

MILLMERRAN & DISTRICT NEWS



December 2023

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Seasons Greetings 2023



Peter Vernon - DJ

MUSIC 4U



Bike n' Blend
Pedal powered smoothies
Healthier fun and delicious

Santa & Elf visit at 6.30pm to handout treats & chat with the children.



Food and Drinks ON SALE
Scouts—Drinks & Hot dogs \$1
Lions—Sausage Sizzle \$1,
Hamburgers \$3,
Steak Burgers \$6



Blend your own Fruit Smoothies
Bean & Gone Mobile Coffee
Face Painting FREE
Roving Clown and Magic Show FREE
Singing, Dancing, Tug of War, Games,
plenty of activities for all the family.
Popular Christmas tunes to sing a long



Millmerran Christmas in the Bush

Saturday 16th December

5pm to 9pm

Domville Place on Campbell, Millmerran

FREE community event brought to you by:-

Millmerran Commerce & Progress Inc & Millmerran Community Support Service



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FOR SALE



NEW LISTING

2A Castles Road Millmerran—Spacious 5 Bedroom Family Home on Acreage—\$849,000—Area: 8503 sqm—Immaculately presented G J Gardner Home set on 2 acres. Five Bedroom, four with built-in wardrobes. Main bedroom with a walk-in-robe and ensuite. Kitchen with breakfast bar, walk-in pantry, ceramic cooktop, electric oven and dishwasher. Loungeroom and dining room adjoining to the Alfresco. Activity room & built-in study. Ducted reverse cycle air-conditioning system. Bathroom with shower, bath and vanity. Double lock-up garage with remote roller door and storage cupboard. Two car carport off the garage. 10 KW Solar system. 1 x 5000 Litre tank connected to the toilets and laundry sink. Silo converted into a bar / entertainment area for everyone to enjoy. Fenced house yard. Fenced side paddock with a dam and a shelter with portable yard. Shed 9m x 7.5m lockable shed with two roller doors, 6m x 7.5m open carport with concrete floor and power connected. Established gardens and trees. Connected to town water and sewerage.



NEW LISTING

66-68 Cheetham Street Cecil Plains—Neat 3 Bedroom Brick home on large allotment - 3 Bay shed + workshop or craft room - suit tradesman or hobbyist—\$410,00 All bedrooms are spacious. 2 Bedrooms with built-in cupboards and duchesses, solid timber doors. Original kitchen adjoining the dining and lounge area. There is a double wall oven and a dishwasher. Ducted evaporative cooling installed in 2021, gas heater in the lounge room. Linen Cupboard. Bathroom with separate bath and shower. Office with built-in desk, cupboards and shelving. Laundry with built-in cupboard. Large under cover outdoor living area, large, paved area. 2 rainwater tanks, 1 x 5000-gal, 1 x 4000 gal. 2 garden sheds, 3 KW solar system, solar hot water system. Shed approx. 9.75m x 7.6m Shed with concrete floor, 3 roller door access, adjoining workshop approx. 5m x 11m. Power and 3 phase power connected, underground power connected to house with 2 way switch. Generator point to run the house. Fenced on 3 sides. Landscaped gardens. Half acre allotment. 2 Titles. This is a unique property set on half an acre, with park-like views, located directly opposite the Cecil Plains Sports Grounds. The large allotment allows room to store the caravan. The large shed and well set-up workshop provide the opportunity to tinker with your hobbies and interests from home.



NEW LISTING

437 Western Creek Road Millmerran—699 Ha (1727 Acres) Open & timbered grazing country - \$3,460,000—Approx 500 acres pulled, balance ranging from light to heavy timbered Ironbark and Cypress country. Large stands of Ironbark, a quantity of Ironbark posts included in the sale. Gravel pit. Watered by 10 dams. Bore equipped with a windmill. Well fenced into 4 paddocks. Boundary fenced, with an exclusion fence on the eastern boundary and the rabbit and dog fence on the western boundary. Large set of timber cattle yards, with branding cradle. Suitable for working large numbers of cattle. Water at the yards. Comfortable 2 bedroom cottage. This property is conveniently located only 15kms from Millmerran. It offers a diverse range of opportunity with grazing, gravel and timber.

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Garth, Jan and the staff at Millmerran Rural would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the year and wish you a

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.





It's the end of 2023 and families have their Christmas lights up. Our giant Christmas tree is once again in Domville Place from December 1 and the Christmas in the Bush celebrations are set for Saturday 16 December. A wonderful event to bring our community together and share the joy of Christmas. Thank you to Virginia Wacker and her team from the Millmerran Community Support Service along with Roselle Crellin for all their organisation of pulling this together.

