Marshall.*

## News In Brief

### REGIONAL FLOOD RECOVERY WORKS CONTINUE

The \$80 million roadworks program, as a part of Council's Regional Flood Recovery Works, to repair damage to regional and rural roads caused by the summer 2010/11 floods and 2012 adverse weather events, including the delivery of several betterment funded projects, was completed on target and on budget. The next stage of the project, to restore road infrastructure networks damaged by the 2013 flood events, is well underway and has an expected completion date of April 2015. For more information on Council's Regional Flood Recovery Works Program visit [www.wdrc.qld.gov.au/flood-recovery](http://www.wdrc.qld.gov.au/flood-recovery)

### PRaise FOR CHinchilla WASTE AND RECYCLING CENTRE

The new Chinchilla Waste and Recycling Centre has been praised by the community for its increased opportunities for recycling and innovative waste management. Residents doubled waste diversion and recycling rates during the transfer stations first month of operation. Throughout the first month 1,673 customers used the state-of-the-art transfer station disposing of more than 1,520 tonnes of waste and diverting 960 tonnes of recyclable waste from landfill. For more information on what can be recycled at Council's waste and recycling transfer stations, call **1300 COUNCIL**.

### RECYCLE OLD MOBILE PHONES

Western Downs Regional Council, in partnership with MobileMuster, provides a free service to all residents to recycle their old mobile phones. All brands of mobile phones, their batteries, chargers and accessories can be recycled at any of Council's drop-off locations. When recycled, over 90 per cent of the materials in mobile phones can be recovered and used as raw materials for new products. For a list of where you can recycle your old mobiles visit [www.wdrc.qld.gov.au/services/recycling\\_opportunities.shtml](http://www.wdrc.qld.gov.au/services/recycling_opportunities.shtml)

### AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS NOMINATIONS CLOSING SOON

Don't wait until the end of the year to place your nominations for the 2015 Australia Day Awards. You can submit a nomination for an inspirational resident, community group, organisation, or event, at any time from now, until nominations close at **5pm, Monday 1 December**. Nomination forms are available at Council Customer Service Centres and can be downloaded from Council's website at [www.wdrc.qld.gov.au/australia-day-2015](http://www.wdrc.qld.gov.au/australia-day-2015)

### HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CONTAMINATION DOWN

Over the July to September quarter, Western Downs households recycled an average of 4.63 kilograms of recyclable material per week; with only a 10.04 per cent contamination rate of non-recyclable materials in their yellow-lidded bins. That is a 2.23 per cent drop in contamination from the last quarter. Results from the independent audit show that the most common non-recyclable materials that residents place in their recycling bins is food and kitchen waste, as well as non-recyclable plastics and metals. For more information on what you can recycle, call **1300 COUNCIL**.

### TRINITY EXHIBITION AT DOGWOOD CROSSING

The *amarna whitestar Trinity* exhibition at Dogwood Crossing, Miles brings together a collection of newly discovered paintings, carvings and artefacts from the Amarna period. The exhibition, which runs until Tuesday 25 November 2014, is the third exhibition in local artist Darryn Campbell's *Ships of Light* series which began in 2006. For more information call Dogwood Crossing, Miles on **07 4679 4430**.

### PLANT SMART AROUND POWERLINES

Western Downs Regional Council, in partnership with Ergon Energy and Greening Australia, is actively participating in the 'Plant Smart' program by helping residents choose the right plants to plant near powerlines.

Planting the right trees around powerlines ensures that potential dangers and disruptions to power supply is limited. For more information, download the 'Plant Smart' brochure at [www.wdrc.qld.gov.au/plant-smart](http://www.wdrc.qld.gov.au/plant-smart)

### COUNCIL STAFF WALKED WESTERN DOWNS 2.7 TIMES

Recently, Council staff across the region took part in the 10,000 Steps Workplace Challenge, which aims to help improve health and wellbeing in the workplace. The Challenge encouraged staff to increase their number of steps to at least 10,000 per day, and 153 employees across 21 teams walked more than 33 million steps over four weeks. That's the equivalent of walking around the entire Western Downs region 2.7 times. For more information on the 10,000 Steps Project visit [www.10000steps.org.au](http://www.10000steps.org.au)

### CONNECT WITH YOUR COUNCIL

Getting in touch with your Council has never been easier, whether it be over the phone, face to face or online. Contacting Council is as easy as calling **1300 COUNCIL** or emailing [info@wdrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@wdrc.qld.gov.au), and for a list of our online options as well as after-hours and interstate call options visit [www.wdrc.qld.gov.au/contact-council](http://www.wdrc.qld.gov.au/contact-council)

### COUNCILLOR CONNECT

Connect to Your Councillors today - visit [www.wdrc.qld.gov.au/council/councillors](http://www.wdrc.qld.gov.au/council/councillors) for portfolio and contact details.

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Ordinary Meetings of Council will be held at the Miles Customer Service Centre at 9.30am on Wednesday 19 November and at the Dalby Corporate Office at 9.30am on Wednesday 3 December.

 Find us on Facebook



### Download Monthly Update

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

### REGISTER FOR FREE EMERGENCY SMS ALERT SERVICE

**Stay Alert and Be Informed** this summer, sign up to receive a free email, SMS or message to your landline to warn of severe weather and flood conditions.

Visit [www.wdrc.qld.gov.au](http://www.wdrc.qld.gov.au) and follow the 'Connect with Your Council' link to complete the subscription form.

