



MURILLA COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMUNITY NEWS

DEVELOPING AND SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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

Within these walls:

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- Rural Financial Counsellor
- Community Development
- Miles NILS
- Agent for the Department of Human Services - Centrelink and Medicare
- Murilla Respite Centre Days
- Murilla Family Day Care
- Murilla In Home Care
- 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.**

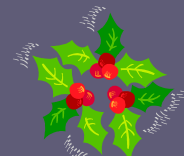
**Thank you to our wonderful Respite
volunteers.**



WELCOME MAS WESTERN DOWNS MOTOR INN

The MAS Western Downs Motor Inn and Oasis Restaurant have been open for over a month now, (opposite the IGA supermarket). MAS Accommodation are the contact on **4627 1211** to book in to stay in one of the executive king suites or executive self contained suites. In addition there is a function room on site, with full bar and multimedia systems. The décor in the restaurant is amazing, and on a Tuesday evening you can purchase a t-bone, rump or eye fillet steak with salad and chips for only \$18 and the word around town is that the meals are beautiful. Currently Jeff is taking bookings for Christmas Lunch, a three course set menu including wine for a wonderful \$68 per person - bookings are essential. The function room could be suitable for your business Christmas function; contact Jeff on 4627 1211 or **0497 319 623**.

**MILES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
CHRISTMAS STREET CARNIVAL - 5^{PM}
THURSDAY 11TH OF DECEMBER -
See page 29 for more details**



**Christmas Blessings to you
all,
wishing you a safe and
happy holiday season.
From Cecily and the staff at
the Murilla Community
Centre Inc.**

Thank you for your support
throughout 2014, we look forward to
working with you in 2015.

The Murilla Community Centre will
be closed on Wednesday 24th
December 2014, and will reopen on
Monday 5th of January 2015.





RURAL SUPPORT OFFICE

FARM HOUSEHOLD ALLOWANCE - FHA

The FHA will replace the 'Interim Farm Household Allowance' as of the **1st 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 -

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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 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.

YOUTH ALLOWANCE

Youth Allowance is split in to two categories -

- Looking for work and
- studying fulltime.

If you are aged 18 - 24 years old you may be eligible for this payment.

To find out more information or to check your eligibility contact **132 490**, look on line at humanservices.gov.au claims are now all done online.



1.

Machinery for sale

1. 12 meter Gyrat 333mm spacing, 350lb tyne breakout with moisture seeking points. Excellent condition \$55,000 inc GST.

2. Gyrat presswheels \$385 each inc GST.

3. Gyrat disc coulters \$385 each inc GST.

Price for all items together \$77,000.



2.



3.

STORM AND BUSHFIRE SAFETY

Severe storms can strike at any time. They are often unpredictable and can cause major damage to property, as well as serious injury and even loss of life.

That's why the Queensland State Emergency Service (SES) has teamed up with NRMA Insurance to share some simple ways to protect your household members and property from storms.

The website stormwise.com.au contains storm safety tips and resources to help you prepare for storms, plus advice based on the first-hand experiences of SES volunteers.

If you and your family were isolated by a severe storm or flood, would you have



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enough food and water for three or more days?

What if there was no power or access to telecommunications?

If you're unsure of the answers to these questions, there are emergency preparation steps to help you prepare for a major storm on the web site.

Step one - Create your home Emergency Plan

Step two - Create your home Emergency Kit

Step three - Prepare your home

Step four - Tune into warnings

In addition, you don't have to live in the bush to be threatened by bushfire, just close enough to be affected by burning material, smoke and embers.

All Queenslanders should be familiar with the official Bushfire Warnings System, and have a completed Bushfire Survival Plan for action.

When there is a bushfire in your area it is up to you to take notice, seek information, make decisions and act.

You can visit ruralfire.qld.gov.au/bushfires/ to identify how to make a Bush Fire Survival Plan and to learn about the official Warnings system.

Advice

Monitor conditions and review your Bushfire Survival Plan.

Watch & Act

Conditions are changing. Start taking action and follow your Bushfire Survival Plan.

Emergency Warning

You are in Danger. Act on your Bushfire Survival Plan Now.



A Very Merry Christmas to all the primary producers in our community, with a Christmas wish of rain for all.

ISOLATED CHILDERS ALLOWANCE

Primary, secondary and certain tertiary students who do not have reasonable daily access to an appropriate state education can receive assistance;

- Students who must board away from home
- Families who must maintain a second home
- Students who are enrolled in full-time study in an appropriate distance education course.