Our November monthly meeting saw TRC Regional Economic Development Officer, Tony Bowman join us once again. Tony also attended the October meeting and we value his assistance and input with issues and items that we present to him regarding Millmerran.

During the month Mary Tosswill and myself met with Genex Chief Operations Officer along with General Manager – Development and Construction to discuss the proposed Bulli Creek Solar Farm and details on their worker's camp. Mary and I gave information pertaining to Millmerran which was taken on board and hopefully will be considered during their search for property. Genex is intending to host a public meeting in the new year where they will present further information.

During the month I also spoke with a representative of the Punches Creek Solar Farm and they too wish to begin public consultation in 2024. Between solar farms and wind farms, the outlook for Millmerran is certainly changing and MCPI will be as involved as best we can so we can ensure our community is considered in all decisions.

MCPI is still lobbying to see the library open five days a week. There have been many emails and phone calls regarding this situation, and we have been told the review will be finalised by 31 December. A request has also been lodged to see the installation of a public baby change table as currently there is not one available for use in town. Pleasingly a replacement fence has been erected at the Cemetery which was an MCPI request brought forward to Councillor Kerry Shine who set a pathway in motion. Thank you TRC.

A long term initiative has been the revamp of the business signs at the entrance of the industrial area in Crocker Street. A big thank you to signwriter Wade Cunningham from DTS Signs for his quick turnaround on this project and to the businesses who participated for their support.

During the month MCPI received a letter of thanks from the Caravan Clubs of Qld who held their week long State Rally in Millmerran during October. One hundred and twenty-four vans attended and participants were asked to retain their docket when they shopped locally. These dockets were added up and the total amount spent came to \$61 518. What a terrific effort as it provides such a boost for businesses in town! If this spend is anything to go by, the extra

dollars spent by visitors during the September and October events would certainly have made a difference to the businesses and organisations of Millmerran.

The MCPI "Welcome to Millmerran" sign that was stolen from the entrance near the teepee has been replaced and we would like to thank the Millmerran Lions for their kind donation of a replacement banner.

In November Millmerran came together to enjoy a wonderful evening with the Queensland Symphony Orchestra (QSO), Millmerran State School, St Josephs Primary School and Black Inc Community Band. This concert has been in the making for over three years with setbacks due to COVID and the QSO busy schedule however it all came together and a concert was performed to a full Cultural Centre. Thank you to the Doug Hall Foundation and Millmerran Arts Council for their support of Millmerran and ensuring this event came to town.

On 17 November, Nola Schaumburg, Roselle Crellin and myself met with TRC Councillors Megan O'Hara Sullivan and Edwina Farquhar at Wylahra Grove Community Hall. We gave them an update of projects on the go and took on board some advice they had on how to move forward on current issues.

MCPI would like to express our gratitude to all those who worked tirelessly battling the recent fires, along with the volunteers and donators who housed and clothed those at the evacuation centre. We are so sorry to see the devastation that these fires brought to our community and landscape.

The next newsletter will be published in February and we hope that 2024 brings with it a better season. Take care of each other. Merry Christmas and all the best for the new year.

Change of Date - The next MCPI meeting will be Thursday 14 December in the Lions Den, Mill Inn Tavern – 5.30pm for a 5.45pm start.

Nikki Macqueen for Millmerran Commerce & Progress Inc.



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General Meeting 14th December 2023 - NO January, 24 meeting

Please arrive at 5.30pm Mill Inn Tavern - Lions Den, Millmerran

Newsletter Editor: Roselle Crellin 0417 782 810

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Articles can be emailed to millmerrannewsletter@gmail.com—mailed or dropped in the YELLOW BOX—on the landing of our office— 31 Campbell Street, Millmerran.

Please submit your ads or updates by the 16th day of any month.

No Newsletter is printed for January of any year.



Millmerran State School

Prep Information for 2024

Millmerran State School offers your child 11 years of continuous education. From child to young adult, we support and extend your child as needed throughout their education journey. We offer pathway planning for Year 10 students to set them up for a lifetime of success.

Prep Transition dates for 2023

Term 3

- Day 1 Tuesday 1st August
- Day 2 Thursday 31st August

Term 4

- Day 3 Wednesday 18th September
- Day 4 Thursday 23rd November
- Day 5 Wednesday 29th November
- Day 6 Tuesday 5th December

Time: 9:00am to 10:30am

Information evening

- 5:30pm Tuesday 29th August



There are no fees to enrol your child in Prep at Millmerran State School. Your child will receive a free welcome pack which includes:

- A free uniform (pants, shirt and hat) worth over \$90!
- All necessary stationery for the prep year worth over \$130!
- A water bottle
- A reading book

Contact us

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Our vision: *Inspiring adaptable and resourceful life-long learners, connected to the world*

Our values: *Safety, Learning, Responsibility and Respect*



MILLMERRAN LOCAL AMBULANCE COMMITTEE

The Millmerran LAC will be running a Christmas raffle. First prizes is a \$ 150 voucher & second prize is a \$100 voucher to a local business of your choice.