Call **1300 COUNCIL** (1300 268 624) [www.wdrc.qld.gov.au](http://www.wdrc.qld.gov.au)



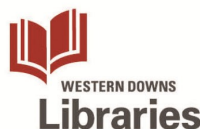
# SCHOOL'S OUT! LET THE FUN BEGIN

Don't get your tinsel in a tangle!  
Check out your library for great  
holiday fun.

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Watch our website  
for details.

need more info?  
[www.library.wdrc.qld.gov.au](http://www.library.wdrc.qld.gov.au)



## Councillor Spotlight

Did you know that our libraries have a bucket load of fun and creative things to do, both after school and in the school holidays? You can use the space to get ahead with your school work, meet up with friends, just read a good book, play a few board games, or watch one of the many movies and television shows on offer. A Holiday Craft Table will also be run during the Christmas Holidays at all our regional libraries.

I would like to invite all our residents to make use of the professional equipment and software on offer in the Creative Studios. They can be used for production and recording, where you can create not only music but stories and animation. Maybe you can bring an older relative in and record your family history. This service is available to the whole community to use for free, so ask your local librarian how you can use the Creative Studio or the mobile kit.

Recently, the Cultural Plan was adopted by Council with the aim to provide a strategic framework for making timely decisions regarding financial and human resource investments for the development of all forms of arts, culture and heritage, and the broader creative industries.

Also, don't miss your chance to acknowledge the achievements of the people in the community who inspire you. Nominations for the Western Downs Regional Council Australia Day Awards close at 5pm, Monday 1 December.

**Spokesperson for Community and Cultural  
Development and Health Services**

**Cr Carolyn Tillman**  
0401 662 352



## Works Projects November

### CHINCHILLA DISTRICT:

Avenue Road - Chinchilla Tara Road to Glenhope Road - Reconstruction and Seal, finish Jan 2015  
Burra Burri Creek Road - Widen and Seal, finish Jan 2015  
Chinchilla Industrial Estate - Reconstruction and Seal, finish Mar 2015  
Len Middleton Road - Reconstruction and Seal, finish Apr 2015  
Zeller Street and Chinchilla-Tara Road Intersection - Streetlighting, finish Feb 2015

### DALBY DISTRICT:

Bligh, Wilkes, Courts and Curtis Street - Stormwater Augmentation, finish Nov 2014  
Jandowae - Macalister Road - Reconstruction and Reseal, finish Apr 2015  
Karingal - Apunyal Road - Reconstruction and Reseal, finish Nov 2014  
Lillingstone Road - Overlay and Reseal, finish Oct 2014

### MILES DISTRICT:

Brownlies Road - Widen and Seal, finish Dec 2014  
Flood Restorations Works - 2013 Flood Event - Various works, finish Feb 2015  
Kogan - Condamine Road - Widen and Seal, finish Dec 2014  
Old Cameby Road - Widen and Seal, finish Dec 2014  
Pine Street - Footpath Upgrade, finish Feb 2015

### TARA DISTRICT:

Porter Street - Reconstruct and Seal, finish Nov 2014  
Riverglen Road - Resheet and Seal, finish Jan 2015  
Upper Humbug Road - Resheet and Seal, finish Feb 2015  
Western Road - Widen and Seal, finish Mar 2015  
Wilson Street - Reconstruct and Seal, finish May 2015

### WANDOO DISTRICT:

Booral Road - Bitumen Reconstruction, finish Nov 2014  
Clifford Road - Gravel Resheet, finish Dec 2014  
Flood Restorations Works - 2013 Flood Event - Various works, finish Feb 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.*

**Do you know an athlete or individual in your community who  
has accomplished something great in the sporting world?**

**Make their achievement known by nominating them for the monthly  
Western Downs Regional Sports Star Award**

Awards run from March to November 2014. Closing date for nominations is  
the 28th of each month. Visit [www.wdrc.qld.gov.au/grants-and-funding](http://www.wdrc.qld.gov.au/grants-and-funding) for an  
application form.

*Each monthly recipient will be in the running for the title of 2014 Western  
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## Planning Applications

