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COMMUNITY NEWS
DEVELOPING AND SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
AUGUST 2014

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

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- Murilla In Home Care
- Outside School Hours Care
- Long Day Care Centre & Kindergarten
- The Den Youth Centre
- Broadband for Seniors
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Thank you to our dedicated volunteer management committee.

Thank you to our wonderful Respite volunteers.

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BEEF, BELLS AND BOTTLE TREES

Miles & District Beef, Bells & Bottle Tree Festival

The Beef, Bells and Bottle Tree Festival is a Biannual September showcase of community activities and events that capture our living history, celebrate our relaxed country lifestyle, and provide ample opportunities for community and visitor involvement in Miles

The Festival is proudly celebrating "*International year of the Farming Family*" and would like to invite everyone to come and enjoy the party, beginning the week of the 4th of September 2014.

Murilla Community Centre Inc 2014 AGM

Wednesday 8th October - 7pm

shed happens

All welcome

Please come and enjoy Special Guest Speaker Ian 'Watto' Watson

RURAL SUPPORT OFFICE

FARM HOUSEHOLD ALLOWANCE - FHA

The FHA will replace the 'Interim Farm Household Allowance' as of the **1st July 2014.** Also from the this date the payment can be made to a farmer or the partner of a farmer and 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 exists - **13 23 16.**
Customers are encouraged to apply online by registering for online services at 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 long term financial situation. These activities will be outlined in a Financial Improvement Agreement developed by the customer's Farm Household Case Officer.

Recipients will have access to the same ad ons as other income support payments and a health care card is issued automatically.

Eligibility is maintained by passing an income and asset assessment as well as other specified criteria.

Australian Government
Department of Human Services

QRAA DROUGHT

Queensland Government
QRAA

The next round of Farm Finance Concessional Loans have $30 million available to Queensland primary producers and applications open on **1st July**.

This loan assists producers experiencing debt servicing difficulties by restructuring debt at concessional interest rates, currently 4.5%. As the 2013/14 round was fully subscribed.

Details of the federal government's Drought Concessional Loan are available from QRAA **1800 623 946** or the Murilla Community Centre **4627 2027**.

RFCS Rural Financial Counselling Service Queensland - Central Southern Region
Free, Confidential, Private Service
This program aims to help primary producers, identify ways to become self-reliant and better equipped to manage change and adjustment. This is a free service which is independent of financial institutions, welfare agencies and government.
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RURAL SUPPORT OFFICE

'PARTNERS IN GRAIN' INVITES FARMERS TO MARKETING FORUM

Partners in Grain are inviting registrations for 'Optimising Gain from Grain' a Marketing Forum held in Dalby on 14th August 2014. The aim of this event is to provide a 'one stop shop' for growers to receive 'market intelligence' and hear directly from the grain buyers regarding 'products' available for the 2014 crop. The event is described as a great way to have your grain marketing questions answered for the 2014 harvest, save you days of market research and meet the buyers face to face.
The cost of registration is $22 this includes lunch, please contact Theresa Pilcher on **0428 147 749** or register on the events page at **www.partnersingrain.org.au**

ATO - DROUGHT ASSISTANCE

The ATO can help people affected by drought and other natural disasters by allowing more time to pay tax debts or make arrangements for payment instalments, without incurring interest charges. There are also other taxation measures and concessions available including profit from the forced disposal or death of livestock, insurance recoveries and more. For further information phone the ATO on **13 11 42.**

DAFF DROUGHT ASSISTANCE

DAFF are offering Subsidies for transport of fodder, water cartage, returning animals from agistment and up to 75% rebate up to $50,000 rebate for water infrastructure. Visit DAFF's website www.daff.qld.gov.au or call **13 25 23**.

The Murilla Community Centre can also assist with directing you to these forms.

A SERIES OF WEBINARS FOR RURAL MUMS

Connect, Learn, Grow Webinars have been developed to connect rural mums who experience times of ongoing stress with each other and also with compassionate health professionals. This is a unique opportunity to link into a positive and empathic support network from the comfort and privacy of your own home.

Emma Taylor will coordinate the webinars with Phillipa Harris (Mental Health Nurse) and Barbara Anderson (Psychologist) for Mental Illness Fellowship of North Queensland will share their knowledge throughout the webinars.

There is a series of three Webinars, beginning Monday 18th August 2014, starting at 1pm and running for about an hour. To get involved please contact Emma Taylor on **0429 417 557** or emma.taylor@harboursat.com.au you can also find Soulmama on Facebook.

Topics identified so far include;

- Understanding our reactions to stress
- Risk factors for anxiety and depression
- Coping strategies - triggers and vulnerabilities, strengths and resources
- Growing resilience.

Each mum's experience of motherhood is unique, for many mums though there are times of struggle and difficulty. These times can be confusing, isolating and exhausting as mums try to care for their families while working out what is going on for us. Mums may even find themselves experiencing anxiety and depression.

RURAL SUPPORT OFFICE

LANDCARE PREDATOR CONTROL WORKSHOP

Murilla Landcare are holding a hands on workshop at the Drillham Hall on Thursday 18th of September from 9am - 3pm.

The Workshop has been developed with funding from QGC Sustainable Communities Program and aims to give tools to primary producers to protect stock and crop and prevent the impact these predators have on biodiversity and production.

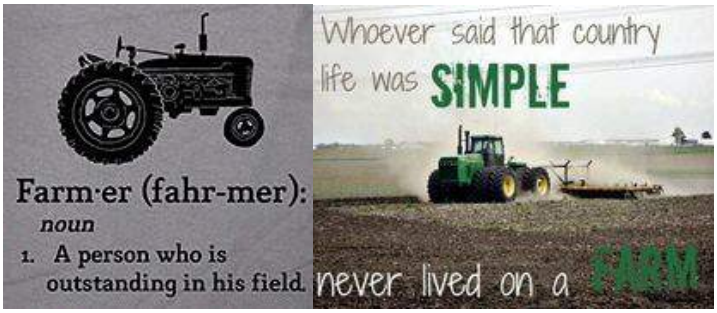
AGFORCE PROJECTS WORKSHOPS IN OUR AREA

AgForce Projects are running free CSG Negotiation Support Workshops this month in Roma and Miles. This workshop looks at your rights and responsibilities, current legislative framework, conduct and compensation agreement negotiations and information on potential biosecurity risks.

- Roma - 26th August 9am - 1pm
- Miles - 27th August 9am - 1pm

Please visit **www.agforward.org.au** to register.

In addition AgForce projects are running a free Property Computer Mapping Workshop in Moonie. This workshop uses the latest version of Phoenix Mapping (V7) and gives attendees the ability to take home the beginnings of a personal property map and demonstration licence.



WILL MAKING RESEARCH PROJECT - USQ

A University of Queensland Research team are seeking expressions of interest from Primary Producers, Farmers and Graziers to participate in a study on Wills. We have an article on page 18 discussing the project.

If you would like further Information or to put in your expression of interest please contact;
Research Manager Rachel Feeney - **3346 9090** or r.feeney@uq.edu.au or Associate Professor Cheryl Tilse - **3365 3341** or c.tilse@uq.edu.au or Research Assistant Mary Rose-Miller m.rosemiller@uq.edu.au - **3346 9090**.

