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Women's Week



Celebrating our diverse community of strong women

TURN YOUR CREATIVE HOBBY INTO A THRIVING BUSINESS

Guest Speaker: Julia Telford/Spicer

10th March 2020

9:00am - 11:00am

Murilla Community Centre

Free event with morning tea following the presentation

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individual basis.

We are unable to cover bills that have
already been paid.

Contact the Murilla Community Centre:
4627 2027 or
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RURAL NEWS

It's been great to see general Summer rain falling in many parts of the Western Downs. While this is providing relief to those whose land is fortunate enough to fall under the storm clouds, many did miss out. Drought doesn't stop because of a couple of good falls.

Visit www.farmhub.org.au to find out what drought assistance is available for you.

In lieu of the recent rainfalls, it is important to keep in mind the dangers connected to floodwater or swift flowing water. No one can predict what lies underneath the surface.

- The flood water can contain raw sewage which can be infested with germs and disease-causing pathogens such as hepatitis A, E. coli, cholera, Cryptosporidium, Giardia, etc.
- The flood water usually picks up and carries with it all sorts of things. These items may contain sharp edges that can puncture or cut the skin that result in serious infections.
- There may be hidden potholes, ditches, rocks, etc. that can trip you up and cause you to fall and get injured.
- It takes very little depth of water along with a strong current to dislodge cars or entire buildings.
- After a flood, when the waters begin to recede, manholes, storm drains and storm pipes can become suction devices that drag away unsuspecting people.

The second you decide to push through floodwater, you will give up control. Firefighters across the state rescue more people from water each year than they do from fires.

Don't get carried away when faced with floodwater. **BACK IT UP.**

In the event of floodwater on the road, there are many decision-making factors that can overwhelm drivers into making the wrong choice under pressure. But the decision to Back It Up is the bravest and



Need a hand finding harvest jobs or harvest workers?
We can help.




Need a hand finding harvest jobs or harvest workers? National Harvest Labour Information Service can help!

The NHLIS is a no-cost service funded by the Australian government and is managed by MADEC – a not-for-profit, professional and independent business that provides employment services, including the NHLIS, to quickly and effectively find workers for farm jobs.

The National Harvest Labour Information Service (NHLIS) connects workers with farm jobs to help growers ensure they have enough staff to pick and maintain their crops. The Harvest Trail website and call centre can tell you about job vacancies not advertised anywhere else. They stay in touch with growers all around Australia.

Call the National Harvest call centre to speak to one of the friendly, professional team members today on free-call 1800 062 332 (8AM – 8PM, Monday to Friday, AEST). They will talk with you about your specific employment needs, covering everything from previous employment experiences to the nuts and bolts of the job, to ensure you find suitable workers and a suitable job.

Or visit the Harvest Trail website to find or post seasonal farm jobs:
www.harvesttrail.gov.au

Community Grants Writer, Kate Bradley

Local not-for-profit organisations, Traditional Owner groups and community groups that are looking for information about funding opportunities and/or advice about preparing grant applications can access local support from Kate Bradley, Community Grants Writer. This free service, which is delivered by the Murilla Community Centre, is available to groups across the Western Downs region.

For more information, contact Kate at mccmgrants@bigpond.com and book an appointment to meet during an upcoming Community Day:

- Dalby –Thursday 23 April, Tuesday 16 June
- Chinchilla - Monday 16 March, Monday 20 April, Friday 15 May
- Miles - Friday 27 March, Tuesday 28 April, Thursday 21 May
- Tara - Tuesday 17 March, Wednesday 29 April, Thursday 28 May
- Wandoan - Thursday 12 March, Tuesday 19 May

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TURN YOUR CREATIVE HOBBY INTO A THRIVING SMALL BUSINESS

Guest Speaker: **JULIA TELFORD/SPICER**

Julia's experience with starting a successful business in a regional Queensland town and useful advice that may inspire you to grow your own small business!

We will discuss your leadership style & how this can be used in family, business & community roles.



10th March 2020

9.00 am – 11.00 am

Murilla Community Centre

73A Murilla St, Miles

QLD 4415

Morning Tea following the Presentation

****FREE EVENT* Please register as places are limited.***

Please e-mail: mccm@bigpond.com or

call (07) 4627 027





CENTRELINK UPDATES



Government services—closer than you think

At the Murilla Community Centre we can help you with Centrelink, Medicare and other government programs and services. We're an Australian Government Department of Human Services Agent. Using our computers, you can log in to your myGov account and do your business on the spot. If you don't have a myGov account, we'll help you to set one up.

There are phones for you to access phone self service or speak to a department service officer. If you'd rather use your mobile phone or tablet, we've got free Wi-Fi available 24/7. You don't need a password so you can get online straight away. You can also use the Wi-Fi to download and install the Express Plus mobile apps. We can help you set up your digital services if you're not sure what to do.

You can also lodge forms, get your identity documents certified and pick up brochures.

So next time you need to do some government business, drop in and see us or call 07 4627 2027 to make an appointment.

We're open Monday - Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm at 73A Murilla St, Miles - next to the Newsagent.

Concession and health care cards

Concession and health care cards can get you cheaper health services and medicines.

Types of cards

The type of concession or health care card you can get depends on your situation. You can use your concession or health care card to get cheaper medicines under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. You may also use your concession card if your doctor bulk bills for visits.

Commonwealth Seniors Health Card

You can get a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card if you meet all of the following. You:

- have reached Age Pension age
- are an Australian resident and live in Australia or you hold a special category visa
- can't get a payment from us or the Department of Veterans' Affairs
- meet the income test.

Your card is valid for 1 year. If you remain eligible, you don't need to do anything. We'll send you a new card each year in August.

Health Care Card

You can get a Health Care Card if you:

- live in Australia
- get some payments or supplements from us
- meet the age rules of the payment you get.

To see which payments ensure your eligibility, please visit the Services Australia website, or contact Centrelink, or the Murilla Community Centre for more information.

Your card is valid for 1 year. If you keep getting the payment or supplement, you will remain eligible. If you remain eligible, you don't need to do anything. We'll send you a new card when the current one expires.

Low Income Health Care Card

You can get a Low Income Health Care Card if you're either:

- 19 or older
- younger than 19 and are independent
- younger than 19 and eligible for Family Tax Benefit.

You must be an Australian resident and live in Australia, or hold 1 of the following visas:

- permanent residence visa holder
- Special Category visa
- partner provisional visa subclass
- temporary protection visa.

You must also meet an income test.

Your card is valid for 1 year. You must renew your card each year.