### NEW APPLICATIONS FOR NOVEMBER 2014

Received	Address	DA Approval Type Sought			
02/09/2014	Leichhardt Highway, Gurilmundi	MCU - Storage Facility	18/09/2014	171C Cunningham Street, Dalby	OW - Roadworks, Stormwater, Earthworks
03/09/2014	Montrose Road, Montrose	RTE (MCU) - Feedlot	18/09/2014	Dwyer Court, Chinchilla	MCU - Storage Facility & Industry
04/09/2014	110 Condamine Street, Dalby	OW - Roadworks, Stormwater	19/09/2014	220 Grahams Road, Kogan	MCU - Telecommunications Facility
08/09/2014	Pine Street, Miles	RTE (OW) - Roadworks, Stormwater, Water Infrastructure, Drainage, Earthworks, Sewerage	19/09/2014	33-35 Emmerson Street, Chinchilla	RTC (MCU) - Industrial Activity (Storage Facility) & ERA (Chemical Storage)
08/09/2014	38493 Leichhardt Highway, Miles	MCU - Industrial Activities	19/09/2014	Surcingle Road, Chinchilla	MCU - Storage Facility
	(Transport Terminal, Ancillary Accommodation for Eight (8) Worker's Fatigue Rooms) and Caretaker's Residence		23/09/2014	3101 Chinchilla-Tara Road, Crossroads	OW - Earthworks
08/09/2014	Zupp Road, Wandoo	RTC (MCU) - Motel	23/09/2014	28 Colamba Street, Chinchilla	MCU - Commercial Premises and Professional Offices
11/09/2014	50-52 Gormleys Road, Chinchilla	ROL - 1 Lot into 2 Lots	24/09/2014	90 Bradleys Road, Bell	ROL - 5 Lots into 4 Lots
12/09/2014	22 Dudley Street, Chinchilla	ROL - Boundary Realignment	25/09/2014	North Road, Dulacca	MCU - Storage Facility
15/09/2014	Ross Street, Miles	OW - Roadworks, Stormwater, Sewerage	25/09/2014	Gilgulgul Road, Woleebee	OW - Roadworks, Earthworks
17/09/2014	Gilgulgul Road, Woleebee	OW - Roadworks	26/09/2014	133 Cunningham Street, Dalby	ROL - 1 Lot into 2 Lots
18/09/2014	82 Dawson Street, Miles	OW - Roadworks, Stormwater, Drainage, Earthworks	26/09/2014	Warrego Highway, Dalby	MCU - Storage Facility (Temporary)
			29/09/2014	2111 Boort-Koi Road, Hookwood	MCU - Extractive Industry (Quarry)

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

Call **1300 COUNCIL (1300 268 624)** [www.wdrc.qld.gov.au](http://www.wdrc.qld.gov.au)

## GAMING AND GAMBLING - NEW RESEARCH

This article has been taken from "The New Odds" newsletter circulated by Gambling Help Toowoomba and South West. If you are concerned about yours or someone else's gambling you can contact them on - **1300 991 443**.

'Teenage fans of video games that stimulate gambling are more likely to convert their habits to real losses according to new research.

A study of the gaming habits of 13 to 17 year olds by the University of Adelaide found more than a quarter of teens have played gambling-style video games, while nearly 1 in 10 have played gambling games on social media, and about one in 20 had played these games on a mobile phone.

A small number, around 2% said they had tried to gamble with real money on the internet.

Dr Daniel King from the School of Psychology led the research.

Dr King said, "one of the problems with the non financial gambling games is that they give the wrong impression about gambling, they misrepresent the odds," and that he tried to loose money and found it to be impossible.

Many free gambling games have appeal for a youth audience and include advertisements for real gambling sites, often with no barriers for entry.

Dr King said "there's no age verification, there is no data coming out (from the) industry whether young people are using these apps."

The youth service last year conducted a study of available research into the impact of video games on young people. It found 94% of 6 - 15 year olds play video games and between 3% - 15% could be characterised as addicted.

Study author and Manager of Manningham

YMCA Youth Services, Steven Dupon said excessive use of video games has been linked to mental health issues, in particular depression and anxiety.

Mr Dupon stressed they were not anti-gaming, instead they wanted to minimise any harmful effects of gaming on young people. '

Reference - [www.theage.com.au/national/gaming-grooming-teens-for-gambling](http://www.theage.com.au/national/gaming-grooming-teens-for-gambling)

### Game Time habits of 13 - 17 year olds

**25%** have gambled in a video game

**6%** played gambling games on a mobile

**9%** played on Facebook

**4%** gambled on casino sites

**40%** intend to gamble with real money

**94%** play video games

**3%-15%** are addicted to video games

Sources - Manningham YMCA Youth Services & Universality of Adelaide

## TRIBE'S PLANT HIRE

### Earthmoving and Excavation

Servicing Miles and surrounding areas we provide civil works, CSG field works and all general earthworks - site clearing & preparation, trenching, irrigation works, house and shed pads, post hole boring and test holes.

- **Tipper**
- **Low Loaders**
- **Excavator - 8 tonne**
- **Backhoe**
- **Bobcat** (spreader, borer, trencher)
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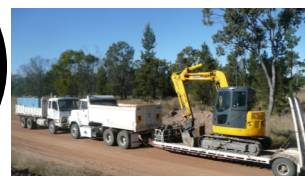
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The meeting was opened at 7.10pm and the formalities covered included presentations of reports by Kay Taylor (Chairperson), Cecily Brockhurst (Centre Manager) and David Uebergang (Treasurer).

Kay Taylor 2013-2014 Murilla Community Centre Volunteer Committee Chairperson stood down and wished the new Committee Member's the best for the future. Kay's support and dedication to the Community Centre and the role of Chairperson of the board has

be much appreciated.

David Uebergang also stood down as Treasurer after 5 years in the position, receiving a certificate for his service. His support of the Centre has been wonderful and we are pleased that David will be staying on the board of the Management Committee.

Others to receive Certificates were Sandra Dascombe for 10 years at the Long Day Care Centre, Karen Harbort for 15 years at the Long Day Care Centre, Maree Cruickshank for 2 years with the Committee and 18 Murilla Respite Service, and the wonderful and always supportive Jan Mulholland 20 years with the Volunteer Management board and 17 years as Secretary.

All positions were declared vacant by Kerry Mulholland, who then requested nominations. The 2014-2015 Volunteer Management Committee -

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Noreen Bourne  
Jan Mulholland  
Lucinda Maher  
Cecily Brockhurst  
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Bill Oram  
Melody Rynne  
David Uebergang



Meeting minutes, AGM Reports and Financial reports are available from the Murilla Community Centre on request.