For more information contact **132 318**, Department of Human Services or the Murilla Community Centre on **4627 2027**.

LIVING AWAY FROM HOME ALLOWANCES

The Department of Education and Training provides assistance to eligible Queensland parents whose children must board away from home to attend school on a daily basis.

All payments are dependent on applicant's homes meeting distance eligibility criteria, or being approved under special circumstances.

Contact for further information - 1800 248 997 or visit

www.education.qld.gov.au/grants

Application forms for these payments are available at the Murilla Community Centre. For assistance please phone the Murilla Community Centre on **4627 2027**.



Western Downs Regional Council wishes you a safe and happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Western Downs Regional Council wishes you a happy holiday season

With thoughts of a festive holiday season spent with good food and even better company, Western Downs Regional Council would like to take this opportunity to wish you a safe and happy Christmas and a prosperous 2015.

Before tucking into your Christmas ham, make sure you have noted Council's operating hours over the Christmas and New Year period, listed below. Customers will be directed to Council's Emergency After Hours Service for any emergencies during the closure.

If you are looking for something fun to do with your family and friends over the festive season, keep a look out for details of the annual 'Mayoral Variety Christmas Concert' and 'Miles Carols by Candlelight' events on Council's website and Facebook page.

Council also urges residents and visitors travelling around the region to be safe on the roads, drive to the conditions and obey signage; and, if travelling over a long distance make sure to take regular rest breaks.

News In Brief

COUNCIL WINS AT CONDOMINE AWARDS

Recently, Western Downs Regional Council was recognised for their outstanding contributions to natural resource management in the Condamine catchment at this year's Condamine Alliance "Condamine Awards". Council won the Land Award for its efforts to protect local communities from weed seed spread (especially as a result of the construction of the Chinchilla Washdown Bay), and Chris Gaschk, Council's Natural Resource Management Officer, took home the Young Achiever Award for his commitment and contribution to promoting and protecting natural resources in the Condamine catchment. Congratulations to Chris and Council's Natural Resources Team on their outstanding achievements.

RYAN WINS PLUMBING APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

Council Plumbing Apprentice Ryan Littleton, has won the "Ron Douglas Memorial Prize 2014" (Certificate III Industry Award), cementing his place as the First Year Plumbing Apprentice of the Year for the Darling Downs. Ryan's supervisors believe he is progressing well, a performance which is backed up by his award win. Congratulations to Ryan on his achievement.

COUNCIL STAFF RECOGNISED FOR LONG SERVICE

Forty-six hardworking and dedicated Western Downs Regional Council employees, who have clocked up 845 years of service between them, have been honoured with long service awards. Staff members with 10 to 40 years of service were recognised for their contributions to Council in a special ceremony held at the Russell Tavern in Dalby last month, attended by Councillors, senior management, and family members. For a full list of staff recognised visit www.wdrc.qld.gov.au.

KEEP YOUR YELLOW BIN HAPPY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Did you know that hard plastic trays and berry punnets from your kitchen, and shampoo and conditioner bottles from your bathroom, are recyclable? Residents are reminded to keep up their good recycling practices over the holiday season by recycling items from every room of their home. Glass jars, hard plastic containers, paper, cardboard, as well as steel and aluminium cans, can all be placed in your yellow lidded recycling bin. For

handy tips on how you can recycle better, visit Council's website www.wdrc.qld.gov.au.

NEW TOURISM AND LIFESTYLE WEBSITE LAUNCHED

Council officially launched its new website, as part of promoting tourism and lifestyle for 'Our Western Downs', at the 2014 Volunteers Forum held at Chinchilla last month. The new website, which is designed to be user-friendly, is jam-packed with up-to-date information about events, attractions, activities and lifestyle options on offer in Our Western Downs. For the latest on what's happening in your area visit www.ourwesterndowns.com.

EMERGENCY KIT GIVEAWAY

Make sure your family is prepared this bushfire and storm season by having an emergency plan and kit in place. Council has partnered with Get Ready Queensland to help households prepare by giving away free starter Emergency Kits, valued at \$70 each. To receive a free kit, residents will need to fill-out a simple one-page Emergency Plan and return the form to Council in-person or via email, and subscribe to Council's email and SMS Emergency Alerts. For details, and to download an Emergency Plan, visit www.wdrc.qld.gov.au/get-ready-program-giveaway.

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR AUSTRALIA DAY EVENTS

Western Downs Regional Council is gearing up to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our inspirational local heroes, with the final preparations for local Australia Day events well underway across Council's six principal towns. Keep an eye out for more details about Council's Australia Day events via Council's website and Facebook page, as well as in your local newspaper and community newsletters.