Pensioner Concession Card

You can get a Pensioner Concession Card if you get:

- Age Pension
- Bereavement Allowance
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- Newstart Allowance or Youth Allowance - you must be single and caring for a dependent child while you're looking for work
- Parenting Payment single.

For more information on eligible payments, please visit the Services Australia website, or contact Centrelink, or the Murilla Community Centre for more information.

Your card is valid for 2 years. If you remain eligible for the pension or allowance you don't need to do anything. We'll send you a new card every 2 years on your birthday.

For information on other concession and health care cards please contact the Murilla Community Centre or Centrelink.

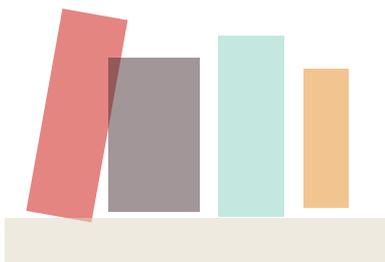
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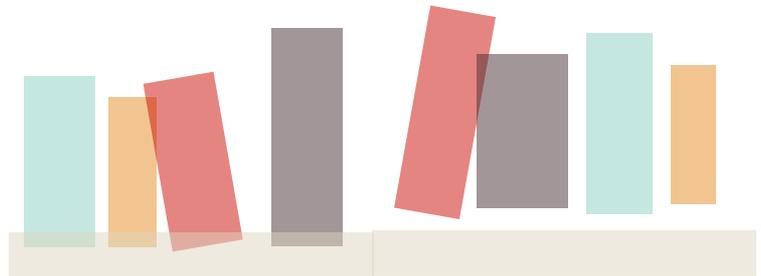
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MILES POLICE UPDATE

This last month saw Operation Arcadian take place in and around Miles and the Darling Downs. This was a traffic operation that utilised Road Policing resources from places such as Bundaberg, as well as State Traffic Task Force and the Roadside Drug Testing Unit. The Officer in Charge of Miles Police is happy to report that minimal offences were detected in the Miles Division.

There has recently been a spate of car thefts in and around Chinchilla. Some of those vehicles were driven into Miles where other offences had been committed. Please remember to take the keys out of your car, and lock your car when parking around town and in your own driveway. Thieves are an opportunistic bunch, and will steal the easily available vehicle before trying to force entry into other, locked vehicles. Also remember to lock the front and back doors of your house. Opportunistic thieves have been known to enter through unlocked doors to steal things like wallets, money, mobile phones, and car keys. Once these thieves have your car keys they have access to your car, so even if you locked it, the car is now more than likely added to the list of things that are stolen daily. Please keep an eye on your neighbours. Look after each other and call police if you think there's something suspicious going on at your neighbour's house.

It is also no secret that drugs, specifically methamphetamine, is a growing concern in all towns, and Miles, Condamine and Drillham are no exceptions. Police rely on the intelligence provided to them by members of the public regarding drug supply and drug use in the community. Please know that police will never divulge the details of informants, and that the law actually prohibits police to make informants known. Any and all information you can give police regarding drug offences will be kept in the strictest confidence. Call the police station, or call Crime Stoppers, or come into the police station to talk to an officer face to face, and help police combat the scourge of methamphetamine in our towns.



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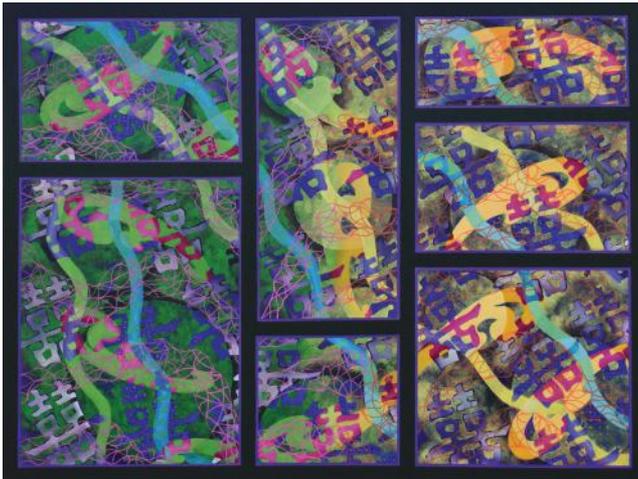
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12.30-2.30 | 5.30-7.30pm



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Find out about other great events taking place across the Western Downs by visiting Council's website:
www.wdrc.qld.gov.au or following our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/wdrc.info

For more information call **1300 COUNCIL**



The Annual Miles Races

Saturday the 8th of February 2020 not only marked the date of the Annual Miles Races, but also one of the first decent rainfalls of 2020.

Rain, hail or shine, nothing stops locals and friends from meeting up at the Miles Races. The gates opened at 11:00am with over 500 race goers ready to enjoy quality country racing and entertainment from the five-race program. The races were started early as there was storms predicted and they delivered. Miles received close to an inch of rain, but it did not stop the fun.

For the first time, the Miles and District Amateur Picnic Race Club incorporated a theme for the races - 'Swinging Safari.' This was well addressed by attendees with an array of leopard, cheetah, leaf and other prints and 70's swing parading around the racecourse.

In memory of Kate Richards, the Kate Richards Memorial Beerlay was hosted after the fashions on the field. This was a shorter version in the marquee as it was still raining.

In memory of George Johnston, a new event was introduced to the Miles Races, The George Bloody Johnston Memorial Handicap. This was a Pantomime Horse Race consisting of 5 teams of 2 people dressed up as horses who were auctioned off on the day. The 'horses' were then loaded into the barrier to race 200m down the home straight. Proceeds of the race auction were distributed to the owner, the auction buyer and a charity of Betty Johnston's choice. The race was very entertaining with many laughs to be had while remembering one of our Local Legends.

The event was a fantastic day out for the whole family with a jumping castle and merry-go-round operating to entertain the little ones. The band played on in the marquee to entertain the older ones and everyone danced in the mud!

This event would not be possible without the ongoing support from all of the generous sponsors, which the Race Club Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank. Thank you sponsors, volunteers and race goers for helping 2020 be the year remembered as wet and muddy but enjoyed by all.



More photos on page 11

COMMUNITY SNAPS

Queensland Reds visit the Condamine Fishtank



Local Australia Day Celebrations



More photos from the Fishing Club Cray Catch



COMMUNITY SNAPS

The Annual Miles Races





COMMUNITY HUBS BENEFIT FROM FUND

Community hubs are getting a new lease on life, local sports grounds are being improved and milestone events in the Western Downs are going to be celebrated in style – thanks to the QGC Communities Fund.