Kay Taylor welcomed guest speaker Ian 'Watto' Watson.

We have introduced Ian in the two previous editions of the Murilla Community news, discussing his life experiences, background and achievements, but nothing prepared us for the passion with which Ian spoke about Aussie men's health.

Ian shared very personal stories from his life, including how he is involved with talking to and supporting Men in Australia.



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Ian has done a lot, from sitting in a truck for numerous hours while blokes get their truck licences, to talking at Men's Shed nights, ABC radio shows and most importantly supporting a community member's son after his father completed suicide.

Ian has a book that he has written, and more recently, recorded it to an audio book - 'Every Blokes a Champion, even you!.'

Ian came across as a gentle man, proud of his family and love for his wife, but also there was no fuss to the way Ian spoke. Men need to feel safe to talk, and men need men to talk to, was one of Ian's messages.

Ian kindly donated a box of his books to the Murilla Community Centre to be passed on to members of the community. There are a few for sale at reception.

A quote from the reactions pages in the front of his book really sums up Ian's presentation - "When you hear Watto speak, you feel like you are in the sheds at half-time listening to an old-style footy coach revving you up for the next half, Watto writes and speaks as he is." - Jim Strelan, Pastor.

David Uebergang thanked Ian for his presentation with a gift from the Murilla Community Centre of a Condamine Bell. If you ever have the opportunity to listen to Ian live or on his ABC radio shows early on a Saturday morning, we would definitely recommend listening.

For more information on Ian visit his website - **wattobooks.com**

The meeting was closed and supper supplied.

This year we welcomed over 70 guests and community members to the AGM, a wonderful turn out. Thank you to those who attended.

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In 1974 the eastern and southern veranda of the Shell House were enclosed and ceiled by Don Duffel to form the Shell House Annex, it was painted by Joyce and Doris Davidson and Lloyd Bell.

The additional glass cases were made by Les Rose and Co, in which to display more of Mr and Mrs Morgan's Shell collection and were paid for by Mr Morgan at a cost of \$1,500. Once again both Mr and Mrs Morgan spent days sorting these shells and meticulously typing tags and naming shells.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> October 1974, the third anniversary of the Miles Museum, the annex was officially opened by the Honourable W.A.R Rae, Minister for Lands. The opening was followed by a damper making competition, and was won by Brian Ford. The fastest Quart Pot was won by David Mundell.

Afternoon tea consisting of Damper and syrup along with Billy tea was served to the many visitors.



At a meeting in 1975 it was decided that no settlement would be complete without a village store. Ella Robinson, who owned the old Hunter Store in Jackson, had offered the glass windows, and ply wood ceiling to the museum. Joyce and Doris Davidson travelled to Jackson and removed the ceiling, they were really covered in rat poo as they removed the sheets of ply.

Unfortunately the glass from the windows was stacked for removal, but during a heat wave it broke into pieces. The plywood was transported to the Museum, and used to ceil the store built by Don Duffel. It was also used for many other

projects - bottoms of glass cases etc.

The store was painted by Joyce and Doris Davidson. The polished counter was part of the original counter of the Hunters store in Miles, and was donated by John Cadzow, the counter was cleaned and polished by Doris Davidson.

Sawn slabs in the front of the store depicts the cattle brands of early settlers, amongst those is the brand of William Miles, after whom the town was named. This brand was burned in by his granddaughter.

The store features goods of bygone days, with the old weights of pounds and ounces depicted on each article.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> September 1975, the fourth anniversary of the Miles Museum, the store was opened by Brian Powell, Manager of the Queensland Government Travel Centre, in Toowoomba.



Goods of 'goneby days' displayed in general store

It was at a meeting in 1975, that the idea of a village street was mooted, and that a residence in Constance Street (Miles) resembled the 1882 old Union Hotel of Christy Andersen, and if we could raise the money, we were to go ahead and purchase the building. It was purchased for \$1,500 and Mr Harrison removed it to the complex.



Unfortunately there was an issue with the workmanship and words were exchanged and Father Leahy ended up digging the holes for the buildings stumps.

Doris assisted Don Duffel moving the partitions, and a Barber shop, Bar, Dining Room, Kitchen, Bedroom and Bathroom resulted. The entire building was then painted by Joyce and Doris Davidson, assisted by Mrs Sturrock who applied an artistic finish to the windows and doors.



The Barber's shop featured a barber's chair donated by Brian Ford, along with other barbering tools of the trade. The walls were lined with racing photos presented by Mr. Godfrey Morgan, along with sporting trophies from various donors. The shelves in the Bar are lined with an assortment of bottles by a friend of Mr Morgan's from Taroom.

Behind the linoleum topped bar counter (donated by Joyce and Doris Davidson), the Barman (manikin) wearing a vest and apron, waiting to pour a drop for patrons, stands in front of the mirrored back drop donated by Brian Ford.

In the dining room, is a table set with a damask cloth and starched serviettes, bentwood chairs, china and cutlery of a bygone era. The waitress (manikin) dressed in Black, with starched white apron with white collar and cuffs, stands anxiously waiting for customers. Both manikins are dressed in clothes made by Joyce and Doris Davidson.



The kitchen has a wood burning stove, a dresser

purchased and donated by Joyce Davidson, at a cost of \$10.00. A double bed, a wardrobe, a washstand, and dutchess much of which was donated by Brian Ford is featured in the bedroom.