5,000 POPPIES PROJECT

As part of the Anzac Day commemorations next year for the Centenary of the Gallipoli landings, Libraries, Galleries and community groups around the Western Downs will join forces to take part in the '5,000 Poppies' initiative. Poppies will be made in workshops during December and January and displayed around the region in February before making their way to the national "field" of poppies to be erected in Federation Square, Melbourne. We are proud to make a local contribution as a mark of respect for those who have served our country. For more details on how you can get involved, contact your local library on 1300 COUNCIL.

ANNUAL ANIMAL INSPECTION PROGRAM

Council's systematic Animal Management Approved Inspection Program will wrap up across the region on Friday 19 December. The program is in place to monitor compliance with requirements under the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*. Keep an eye out for regular updates about Council's Approved Inspection Program via our website, Facebook page, and Monthly Update, as well as in your local newspaper and community noticeboards.

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 the Jandowae Customer Service Centre at **9.30am** on **Wednesday 17 December** and at the Dalby Corporate Office at **9.30am** on **Wednesday 21 January**.



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 and follow the 'Connect with Your Council' link to complete the subscription form or text your postcode and "GENERAL" or "EMERGENCY" to **0428 417 811** to register for your preferred type of alert.

Register for one option or several, it's your choice.



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STOP. LISTEN. ACT.

Get Ready for flood, fire, storm and heatwave.

STOP:

- ▶ Prepare your Evacuation and Emergency Kit
- ▶ Clean up your yard and roof gutters
- ▶ Know who to contact (prepare a list)

LISTEN:

- ▶ Tune in for Warnings and Alerts (Radio and SMS)
- ▶ Stay in touch with family and neighbours
- ▶ Be ready to evacuate

ACT:

- ▶ For assistance call the SES 132 500
- ▶ Follow instructions from authorities
- ▶ When asked to evacuate – grab your kits, kids and pets

For all emergency alerts and information
sign up to eNews Call **1300 COUNCIL**
or visit www.wdrc.qld.gov.au



OUR COMMUNITIES | OUR FUTURE

Councillor Spotlight

Our region's Visitor Information Centres are a great place to start planning your next holiday visit. With the school holidays and festive season upon us, now is the perfect time to call in and see our wonderful volunteers about the many events, attractions and activities on offer across the region.

Last month, it was with pleasure that I helped officially launch the new 'Our Western Downs' website at the 2014 Volunteers' Forum in Chinchilla. The new website will be the 'go-to' source for events, attractions, activities and lifestyle to help residents, visitors and volunteers, experience, explore and enjoy our region.

The Western Downs shines all-year round with many great events and destinations, and it is with pleasure that I continue to promote the diversity of our region at such occasions like the Regional Tourism Conference held in Toowoomba recently. This conference was all about the benefits of working together, not only as a region, but as Southern Queensland Country Tourism.

This message also applies to our economic development, with the opening of the new Brisbane West Airport at Wellcamp in Toowoomba. Thanks to this new airport, many and varied opportunities have been identified for both our tourism and economic sectors, and those that might be interested in exploring these opportunities should contact Regan at the Chinchilla office of the Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise.

On the economic front, we are continuing to promote the sale of available Industrial Land and attracting commercial business into our region, especially in Dalby, Chinchilla and Miles. For any information regarding commerce in our region, visit www.advancewesterndowns.com.

I also recently attended the 2014 Dalby Business Excellence Awards and was extremely pleased to see the huge number of nominations. This tells me that the bulk of our businesses in Dalby provide friendly and efficient service to the public and enhance our tourism and visitor attractions through their exceptional service. I want to extend Council's congratulations to all sectional winners and, in particular, the two overall winners: Dalby Engine Rebuilders, and Ashton Family Butchers.

Tony Brame

Spokesperson for Economic Development and Tourism

0477 977 081



OFFICE SHUTDOWN CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR

All Council Customer Service Centres and Depots will close for a short time over the Christmas and New Year period. Customers will be directed to Council's Emergency After Hours Service for any assistance during the closure. The closure arrangements for this period, are as follows:

Council Customer Service Centres

- Closes early at 3pm, Friday 19 December
- Re-opens Monday 22 to Wednesday 24 December
- Closes Thursday 25 December 2014 until Sunday 4 January 2015
- Re-open in the New Year at 8am, Monday 5 January 2015

Council Depots

- Close 3pm, Friday 19 December 2014
- Re-open in the New Year at 8am, Monday 5 January 2015

Emergency Contacts

For all Council after hours and emergency calls simply dial **1300 COUNCIL** (1300 268 624).