A total of 15 community groups from the Western Downs and Taroom are sharing in almost \$400,000 of funding to deliver vital projects across the region in 2020

List of successful projects include:

- Brigalow Rec Ground – 60th anniversary revitalisation; Chinchilla Race Club – Kitchen upgrade; Condamine Cods Rugby – field improvements; Condamine State School – Water tanks installation; Dalby Beck St Kindergarten – Playground upgrades; Jandowae Sport and Rec Assoc – Solar installation; Miles and District Historical Society – Memoirs video project; Miles Memorial Trail Ride – Equipment; St Joseph’s Primary School, Chinchilla – Playground equipment; Tara Bowls Club – New mower and roller; Taroom Kindergarten – Facilities upgrade; Taroom Shire Cancer and Palliative Care – Deck upgrade; The Gums Sports Club – Kitchen reinstallation; Wandoan Bowls Club – Clubhouse upgrade; Wandoan Show & Howl @ the Moon Festival – Marketing.

SHELL BUILDS SOLAR FARM IN WANDOAN

Shell Australia has announced it will build and operate its first industrial-scale solar electricity farm near Wandoan.

The solar farm will generate 120 megawatts of solar electricity from about 400,000 photovoltaic panels and is expected to be completed in early 2021. The project will create up to 200 jobs during construction.

The project is located adjacent to existing power infrastructure and inside the footprint of Shell’s QGC onshore natural gas project.

“Shell’s Gangarri solar farm will help power the operations of our QGC project and reduce carbon dioxide emissions by around 300,000 tonnes a year,” said Shell Australia chairman Tony Nunan.

“It continues our long-standing commitment to the regional development of Queensland and creating thriving, diverse local economies. This project will create local jobs in a range of skilled trades, including electricians, machinists and operators. We recognise the need to play an active role in creating the local talent, skills and opportunities that will be critical for regional Queensland to realise its potential as a renewable energy powerhouse.

“Shell is proud to support the development of local talent and opportunities for young people to acquire skilled trades through our Pathways programs, which creates local traineeships and apprenticeships, and our investment in science education programs in local schools, including in the Western Downs. Shell has invested over \$58 million in regional Queensland over the last ten years supporting these and other social investment programs.”

Local businesses can register at Shell’s Local Suppliers Portal to find out more information about upcoming work packages from this project: www.shellsuppliers.com.au

CONTACT DETAILS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

19th Feb – Communities Fund breakfast, Chinchilla
29th Feb - Sponsorship & Donations Round 1 closes
19th March – Business Navigator Pitch Challenge, Chinchilla Cultural Centre

2020 Qld Masters Championships and Oly in the Outback

Over the weekend of the 14th and 15th of March 2020, 107 Olympic weightlifters from throughout Queensland have registered to compete in Miles in the 2020 Qld Masters Championships and Oly in the Outback, hosted by Saints Weightlifting Club and Queensland Weightlifting Association. With lifters aged from 6 years to 76 years, it is going to be a fantastic competition for both athletes and spectators with medals, trophies and prize money up for grabs. Olympic Weightlifting is a very technical Olympic sport where athletes move barbells from the ground to overhead in the Snatch and Clean & Jerk.

This event is being held in the Multi Purpose Centre at the Miles High School, Pine Street, Miles. Lifting will commence at 9:00am and continue until approx. 6pm each day, Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th March. Saints Weightlifting Club will have a full canteen and BBQ operating both days, and the Ludwig & Will Coffee Van will also be on site. We encourage everyone from our local community to come along and witness the awesome display of strength and power and the excitement that an Olympic weightlifting competition brings. There will be some very big weights lifted throughout the competition which will have you on the edge of your seat. We guarantee you won't be disappointed and probably won't want to leave! All members of our local Saints Weightlifting Club are competing, so be sure to come along to cheer and show them your support.



Luke Bidgood



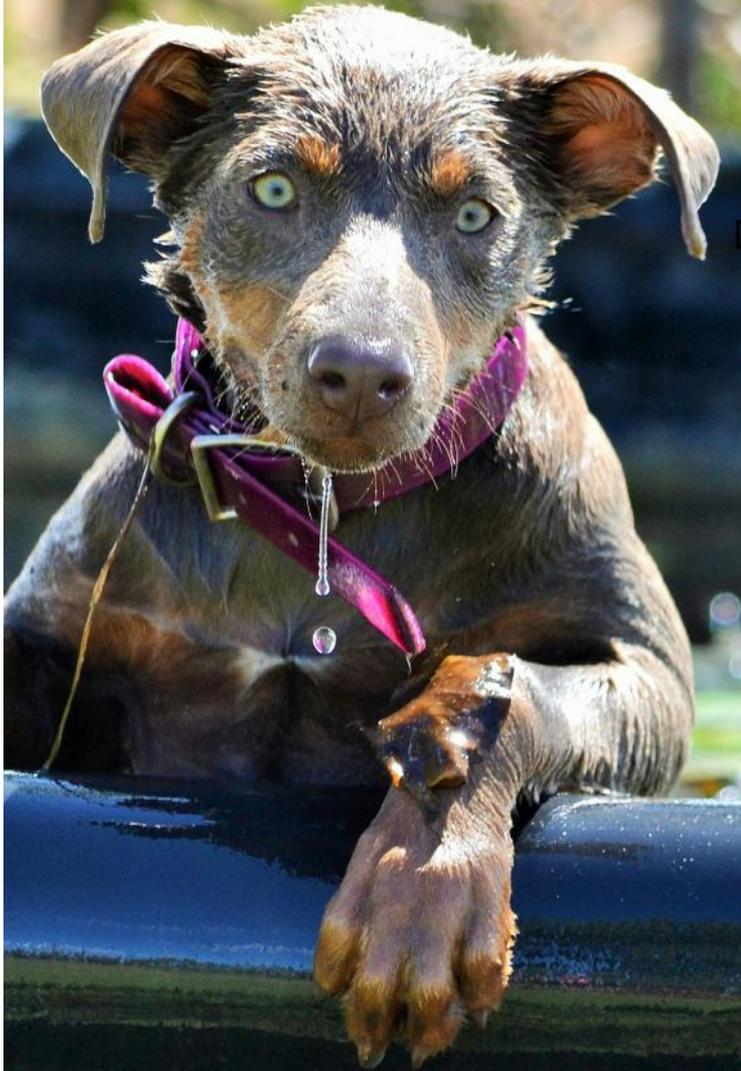
Barry at Oly in the Outback



Amity Salisbury



Photographer
Karen Mayes



'Dogs,
dogs, dogs'
is a category
in 2020

*See website for
details

www.wandoanphotochallenge.com

Wandoan Photo Challenge 2020

There are two categories for
Wandoan Photo Challenge 2020.