The bathroom was lined with rippled iron, and has a tin bath and chip heaters. Unfortunately items began to disappear, so it became necessary to have grills affixed for security - this was done by Bob Cochrane.

On Saturday 25th September 1976 the Hotel was officially opened by The Honourable K.B Tomkins M.L.A member of this Electorate, State Minister of Lands.

The Hotel Bar did a great trade on opening day, as did the barber Mr Lisle Thomas, of Toowoomba.

Mr Duncan Sturrock, Chairman of the Murilla Shire Council was the first in a long line of patrons queuing for haircuts.





# GARDEN NOTES

By Emma Eising - Murilla Garden Group



During October the Murilla Garden group visited the garden of Richard & Lois Roberts. Unfortunately I was unable to attend, however the feedback states it was a fantastic day. Heritage roses were the main feature of the spectacular garden and beautiful lawns with immaculate gardens and surrounds.

Lois spoke of her seedling roses that she has been propagating creating, new varieties and naming them after the grandchildren.

This garden is one I would love to visit one day. We would like to wish the Roberts family all the best for their family reunion.

Christmas will be upon us before we know it, one thing that happens a lot around this time of year is entertaining.

Now is probably a great time if you wanted to add extra colour to your garden and summer entertaining areas is to plant in some colourful annuals.

Petunia's don't require a lot of water, and are vigorous growers. There are two main types of petunia's; Grandiflora petunias which have large flowers and are best grown in containers or hanging baskets, whereas multiflora petunias have smaller, but more abundant flowers and are ideal for summer bedding or borders.

Marigolds with their rich yellow, cream, lemon, gold, orange and reddish-brown flowers are great plants for brightening the garden. They are excellent massed in a bold display on their own, or a mixed display. Marigolds are also popular in the vegetable garden for use as companion plants, because their pungent foliage deters insects, and the roots discourage soil-dwelling nematodes. Marigolds are extremely easy to grow, but do like full sun to reach their full potential.

Zinnias are another great annual; they grow quickly, and bloom heavily. They make a massive burst of colour in your garden. Zinnias have bright, solitary, daisy-like flower heads on a single, straight stem.

Salvia's grow in a sunny location in well-drained soil. Salvias are dry tolerant once established and look wonderful in beds, borders or dry gardens. They have a vigorous growth and are easy care.

Keep in mind when planting flowers out in pots that it is a busy time of year, if you are going to be away a lot or too busy to water regularly, self-watering pots would be the better option. They are designed to save water and time. Water is stored in the reservoir at the bottom. Some use a wicking action to draw up the water, and some just use the





As the heat is ramping up pay special attention to soil moisture levels, renew mulches and keep an eye on seedlings.

If you can, apply liquid fertiliser to green vegies at least once a fortnight. This will keep them pumping along nicely.

Things to plant are capsicums, chillies, celery, leeks, lettuce, silverbeet, pumpkins, rockmelon's and eggplant.

You also might be able to get in that second crop of corn and zucchini.



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## CONDAMINE BELL RODEO



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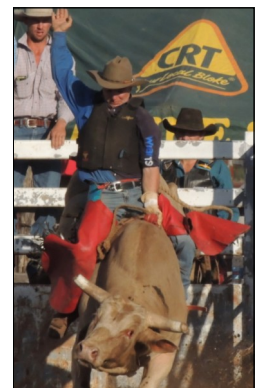
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# COMMUNITY SNAPS

## CONDAMINE BELL RODEO





## 2014 CONDAMINE BELL RODEO



The Condamine Bell Rodeo held at the Condamine Sports Ground on Saturday 4th of October 2014 was a huge success.

The Committee received close to 300 nominations to compete, making plenty of action for the 1000 strong crowd, from around the region to enjoy for the day.

The Committee and Community can't wait for next year's Condamine Bell Rodeo, with plans already underway to make it bigger and better, the date has been confirmed at the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2015.

The Committee would like to thank everyone for helping, supporting and attending the Rodeo this year and invite anyone that is interested in being involved in the organisation of the rodeo to attend their meetings; next meeting is on Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Condamine Sports Club. You can check out the Condamine Bell Rodeo Inc Facebook page for more updates.

The Committee would like to give a special thanks to local's that joined the 100's club. These contributions were very much appreciated. In addition the Committee would like to thank the Miles Primary School P&C for providing the wonderful catering on the day, Condamine Primary School for organising the kids entertainment, Condamine Branch ICPA for their scrumptious smoko stall, Condamine Rural Fire Brigade for taking the gate entries and Lewis Brown for providing his delectable delights.

These groups raised much needed funds for their various activities. The Committee will be looking for local groups to supply services again in 2015. If anyone is interested, please contact the committee via the Facebook page.

The committee would like to thank the following generous sponsors - SFPS, Class 1 Piping Specialists (Major Sponsor), Ostwald Bros (Major Sponsors) and Savanna Energy Services, CIS - Cobb Industry Services, Tilly Earthmoving, Condamine Hotel, Country Petroleum, Condabri Feedlot, CMT Haulage, IOR Petroleum, Brandon & Associates, John Campbell and Family, Dave Campbell and Family, Brandts Contracting, MasterHire Miles, PFD Miles, Red Industrial Condamine, T & W Earthmoving, Foodworks Miles, NFW Miles, CRC Electrical, Crosby Cattle Transport, IGA Miles, G & T Loader Transport, Palmers Coaches, Going Bush Contractors, Micky Hickey, NAB Chinchilla, Booth Crane & Truck Hire. In addition a huge thanks to everyone that donated to the raffle.