Don't forget to check your first aid kit & replace any items that have been used or which have expired, so it is always ready to be used.

Next meeting is Thursday 14th December 2023 and January 11th 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Ambulance Centre.

New members always welcome.

For more details contact - President Wayne Hardwick 0409 044 115 or Secretary Clare McGowan 0427 509 563.

Millmerran Garden Club

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2023

Millmerran Garden Club break-up party will be held on Friday, 15th December.

It will be held at Mill Inn Tavern, Mackenzie Street, Millmerran 12 noon start, please bring Secret Santa present to share. There will be Christmas raffle prizes to be won and lots of fun.

Members, please contact Des Johnson on 0476 257 863 to confirm your attendance.



TRADING HOURS

Monday - Friday
8am to 5pm

Ph: 0746 951299

CLOSED NOON FRI 22/12/23
UNTIL 8AM MON 8/1/24
Merry Christmas!

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New members welcome

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 kindon@icpa.com.au

MILLMERRAN GOLF CLUB inc.

Once again, there are 4 electric carts available for hire all day via the Vendi online platform. They are stored in the new shed and the roller door will be open during daylight hours, just scan the QR code and follow the instructions. The hire of the cart **does not** include green fees, green fees can be paid by cash or Tap and Go card system at the Clubhouse.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 9.30am 10th December. Nominations for committee and member attendance would be gratefully appreciated. All Committee positions are available for nomination. Please consider your position as a member, if you can offer any experience, to learn or do something extra, in becoming committee member. Nomination forms are available at the clubhouse. As the Club runs mainly on volunteer input, the club needs active members to maintain our great asset. The course is drying out but we will be irrigating with what water is available to us. The course will be presented the best we can with the resources available. Remember the course is maintained by mainly volunteers that give up their time to provide a top quality course at reasonable rates.

Friday Sporters and Saturday Chook run usually kick off 2 > 3pm. Competition starting times in Summer are 11.30am for 12n tee off (no lunch) Winter are 10.30am for 11am tee off.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and may the New Year be good to us all. December 2023

Sunday 3rd: Jasch family Trophies (Mug & Goblet Final)

Sunday 10th: Kelly family Trophies Cross Country XMAS Party

AGM 9.30AM

Sunday 17th: Mitre10 Trophies 18 Hole Stableford 12 noon Tee off

Sunday 24th: Club Trophies 18 Hole Stableford

Sunday 31st: Club Trophies 4BBB Medley

January 2024

Saturday 6th: Big H Memorial 2 Person Ambrose

Sunday 14th: Captain V President 18 Hole Stroke

Sunday 21st: Club Trophies 18 Hole Stableford

YALLAMBEE AUXILIARY.

- Christmas is nearly with us! With our Christmas raffle under way, **LOOK OUT for the TICKET LOVELIES in the street! Prizes will be headed by Christmas hampers, BIG ONES full of Christmas goodies.**
- We are on the search for Prezzies for the Rezzies.....always good fun.
- We are on the lookout for new members! A family member of a resident, past or present or future! Any community member keen to make life more fun for residents of the facility! A keen gardener and a happy volunteer! Maybe a New Years Resolution..... Contact Trish Adams: 0428 952 110.
- December meeting: Friday December 8th. No January meeting. February meeting: Friday February 9th.
- Happy Birthday days: Beryl Hearne rules December on the 4th! January: Oliver Carter (5th); Merv Hearne (21st); Laurel Dawson (26th)...Cheers All!



6 MACQUEEN RD

ROCKY CREEK HALL HAPPENINGS

ENQUIRIES
MATT 0428205487

CHRISTMAS PARTY

GPM SATURDAY 9-12-23

SANTA ARRIVES 7.30PM
(PARENTS BRING WRAPPED GIFT PLEASE)

KIDS ENTERTAINMENT GALORE PLUS THEY EAT & DRINK FOR FREE





COME WELCOME IN THE

New Year

7PM 31ST DECEMBER TIL LATE

BAR AND BBQ OPERATING

FRIDAY 26/1/24 AUSTRALIA DAY FUN FROM 4PM

SIZZLE

THONG THROWING COMPETITION

BAR OPERATING







QLD 4357

MILLMERRAN MUSEUM

www.millmerranmuseum.com.au

Home of the steam launch "Water Baby"



JUST FINISHED! the Millmerran & District Schools Map from 1863, and now it's proudly displayed on the old school house verandah. The map has all our country schools marked, along with great images of old schools and students. There's also a chronology that's pretty interesting to read. You can grab A3 copies of the map at the Museum's bookshop for just \$5. A shout out to a very supportive Lions Club who helped fund this project.