1. 'Dogs, dogs, dogs!'
2. 'Small Town, Big Country'
(for everything, except dogs)

Other info about WPC 2020

\$5000 in prize money
Young Photographers section
New Best Photographer Award
People's Choice vote + prizes
Professionally judged

Visit the website for more details.
All entries* to be made online.

* Entries close Friday 20th March 2020



Senex

Snap up cash prizes by entering your best shots in the Wandoan Photo Challenge!

THERE'S \$5,000 up for grabs in this year's Wandoan Photo Challenge with professional photographer and judge Fiona Lake encouraging people to enter their best shots.

'Today's camera phones can take photos good enough to win, so entrants who don't have fancy gear shouldn't hesitate to enter,' Ms Lake said. Wandoan Photo Challenge Coordinator Helen Golden agreed, saying that previous Wandoan Photo Challenge winners ranged from people who were simply in the right spot at the right time and had snapped a photo on their phone, right through to professional photographers.

'The Challenge is open to everyone, with a Young Photographers class and an Open class,' Mrs Golden said.

'We've had people who've never entered a photo competition before win in the same year that a professional photographer has won, which shows that anyone is in the running if you can capture the essence of the region's landscape or people.'

'This year's categories are 'Dogs, dogs, dogs' and 'Small Town, Big Country'.' 'A new prize, the Best Photographer Award, has also been introduced which is open to anyone who enters at least three photos.' 'This award is about finding the best photographer, rather than just a single great shot and rewards consistent high quality and creativity,' Mrs Golden said. The photos must have been taken after March 31, 2019 and within a 100 kilometre radius of Wandoan. This includes Chinchilla, Condamine, Miles, Wallumbilla, Wandoan, Taroom and everywhere in between.

Senex Energy Community Relations Manager Trevor Robertson said the Photo Challenge is about showcasing everything Wandoan and its surrounding communities have to offer. 'Senex is delighted to be sponsoring the competition yet again,' he said. 'The Photo Challenge encourages people to show the beauty of the landscape and the warmth and vibrancy of Wandoan and its community even during tough times like the drought. 'This competition shows that even at its driest, there is a unique character to this area. After the rain, I'm sure there will also be plenty of people who want to show off how well this country fares when it isn't dry.' Trevor said.

The winners will be announced and all the entries will be on display at the Wandoan Show on April 3 and 4.

To enter head to www.wandoanphotochallenge.com.

Welcome to Miles Devils Senior Rugby League Lewis Hall.

Lewis has travelled the long distance to Miles from the Warrington Wolves in the UK and is keen to help out our local club as we rebuild and move forward. Thank-you to Jackie from the Q Hotel, who has been generous enough to provide Lewis with work while he will be living in Miles. And also a big thank-you to Richie Clayton (our Pommy Import from 1991), for helping us make it all happen.

The Miles District Senior Rugby League has had a few lean seasons of late. This has prompted a couple of 'old' past Devils players to recruit some new players and faces to the executive committee. The Miles club has a long tradition of playing Rugby League in the Roma and District Rugby League and has on occasions won Premierships in all Grades (under 16, 18, Reserve and First Grade). The Miles club has survived through a lot of hard times, but it is the resilience of this club, the heart shown by its players and the support shown to the club by local businesses and supporters that has seen them continue on, while the more glamorous clubs have ceased to exist.

Along with Lewis, there are a number of second and third generation of players who are making their way back to the club that their Fathers and Grandfathers played for. This in itself will make for a great occasion to see the younger generation in action, and for the old boys on the hill to remember past glories.

Miles Senior Rugby League is looking forward to a great Season in 2020. Whether you are a player, supporter or would like to help out by volunteering at our club, you are more than welcome to come and join us.

Training will continue on Tuesday and Friday nights at 6:30pm at Centenary Oval. All ages, genders, shape and sizes and visitors to town are welcome, and remember to bring a friend! Come along and welcome our new members to the club.



Community Update

March 2020



What a fabulous start to 2020 with rain falling in many parts of our region. Fingers crossed that it continues and reaches everyone soon.

Origin is happy to have supported over 40 community organisations across the Western Downs already this year through our asset disposal program following the closure of our Condabri employee camp. Miles State High and the Miles Men and Women's Shed, where amongst the lucky recipients, receiving tables, chairs, bookshelves and more.

We also welcomed ten new apprentices/trainees to Origin, all from the Western Downs and Maranoa regions. It was a hard decision to shortlist these 10, with over 700 applicants for the positions available.

The group will receive world class training while they build not only skills, but important relationships within the industry. It's great that they can do all this, whilst still living local and being active members of our regional communities.

Living local meant that hopefully some of the new apprentices and their family and friends, were able to get along to the Miles Races, a wonderful community event which brings people together annually. Origin was proud to support the race day again in 2020, with some of our team helping with the setup and more.

Origin is also delighted to again support the Tara, Miles and Chinchilla shows this year, and we look forward to seeing you at these events very soon.

Additionally, we are pleased to partner with APPEA to host an International Women's Day morning tea in Chinchilla on 10 March, for women and men. If you are able to attend, please rsvp via email: community.feedback@originenergy.com.au or phone: Fiona St John 0436 801 906. Dr Catherine Ball is our guest speaker and will be sharing her inspirational journey, along with exciting research on drone technology.

We are also excited to host the Queensland Symphony Orchestra in 2020 as they bring artists on the road to the Western Downs in June. We will have performances and school activities in Chinchilla, Miles and for the first time, in Tara. So mark your calendars and we will share more information in the next Murilla News.

Finally, Origin will again have several small packages of drilling activity north and south of Miles over the coming 12 months. As planning progresses, we will share further details.



Mark your Calendar

Tara Show 7 March

International Women's Day

10 March - Chinchilla

Queensland Symphony Orchestra

3 June - Miles

3/4 June - Chinchilla

5 June - Tara

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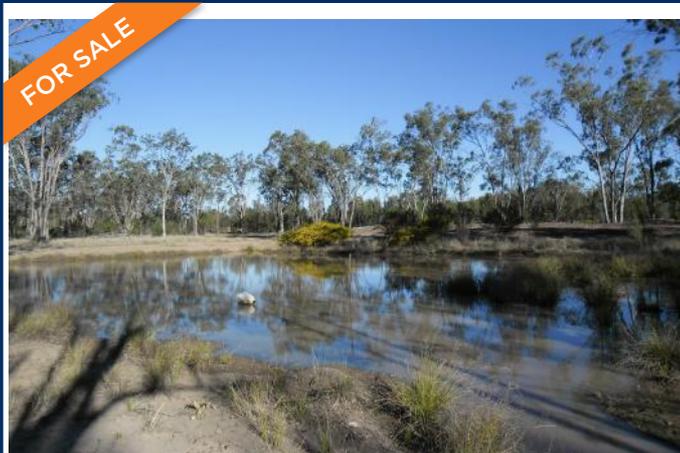
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Outstanding citizens recognised as part of Australia Day Awards 2020

The Australia Day Awards 2020 recognise local achievers across several categories including volunteering, creative arts, community organisations and sporting. "It's an honour to recognise these amazing people in our community who really embody what it means to be a part of the Western Downs family," Cr McVeigh said. We would like to congratulate the outstanding individuals and community organisations that have been recognised this year.