WARARBA PARK POLL HEREFORDS

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MONTHLY UPDATE | AUGUST 2014

The final works on the Dalby urban road restoration project, Operation Road Restore, were completed in April ahead of schedule and under-budget.

Operation Road Restore completed in record time

Dalby's largest ever roadworks project, dubbed Operation Road Restore, was the equivalent size of a 30–year roadworks program and has been completed under-budget and ahead of schedule.

The project which began in November 2012 had an original completion date of July 2014 to meet funding deadlines provided by the State and Federal Government. This meant that roads on 119 Dalby urban blocks, on 43 roads, affected by the 2010/11 summer floods had to be restored in a year and a half.

By making a number of innovations around how roadworks were managed and conducted, the final reseal was laid in April 2014, resulting in this being completed two months ahead of the final delivery date.

Spokesperson for Works and Engineering Services Councillor Andrew Smith congratulated Council's dedicated Works Teams for their mammoth achievement in completing and delivering Dalby's first roadworks project of this scale, without comprising quality.

He also thanked the community for their patience and cooperation during this intensive project.

All levels of government helped fund Operation Road Restore with a revised overall project value of around $28 million. Council contributed $6 million while State and Federal Governments approved a revised $22 million contribution under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA).

News In Brief

Mercy Bridge Now Open

The new Mercy Bridge in Dalby opened to pedestrians and cyclists mid-last month and is Australia's longest single span, fibre composite foot bridge. Council and the State Government funded the project to rebuild the popular foot bridge after it was damaged from 2013 floods. The longest of its kind, the new 24 metre foot bridge provides residents with a safe and more flood resilient pedestrian bridge. For more information call **1300 COUNCIL**.

Miles Water Treatment Plant Almost Complete

The final construction works for the new Reverse Osmosis (RO) potable water treatment plant in Miles is due to be completed by the end of September. Council has invested $24.4 million into Miles to build a new water treatment plant and storage dams, and to upgrade pipelines, to improve the town's water and wastewater facilities. For more information on current water and wastewater infrastructure projects call **1300 COUNCIL**.

Be Prepared this Bushfire Season

With a 'high risk' forecast for the upcoming bushfire season, Western Downs Regional Council and Queensland Fire and Emergency Services are urging residents to be ready and vigilant this bushfire season by preparing a bushfire survival plan. A well prepared bushfire plan reduces the risk of landholders losing their properties in the event of a fire. Property owners across the region are advised to remove any potential fire hazards from their properties and put a bushfire plan in place. Visit www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au for a bushfire survival plan guide and for more information on bushfire preparedness.

Nominate an Inspirational Aussie

Don't wait until the end of the year to place nominations for the 2015 Australia Day Awards - you can submit nominations at any time from now until they close at 5pm, Monday 1 December. If you know of a resident, organisation or event in the Western Downs Regional Council area which significantly contributes to our communities, then nominate them for an Australia Day Award. Nomination forms are available at www.**wdrc.qld.gov.au/australia-day-2015**

Delicious and DeLIGHTful Festival

A colourful array of multicultural cuisine, entertainment and activities will welcome event goers at the fifth Delicious and DeLIGHTful Festival to be held in Dalby on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 August. This year's festival will begin at 3pm with a Citizenship Ceremony at Anderson Park where Mayor Ray Brown will welcome 25 new Australian citizens to the region. Also, don't miss the festival's Lantern Parade along Myall Creek after dark. For all event details visit www.deliciousanddelightful.com.au

Beef, Bells and Bottle Tree Festival

The biennial Miles Beef, Bells and Bottle Tree Festival is on again from Thursday 4 to Sunday 14 September. Celebrating the International Year of Farming Families, this year's festival will kick off in grand style with the official opening of the event's photographic competition and a Gala evening filled with wine, food and art. The 11-day festival is sure to have an activity to suit the whole family. The finale will be the Festival Street Parade and Miles Historical Village Anniversary Day. For more festival details visit www.beefbellsandbottletreefestival.com

Councillor Connect

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

Council Meetings

The next Ordinary Meetings of Council will be held at Chinchilla Customer Service Centre at 9.30am on Wednesday 20 August and at the Dalby Corporate Office at 9.30am on Wednesday 3 September.

Download Monthly Update

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

Watering Times April to September

In accordance with WDRC water restriction policy, winter water restrictions and watering times commenced across the region on 1 April and will apply until the end of September.

Bell	Level 4	Kaimkillenbun	Level 6
Brigalow	Level 1	Kogan	Level 4
Chinchilla	Level 2	Meandarra	Level 1
Condamine	Level 1	Miles	Level 2
Dalby	Level 2	Moonie	Level 1
Dulacca	Level 1	Tara	Level 2
Flinton	Level 1	The Gums	Level 1
Glenmorgan	Level 1	Wandoan	Level 3
Jandowae	Level 1	Warra	Level 2
Jimbour	Level 1	Westmar	Level 1

LEVEL 1 6am - 10am, 3pm - 7pm, All devices

LEVEL 2 7am - 9am, 4pm - 6pm, All devices

LEVEL 3 6.30am - 7.30am, 5pm - 7pm, Handheld hoses and drip systems only

LEVEL 4 5pm - 6pm, Handheld hoses and drip systems only

LEVEL 5 5pm - 6pm, Buckets only

LEVEL 6 No outside watering

WATERING DAYS
Odd and Unnumbered - Wed, Fri, Sun
Even numbered - Tues, Thurs, Sat

Call **1300 COUNCIL** (1300 268 624) www.wdrc.qld.gov.au

Chinchilla Waste and Recycling Centre Now Open

The new state-of-the-art Chinchilla Waste and Recycling Centre is now open for business.

The Chinchilla Landfill at Clarkes Road is now closed to the public. Patrons wanting to recycle or dispose of their waste will need to go to the Chinchilla Waste and Recycling Centre located on Slessar Street.

The facility is open seven days a week from 7am to 5.30pm except on Christmas Day, Good Friday and Anzac Day.

Towards a Waste Wise Western Downs

Customer Service **1300 COUNCIL**

www.wdrc.qld.gov.au

COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Community groups are advised that applications are being called for the following funding programs. Application forms are available on the Council website at www.**wdrc.qld.gov.au** and from Customer Service Centres.

Minor Grants Program: applications close 5pm Tuesday 2 September 2014 for projects beginning late October 2014.

Local Events and Sponsorship Program: applications close 5pm Tuesday 7 October 2014 for events beginning mid December 2014.

Major Events and Sponsorship Program: applications close 5pm Tuesday 7 October 2014 for events beginning mid December 2014.

Other funding programs are open throughout the year and include the In Kind Assistance Program and Sporting and Recreation Assistance Program. Information for these programs and application forms are available on the Council website under Online Payments and Services/ eGrants.