Christmas break-up is next month - we'll contact members with details.

Enquiries Christine 0402 576 453

www.millmerranmuseum.com.au

Attending Millmerran every Tuesday
at 31 Campbell Street

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BRINGALILLY CHRISTMAS

Friday 8th December 2023
6pm start at Bringalily Hall
Santa to visit at 7.30pm
(please bring a small gift
for your child)
BBQ and Bar operating,
cash only
Please bring a dessert
to share.



All welcome!

Wylahra Grove Progress Assoc. Inc.,

Community Recreation Hall,

72 Primrose Drive, Millmerran Downs.

Email: w.g.progress72@bigpond.com Ph: **0417 782 810**

<https://wgprogress72.wixsite.com/2017>

Activities and Events at the Community Hall

Tuesday 9am to 5pm—Social Day—Free Activities last day for 2023 12th December and resume 16th January, 2024

Friday 6.30pm for 7pm start Darts last get together for 2023 8th December and resume 12th January, 2024.

Saturday Music Jam Session—3.30pm to 7pm last session for 2023 9th December and resume 13th January, 2024

Mat's afternoon chat Thursday 1-5pm 14th December 2023 and chat again on 11th January, 2024

Bible Studies—Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1-2pm each week, last study 13th Dec 2023 resume 15th Jan 2024

Women's Circle is held one Monday a month 6—8pm watch the Facebook page for dates

Progress General Meeting Sunday 10th December 10am no General meeting in January 2024

BREKKY IN THE BUSH—Sunday 3rd December commencing at 9am, last Brekky for the year will be choice of ham/eggs, baked eggs, baked beans, pork sausage & Pikelets No Brekky in the Bush in January

FREE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY—Saturday 9th December—2 course lunch will be served from 1pm, Santa will be calling in for a chat with treats for the children. Food for the event has been supplied by Aberdeen Pantry Community Care & Foodbank Qld & Wylahra Grove Progress Association Inc, food prepared by progress volunteers.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the Community.

Follow us on FaceBook: Wylahra Grove Progress Association Inc.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at the Millmerran Centenary Retirement Village (Yallabee) for taking care of my wife Mary Briese for the duration of her stay until her recent passing. The staff including the

health care professionals, carers, administration and support personnel provided a caring and nurturing environment for my wife and for myself. I am forever grateful for the services provided and once again would like to thank you all, you are all greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully Trevor Briese.



Sporting Shooters Association
of Australia (QLD) Inc
Millmerran & District Branch Inc.
Range at 891 Heckendorf Road

Target Shooting - a sport for young and old

*Target shooting is a sport for ALL Seasons
Follow us on Facebook - "Millmerran District SSAA"*

Our club caters for a wide range of target shooting interests -

Field Rifle: Centrefire and Rimfire.

Shotgun: Field

Pistol shooting: Single Action, Silhouette, Service pistol and Service Rifle.

Metallic Silhouette: Rimfire & Centrefire.

Service Rifle: Combined Service ~ Rifle

**NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME
2022 PROGRAMME NOW AVAILABLE**

Contact: (after 7pm evenings)

Pistol Sil & Service ...Adrian Blinco 0428 583 101

Pistol S/Action Tom Briskey 0418 790 027

Field Rifle Dean Grundon 0429 496 129

Shotgun Gavin Antonio 0427 951 436

Rifle Silhouette Travis Caesar 0428 714 689

Service Rifle Torn Briskey 0418 790 027

Junior support Jessica Blinco 0458 310 132

Millmerran Mens Shed

They say time flies when you're having fun, and this year has flown by and yes we have fun. We have assisted individuals and local organisations as we have worked together, chatted and enjoyed each other's company. We are currently working towards another open day and car boot sale on Saturday 2nd Dec 11am-2pm (this is our second one for the year). Come along and meet with us, have a look at our activity. Ask for advice or assistance we are happy to give. We will have a range of 'creations' and re-purposed furniture for sale. BBQ and drinks available. Outside vendors welcome.

We would like to thank our community for your continued support throughout the year. We would especially like to thank Mat and his team at Mitre 10 for your generous support throughout the year. We also would like to thank anyone who has supported us with donations throughout the year. If you would like to get involved or have an offer of support or need assistance from us, please contact: Howard Rickert Graham O'ullivan Bob McIntosh
0437004357 0437332371 0432520336

"Generosity, the gift that keeps on giving."
Anonymous.