Works Projects December

CHINCHILLA AREA

Avenue Road - Chinchilla Tara Road to Glenhope Road — Reconstruction and Seal, finish Jan 2015
Burnt Bridge — Replace Bridge, finish Sep 2015
Burra Burri Creek Road — Widen and Seal, finish Jan 2015
Chinchilla Industrial Estate — Reconstruction and Seal, finish Mar 2015
Jubilee Park — Replace Playground Equipment, finish Feb 2015
Len Middleton Road — Reconstruction and Seal, finish Apr 2015
Zeller Street and Chinchilla Tara Road Intersection — Streetlighting, finish Feb 2015

DALBY AREA

Bligh, Wilkes, Coutts and Curtis Street — Stormwater Augmentation, finish Dec 2014
Cunningham Street Footpath (Drayton Street and Bunya Street) — Concrete Footpath, finish Jan 2015
Edgefield Road — Reconstruction and Reseal, finish Dec 2014
Jandowae - Macalister Road — Reconstruction and Reseal, finish April 2015
Karingal - Apunyal Road — Reconstruction and Reseal, finish Dec 2014

Yaralla Wheat Road — Reconstruction and Reseal, finish Feb 2015

MILES AREA

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

TARA AREA

Riverglenn 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 AREA

Booral Road — Bitumen Reconstruction, finish Feb 2015
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.

Planning Applications

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR DECEMBER 2014

Received	Address	DA Approval Type Sought			
2/10/2014	3495 Kingaroy-Jandowae Road, Jandowae	ROL - Boundary Realignment	21/10/2014	Moreton Street, Dalby	MCU - Telecommunications Facility
2/10/2014	110 Condamine Street, Dalby	RTC - ROL (1 lot into 2 lots) & MCU (Multiple Dwelling - 3 Units) Time Extension	22/10/2014	166 Drayton Street, Dalby	RTC - MCU - Commercial Premises (Shop)
3/10/2014	Hawkins Street, Miles	MCU - Industrial Use	23/10/2014	29-31 Forrest Street, Chinchilla	MCU - Storage Facility
8/10/2014	1331 Malakoff-Kaimkillenbun Road, Kaimkillenbun	ROL - Boundary Realignment	23/10/2014	3101 Chinchilla-Tara Road, Crossroads	RTC - MCU - Noxious Industry (Sewage Treatment Plant)
13/10/2014	Zupp Road, Wandoo	MCU - Accommodation Building	28/10/2014	McNulty Street, Miles	MCU - Service Station
13/10/2014	3928 & 3982 Macalister-Bell Road, Bell	ROL - Boundary Realignment			OW - Advertising Billboard
13/10/2014	D McIntyre's Road, Chances Plain	ROL - 1 Lot into 2 Lots			
15/10/2014	1603 Glenorm Road, Glenorm	MCU - Intensive Animal Industry			
17/10/2014	21 James Cook Drive, Dalby	MCU - Ancillary Residential Outbuilding			

Council provides a full building certification service for the approval and inspection of all types and classes of buildings. Call Council's Infrastructure Services on 1300 COUNCIL for more information on this service or visit www.wdrc.qld.gov.au for more details.

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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

MILES STATE HIGH SCHOOL 36TH ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT

On Wednesday 5th November 2014 the 36th Annual Awards night was held at the Miles State High School, chaired by Rachelle Moore and Aaron Mullins. The evening had two special guest speakers - Mr Lars Olsen and Mrs Deb Acason both presented award winners.

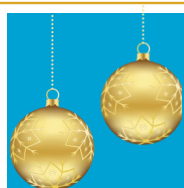
Congratulations to all those who received awards and recognition for their hard work in particular subjects, academic merit, credit and distinction awards, special awards, cultural awards and sporting achievements.

Special awards were received by the following students -

- Katrina Johnson Memorial Trophie - RISE - Student Excellence Awards; Female - Siobhaun Hahn, Male - Campbell Goodchild.
- Vocational Education and Training

Certificate - Anthony Geary and Rhys Johnson.