Applications are to be addressed to:
Western Downs Regional Council
Community Grants Funding
Attn: Chief Executive Officer
PO Box 551, DALBY QLD 4405

For further information phone **1300 COUNCIL** (1300 268 624)

Works Projects August

CHINCHILLA DISTRICT:
Avenue Road - Chinchilla-Tara Road to Glenhope Road – Reconstruction and Seal, finish Dec 2014
Beelbee Road/Glen Mona Intersection – Intersection Upgrade, finish Oct 2014
Brigalow Canaga/Chinchilla Wondai Intersection – Intersection Upgrade, finish Aug 2014
Burra Burri Creek Road – Widen and Seal, finish Nov 2014
Glenhope/Chinchilla Kogan Intersection – Intersection Upgrade, finish Oct 2014
Zeller Street, Chinchilla-Tara Road, Gaske Lane Intersection – Intersection Upgrade, finish Aug 2014

DALBY DISTRICT:
Bligh, Wilkes, Coutts and Curtis Street – Stormwater Augmentation, finish Sep 2014
Bunya Street Mercy Bridge – Fibre Composite Footbridge Replacement, finish Jul 2014
Cunningham Street Retaining Wall – Construction of new retaining walls, finish Jul 2014
Ducklo - Gulera Road – Reconstruction and Reseal, finish Aug 2014
Jandowae - Macalister Road – Reconstruction and Reseal, finish Apr 2015
Yumborra Road – Dust Suppression, finish Jul 2014

MILES DISTRICT:
Barramornie East Road – Gravel Resheet, finish Jul 2014
Brownlies Road – Widen and Seal, finish Dec 2014
Flood Restorations Works - 2013 Flood Event – Various works, finish Mar 2015
Greens Road – Gravel Resheet, finish Aug 2014
Harphams Road – Upgrade and Seal, finish Oct 2014
Kogan - Condamine Road – Widen and Seal, finish Dec 2014
Old Cameby Road – Widen and Seal, finish Dec 2014
Welshes Road – Gravel Resheet, finish Aug 2014

TARA DISTRICT:
Beardmore Street – Reconstruct and Seal, finish Jul 2014
Payne Street – Reconstruct and Seal, finish Jul 2014
Upper Humbug Road – Upgrade and Seal, finish Nov 2014
Porter Street – Reconstruct and Seal, finish Nov 2014
Wilson Street – Reconstruct and Seal, finish Feb 2014
Western Road – Widen and Seal, finish Mar 2014

WANDOAN DISTRICT:
Booral Road – Bitumen Reconstruction, finish Oct 2014
Bungaban Road - Bungaban Creek Crossing – Flood Reconstruction, finish Jul 2014
Clifford Road – Gravel Resheet, finish Jul 2014
Flood Restorations Works - 2013 Flood Event – Various works, finish Mar 2015
Horse Creek Road – Gravel Resheet, finish Aug 2014
Nathan Road – Bitumen Reconstruction, finish Jul 2014
Roche Creek Road - Middle Creek Crossing – Drainage Upgrade, finish Jul 2014

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

Councillor Spotlight

Council has taken several steps forward with our strategies aimed at improving community resilience and preparedness for times of natural disaster. It was recently announced that Council would receive funding under the joint Commonwealth and State Government's 2014/15 Disaster Mitigation and Resilience Funding Initiative to install a further 19 Flood Warning Alert Stations and for extra water storage for bushfire emergencies.

Council is also making good progress on investigations into structural mitigation options, such as flood levees in Chinchilla and Dalby. We are committed to making sure we develop the most viable solution that helps reduce the risk of above floor flooding to homes and is also supported by the community.

As the upgrades to the Warrego Highway between Dalby and Miles continue, I would encourage road users to drive safely and allow additional time for travelling, as there will be expected delays from now until December. I ask road users to be patient with road workers and other users, obey signage, and drive to the conditions.

I would also like to thank the Hon. Bruce Scott, the Federal Member for Maranoa, for officially opening the newly replaced Mercy Pedestrian Bridge and touring the completed Operation Road Restore, which was a project to repair Dalby urban roads damaged during the summer 2010/11 floods. I congratulate our dedicated works teams for completing the equivalent of a 30-year roadworks program in less than 1.5 years and thank the community for their patience throughout the project

Operation Road Restore was a part of the broader Regional Flood Recovery Works program that is repairing and restoring roads damaged across the region during flood and heavy rainfall events in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014. All of these works are being funded by all levels of government, with contributions from Council, along with State and Federal Governments through the joint Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA).

Western Downs Regional Council Mayor

Cr Ray Brown

0407 650 216

Planning Applications

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR 10 JUNE - 1 JULY 2014

Received	Address	DA Approval Type Sought
10/06/2014	68 Acacia Drive, Miles	MCU Multiple Dwelling (Duplex)
11/06/2014	4 Cunningham Street, Dalby	OW Civil, Stormwater, Sewerage
11/06/2014	82 Dawson Street, Miles	RTC Alterations & Additions to Dwelling
12/06/2014	42 Glasson Street, Chinchilla	RTC Time Extension to Operational Work Approval
12/06/2014	Leichhardt Highway, Miles	RTC Multiple Occupancy (Change of Design)
13/06/2014	38 McNulty Street, Miles	ROL 1 lot into 2 lots
18/06/2014	4185 Moonie Highway, Kumbarilla	MCU Livestock Processing Industry
19/06/2014	168 Sturgess-Baking Board Road, Baking Board	MCU Extractive Industry
23/06/2014	1203 Gadsbys Road, Woleebee	ROL Divide Land into Parts by Agreement
24/06/2014	McLeods Road and Benns Road, Tara	ROL Boundary Realignment
24/06/2014	Warrego Highway, Dalby	MCU Storage Facility
24/06/2014	298 Bunya Highway, Dalby	RTC Time Extension to ROL Approval
25/06/2014	Warrego Highway, Chinchilla	RTC ROL Change Plans & Conditions
26/06/2014	Osborne Street, Chinchilla	RTC MCU Change Conditions, Addition of Training Facility & Removal of Proposed Shed
26/06/2014	Osborne Street, Chinchilla	MCU Industrial Use
27/06/2014	455 Clark's Road, Baking Board	MCU Extractive Industry
27/06/2014	943 Middle Creek Road, Wandoan	MCU Intensive Animal Industry
30/06/2014	28 Watt Street, Dalby	ROL 1 lot into 9 lots
30/06/2014	Leichhardt Highway, Condamine	MCU Transport Depot
30/06/2014	21 Dudley Street, Chinchilla	MCU Multiple Dwelling (4 Units)
30/06/2014	48 Solitaire Court, Dalby	MCU Shed
01/07/2014	21 Vowles Street, Miles	ROL 1 Lot into 2 Lots
01/07/2014	6 Sweetapple Drive, Miles	ROL 1 Lot into 2 Lots

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

Call 1300 COUNCIL (1300 268 624) **www.wdrc.qld.gov.au**

MONTHLY BUSINESS SHOWCASE

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Miles Engineering was founded by Leo Hoffman in 1968, becoming the second Bearing Service Stockist in Queensland. In 1971 the business moved to its current location with an expansion in range and variety that has continued through to present day to meet the needs of industries developing in the area. John and Anne Hoffman took over the business when Leo and Pat retired, and recently Miles Engineering has divided in to three specialist areas;

- **The Main Shop** - ISG Industrial Supply Group, Agricultural Bearings, Safety Equipment, Tools, Batteries, Welding Equipment.
- **The Power Equipment Shop** - Brush cutters, Chainsaws, Generators, Mowers.
- **The Workshop** - Welding, general jobbing, Large Lathe, bend and thread pipe, plastic machine.