Scrubby Creek Rural Fire Brigade

We would like to thank all involved in the recent fire we had. All the Emergency services our yellow and red family that come to our call for help once again, Police, Ambulance, SES for filling up all the air support with water. Toowoomba Regional council, with water tanks Rapid Relief team for our food and water tankers for all the trucks. Like to thank IGA Millmerran and Bunnings for bottle water to our crew. And all our crew they worked day and night to make it safe. Like to thank our crew that went to help other area's Moonie Halliford and Melinda tower and Inglewood. Once again keep the grass and under the trees clean it may save your home. We have been very busy with lot of call outs. Our fire shed did get a little burnt but it is still functioning. We have been doing a lot cleaning the trucks.

Training on Friday nights at 7 pm all going well.
Meetings third Sunday of the month at 10.30 am
It is still too dry to do any burns we need a lot more rain yet. In an Emergency call 000

**First officer & Fire warden
James Pratt 0477 864 963**

**Deputy Fire warden
Dennis Dwyer 0427699 070**



MILLMERRAN SES

(State Emergency Service)

**TRAINING IS December 4th and 21st 2023
& January 4th and 18th 2024**

**For further information, feel free to
send us an email at**

or call Paul on 0488 441 425

New members are always welcome.

**Remember, if you are in need of
emergency storm or flood assistance
contact the SES on 132 500**



Millmerran Scout Group

Come along and meet the team at
2 James Street Millmerran.
Cubs Aged 7-11 & Scouts aged 11-15
meet every Friday during School Terms.

Cubs 3:30 – 5:00pm

Scouts 6:00 – 8:00pm

Enquiries Phone: Len 46954100

or email: treasurer@millmerran.scoutsqld.com.au

BE PREPARED FOR LOTS OF FUN AND NEW ADVENTURES

Do you have cans & bottles lying around your house?
Our group will happily accept any donated bottles & cans
and the money received supports our group.

Bottles & cans can be dropped off to our recycling
centre located at the front of our Scout hut.

We're a
FairPlay
activity provider

Find us on Facebook
Search: Millmerran Scout Group



Millmerran State School
Visual Art Exhibition
Millmerran Library
from 5 Dec 'til 6 Feb



Millmerran State School Yr 9 & 10 Visual Art elective students are excited to be showcasing their artworks created in 2023. Featuring works influenced by 20th Century Art Movements including; impressionism, pointillism and surrealism, in addition to sculptures and masks that express an environmental, personal issue or emotion from their exploration of art through a 3D lens.

AGM - SUN 11 FEB 11AM

THE LIONS ROOM, THE MILL INN

Local Artist Guest Speaker! 11 for 11.15am meeting with members and guests invited to join committee members for 'buy your own' lunch in the dining room afterwards.
RSVP on website or call 0412 137 570

www.millmerranartscouncil.com.au

MILLMERRAN 2024 SHOW

**SAT 2ND & SUN 3RD
MARCH** It's time to mark
it in your
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Music**

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**BIG BANG
EDUCATION**

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**REPTILE
SHOW**

AND MORE!

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Online Tickets
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Millmerran Tennis Club

Junior Tennis Coaching:

Coaching will resume in 2nd week of Term 1 2024.

3.15pm-4pm Beginners

4.00pm to 5pm continuing primary

5pm-6pm Highschoolers

Times may vary depending on level of participation. Come and check us out and have a go.

Cost \$10 per session.

\$70 per Term

Coach- Steve Farrell – 0475438958

Monday night social tennis 7-9pm \$5 per night

All are welcome beginners to veterans. Continues throughout the holiday period except Christmas and New Year' day.

Tennis is a great family activity when families get together during holidays. Our club can assist with providing racquets, balls, cold drinks, BBQ. Give us a call and we will assist in organizing a fun time for your family.

Private court hire including racquets and balls available by appointment.

Air conditioned club house and kitchenette available for hire.

Graham O'sullivan

0437 332 371

St Joseph's School

Dear Millmerran Community,

As we approach the festive holiday season, I find myself filled with gratitude and warmth, reflecting on the remarkable year we've experienced at St Joseph's. This period has been marked by growth, learning, and a profound sense of community spirit, perfectly aligning with the core of our school's mission.

In looking back over my tenure as Principal for the past 5 years, I am humbled by the positive changes and growth that has taken place. Serving as the Principal of St Joseph's Millmerran has been a great honour, and as I transition to a new position in Toowoomba, I extend my heartfelt wishes to the school and community for continued success and prosperity.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas with our loved ones, I take this moment to extend my warmest wishes to each of you. May this festive season bring immense joy, love, and precious moments with family and friends. May the spirit of Christmas permeate your homes with warmth and laughter, and may the New Year usher in blessings and exciting opportunities.