With every great event there is always a tireless group of people who volunteer their time and skills to set up, run and clean up at events like these, including the volunteer committee members. You all did a wonderful job and the rodeo was a credit to your organisational skills, experience and your support of the community. Well done.

Please see pages 16 and 17 for some of the images of the event, professional photographer Dave Ethell, has images on his website for purchase - [www.dephotos.com.au](http://www.dephotos.com.au)

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**Announcement:**

**Veronica May Beauty Salon to have a New Owner in 2015**

Veronica May Beauty Salon was established in 2011 with the belief that it would grow into a successful small business. The main ambition of the salon was to provide beauty services in Miles that clients would alternatively have to travel for. The salon later became an established business with growing clientele from Miles and surrounding areas and the treatment list expanded to provide a diverse range of beauty services. I am now delighted to announce that the salon is undergoing yet another change, one that I am very grateful for.

I am now very excited to announce that as of the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014, Veronica May Beauty Salon will have a new owner. I am happy to inform you that the new owner is Sharna Griffin, a current employee of Veronica May Beauty.

If you haven't yet had the pleasure to meet our newest therapist, Sharna has been with us since August after relocating to Miles. Sharna relocated to Miles earlier this year with partner Nick, who is now the new owner of Miles Tyre & Battery. Previously Sharna owned and ran a successful Beauty Salon in Goondiwindi for over 9 years. Sharna has a Diploma in Beauty Therapy, Diploma in Massage Therapy and is a Professional Skin Specialist with GlyMed Plus, performing DermaSound Elite Facials. Sharna is nothing less than an asset to the salon & I am so happy that the salon will remain in good hands.

Veronica May Beauty will continue to run as per normal until the business changes hands on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2014. The salon will close for the festive season from the 25<sup>th</sup> of December to the 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2015. The salon will reopen on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January as Just You Beauty. My last day is the 24<sup>th</sup> of December as I too am relocating to Brisbane to further my study in Beauty & Spa Therapy as well as Holistic Natural Health Alternatives.

I would like to conclude by saying the most important thing and that is; THANK YOU. If it wasn't for the endless support of my clients the salon wouldn't be what it is today. It has been nothing less than a pleasure & a privilege to be your Beauty Therapist. I can honestly say that I never had a 'bad day' in my salon and that was due to each and every client that walked through my door. The many laughs, hugs, and cherished conversation not only made me realise that my salon was abundant but it encouraged me to be a better beauty therapist and person. I am so grateful, humbled and blessed by this experience. Thank you once again for your support and I wish you all the best in all your future endeavours.



Veronica M. Allwood

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## MOSAIC WORKSHOP A SUCCESS



An enthusiastic and fun group of mosaic enthusiasts gathered at "Sunnyview" Miles recently. They were there to participate in a Mosaic Pot and Paver Workshop in the Garden, with Kylie Bourne, local mosaic artist.

This was the second workshop held locally this year, with plans for a Mosaic Mirror Workshop early next year.

Everyone had a great time and took home their fantastic creations for their gardens.

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Cecily Brockhurst, Management Committee, Staff and Volunteers at the Murilla Community Centre Inc wish to offer their heart felt sympathies to the family and friends of Carly-Mae Pye former Miles girl, especially to her two grandmothers who are still residing in Miles, Mrs Joan Pye and Mrs Merlene Coates-Freeman.

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If Stephen wins, this year will be the fourth award a Miles Wholesale Meats first year apprentices has received since 2005, a great achievement.

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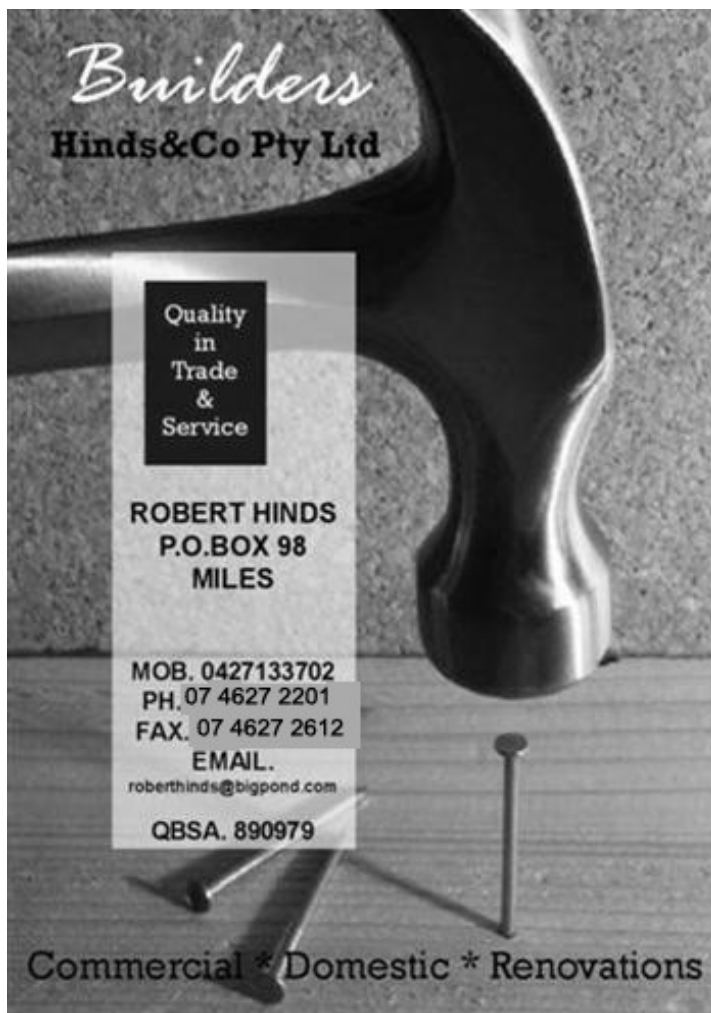
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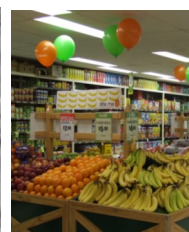