Miles Engineering has a great team with proven experience and technical knowledge. John and Anne also have a community focus, sponsoring a number of community events, like the Annual Miles and District Show and Chamber of Commerce Christmas Street Carnival. They also kindly sponsor the 'Smoko writes' in this publication.

This local business is continually growing and evolving to meet the needs of the area, please contact John or Anne for more information on how they can assist you and your business.

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JONNY GILMOUR SHAVING FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS

Dulacca local Jonny Gilmour has been growing his waist long dreadlocks for 10 years in September and his beard for one year.

Jonny has decided he will cut/shave off the lot during a fundraiser at the Australian Hotel on Saturday 13th September 2014 and donate the money raised to Cystic Fibrosis,.

Jonny has chosen to do this as he has a very close friend who has Cystic Fibrosis, and his friend has been the inspiration for the event.

In addition, organisers have said they would love families and individuals in the area affected by Cystic Fibrosis to come along and enjoy the evening. There will be raffles to be won, including guessing the weight of the combined dreadlocks and which one is the longest.

If you need more information please contact Robyn Derksen on **4628 5642**. Robyn assists with organising many events in our community for various charities including Royal Flying Doctors and the Mater Charity 'Breast ever Brunch' which was held in August with the support of the Miles Health Service Staff and the donation of pre-loved clothing for sale.

NILS UPDATE

We have exciting news for you! 'Good2GoNow' is a program coordinated by Good Shepherd Microfinance (NILS) and The Good Guys, offering a range of buying solutions for NILS clients.

'Good2GoNow' is pleased to offer FREE DELIVERY on fridge's, washing machines, chest freezers and clothes dryers in the new 'Good2GoNow' range for NILS clients.

Free delivery for a selected range of items is available ANYWHERE in Australia. Should you be seeking a NILS loan for any of these white goods, see what The Good Guys has to offer price wise, and ask about 'Good2GoNow' items that are available.

For further information please contact Brooke our NILS officer on a Tuesday or Friday - **4627 2027**.

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MILES GOLF CLUB UPDATE

The Miles Golf Club have a number of regular family focused fun activities each month. Each month, usually on the second Friday, the Club has a BBQ dinner. It's great for families and individuals alike who enjoy a relaxed atmosphere to catch up with friends. The BBQ's are an inexpensive night out with meals set at $15 per person, children under 12 are $5. There is also a courtesy bus that can pick up people around the Miles township - please call the Club for more details - **4627 1288**.

Other activities the Club has to offer are social golf every Sunday starting at 10.00am. Everyone is welcome for a relaxed round. Through the club, Sharron Colley offers golf lessons to any age wanting to perfect their game or just learn the basics. Sharron is an enthusiastic coach and would love more people to teach. Please contact her directly on **0416 077 963.**

If the above events aren't quiet what you are into, but you do like to be a member of a volunteer community based sports club, then the Miles Golf Club is currently looking for people in the community to assist with what ever time they can offer for maintaining the green, keeping the club house tidy and presentable or just helping out with events etc. If you are interested please contact the club directly on **4627 1288**.

Lastly the Miles Golf Club - clubhouse is available for hire to accommodate your function and catering needs. If you would like further information please contact Karen Williams on **0409 104 706**.

Do you know of someone who has done well in their chosen area of recreational, sport or business activities that we could celebrate? Send their details to **mccmcd@bigpond.com**

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CONGRATULATIONS TO JAMIE STURROCK

Jamie has returned to the cattle dog trialling circuit, with great success so far.

His first trial back was the QWCDTAI Futurity at Rockland Spring in July, where he came 1st, 2nd & 3rd in the Open, 4th & 5th in the Novice, and equal 2nd in the Maiden.

The event also included a Futurity for dogs under two years old, where his two young dogs placed 3rd & 4th. Two weeks later he competed at the Qld Championships near Charters Towers, and won the Novice event. For more information about Jamie and Craiglea dogs visit **www.craiglea.com.au**

Photos contributed

NOW IN MILES

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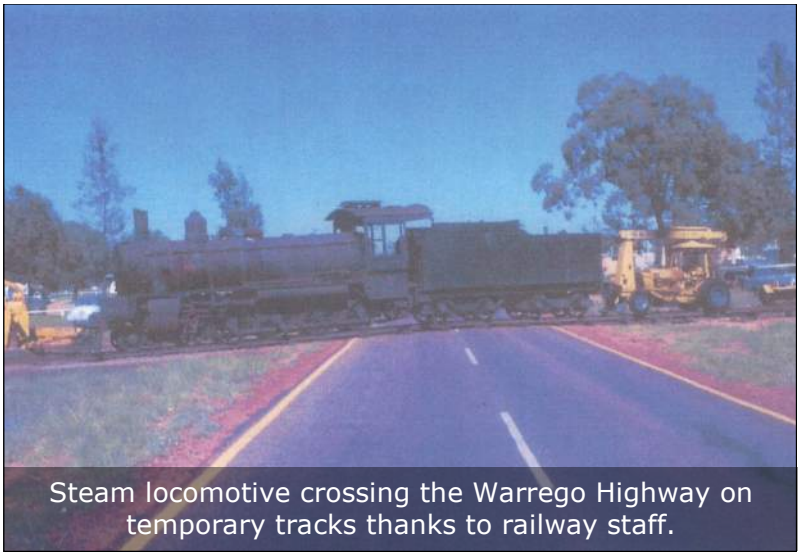
A slab coach house was built by local members, including Lloyd Bell, Allan Lark assisted by Mr. Von Hoff. The Local Lion's Club members roofed the building. This coach house was built of slabs and built to house the half sized Cobb and Co coach, donated by Mary Lark nee Woodside. The coach was built by Ferguson coach builders.

An unroofed slab kitchen, donated by Mr Leo Bishop of "Riverlea" Condamine was erected by Dan Bishop and Bernie Bourne (the shingles or bark which was used for roofing had deteriorated and disappeared many years ago.)
The unroofed slab 'Smithy' was donated by Mr and Mrs Fergus Whatley from Jackson, and re-erected by John Hancox and Martin Lingard. The roof also had deteriorated and vanished years ago.
Mr Wally Ey moved the dairy from North Dulacca to the complex and re-sited it, it was cleaned and painted by Joice and Dorris Davidson.

A steam locomotive engine and tender was made available by the railway department in 1971, when steam was replaced by diesel. It was left on the line at the Miles rail yards until 25 railway employees volunteered to move it to the Museum.

They worked non stop from 5am until 1pm, they laid a temporary line from the railway level crossing near the present Crossroads Caravan Park, across the Warrego Highway to the museum grounds.