The Miles Australia Day celebrations were held at the Miles Golf Club with approximately 120 community members in attendance. The Miles Golf Club catered breakfast and the Chinchilla Band provided entertainment. Face painting, children's activity stalls and giant games were available for the children with the Condamine QCWA hosting a cake stall and the Miles Auto and Motor Club providing a static car display. The wonderful MC of for the event was Cr Andrew Smith.

Ambassador - Lisa Campbell started pole vaulting halfway through her university degree at the age of 21, and with a history of gymnastics and track and field she quickly grew to love the sport. Just six years later, Lisa made her international debut at the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. Lisa has continued to progress in the sport and competed at her first World Cup in Ostrava finishing fifth later that year. In 2019, Lisa won her first Australian national title in the women's pole vault and finished third at the Oceania Championship

Local Volunteer of the Year for Miles & District - Toni Brown is a true born and bred Miles local who is passionate and well known for her volunteering. Over the past 15 years, Toni has made a measurable impact as an advocate for the community and charitable organisations. Her volunteering not only encompasses clubs and committees but extends to supporting individuals going through hardships. Her actions have touched and enriched the community and its members many times over. She has raised thousands of dollars for various charities and organisations over many years. Everything that she does has been performed without seeking recognition or accolades as she finds great pleasure in giving to others and the community. Selflessness and generosity of this scale deserves the honour of this Australia Day award.

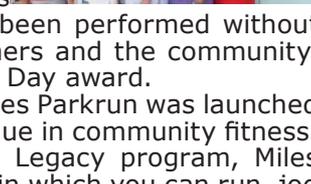
Community Organisation Achievement Award for the Miles District - Miles Parkrun was launched on 25th November 2017 by a small group of passionate people who saw the value in community fitness. With funding from the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games Embracing 2018 Legacy program, Miles parkrun was established and forms part of a weekly International timed event in which you can run, jog or walk along a 5 km marked track. Such was the need for an activity like this, the official launch saw over 70 participants of all different ages and fitness levels.

The Wandoan Australia Day celebrations were hosted by the Juandah Heritage Society at the Juandah Historical Site. An amazing breakfast was catered for by the Juandah Historical Society with a short Church service following. Lovely live country music entertainment was provided by Merv Bischoff. Approximately 95 community members attended with MC Cr Carolyn Tillman and Cr Greg Olm participating in the ceremony.

Ambassador - Dr Robert McGregor. A medical practitioner specialising in child health, Dr Bob McGregor has made an outstanding contribution to Queensland's community. Bob has devoted more than four decades to his role as consultant paediatrician at Ipswich Hospital. Many of his current patients are the children or even grandchildren of former patients. Bob was also the long-time chair of a hospital fund which raised more than \$110,000 for medical equipment, child-friendly nurses' uniforms and toys for the special care nursery. He has been involved in community outreach programs to prevent child abuse and has presented many papers at medical conferences. He is equally dedicated to his community, working in a number of voluntary roles for local schools and Lions clubs. Recently, Bob's community work has been honoured by being nominated as a Queens Baton Holder for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games. He was also selected as recipient of the 2018 Ipswich and West Moreton Child Protection Week Award, in recognition of his pioneering work in this field and his continuing advocacy for children in harm's way

Local Volunteer of the Year for Wandoan & District - Helen Devlin has always been a dedicated volunteer striving to make the small Wandoan community the best it can be. Over the years Helen has been very active in volunteering her time and effort within most of the community's groups whether it be school, sporting or aged care. Helen is always willing to lend a hand when needed and is an active member of the Wandoan Show Society where she has helped to convene the Wandoan Show Ball and has been the Chief Steward for the Jerrard Pavilion. The annual Anzac Day Service would not be possible without the help and support Helen provides to the RSL committee. Undertaking a lot of the background work for this event, the Wandoan community is very fortunate to be able to participate in such a special occasion that requires many volunteer hours.

The awards also celebrated the launch of a new and exciting initiative being run by Council in partnership with Shell QGC for new residents. <https://www.wdrc.qld.gov.au/making-our-newest-locals-feel-a-warm-welcome/>



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Pat Sinnamon's Eulogy

Pat is home – back in Miles the town she arrived in 63 years ago and is so fond of and is with Ivan again no doubt catching up on all the news around the kitchen table. And today we celebrate the life of Patricia (Pat and Pattie) Sinnamon. Over the last few days the family have been thinking how to make this eulogy reflect the true essence of Pat. And the word Stoic comes to mind as she suffered many adversities especially health wise but she always kept moving forward and putting it behind her. Pat was always ready to do anything. With red lipstick (put on without a mirror) and a handbag she could face the world and loved to listen to your story. Pat was born in Hobart on the 24 February 1928. First child of Ivan and Madge Smith and sister to Margaret who was born 6 years later. Pat fondly remembers her time in Tasmania and visiting in the Apple Orchards of her Grandparents. Pop was a favourite, he taught her there was no barrier to what you could do, they often went hiking had fun with the family and he even taught her to pack his pipe and light it but NO to smoking it. Moving to Melbourne for her father's job promotion and Pat completed her schooling at Korowa Anglican Girls School who still send her a birthday card much to the chagrin of her sister Margaret who attended 5 years to Pats 2 and doesn't receive anything. She didn't like school but was good at sports – swimming, tennis, running but always happy to be home and outside.

She started her working career at TAA as a calculating machine operator and having discount fares she saw a bit of Australia. She even learnt to fly a single engine plane, very proud to be able to take off and land on. She never got her license as her father disapproved. She visited Alice Springs for a weekend meeting Albert Namatjiri and climbed Ayers Rock when there was no chain. Sister Margaret remembers Pat having designer clothes – always dressed with gloves, hat and having an exciting life in the early 1950's. She loved her friends. They were always busy young ladies again hiking travelling or going out. She never lost contact with them. Pat for some reason took up fencing as a sport and achieved well.