Please note that the school office will be closed from December 2nd to January 15th during the holiday break. We welcome the return of our students on Tuesday, January 23rd as we embark on a new year filled with exciting possibilities. For all enrolments and enquiries, please contact the school office from 15th January.

May the holiday season bring you peace, love, and joy, and may the upcoming year be a period of continued prosperity and success for all.

Warm regards,

Mr. Lawson Short
Principal
St Joseph's Millmerran

St Joseph's School

25 Walpole Street, Millmerran QLD 4357

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MILLMERRAN RURAL CLOTHING

71 Campbell Street, Millmerran QLD 4357

(07) 4695 1355

FOR HIM



Yellowstone Ride
Cologne \$85.50



Wrangler Logo
Wallet \$31.50



Wrangler Towels
\$58.50



Mens Clogees
\$35.99

FOR HER



Pure Western Samara
Bag \$80.95



Yellowstone
Candles \$53.95



Montana Earrings
\$148.50



Ariat Cooler Bag
\$49.50

Christmas Trading Hours

Christmas Eve 24th Dec—1st Jan: CLOSED

Reopen: 2nd Jan 8:30am—5:00pm



Garth, Jan and the staff at Millmerran Rural would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the year and wish you a

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



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It has been a busy term of learning through play, at Millmerran C&K.

We have spent a lot of time exploring the outdoors, enjoying water play in this lovely weather and making the most of our green grass, and beautiful grounds which are currently in full-bloom.

Thank you to the Yallabee staff and residents for our surprise Halloween visit and goodies- it is not every day that Spiderman turns up at morning tea! Thanks also to Millmerran Landcare for sponsoring Beezotted – the Native Bee Man - education and entertainment. Bec from Landcare visited to educate the staff and students on the do's and don'ts of recycling – thanks Bec we love your passion. We have also been very fortunate to have Miss Ashely provide musical accompaniment for our end of term Christmas performances. We wish all our current students well as they begin their schooling adventure and look forward to welcoming new families to our beautiful Kindergarten in 2024.

Wishing you all a safe and blessed Christmas.

Maree and Kylie

Little Tackers Millmerran

Welcome to all our new families!!

At Little Tackers, your child will be cared for by dedicated, caring and qualified educators who have a genuine interest in nurturing and educating your child.

Our Educators have a holistic approach to the well being of your child, within a happy, safe, and caring environment that fosters the development of strengths and interests.

Our Centre is very involved in our local community and enthusiastically support special occasions or celebrations at the Centre.

Little Tackers provides dedicated high-quality care and education for children aged 6 weeks to 12 years, a Government Approved Kindy, Before & After School Care and Vacation Care.

If you are considering childcare for your child in 2024, please come and see us for availability, or give Miss Meg or Miss Sue a call on 4695 2999.

Our vacancies are filling up fast!!



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

On behalf of Toowoomba Regional Council, we wish all residents a splendid summer filled with joy and a happy, healthy, safe holiday season spent with loved ones.

Our Christmas and New Year close-down will commence on Saturday, 23 December 2023, to let our staff celebrate the season and spend time with family and friends.

Staff will return on Tuesday, 2 January 2024. Essential services will continue over this time.

Before visiting any of our facilities over the festive season, check out our holiday opening hours at www.tr.qld.gov.au/christmashours

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If your household would like a visit and a bag of treats from Santa and his Elf, please provide:-

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HOUSE NUMBER & STREET

NUMBER OF CHILDREN

If you would like a visit from Santa at Domville Place, Millmerran near the Christmas Tree @ 6pm please provide the number of children in your family gathering.

Lodge your completed form in the Yellow Box on the stairs at Horizon Accounting, 31 Campbell Street, or email details to millmerrannewsletter@gmail.com by Monday 18.12.23

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Thank you 🥰❤️
Heart

I am not gifted with eloquence to articulate how grateful my heart is, but just the same, with a grateful heart I would like to thank all the angels with hidden wings. My Family, cousins and friends who prays for my safety, Moao with whom I draw my strength from, Smithelyn and Steve, Cyndie and John, Elaine May and Paul, Roselle and Sir Joe, Elena and Terry, Rennie and Chris, Flor, Justine, Arriane and Jordan, Cathie, Gordon, Russel, Virginia W., Cathy from Red Cross, Bec of Land Care, Firefighters, Lifeline, Salvation Army, Red Cross, Hampers of Millmerran Downs, Rochelle of Caravan Park Millmerran Village, Mat from TRC, Local Police Force, Ate Remy, Fay, FoodWorks, Robin, Sunny of Butcher's Shop, Mary Harping, Bargain Boutique, Ami and Brent, Wayne, Lion's Club and to all the volunteers whose heart possess nothing but kindness.
Thank you sincerely Hazel.