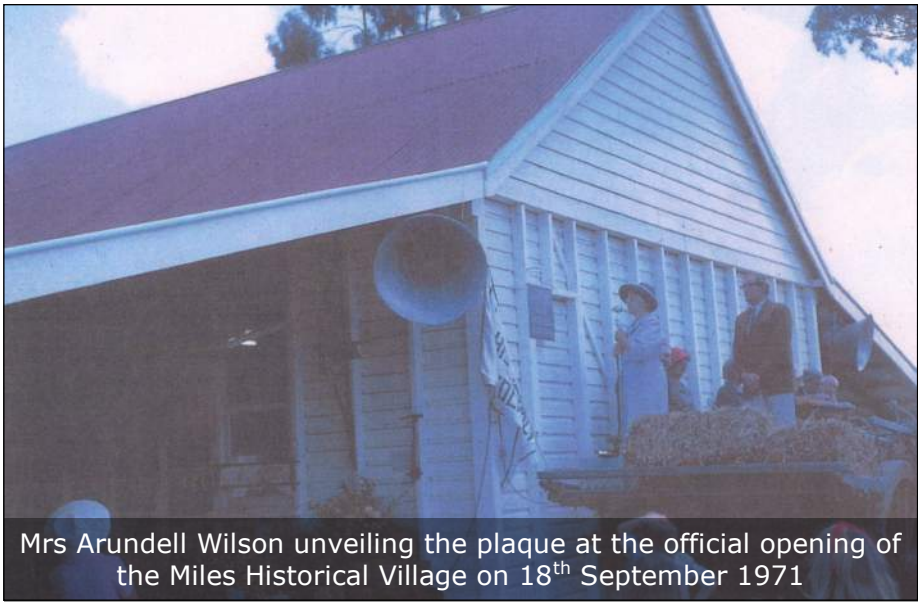

Steam locomotive crossing the Warrego Highway on temporary tracks thanks to railway staff.

Work they did, using a tractor, motorised railway pumper, and even a council grader to push it to it's present site. Speed was essential, as traffic on the Warrego Highway was held up until the task was completed and the road cleared.

These railway workers had to wait until then (1pm) for breakfast, and they certainly earned and relished their lamb chops and liquid refreshments. Anyone who witnessed the event can boast they saw a railway and tender cross the Warrego Highway.

The engine looked a sad and sorry sight, an many extra bits were later purchased, the Miles Apex club painted the train, and Mr Jack Makin polished all the brass work. Years later a new roof over the engine drivers section was installed by Mr Victor Rose.

With the completed coach house, the Columboola Hall, the Dairy, the unroofed kitchen and Smithy, and the caretakers cottage, it was decided to proceed with the opening of the Miles Museum.



Mrs Arundell Wilson unveiling the plaque at the official opening of the Miles Historical Village on 18th September 1971

On the 18th September 1971, the official opening was performed by Mrs Arundell Wilson, past President of the Queensland Women's Historical Association.

A wool wagon donated by Mr Stan Bischoff of 'Juandah Plains' Wandoan formed the dais (platform) for the official opening. This wagon now stands under a steel shed among the trees fronting the main highway in front of the Museum.

On display on the day was a collection of bottles by Mr Gordon McKenzie, embroidery and early musical instruments by Doris and Joyce Davidson, and numerous other displays.
The opening was preceded by a street procession, led by a band and with over 60 floats participating. Even after the opening day, when a large crowd of over 2,000 people were in attendance, the Society was still in the red by $21.00. Business houses would not give further credit, so many of the members contributed money in interest free debenture loans to enable the Museum to function.

It was obvious that functions needed to be held to raise finance. A concert was suggested and none of those present will ever forget the first concert.
There were so many volunteer artists that the first concert finished at 2am, as all insisted on performing. However we learned to restrict the number of items, and with Shirley O'Connor as director, Maureen Stower and later Col Wotton as accompanists and a dedicated groups of performers two annual concerts were held. So popular were they that seating became a problem with 500 pre booked seats. Doris and Joyce purchased over 300 second hand stacking chairs, costing $2,000 which they stored in their home.

Photos of concert performance groups from 1980 - 1985

GARDEN NOTES

By Emma Eising - Murilla Garden Group

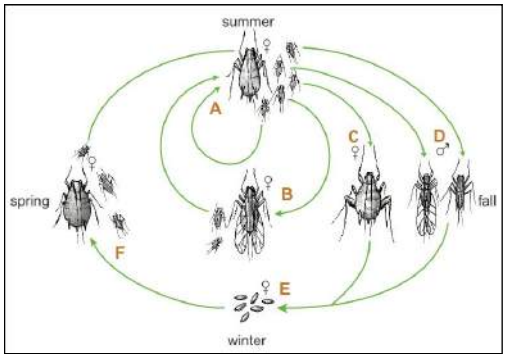
Well we certainly had our fair share of frosts in July didn't we! There were some beautiful frosts about. This frosted Broccoli in the garden will recover though as the leaves will bounce back once the sun comes up. Routine observation of your garden will make you a better winter gardener.

Through my own observations, I better understand the microclimates that exist in my garden. For example; I know by getting out in the garden early I can see where the warmer spots are - where the sun is shadowed by a tree or the house, so I know where to plant the more sensitive to frost plants.

Another thing that I tend to forget or neglect this time of year is watering. Plants need to be watered during these cold months, obviously not anywhere near as much as the summer months. In order to have a good start to spring the roots will still be developing over winter, so water your garden regularly so as the plants can be at their best when the days start getting longer and the days are warmer. Don't forget about the pots on the veranda, as they are easily forgotten when you are not watering parts of the garden as regularly.

Begin fertilisation of trees, shrubs and perennials as the soil becomes warm and plants become active - provided you can water adequately (before and after application). Be especially careful not to burn shallow rooted plants like the Azalea. Whether you'll be able to supply enough water over the Summer to support new growth will also be a consideration.

Keep an eye out for Aphids, Scale and Sotty Mould. AS Aphids and Scale congregate in hidden places or on the lower leaf surface, they may initially not be obvious. Affected plants appear water stressed, and leaves turn yellow and fall. In some cases leaves and flowers curl up and wilt. Best to treat them before the plant suffers. Aphids can also transfer diseases throughout the garden.



In the veggie patch as the weather warms a wide variety of summer vegetables can be sown in August; try tomatoes, capsicum, beans, cucumber, beetroot, silver beet, carrots etc. Keep them protected until the last of the frosts have gone.

With the days getting longer and warmer now is the time to get in and finish all garden construction and repair jobs, so as you are ready for spring. A great way to get inspired is to go along to one of Murilla Garden Group days, where you can mix ideas and see what grows best in our area.

Don't forget to check out the Murilla Garden Group's Facebook page.

Happy Gardening!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Congratulations and best wishes to Gwen Williams who celebrated her 90th Birthday on the 23rd of June 2014.

On the 28th of June 2014 friends and family celebrated at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Ted Marshall.

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If you have any enquiries please contact Anne on **4687 2391** or **0437 753 007** or after hours contact John on **4627 1129**.

Community Support has been wonderful recently, thank you to all who have volunteered their time for this valuable service. Please if you do have an hour to spare during the above dates please contact Anne. Thanks again.