Family Genealogists may wonder how and why Pat ended up in Jackson. For this we have to go back a generation. Pats father Ivan Smith met Walter Sinnamon in the 1st World War. They kept in touch and Ivan Smith with daughter Pat visited Jackson in the 1930's. Eventually Pat decided to visit Jackson and the Sinnamon's herself and there she met Ivan. The rest is history. Pat and Ivan were married in this same church – Miles Presbyterian on the 30 May 1957.

Pat and Ivan lived at Thorpedale and Pat took on a totally different lifestyle from the one she was used to – No running water through the house, outdoor toilet, no power, wood stove, fruit boxes as chairs and the Party Line. Now we all know Pat liked a chat and no doubt that line was her saviour. She talked to Esther Miller for 6 months before meeting her. Esther was from the city and understood what loneliness and experiences Pat would encounter. Lucky you didn't have to pay by the minute as they would talk for hours.

Numerous lifelong friends were made over the party line as well as in other social groups such as CWA and the Noonga Hall Community. Pat played tennis, indoor bowls and participated and helped organise any social occasion. Pat was particularly proud that she assisted in organising a walk-a-thon to raise money for the Noonga toilet Block.

After a while Brian was born followed by Elizabeth and another stage of life began. Taking Brian with her and planting him under a tree while she got the milking cows in. Running to the school bus on rough and dusty roads and getting back to find the pigs or the chooks had got into the garden. Tuckshop duty at Wandoan School. For a while Pat dressed turkeys to sell at the Dulacca Butchers. One day they had fleas and Ivan decided to spray them. Next morning there were dead turkeys everywhere and that was the end of the turkey raising business. Pat loved her chooks and spent a lot of time "managing them". Outside her room at Tarcoola there where some replacement varieties to keep her feeling at home.

Pat always believed in education, it was very important (funny she hated school) and is one of the only times Elizabeth remembered Ivan and her arguing but she never gave in. Brian went to Emerald and "E" to boarding school. In the words of Pat - You both have to leave home but always come back. "E" get a career whether you use it or not and go and travel see different places. Brian you go and see things can be done differently to your father.

Pat with Brian and Elizabeth and occasionally Ivan often visited her parents in Melbourne either by train or even plane. She tells the story of the plane circling Miles before landing to alert the TAA agent at the time to come out and get her. However she was always pleased to get back to Jackson.

Later Pat and Ivan moved to Akuna and many memories were made there in developing the block and raising beef cattle. A painting group/class was organised and Pat took up painting to accompany her other craft work, such as knitting, tapestry and for a time making straw hats. She also loved her garden and enjoyed potting and planting cuttings. On her last visit to Akuna she took home some geranium cuttings for her Tarcoola Garden. She was capable of growing large quantities of silver beet all year round. It was always on the children's plates and you would lose all your dinner if you didn't eat it.

Even before retiring Pat and Ivan did several bus trips, and after retirement they took off first in a tent and later a caravan to do a bit of touring and holidaying. Pat took up quilting then eventually they settled in a cottage at Possum Park, tending the garden, reading and painting and loving the company of David and Julie. After Ivan passed away in 2005 Pat remained at Possum Park before moving into the independent living units in Miles. Later when ill health got the better of her she moved to Tarcoola in 2013 where she spent plenty of time sitting in her green chair, looking at her garden and taking notice of what was happening out side

The family would like to make special mention of the care she received at Tarcoola and particularly Charmaine who diagnosed her complaint when she arrived and we were able to enjoy 6 more beautiful years with Pat. Even in the last days we were touched by the devotion of the staff.

Through her ups and downs of life, she took what was offered. Losing sight in one eye, cancer, thyroid, losing fingers, often laughing about the story attached "putting her finger in A RUNNING MOWER while helping Dad, fracturing her hip while pulling her undies up. 'It can only happen to me.'

One of the highlights of her life was the birth of Grandchildren. First Alice, followed 6 years later by James, then Mitchell and Brody. However Alice took a special place in her heart – not only by being the only granddaughter but also Pat had the opportunity to babysit her often and take her to Melbourne to visit Pats own mother. She always wanted to watch them grow up, interested in their sports and studies and lately asking if they have a girlfriend/boyfriend (we are interested in that). Pat no doubt got a good picture of the people they are.

After a short illness, Pat passed away peacefully on the 30th January 2020.

And finally, a little saying that Pat must have thought so much of as to write it down:

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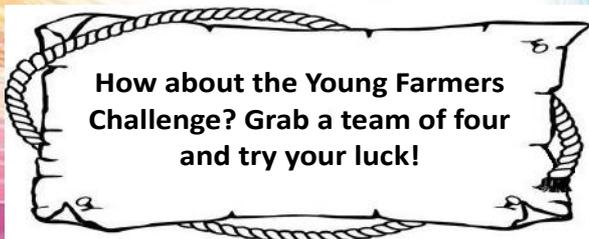


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The Noonga dance was held on February 1st. While the crowd was down the fun didn't stop. Everyone who attended had a great night, and saw guests travel from Mitchell, Roma and Chinchilla to attend the evening.



The winner of the Family holiday to Woodgate kindly donated by Brian & Fiona Sinnamon was Alice Elder of Chinchilla. A very excited Alice accepted her prize.

The Winners of the lucky door a nights accommodation at Possum Park Miles kindly donated by Julie & David Hinds was Bill and Desley Murray

Date claimers for Noonga!

February 29th
March 7th

April 4th

August 1st
August 14th

Watch this space for more information as the months progress! It's going to be a BIG year ahead!

Noonga's first ever In-court cricket competition.
Noonga's Women's Day, Celebrating our Women in Rural Qld.
Noonga's American Tennis Tournament and night under the stars.
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Noonga's Senior Week celebration.

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JACKSON JOTTINGS

How wonderful the rain has been with much of the Jackson district enjoying water running into dams and tanks and green grass at last. It is good to see the wild birds back at dams and waterways but sad to see the number of dead trees especially along the Warrego Highway.

Congratulations to QCWA Jackson Branch for receiving an Australia Day Award in the Wallumbilla, Yuleba, Jackson District of the Maranoa for a Cultural Event – Festival of Small Halls held in November. Linda Hyland also received an Australia Day Award for Member Contribution.

On 19th January, the Jackson Hall was the venue for a games afternoon and BBQ as part of the school holiday program in the Maranoa. Indoor bowls, table tennis, Guess Who and card games were popular with many who attended. Great fellowship followed as the community celebrated a number of January birthdays, Trish Sedgwick, Alison Sedgwick and Harry Johanson.