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December/January Holiday Closure



MCSS will close at 3.00pm Friday December 22nd & re-open Tuesday January 2nd 2024 at 9:00am



For any **Centrelink enquiries** over the Christmas closure please contact Services Australia on:

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Students: 132 490

Older Australians : 132 300

Employment: 132 850

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MCSS Christmas Tree Appeal

December 1st—December 16th



It has been a hard 12 months financially for many Australians and MCSS would like to help support our local families in need this Christmas Season via the MCSS Christmas Tree Appeal.

Starting December 1st we welcome **unwrapped, new presents** and **non-perishable food** to be donated to MCSS for our local St Vincent De Paul Representative to deliver to **local families** over the Christmas period.

This year we would like to cater for a diverse group. Please do not forget the Adults/Teenagers/Men.

In previous years the Millmerran Community has been very supportive of this project and we hope 2023 will be no different. We appreciate your generosity and kindness.

For more information please contact staff at MCSS on 46955650



Services Australia Change to reporting dates Christmas/New year



Please be advised: your reporting date over Christmas/ New Year for Centrelink may change.

If you are due to report from **December 20th—January 1st** please check the following website for updated reporting dates or contact MCSS on 46955650.

www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/public-holiday-reporting-and-payment-dates

Services Australia Offices & Call Centre will be closed Monday December 25th—Wednesday December 27th & Monday January 1st.

Have a safe and Merry Christmas

Christmas in the Bush

Saturday Dec 16th

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Winners will be announced at the Christmas in the Bush in Domville Place on December 16th



Thank you to the Millmerran Community for your ongoing support in 2023. We look forward to working with you in 2024. Have a safe and Merry Christmas. See you all in the New Year.

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A big thank you to the campdraft Committee for their donation to the Auxiliary.

Many thanks to all who have helped the Auxiliary during the past year.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held on Tuesday 20th February at 1.00pm in the training room in the Hospital grounds.

Wishing everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and a great New Year.

New Members most welcome.



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We Finally got to use our big generator we purchased after the big 2019 fires, it was great to see it in action when we needed it.

Our crews have worked hard to get the Fire Shed up to the standard we have today and ready for future fires.

Training is on track FMS is done and dusted we now have new members fully qualified for call outs, we would like to thank Pat Forrest from Felton Brigade for taking the time to come out and pass our members to become Fire Fighters.

Meetings are 3rd Sunday of the month at 10 am please come for a cuppa and a chat some months we have a BBQ.

At this stage 2x2x2 are are permitted without a permit, Keep Watch.

Lastly This month the committee of Forest Pines presented Paul Jones for his National Medal(15 Years) of service.

As the Years draws to an end we will be ready to bring in the new year hopefully all will be well. And we wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new Year

Until then stay safe In an emergency contact 000

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CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS FUN

Join us for a scavenger hunt, games and outdoor movie.

Date: Sunday 17th December

Time: 5.30pm

Where: Wylahra Grove Hall 72 Primrose Dr
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Sausage sizzle and popcorn available for a

Gold coin donation

Welcome to the Lion' Club notes for the month of December and hopes that this finds you all well. Only 5 weeks to Xmas, so take the time to enjoy your families, as they are only lent to us for a small amount

Up and coming events

1. **Remember**, we are open for furniture sales and receivables all year round. Just contact one of the below Lion' members for help. **PLEASE CONTACT Lois Lindenmayer on 409983003. Rita Perry on 0428 954184, Val Grundon on 0429 171 080**
2. **Remember** we have a cold room and chairs for hire, if you need help with organising a party. **PLEASE CONTACT Ben and Lois Lindenmayer on 0428 186 152 or 0409 983 003**
3. Xmas in the bush BBQ on 16th of December
4. BBQ for carols night on 13th December

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Community Service is both powerful and personal, and the aim of Lions is always there for the community

Contact numbers for Lion' are R. Richter 0428 956 165 B. & L LINDENMAYER 0409 983 003
V. Grundon 0429 171 080

Until our next Catch-Up, please stay safe, well, and informed

Yours in Lion'
Ros Richter



We Serve



GREETINGS FROM YALLAMBEE

We've had a big month at Yallambee

We have said Goodbye to a few of our beloved residents and we also have a few new friendly faces.

If you see us around town, please say hi & stop for a chat.

On November 16 McLean Care turned 70, so we all dressed up in 70's theme.

Also, we are finally out of masks, so if you would like to visit your friends or family, you will only need to do a RAT test before entry.

We have a new Facility Manager, Crystal Townsend & are recruiting for our new Care Manager to replace Crystal. We also have a few new Care Staff & Registered Nurses



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MEDIA RELEASE

2024 Apprentice Program –Open 13th November 2023

Recruiting for local apprentices across Southern and Western Queensland has kicked off this month, with a number of apprenticeship opportunities up for grabs.