- The Apprenticeship Company Vocational Education and Training Award - Georgie Gyemore.
- Busy @ Work Apprentice/Trainee of the Year - Ava Hinds.
- Ray Holland Memorial Trophy - Lucy Keys.
- Norma Dunn Memorial Bursary - Bethany Perkins.
- Sally Robinson Memorial Bursary - Inari Saltau.
- Miles Newsagency Literature Award - Montana Lelievre.
- Australian Defence Force Leadership and Teamwork Awards; Year 10 - Morgan Bignell, Year 12 Jordyn Pogan
- Caltex best all rounder - Brooke Perkins.
- Prix'd d'Honneur (Queensland Gas Company) - Inari Saltau.
- Sportswoman of the year - Morgan Bignell & Sportsman of the year - Joshua Perkins.



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Daryl, Lyn, Clinton, Stephen & Daniel

wish you & your family a safe and happy Christmas

& healthy New Year



Daryl & Lyn Bein. 24 Murilla Street, Miles
P/F 4627 2193

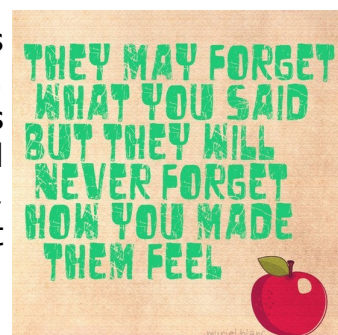
On Monday 17th November 2014 the Miles Rising Leaders engaged Benita Bensch - 'Sunburnt Country Consulting' to facilitate a 'Building your personal brand' workshop, focusing on marketing and promotion of yourself, your unique skills and/or your business.

The workshop description was - "You are a brand. If you've never thought about yourself that way then now is the time to start. In this digital age, being aware of your personal brand and building it in a purposeful way is vital to your career and business. After this workshop you will understand your personal brand and have a clear strategy on how to develop and maintain it. There is no better time to be 'brand you', so make sure your brand story is one worth sharing."

I attended the workshop with an open mind and more of a focus on how to support my workplace, there were a number of different people from various backgrounds and careers looking for different answers and training to take away for the workshop.

The workshop started by exploring different Personal Brand examples and this really made you think about how you interact with your community, your 'Brand Image', how you act, what you do really reflects what your brand is to the world and perspective employers or supporters.

Some of the techniques to really make your self visual in this digital age were discussed in both positive and negative lights. Social media like Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn were some ways to make yourself visible. The importance with all forms of digital promotion is to continue the theme/look or Brand across them all, and ensure you keep them up to date. Also a very important point was raised, that 'if you wouldn't stand on a street corner and yell it to the world, don't post it online'. It can be a very permanent medium.



If you would like to contact Benita and find out more about how she can assist you in business and branding, email her at benita@sunburntconsulting.com.au or you can find her online on Twitter, Facebook or www.sunburntconsulting.com.au

Maces Hot Bread would like to wish you a



Happy and Safe Christmas.



Pre orders are welcome for - Fruit cakes, specialty breads, ginger bread houses, rum balls, rocky road, gingerbread men and white Christmas - **4627 1592**

Our opening hours over Christmas will be;

Wednesday 24th December - 4am - 1pm

Thursday 25th December 2013 to Thursday 1st January 2014 - Closed (inclusive)

Friday 2nd January - 4am - 1pm

Saturday 3rd January - Normal Hours



CONGRATULATIONS STEPHEN PARTO AND MILES WHOLESALE MEATS



Daryl and Lyn Bein with Stephen Pratto - winner of the Outstanding Achiever of the year award with co worker Clinton Duckett (Missing - Daniel Pace)

Congratulations to Stephen Prato, Daryl and Lyn Bein, as Stephen recently was awarded Outstanding Achiever (for a retail butcher) of the year (2014).

This is the fourth time since 2005, that an apprentice at the Miles Wholesale Meats store has been awarded this prestigious award. A wonderful achievement for Stephen and the business owners.

Stephen is in his first year as an apprentice butcher with Miles Wholesale Meats after changing his career of five plus years.

Daryl and Lyn are both responsible for Stephen's nomination and are very pleased with his work ethic, skills and ability to build a professional relationship with customers.



Stephen and JDM Ross
Insurance Brokers - Jodi
Halkett

Stephen is a single father who has been in Miles for around 15 years and really shows that change can be good and there is no time limit on achieving your goals.

Congratulations Stephen.

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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or
Rachel Feeney
T: (07) 3346 9090 E: r.feeney@uq.edu.au



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ABN 5039 249 1150

CHRISTMAS VISITS TO MURILLA RESPITE CENTRE DAYS

Recently at Murilla Respite Centre Care day, attendees were treated with visitors and activities. Thank you to the CWA ladies who came and ran a wonderful Christmas Craft morning and to the Murilla Long Day Care Kindy class who visited and played games and sang songs with clients. Some of the clients commented on the children's visit -

"Lovely, bright, cute children, they were so clever, I am sure they will go further in life and hope it will be successful".