On Monday, 3rd February the Jackson and Noonga communities met with members of Maranoa Regional Council and discussed the Jackson Waste Transfer Facility, fire risks to the town of Jackson, the Noonga bore and Harrisia Cactus control. All community members are reminded to use customer.service@maranoa.qld.gov.au to lodge any issues or concerns in the Maranoa Regional Council area. The next meeting will be at the Jackson Hall on Monday 11th May

Upcoming events are:

Sunday 1st March

Sunday 29th March

Saturday 25th April

Clean Up Australia Day Meet at Jackson Hall at 8am Sausage sizzle to follow. 5pm BBQ \$5 burgers All welcome Please contact Trish on 0427 709 611 if attending

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Mrs Sturrock dedicated much of her time to the Historical Village and many of her beautifully handwritten transcriptions can still be seen today on numerous displays.

On behalf of the current and past Miles & District Historical Society committees, members and volunteers we wish to extend our deepest sympathies to Mrs Sturrock's family. She will be forever remembered as a truly remarkable lady and her dedication to this amazing facility. Thanks to the efforts of individuals like Mrs Sturrock, Miles Historical Village Museum continues to play an important role in our community and economy!

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The team from the Fresh Water Fishing & Restocking Association attended for the 3 days with their live display trailer and was a great educational addition to our event.

We have been focussing heavily on catching carp and learning more about them each time. It is a great way to get the kids involved in fishing as there are plenty about and averaging over 40 cm. With catches being around 20 to 30 on each trip it is sure to keep the kids interested.

Our current tally of fish caught to date for this years is as follows:

Total Fish Caught:	
Carp	231
Cod	0
Jew	61
Yellow Belly	30
Total	322

This means 345 kg and equal to 109 metres in length of carp removed from our water ways. We still have 5 months remaining for this season so plenty of time to join in our monthly events and learn more about our water ways.

Peter Delaforce, Club President



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THIS MONTHS "STAR" PLANT: GREWIA LAVENDER STAR.

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GARDEN:

Some beautiful falls around the region has seen a revitalization of sub soil moisture levels and a renewed energy for gardeners to roll up their sleeves and start summer gardening jobs. It also means you may need to fertilise to replace any nutrients that leached as a result of wet weather. As the weather begins to cool it will be the right time to plant a wide variety of cool-season vegetables, annual flowers and spring-flowering bulbs. Put your orders in now! Also a good time to out your orders in for bare root roses. Trees, shrubs and perennials planted in the mild autumn conditions of March will have time to establish before winter slows them down. Good time to prune shrubs that have finished flowering like Murraya paniculata.

VEGETABLES:

Time to plant strawberries, beans, parsnips and cauliflower. Try tomatoes, capsicums, eggplants; lettuce, radish, carrot, beetroot and silverbeet; beans, peas, cucumber and zucchini; cabbage, broccoli; turnip, onions, garlic.

Upcoming Garden Meetings and Member Markets

Thursday 19 March Chris and Chester and Turvey, "Yalca" 71 Coates Road Drillham. 9.30am start
Please note VENUE and DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED

Thursday 23 April Janice and Maurice Thomson, "Dunkery", 44445 Leichhardt Highway, Tara. (25km south of Condamine). 9.30am start.

The Biggest Morning Tea and the 30th celebration of the Murilla Garden Group

Thursday 14 May Susie and Ian Geldard, "Riverside", 766 Fairymeadow Road, Miles. 9.30am start

*The garden suggests there might be a place where we can meet nature halfway.
- Michael Pollan*



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Southern Fried Chicken

Makes 8 Servings | 20 min prep | 40 min cook

Ingredients

- 2 x 1kg whole chickens
- 375ml (1 1/2 cups) buttermilk
- 180g (2 cups) dried (packaged) breadcrumbs
- 115g (3/4 cup) plain flour
- 2 1/2 tablespoons cajun seasoning (store-bought or mix up your own blend, see notes)
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- Canola oil, to deep-fry

Method

1. Cut each chicken into 8 pieces.
2. Combine the chicken and buttermilk in a large bowl. Place in the fridge for 6 hrs or overnight to marinate.
3. Combine the breadcrumbs, flour, seasoning and paprika in a large shallow dish or large sealable plastic bag.
4. Drain chicken, and discard buttermilk. Add a piece of chicken to breadcrumb mixture. Turn to coat. Transfer to a large plate. Repeat with remaining chicken. Place chicken in the fridge for 30 mins to chill.
5. Heat oil in an electric deep-fryer to 180C. If using a large saucepan, heat oil on high heat to 180C. Deep-fry chicken, in 4 batches, for 2-3 mins or until crisp and light golden. Drain on paper towel.
6. Preheat the oven to 160C fan forced. Transfer the fried chicken to 2 wire racks, each set over a roasting pan or baking tray. Bake for 25 mins or until the chicken is cooked through.

Cooking Tips

- Instantly core a head of iceberg lettuce by slamming it down on a cutting board.
- Use a spoon to peel a kiwi fruit from the inside out.
- Use an apple slicer to quickly cut potatoes into perfect wedges.
- No need to peel potatoes before boiling them; the skin will just slide off once they're cooked if you transfer them to an ice bath when they're done cooking, then twist the peel off with your hands.



5-ingredient Tim-Tamington Slice

Makes 18 Servings | 25 min prep | 40 min cook

Ingredients

- 2 x 200g packets Tim Tams
- 400g packet chocolate cake mix with icing
- 395g can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 egg
- 1 1/2 cups shredded coconut

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180C fan-forced. Grease a 20cmx30cm lamington pan. Line base and sides with baking paper.
2. Using a food processor, process the biscuits until finely chopped and mixture almost forms a paste. Press mixture over base of prepared pan. Refrigerate for 10 mins. Bake for 10 mins or until firm to touch.
3. Meanwhile, using an electric mixer, beat cake mix, condensed milk, egg and 1/2 cup of the shredded coconut until well combined. Spread evenly over prepared base. Bake for 30 mins or until a skewer inserted into centre of slice comes out with moist crumbs and top is firm to touch.
4. While slice is still hot, combine icing sachet with 2 tablespoons hot water until smooth. Pour over top of slice, spreading evenly with a spatula. Sprinkle with remaining shredded coconut. Set aside to cool completely. Cut into 18 pieces.