Miles Artisan Bootcamp (MAB)

Are you an artisan engaged in creating unique handmade items such as furniture, homewares, decorative items, jewellery, accessories, clothing, paper, gourmet foods…just to name a few?

Are you a hobbyist who would like to attend your first market or a seasoned artisan who wants to increase their income? Are you interested in developing or extending your skills to market and sell your work? The Miles Artisan Bootcamp (MAB) might be for you!

MAB is a four month program that will enable you to achieve more from your craft. It's personalised help, mentoring and business education that addresses the areas where you need support to grow your money making opportunities. Enjoy developing your skills and being part of the artisan community!

The program will cover all aspects of your artisan business including:

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- Group learning session and involvement in collaborative creative projects that will inspire you

Sounds great doesn't it! If you want to be involved, there are a couple of things we need from you...

- Active engagement in the course, workshops and mentoring sessions. You'll need to dedicate 1 – 2 hours per week to accomplish the Bootcamp tasks and get the most out of the program
- Creating artisan products for sales opportunities
- Participation fee: $100—this is heavily subsidised at only 5% of the full cost of the program and can be paid via instalments

To find out more, come to the information session or contact the Cultural Development Officer Anne Keam on 4679 4430 or email anne.keam@wdrc.qld.gov.au

Information Session:

Wednesday 6th August

5:30pm—6:30pm

The Murilla Room

Dogwood Crossing Miles

This project is part of the Miles Ahead Program and Dogwood Crossing, Miles through Western Downs Regional Council

DEB ACASON AT THE 2014 GLASGOW COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Even though this edition of the Murilla Community Newsletter will come out after Deb has competed at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Cecily Brockhurst, the volunteer management committee, staff and volunteers at the Murilla Community Centre and associated programs would like to express how proud they are of Deb and her committed effort, to be included and compete for the Australian team.

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"Farms can present a particular and challenging set of circumstances when drawing up a Will," said Associate Professor Cheryl Tilse from UQ's School of Social Work and Human Services. Professor Tilse is leading the research team in a 3 year study funded by the Australian Research Council, together with industry partners consisting of the Public Trustee in each state and QUT Law School.

"Issues can arise about the timing of asset transfer and how to distribute assets, especially where some children are, or wish to be, involved in the farming operation and some children do not. Other possible complexities include whether or not the family residence is in the primary asset (the farm), the existence of debts and changing attitudes towards inheritance patterns."

The researchers would also like to speak to persons aged 45 and older who have decided not to make a Will, in order to develop a further understanding of this decision.

"The study aims to fill gaps in knowledge of how people manage Will-making challenges, what they understand about the consequences of dying without a Will, and what information is needed when making a Will," she said.

Study participants will be asked to complete a confidential face-to-face or telephone interview at a mutually convenient time with Research Assistant Mary Rose-Miller.

If you would like further Information or to put in your expression of interest please contact;
Research Manager Rachel Feeney - **3346 9090** or r.feeney@uq.edu.au or Associate Professor Cheryl Tilse - **3365 3341** or c.tilse@uq.edu.au or Research Assistant Mary Rose-Miller m.rosemiller@uq.edu.au - **3346 9090**.

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CWA 90TH BIRTHDAY

On Friday the 27th of June 2014 the Murilla Respite group were invited to participate in the CWA's 90th birthday celebration luncheon.

The Celebration was enjoyed by all who attended, and there were a large number in attendance.
In the picture above you can see CWA members cutting the 90th birthday cake. Congratulations.

RED CROSS TEDDIES

In response to an article in a previous edition, requesting assistance for the Miles branch of the Australian Red Cross with their Red Cross Teddy Bears, Joan Williams has taken up the challenge.

Joan has responded to the request and knitted a teddy bear that will be given to children in emergency situations as a form of comfort and hope. Well done Joan.

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MILES AND DISTRICTS FOOTBALL CLUB - MILES DEVILS LADIES DAY

Miles Devils Leagues Club Ladies Day held 19th July 2014. Celebrating the ladies involvement in the club.

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Owen Brockhurst
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Owen is a hard-working and loyal gentleman who you will often see involved in cattle sales, rural property sales and clearing sales.

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OBJECTIVE MAKETING STRATEGIES MAKE GOOD SENCE - PARTNERS IN GRAIN

As blue skies pervade over the grain growing areas of Queensland it is hard not to get discouraged about this year's harvest outlook.

However, "twelve months is a long time in the grain industry" says Lachie Stevens, Managing Director of Lachstock Consulting, "so it's important not to get too overcome by fear about what's happening today." There is nothing more certain than change so growers need to plan to be objective in these periods.

That is why Partners in Grain (PinG) saw the importance of continuing their annual Grain Marketing Forums. "It is still essential to formulate an objective marketing strategy, even in times of yield uncertainty, rather than trading in hindsight or "crystal balling" price direction, in the hope of squeezing a few more dollars," says Mr Stevens, "If you have a robust strategy it is one less thing you need to worry about".
"The foundation of a strong marketing plan is knowing your business and it's profitability levels," continues Mr Stevens, "understanding your breakeven price based on average and/or expected yields." "Keep up with the market, but don't get caught up in information overload and start second guessing; reassess but don't second guess". Mr Stevens will expand more on developing a robust marketing strategy at this year's Optimising Gain From Grain forums where he is the key note speaker.

The forums aren't about what the price is going to be at harvest this year, however that is usually the first question asked" remarks Queensland Partners in Grain Coordinator Theresa Pilcher.

The aim of the forum is to provide growers with a window to the market place and the know how on what to do with this information. Attendees will be provided with information around marketing strategies and a situation and update on the current market.

Moree grower Darryl Bartelen agrees. "The forum I attended last year provided me with the opportunity to interrogate representatives of multiple buying agents"

"It was my opportunity to ask the pointy questions that assist me in developing sound marketing strategies"

Darryl and his wife Sara farm 4000 hectares of country at Tuloona, north east of Moree. The mixed farming operation supports 3200 hectares of broad acre farming. "Although this year's yield prospects aren't looking as good as last years I still see the importance in formulating an opinion on the market and attending these forums is a very easy and time effective way of doing so"

The forums will be held in Dalby on Thursday the 14th of August and Goondiwindi on Friday the 15th of August. For more information please contact Partners in Grain Coordinator Theresa Pilcher on **0428 147749**.

TOP DAY AT DULACCA WINTER ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Held on the first day of the school holidays, Dulacca's Annual Winter Athletics Carnival was a great event with lots of fun had by all who attended.

The children had the opportunity to compete in a full athletics program, whilst being mentored by inspirational Para Olympian Darren Thrupp.

There were plenty of awards on offer with children taking home gold, silver and bronze medallions for finals in every event and age champion trophies awarded to those who earned the most points in their age groups.

The Dulacca State School P&C would like to thank all their generous sponsors and those individuals who so kindly contributed to make the day the huge success it was.