"Oh to be young again. The children waited on the oldies with biscuits, sang songs, played games, read stories, what a happy group they were, and what wonderful opportunities they have today compared with olden days".

'Brings life into the environment and keeps the world alive".



For more information about Murilla Respite please contact 4627 2027



NOONGA NOTES

Noonga Community
Association Inc.

By Fiona Sinnamon

NOONGA YOUTH ACTIVITIES - TENNIS CAMP

With the support of Arrow Energy and the QCWA, a number of keen Noonga junior tennis players are heading off to Brisbane in the first week of the school holidays to participate in a tennis camp.

Over three days the youth of Noonga will have expert coaching from "The Gap Tennis Centre" and also have the opportunity to visit the Pat Rafter arena.

In addition, the children may experience many other adventures the city can offer them. A multi-draw raffle is being run to raise funds to be able to participate in these activities.



NOONGA CHRISTMAS TREE



Saturday 13th December, 6.00 pm
Santa will arrive at 6.45pm

Please bring some nibbles, salad and dessert to share. Steak and sausages are available for sale at cost price. Please bring your own cutlery, crockery and drinks.

(Parents - Please bring a gift, wrapped with your child's name clearly marked so that Santa can personally present it to your child and have a photo opportunity)

Drawing of the Noonga Youth Activities – Multi draw raffle
Last minute tickets on sale at the Christmas Tree.

RSVP for catering purposes – Fiona Sinnamon **4627 6357**



MURILLA COMMUNITY BUS

Community transport to non urgent medical appointments;



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

BUS
STOP

Transport available -
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It was around 1976 that the Murilla Shire Council allotted more land for the Museum's use, and the Eastern boundary was extended.

Later a further extension was made and Council moved the eastern boundary fence to its present site. This area had once been used by the town's people as a rubbish dump. Joyce and Doris Davidson carried tins of broken glass away before they raked the area.

At the AGM in 1976, Father Leahy was appointed President, on the resignation of Brian Ford, who had held the position since the first meeting in 1966.

In 1977, Joyce Davidson was elected President and Doris Davidson Secretary, and Shirley O'Connor Treasurer. Also in 1977, the Dulacca Presbyterian Church, built in 1910 was offered to the Society, with the provision that no services were to be held in it. These terms were accepted and Henry Smith a house removalist from Chinchilla, was engaged to remove it and resite it in the Museum complex. The steep pitched roof, typical of the style of the era was removed for transport. On arrival it was re-roofed by Don Duffel and Bob Cochrane, assisted by Mark Bateman and Doris Davidson who took the sheets of iron up the ladder to the men.

The church was painted inside and out by Joyce and Doris Davidson, assisted by some of the Miles Lion's Club members, who painted the high walls that the girls could not reach. The pews were repaired and estapoled by Joyce and Doris Davidson. The girls had trouble inserting the screws right home and an elderly gentleman who was visiting the Museum at the time said "put some soap on the screws girls" and lo what a difference that made.

On the 1st of October 1977, the church was opened by Mr D.C Sturrock O.B.E Chairman of the Murilla Shire Council.

The church bell was mounted on tall posts nearby by Don Duffel. Affixed to the post was a plaque, honouring the society's first Patron Mr A.H Chisholm O.B.E. The plaque was unveiled by Mr A.C Cameron and Mr B.H Ford. Mr Chisholm had also presented a copy of the Gilbert Diary to the Miles Museum.

It was also in 1977 that the headstone of WW1 soldier Laddie Lawton was removed from the old cemetery near the Dogwood Creek, as requested by his siblings, who feared it would be vandalised. After the headstone was removed to the museum, a plaque was affixed on the original grave by the Miles Historical Society.



1978 was the Centenary year for the town of Miles, and members were planning their period costumes and making plans for the celebrations. In May 1978, the Governor of Queensland Sir James and Lady Ramsay visited the Museum, Joyce and Doris Davidson and Shirley O'Connor dressed in period costume for the occasion and welcomed the vice regal party. Sir James and Lady Ramsey remarked on the high standard the museum had achieved and complimented the ladies on their dress.





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GARDEN NOTES



By Emma Eising - Murilla Garden Group



In the month of November the Murilla Garden group met at Kylie and Simon Drury's Property, "Condabri". What a spectacular garden! Their garden is a new garden that has been very well executed. It had everyone there green with envy, beautiful architecturally designed gardens, tree lined driveway to a turnaround front entrance, with spectacular water feature. The garden comprises of young trees and plants that are easy to grow and maintain. It will be exciting to see this garden grow and develop over time.