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It was during this time that she developed an interest in upper limb injury and rehabilitation. Angela commenced practice as an OT at the Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital in 2009, before moving to private practice specialising in hand therapy in both Brisbane & Toowoomba. This is where she has treated upper limb conditions for more than 3 years and in June 2014, Angela became a Certified Hand Therapist (CHT) and a full member of the Australian Hand Therapy Association (AHTA).

Since moving to the Western Downs in July 2013, Angela has been living outside Miles with her partner on their small farming property, and she has really enjoyed getting back to the country, the lifestyle and meeting many great people in this community.

Do you or anyone else you know have a hand, wrist or elbow injury/condition that impacts your daily function?

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For enquiries or to make an appointment, please contact Angela on 0487 357 200 or email her at [info@wdhandtherapy.com.au](mailto:info@wdhandtherapy.com.au).

If you have private health insurance (with extras cover for Occupational Therapy), you may be able to claim a rebate from your health insurance provider. A referral from your doctor is desired but not essential.

Welcome to Miles Angela and best wishes for the future of your practice.

Article and photos contributed



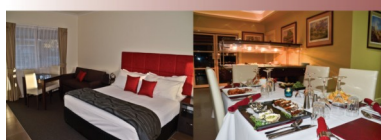
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This research is being conducted by the Wesley Research Institute with support from the University of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology and Queensland Health. The research has received funding from APLNG.

If you are interested in participating in this research, or want to know more, please contact:  
Anna Tynan: (07) 3721 1723 or [atynan@wesleyresearch.com.au](mailto:atynan@wesleyresearch.com.au) OR  
Fiona Mactaggart 07 3721 1725 or [fmactaggart@wesleyresearch.com.au](mailto:fmactaggart@wesleyresearch.com.au)

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# COMMUNITY SNAPS



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## MILES NILS UPDATE - BUDGET ASSESSMENT

Taking clients through the NILS process requires applicants to think about their household expenditure.

Through this process clients can understand how money is being spent and potentially where savings can be made. For some, this may be the first time they have considered their expenditure in any detail.

At this point applicants may also understand the disadvantage of high cost payday loans which they may have used.

Where do I start on a budget? A budget doesn't need to be comprehensive; it can be a simple tool that helps you keep track of your living expenses.

A majority of the household income is spent on shopping and regular bills, also known as your basic living costs.

A great tool that is easy to use is the "Me & My Money" handbook that is available at the Murilla Community Centre or online at [www.humanservices.gov.au/spw/customer/publications/resources/cs1143/cs1143-0606en.pdf](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/spw/customer/publications/resources/cs1143/cs1143-0606en.pdf)

It is a simple but effective budgeting booklet that will assist in developing a budget. Here are some simple steps from "Me & My Money" to help prepare and use a budget:

- Decide who you need to include in your budget (if you have children, even if they do not live with you fulltime).
- Ensure all income streams are included. Only include overtime pay if it is regular.
- Determine the expenses associated with basic living costs. Some costs are unavoidable, for example, essentials like food, housing and clothing.
- Separate shopping from bills - shopping consists of food and drink, house and garden, clothing.

Regular bills include; insurance, phone, electricity and car.

- It can be difficult to remember all of your bills. A good way is to go through old receipts, bank and credit card statements.
- Any money left over after expenses can be put towards your savings.

In some situations your basic living costs may be higher than your income. At this stage the following tips may help relieve financial pressure:

- Are there any bills that can be paid off over time?
- Can expenses be cut down ie. Pack lunches instead of buying, take a shopping list and calculator to the grocery shopping
- Can I earn more money.

"Me & My Money" is a practical money ideas booklet which has simple tools and templates that can be used to establish an effective budget.



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*with artists-in-residence Victoria Cooper & Doug Spowart*

**Sunday 30 November - Sunday 7 December 2014**

*Explore the photographic potential of your community, home and/or workplace through a self documentary photo project undertaken during the early morning or late afternoon*

### Join the project to:

**Workshop** with the project artists on low light photo techniques;

**Take** a guided walk around Miles for an evening photo shoot;

**Join** the project Facebook group to receive daily photo tasks and have your photos uploaded to the big screen at Dogwood Crossing;

**Have** opportunities for one on one mentoring with the project artists;

**Come** together at the conclusion of the project to make *Zines* using the photos taken throughout the project week.

**For more information on this community project or to register your interest to participate contact Dogwood Crossing, Miles P: 07 4679 4430 E: [dogwood.crossing@wdrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:dogwood.crossing@wdrc.qld.gov.au)**

**Expressions of interest to be submitted before 21 November 2014**



*The Regional Arts Development Fund is a Queensland Government through Arts Queensland and Western Downs Regional Council partnership to support local arts and culture.*





# COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

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**Miles - 4627 1427**  
 Miles St Vincent De Paul  
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 Miles Historical Society  
**- 4627 1492**  
 Miles Regional Arts Council  
**- 4627 1707**  
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# COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

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The program aims to add value to activities that make a positive contribution to one or more of the following areas:

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- Community safety, health and wellbeing

- Environmental stewardship
- Sustainable population growth
- Community events and activities.