Article and photos contributed, for more pictures please see page 31

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HANNAFORD OPEN GYMKHANA AND FAMILY FUN DAY

The 28th of June 2014 was the annual Hannaford Open Gymkhana and Family Fun day, 74th successful year, with horse nominations up 30% on the previous year, competition was fierce in the arena.

The hall was busy throughout the day with market stalls, painting demonstrations by Helen Sullivan and a wonderful patchwork gallery to admire, which was put together by the Hannaford Patchwork Club.

Kids Korner kept the nippers entertained with train rides, jumping castle and merry -go-round. The children sported creative face painting with princesses prancing and tigers prowling proudly throughout the day.

The dog races saw keen competition, but none could surpass 'Socks', who holds the title for another year. The sheep races and wool bale races attracted a keen audience who were then able to watch fine horsemanship in the barrel race Calcutta's.

As an approaching storm threatened an early finish the crowds were delighted to watch riders amazing skill.

John Mullins, of Miles riding Bundi took home the title. Thanks to Terry Hyland for auctioneering the Calcutta's.

Also thank you to auctioneer Peter Bird from Eastern Rural Dalby and our generous goods donors, the new goods auction was a tremendous success, many items were highly sort after and some

HANNAFORD OPEN GYMKHANA AND FAMILY FUN DAY

bargains were snapped up.

The day was, yet again a terrific family fun day and sincere thanks goes to the generous sponsors, community volunteers, first aid officers, judges and patrons who supported our community event. Western Downs Regional Council kindly slashed the grounds in preparation for the Gymkhana for which we greatly appreciate.

See you all next year for the 75th celebrations in 2015.

Some of the trophy winners from the day were; Zayleah Schutt on BRYN, who was awarded the Barden Trophy donated by D&T Wells, for best unled rider five years or younger.

Hannah Gordon on WATCHMAN, was awarded the McNamara Shield donated by D&T Wells, for highest points on nominated horse from B, C, D & E groups combined. Pictured below

Amber Davies was awarded the Les Taylor Trophy for fastest Junior Flag Race.

Erin Dempsey on LARRY, was awarded the Bligh Cup donated by Mrs Bobbi Harms, Adult riding nominated horse (only 1).

Sean Geraghty, on CHINA DOLL was awarded 3rd most successful Hannaford Pony Club rider trophy donated by Hannaford Pony Club. Pictured below.

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MILES AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS BRANCH AGM

On Wednesday 23rd July 2014 the Miles branch of the Australian Red Cross held their AGM.
The meeting was attended by Mrs Win Smith the Queensland Divisional Advisory Board Deputy Chair and Mrs Lidija Judd Manager, Member and Branch Services Queensland, pictured above.

The Miles Branch was presented with a Certificate of Commendation, celebrating service to the Miles District for 100 years.

The Miles Branch raised $800 through Red Cross Calling, a wonderful achievement.

Officers elected;

President - Tricia Shaw
Secretary - Ann Gibbons
Vice President - Frances Gorry
Treasurer - Corine Knight

MILES LIONS CHANGE OVER DINNER - CECILY BROCKHURST

Members of the Miles Lions Club celebrated their Changeover Dinner on Saturday 26th July 2014 at the Miles Bowls Club with representatives from a number of community groups and organizations as well as members of the local community.

Treasurer of the Club, Wendy Megaw made some generous presentations of funds to some worthy community organisations for example the Murilla Community Centre Inc, Miles Show Society, Miles State Primary School, Miles State High School, Miles Chaplaincy, Miles Hospital Auxilary and Miles Senior Citizens. Donations to local groups since the last changeover dinner in July 2011 have totalled - $20,809.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of Awards by Lion Lindsay Marsden to; Wendy Magaw and Marshall Gill, both were awarded the highest honour of Lions International - The Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, for longevity of service - Wendy has been involved with Lions since 1976 and Marshall for 35 years plus. Congratulations Wendy & Marshall and your spouses who I am sure have been a great support over the years. Very Well Deserved.

Lance Krause was the MC for the evening and Steve Beard assisted Lance as Tail Twister creating much discussion and frivolity.

Members of the Miles Lions Club - 2014;

Chairperson - Richard Jenkins
Vice Chairperson - Laurie Strain
Secretary - Sue Large
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COMMUNITY SNAPS

FROM AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

HANNAFORD GYMKHANNA AND FAMILY FUN DAY

Photos contributed by Fiona Sinnamon through Noonga Notes. These are pictures from the tennis completion held during the school holidays. Congratulations to all who participated.

Noonga Community Association Inc.

COMMUNITY SNAPS

DULACCA WINDER ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Thank you to Kym Ellem for the contribution of these great action shots. Article on page 24.

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Leichhardt Centre Function Room,
Marion St Miles

Time:
11am -2.00pm, or drop in for lunch

Cost:
$25 per lady or $250 (table of 10)

Guest speaker :
Kristy Banks

Five words were uttered. 'You will never walk again'. It was then she knew this horse accident had changed her life forever. Come and hear the inspirational story that follows this tragedy.

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- Nancy Rathburn

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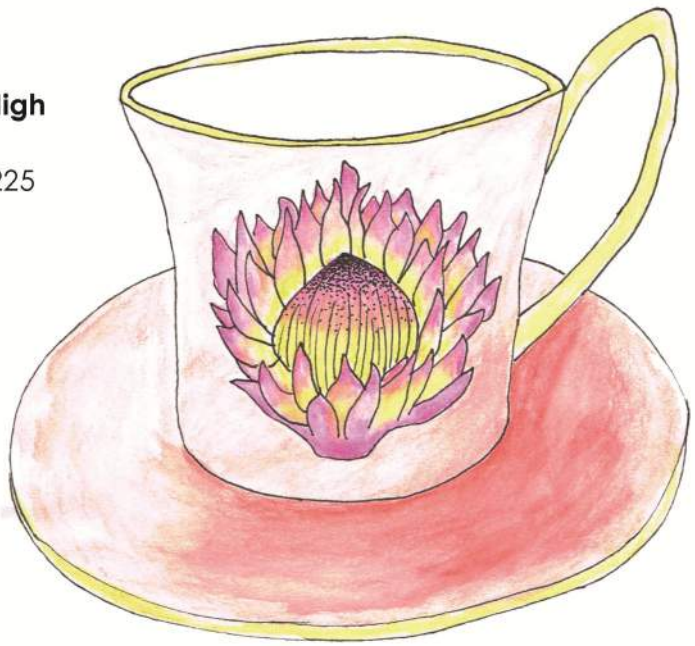

Proceeds from the catering of this event will support Miles State Primary School

MURILLA COMMUNITY CENTRE 2014 AGM

The date has been set for the 2014 Murilla Community Centre Inc AGM; Wednesday 8th October. Each year the Murilla Community Centre invites an inspirational and informative guest speaker to share their experiences and knowledge with the community. The whole community is invited to attend the evening, which will begin at 7.00pm and requires RSVP's for catering on the evening by Friday 26th September **(4627 2027)**.

This year Ian 'Watto' Watson; Author, inspirational speaker, pioneer of Shed Night and founder of shed happens, has confirmed he will be attending as the guest speaker.

Ian is a regular panellist on ABC radio with Phil Smith's Shed Happens radio show every Sunday and has been a guest on a number of other television and radio segments.