4-Ingredient Banana & Peanut Butter Biscuits

Makes 16 Servings | 30 min prep | 20 min cook

Ingredients

- 400g packet banana bread mix
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 cup crunchy peanut butter
- 1/2 cup M&M's

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180C fan-forced. Line 2 large baking trays with baking paper.
2. Place packet mix in a large bowl. Add egg and peanut butter. Mix well to combine. Add 1/3 cup M&M's. Mix well. Roll 2 level tablespoons of mixture into a ball. Place on 1 prepared tray. Flatten to form a disc. Repeat. Press remaining M&M's on discs.
3. Bake for 20 mins or until biscuits are golden and firm to touch. Cool on trays for 5 mins. Transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.



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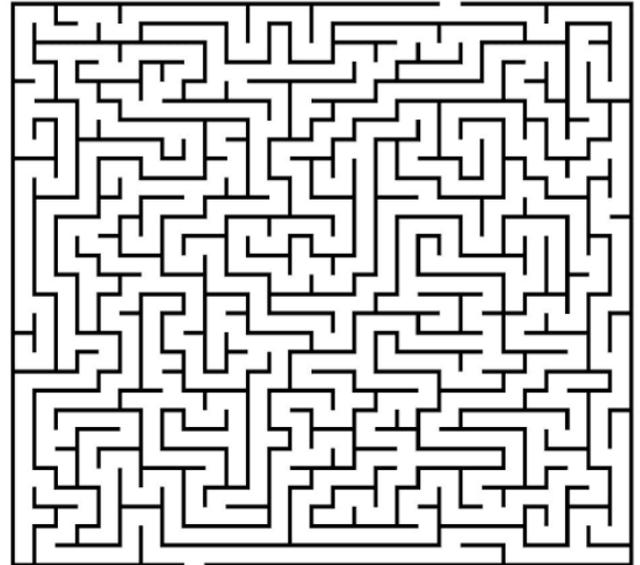
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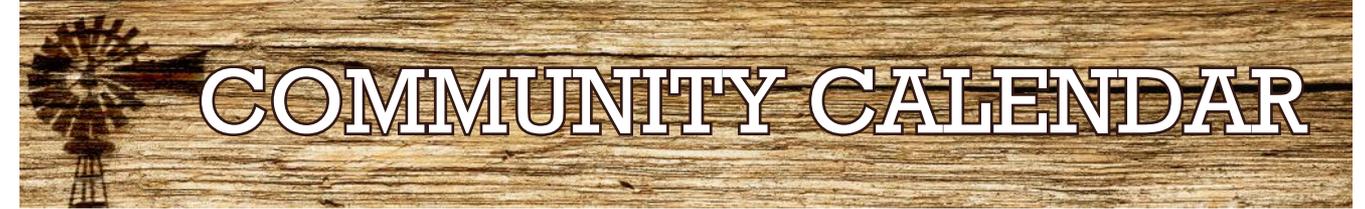
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Easy

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March

- 1st** Miles Show Society Working Bee - 8:00am
Miles Golf Club - Stroke Monthly Mugs (putting)
- 7th** Tara Show - Tara Showgrounds at 12:00am
- 8th** Miles Golf Club - Stableford
- 10th** Miles Hospital Auxiliary Inc. Bingo - Senior Citizens room at 9:30am
Women's Week Morning Tea with Julia Telford/Spicer - Murilla Community Centre at 9:00am
- 12th** Murilla Garden Group Meeting - Sonia and Laird Morgan's Garden, 'Arubial', Condamine at 9:30am
Kate Bradley, Community Grants Writer - Wandoan
- 14th** Queensland Masters Championships & Oly in the Outback - 8:00am
St Lukes Markets - Miles, 8:00am - 11:30am
Lindsay Williams Shield - 4:00pm
- 15th** Taroom Golf Club Opening Day (Stroke)
- 16th** Kate Bradley, Community Grants Writer - Chinchilla
- 17th** Kate Bradley, Community Grants Writer - Tara
- 18th** Dulacca Needles and Patches meeting - Dulacca Hall at 9:15am
- 19th** Pitch Challenge Finals - Chinchilla Cultural Centre at 5:30pm - www.tsbe.om.au/events to book
Murilla Garden Group Meeting - Chris and Chester Turvey "Yalca" 71 Coates Rd Drillham at 9.30am
- 20th** Closing Date for Senex Wandoan Photo Challenge
- 21st** Wandoan Cup Race Day - Wandoan Showgrounds at 12:00pm
All You Can Eat Mexican at The Dulacca Hotel
- 22nd** Miles Golf Club - Opening Day
- 26th** Miles Show Society Meeting - Walsh Pavilion at 7:00pm
- 27th** Miles Hospital Auxiliary Inc. Bingo - Senior Citizens room at 9:30am
Miles Hospital Auxiliary Meeting - 2:00pm
Kate Bradley, Community Grants Writer - Murilla Community Centre, Miles
Roaring Twenties Swinging Triva - The Dulacca Hotel at 6:30pm (see page 23 for poster)
- 28th** Jeans Doll Collection Auction - 75 Eleanor St, Miles (see page 22 for poster)
- 29th** Jackson BBQ - 5:00pm \$5 burgers, all welcome. Please contact Trish on 0427 709 611 if attending
Miles Golf Club - Social Ambrose/Stroke

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- 3rd** Wandoan Show - Wandoan Showgrounds
- 4th** Dulacca 6-a-side Cricket - Dulacca Sports Club
Wandoan Show - Wandoan Showgrounds
Meandarra State School Crazy Colour Course - Meandarra State School at 4:00pm
- 5th** Miles Show Society Working Bee - 8:00am
Mitchel Golf Club Carnival
Miles Golf Club - Stroke Monthly Mugs (putting)
- 8th** Chinchilla Golf Club Ladies Day
- 11th** St Lukes Markets - Miles, 8:00am - 11:30am
- 12th** Miles Golf Club - 4BBB draw for partners
- 14th** Miles Hospital Auxiliary Inc. Bingo - Senior Citizens room at 9:30am
- 18th** Condamine Bell Gymkhana & Family Sports Day - Condamine Rodeo Grounds
- 19th** Miles Golf Club - Stableford
- 20th** Kate Bradley, Community Grants Writer - Chinchilla
- 23rd** Miles Show Society Meeting - Walsh Pavilion at 7:00pm
Kate Bradley, Community Grants Writer - Dalby
Murilla Garden Group Meeting - Janice and Maurice Thomson "Dunkery", 44445 Leichhardt Hwy at 9.30am
- 24th** Miles Hospital Auxiliary Inc. Bingo - Senior Citizens room at 9:30am
Miles Hospital Auxiliary Meeting - 2:00pm
- 26th** Miles Golf Club - Anzac Day Stroke/Social Ambrose
- 28th** Kate Bradley, Community Grants Writer - Murilla Community Centre, Miles
- 29th** Kate Bradley, Community Grants Writer - Tara