We will consider supporting projects and organisations that provide benefits to the communities in which we operate. This includes the local government areas of Maranoa Regional Council, Western Downs Regional Council, Banana Shire Council and the south western part of Toowoomba Regional Council.

#### Application round dates:

**Round 4:** 1 October – 31 December 2014 (recommended if your event/activity is in **March 2015** onwards, due to time required for processing and to ensure maximum lead time prior to the event.)

Applications will not be assessed until each round closes. Results will be announced after the applications close for each round. If an application is submitted after the funding round closing date, it will be assessed in the next round.

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John **0437 327 848**

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- Delivering food and first aid kits
- Transporting animals
- Fundraising (if possible)
- Supporting community with information  
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For more information visit our Facebook page.

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We are now open on Saturday mornings.



## Activities for Mums/Caregivers and Bubs

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### Condamine Playgroup

Second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 9.30am  
(Family Day Care Home) or Pioneer park, Condamine.  
Contact Margaret - **4627 7027**.

### Toddler Tuesday - Dogwood Crossing

Second and third Tuesday of the month ,  
10.30am - 11.00am, bookings are essential.

### Miles Playgroup - Outside School Hours care

9.30am - 11.30am every Monday, morning tea provided,  
\$2 per child \$5 per family for more information -  
**0421 924 678** - Michelle Poore, school term only.

### Wandoan Playgroup

Every Wednesday 9am - 11am at Wandoan Kindergarten  
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PUT A  ON IT!  
**Movember**



Words that once meant something very different.

**Myriad** - if you had a myriad of things 600 years ago it meant that you specifically had 10,000 of them - not just a lot.

**Awful** - described things that used to be 'worthy of awe' for a variety of reasons, this is how we get expressions like "the awful majesty of God".

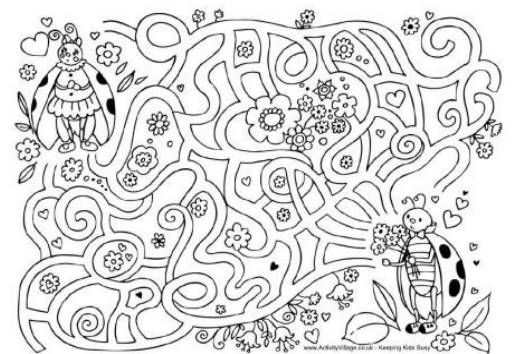
By being yourself,  
you put something  
beautiful into the  
world that was not  
there before  
- Edwin Elliot

To be happy  
you must be  
your own  
sunshine.  
- C.E. Jerningham

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sudoku where you just  
use the numbers 1 - 4 in  
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7						

**Across**

**Down**

1. Written message
5. Give a detailed account
6. Igneous rock
7. Esteem

1. Someone in charge
2. Excel
3. Envisage
4. Component

# COMMUNITY BILLBOARD PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY ORIGIN



What are you or your community groups planning for Christmas?  
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about your wonderful events or fundraisers.



## November

- 15** Miles Covers 'The Beatles' - Themed music night by the Miles Arts Council - <https://sites.google.com/site/regionalartsgroup/>
- 17** Mobile Woman's health clinic - Meandarra
- 19** Mobile Woman's health clinic - Wandoan Primary Health
- 23** Dulacca Christmas Markets - Pioneer Hall 9am
- 28** Mobile Woman's health clinic - Miles Hospital
- 29** Wandoan Community Christmas Carnival 6pm O'Sullivan's Windmill Park

## December

- 11** Miles Chamber of Commerce Christmas Street Carnival 5pm
- 14** Carols in the Country- Wayne and Vicki **4627 6185**, with the Chinchilla Brass Band, please bring a sweet or salad to share. 6.30pm - 7.00pm
- 21** Miles Historical Village & Museum presents - Carols by Candlelight - 6.30pm, gold coin donation - Led candles for sale - please no naked flames. Bring a plate to share.
- 25** **Christmas Day**

## January

- 1** **New Year's Day**
- 26** **Australia Day**

## MILES DRIVER REVIVER

The Miles Driver Reviver is again looking for support over the summer school holidays. The Schedules are at the Miles Newsagency, many thanks to Wendy and Shane.

If you would like to volunteer some of your time, please contact Anne on **4627 2391** or **0437 753 007** or John after hours on **4627 1129**.

Date	Time	Date	Time
12 December	12noon - 8pm	26 December - 4 January	8am - 8pm
13 & 14 December	8am - 8pm	9 - 11 January	8am - 8pm
19 December	12noon - 8pm	16 - 18 January	8am - 8pm
20 - 24 December	8am - 8pm	23 - 26 January	8am - 8pm
<b>25 December</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>		

This is a long period of time and this is why it's not open every day.