Ian 'lives to encourage and help men and boys on their journey to becoming the real-deal blokes that the Bloke upstairs created them to be.' Ian played AFL football for the Sandgate Hawks and later was involved in coaching, team management and selection. His other sporting passion was harness racing where he worked alongside his father.

Ian dreamed of being a teacher but after his mothers tragic death when he was 15 years old, his career opportunities took a different turn and he ended up in a frustrating job, dreaming of ways to escape. Ian was conscripted to the army for two years where he learned valuable skills, then in 1986 Ian bought a tipper truck to launch his own business. Iin 1989 he started Ian Watson's Driver Training Centre, training thousands of drivers each year with his fleet of six trucks.

Ten years ago Ian was diagnosed with prostate cancer. He had surgery and continues to receive treatment. At 67, Ian lives in Brisbane but travels widely, speaking around Australia. He is still married to his high school sweetheart Margaret, they have three adult sons with families of their own.

Ian's message is for men of all ages and those who have men in their lives, it is a message of inspiration and encouragement.

Please come along and hear what Ian has to say, bring the important blokes in your life and enjoy this free presentation brought to our community by the Murilla Community Centre. For more information on Ian visit **www.wattobooks.com**

Murilla Community Centre Inc 2013 AGM

Wednesday 8th October - 7pm

All welcome

Please come and enjoy Special Guest Speaker
Ian 'Watto' Watson

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Dogwood Motor & Auto Group (Miles Car Club)
- 4627 1324 Les
- **0437 327 848 John**

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Major articles in each edition will also be added onto Facebook page.

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- Specialists appointments
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Activities for Mums/Caregivers and Bubs

Dulacca and District Kindy/Playgroup
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Miles Gym
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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.

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St Luke's Anglican Church
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Cnr Dawson & Constance Streets
Contact Rev Balnaves:**46271190**

Presbyterian Church
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Lutheran Church
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Contact Elva Hahn:**4627 1107**

Crossroads Christian Outreach
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Contact:**0437 337 772**

NOONGA SENIORS WEEK EVENTS

Noonga Seniors Week Celebration on Tuesday 19th of August. The day is being hosted by the Association and sponsored by COTA Queensland.

The itinerary for the day is as follows;

10.30am – Complimentary morning tea
11.00am – Guest Speaker – Lisa from Vital Health; "How important it is to stay active".
12.00pm – Complimentary lunch
12.30pm – Opportunity to browse market stalls and displays
1.30pm – Drawing of cent auction. Ticket sheets to purchase for $1 each.

Bookings are essential for catering.

Please phone Polly Leahy **4627 6483** or Fiona Sinnamon **4627 6357**.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

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ORIGIN COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Round 3, 2014 applications now open

Our Community Sponsorship Program offers community organisations and groups of all sizes, the opportunity to access financial assistance and in-kind contributions to support events and programs that benefit the local community.

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

- Skills and education
- 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 3: 1 July – 30 September 2014 (recommended if your event/activity is in **December 2014** onwards, due to time required for processing and to ensure maximum lead time prior to the event.)

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.)

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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Crossword answers

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Volunteers Needed

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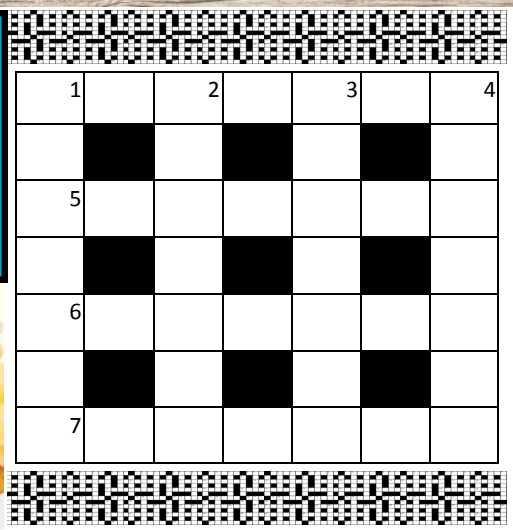

Mini Crossword

Across

1. Omen
5. Fall apart
6. Rising air current
7. Delete

Down

1. Image
2. Gather livestock together
3. Make a plan & comprehensible
4. Support tower

AUSTRALIAN WORKING DOGS - MRS M CLEARY

This is my tribute to our Aussie working dogs,
who give their best in dust and heat, in snow and mountain fog;
they'll tend their sheep or cattle till their pads are red with blood,
over hot and blistering ground, through burrs and out back flood.

They ask no special favour like food or brush or comb;
Just to work and give their all, be with you 'ere you roam.
When the stock is bedded for the night, an you curl up near the fire,
That gallant heart and watchful eye, just never seems to tire.

He lies there, head stretched on his paws, and checks each tiny sound,
until the sun comes breaking through, and the stock starts milling 'round.
Another day of parching heat, of lonely outback trails.
But nightfall finds our dogs still there, for they are as tough as nails.

They'll stand and fight a maddened steer, meeting death there face to face,
or gently herd that sick old ewe to a safer resting place.
Their eyes hold love and wisdom, the like I've never seen,
these three breeds are on their own for a top-notch Aussie team.

My hat's off to the Cattle Dog,
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August

4 Mobile Woman's health clinic - Meandarra @ Bellara
14 Mobile Woman's Health Clinic - Miles Hospital
15 Chaplaincy Dinner - Celebrating 10 years in Miles - **4627 2027**
15 'Breast ever Brunch' by the Miles Health Service Milton House Gardens, 10am - 11.30am preloved clothing for sale to raise funds and a plate will be kindly accepted.
18 RSPCA cupcake day
19 Noonga - Seniors week event
20 Weengallon Pink Ladies Day - **www.pinkladiesday.com/bookings/**
23 Mexican fiesta evening at the Condamine Sports Club - 6pm
27 Mobile Woman's health clinic - Wandoan Primary Health
27 AgForce Projects, free CSG Negotiation Support Workshop
28 AgForce Projects, free computer mapping workshop - Moonie
31 Myall Park Botanical Garden - Spring 14 - 11am-3pm

September

4-13 Beef, Bells and Bottle Trees Festival
6 Miles Spring Races - Miles and Districts Amateur Race Club
6 Troy Cassar-Daley, 'My life in song' Wandoan 8pm, tickets at post office - **4627 4170**
7 Meandarra Bike ride
11 Mobile Woman's Health Clinic - Miles Hospital
11 R U OK Day - Suicide Prevention day - 'One conversation could save a life'.
13-14 Gourmet in Gundi (Goondiwindi)
18 Landcare Predator control workshop - Drillham - 4627 2125
20 Meandarra Show - Rae **0438444198**
26 RSVP to Murilla Community Centre AGM with guest speaker Ian 'Watto' Watson - **4627 2027**.

October

8 Murilla Community Centre AGM, open invitation - guest speaker Ian 'Watto' Watson RSVP - 26th September - **4627 2027**
9 Mobile Woman's health clinic - Miles Hospital
22 Mobile Woman's health clinic - Wandoan Primary Health