Christmas is upon us now, as I am, I am sure that everyone is very busy. I would try to just keep up the watering. Check the watering system. Ants like to get into the nozzles and block up the holes.



Also take the end stop off the main pipe and turn on the tap to flush out any gunk that has collected at the end of the pipe. The timer may need adjusting to allow for a longer watering time.

Dead heading spent flowers is also a vital job that needs to be done. The benefits of doing this is it quickly tidies up all the tatty old flower stems making the plant look new and fresh again. It also stimulates the plant (if the plant is repeat-flowering) into producing more flowers.

There is always weeding to be done, I tend to carry a little hoe around with me as I am moving sprinklers and checking dripper pipes, so as I can easily chip out any weeds that I see. Check under bushy shrubs as the weeds can be sneaky and hide under them, then and set seed before you know it.

Merry Xmas & Happy Gardening!



In the Vegie Patch

By Emma Eising



I hope everyone has been enjoying some yummy summer salads with their home grown tomatoes, corn, cucumber, lettuce, beetroot and all those other great summer vegetables.

If you want to still have a go at getting some vegetables in, you could still try tomatoes, capsicums, eggplants, lettuce, sweet corn, radish, beetroot and silver beet; beans and snake beans, cucumber, melons, pumpkins, zucchini and sweet potato.

You could try just the little cherry tomatoes as they are quick to grow and are more resistant to pests and diseases. They are great for summer salads and also to just eat by themselves.

From all at the Murilla Garden Club we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, hope you all have had some summer rain, and can sit back and relax in the garden and enjoy some of those home grown vegies.

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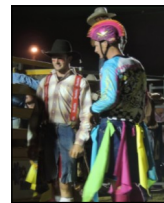
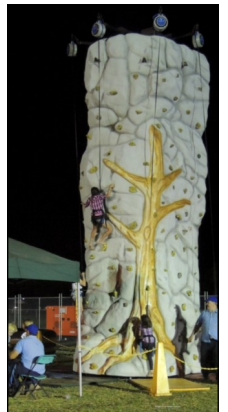
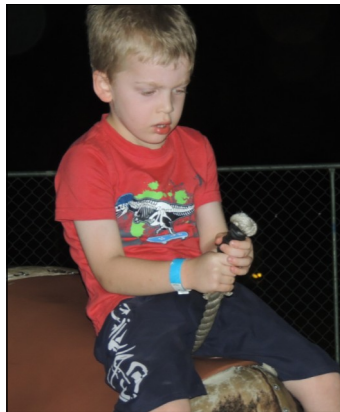
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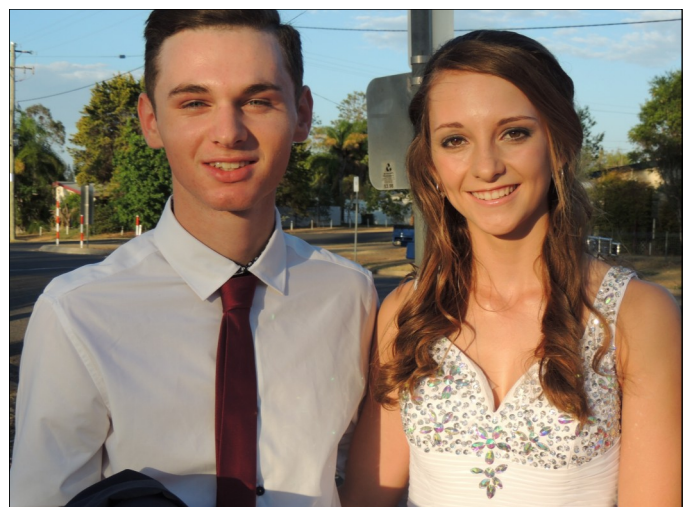
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Congratulations to the Committee, the stall holders, community and of course the 'ladies in the kitchen' for another wonderful Christmas market.

There was an increase in variety and the number of stalls, which made for a wonderful browse.

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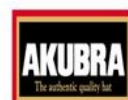
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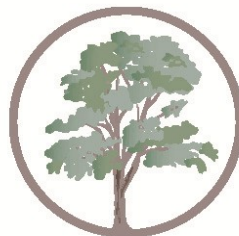
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**Christmas Services TBA please contact
4627 1139**

St Luke's Anglican Church

Christmas Eve 24th December

Condamine - 9.30am

Taroom - 5.30pm

Wandoan - 7.30pm

Sundays 8.00am - Cnr Dawson & Constance
Streets

Contact Rev Balnaves: **46271190**

Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve 24th December

Dulacca - 6.00pm bring dinner to share

Christmas Day 25th December

Miles - 8am

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Lutheran Church

Christmas Day 25th December

Miles - 10.30am

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Crossroads Christian Outreach

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Miles Historical Village & Museum presents Carols by Candlelight.

Sunday 21st December

6.30pm

Gold coin admission



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Carols in the Country

Sunday 14th December - Devencourt,
Dulacca - 6.30pm

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Financial donations are welcomed along with non perishable household goods and special Christmas treats.

For more information please contact Cecily Brockhurst, Centre Manager - 4627 2027

Donations can also be anonymous when requested



Activities for Mums/Caregivers and Bubs

Dulacca and District Kindy/Playgroup

Every Friday at the Dulacca Kindy 9am - Please join Facebook page for more details.

Miles Gym

Mums Fitness Class - Circuit Style workout for mum's with bubs under 5years - 4627 2157, join Facebook page for updates or E - murillafitness@hotmail.com

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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ORIGINS OF THE AUSSIE CHRISTMAS - SARAH COLLERTON 2010

Australians get into the festive spirit in a variety of ways, but there are some staples of an Aussie Christmas: a non-stop food fest, possibly an outdoor activity and a necessary nana nap in the afternoon.

One senior historian says this style of Christmas has its roots in the mid-1800s, when early settlers longed for home but made do with what they had here.

"One of the strong forms of Christmas, from about the early 1850s onwards, was a community or family picnic out in the open air. Outdoor sports start being associated with Christmas or Boxing Day," Dr Brown, a senior research fellow in the Australian National University's History Program, said. "From very early on Christmas in Australia was a secular festival and about family; it focused on the outdoors, on recreation."

He says Christmas, as we now know it, dates back to mid-19th century Britain.

"Queen Victoria, or rather her husband Prince Albert, seems responsible for introducing the Christmas tree into England in the 1840s - essentially a German custom," Dr Brown, who is also a senior research fellow at the National Museum of Australia's Centre for Historical Research," he said. "The first Christmas cards were introduced in that period too."

"The notion of Christmas as a family gathering celebrated around those icons and as a way to celebrate family values, childhood, sentimentality was very much a product of the nineteenth century.

"It's not that Christmas hadn't existed up until that point. There was Christmas sermon in church, but the notion of Christmas as a public holiday only started in the 19th century."

For the full article visit abc.net.au



AUSSIE JINGLE BELLS



Dashing through the bush
In a rusty Holden Ute
Kicking up the dust
Esky in the boot
Kelpie by my side
Singing Christmas songs
It's summer time and I am in
My singlet, shorts & thongs

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OH, JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELLS
JINGLE ALL THE WAY
CHRISTMAS IN AUSTRALIA
ON A SCORCHING SUMMER'S DAY
JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELLS
CHRISTMAS TIME IS BEAUT
OH WHAT FUN IT IS TO RIDE
IN A RUSTY HOLDEN UTE

Engine's getting hot
Dodge the kangaroos
Swaggy climbs aboard
He is welcome too
All the family is there
Sitting by the pool



Christmas day, the Aussie way
By the barbecue!

CHORUS



Come the afternoon
Grandpa has a doze
The kids and uncle Bruce
Are swimming in their clothes
The time comes round to go
We take a family snap
Then pack the car and all shoot through
Before the washing up

CHORUS

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December

- 11** Miles Chamber of Commerce Christmas Street Carnival 5pm
- 12** Miles Golf Club Christmas Party
- 12** Miles Rising Leaders Community Cocktail Party - 6.30pm - Leichhardt Centre - \$35 per person please see page 26 for more details.
- 13** Noonga Christmas Tree, 6pm - Santa arrives at 6.45pm - See page 10 for more details about food to bring and information for Santa!
- 13** Meandarra Anzac Memorial Museum Santa Fair 5.30pm
- 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
- 20** Chinchilla Race Club - Chinchilla Cup - 0447 218 356
- 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**

February

- 6** Guluguba Beer & Wurst night
- 7** Noonga Dance started at 8pm, music by Sound Elite
- 14** Miles and District Picnic Races Valentines day race, see page 33 for more information
- 27** Rural Woman's Wellness day - Miles, all day event

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
25 December	CLOSED		