Golden West Apprenticeships has commenced recruitment for the next intake of locals for its 2024 Apprentice Program. Apprenticeships are on offer for Carpentry, Engineering, Administration, Electrical, Health, Hospitality and Automotive.

Golden West Apprenticeships' Operations Manager Darren Smith said the organisation was inundated with applications when recruitment commenced last year with over 300 applications received from across the region.

"An apprenticeship with Golden West Apprenticeships is the first step into a rewarding career of your choice," said Mr Smith. "Our apprentices have an amazing opportunity to work with some of the best companies in the region and kickstart their career. They have the opportunity to be paid while they learn on the job and gain a nationally recognised qualification"

"We are looking for a range of talented candidates, whether you are male, female, Indigenous, non-Indigenous, mature-aged or a senior high school student, applications are open to everyone" said Mr Smith.

Candidates are encouraged to create a jobseeker profile through the Golden West Apprenticeships Jobseeker Portal <https://apply.goldenwest.org.au/Registration.aspx> and register for the 2024 Apprentice Program.



2024 Apprentice Program

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HOW TO APPLY
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Frequently Asked Questions

How will doing an apprenticeship or traineeship benefit me?

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What do I include in my application?

You should provide a cover letter and resume when applying for the 2024 Apprentice Program. Your cover letter should outline your interest in the role you are applying for, why you are interested in the role and why you would be a great choice.

Having a well written and presentable resume is a crucial part of the employment process as employers shortlist applicants based on their resume content so it is important to make your resume stands out. Resumes should not be longer than two pages so keep your resume concise, only include details that are relevant and include details of two referees.

Where do I apply?

To apply for these opportunities please complete an application online at www.goldenwest.org.au

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LETTER OF THANKS TO COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS.

13th October 2023

Millmerran Uniting Church of Australia Community Care Auxiliary (UCA)

c/- 41 Florence Street,

Millmerran Qld. 4357

Dear President- Joan Thompson,

Re: Cessation of assistance with the Millmerran & District News

Millmerran Commerce & Progress Inc. (MCPI) would like to thank the association and their volunteers for the many years of assistance with the Millmerran town newsletter.

Due to the rising cost of distribution of the newsletter to the mailboxes in Millmerran, a decision has been made to cease this process and begin a new system for the circulation of the 11 editions of the newsletter produced for the year.

MCPI has approached several businesses in Millmerran who have agreed to have a newspaper stand at their premises where the community of Millmerran and Districts and travellers can collect a free copy of the newsletter.

In appreciation of the very reliable service that UCA has provided to MCPI, we would also like to gift to UCA three (3) months of the last prepaid invoice as a small thank you for the huge amount of support that has been provided with the distribution of the newsletter. This change of delivery of the town newsletter came into effect as of the October 2023 newsletter.

MCPI has been able to source some history of the Millmerran Newsletter publication and would like to share this with your organisation. The first edition of the newsletter was produced on 5th November 1986 by a group of volunteers from the Traders Association, who obtained funding from advertisers to cover the cost of printing and postage of the newsletter. The newsletter composition in the early days was business advertising, routine notices and reports of events and the Roving Reporter article which was always an interesting article. On the 30th of November 2016 the newsletter celebrated 30 years of production and the news of this month featured the front cover page of the original newsletter in 1986 and some details of who was involved from the beginning.

Since the closure of the Traders Association and over time and through a couple of name changes to better reflect the organisation's focus it has become Millmerran & District News, produced by Millmerran Commerce & Progress Inc.

In 2016 some major changes occurred with the production of the newsletter due to Toowoomba Regional Council removing their core support funding of the newsletter and no longer allowing the employees of Millmerran Community Support Service (MCSS) office to compile and produce the newsletter, which they had been doing for 22 years. MCPI would have to make other arrangements if they wished to continue the newsletter. A bit of trivia from MCSS days – August 1995 MCSS through funding purchased a Risograph machine (copier) to be used to copy the newsletter, this was not connected to a computer and each page was put through separately and same for the reverse side. It took 5 working days to copy the 1100 copies. The 1100 copies were then collated and stapled together by a group of volunteers. According to the article in the Newsletter March 2017 "The volunteers needed a MEDAL for the time and effort they put into doing this each month. This is when UCA would have become involved I believe. A decision by MCSS and the then Millmerran Shire Council in April 1998, that not only did the MCSS print the newsletter, but the staff would also type up the publication. The first issue of the newsletter published for Millmerran Commerce & Progress Inc was in May 1998. Eventually the Risograph machine was disposed of, and Council leased and installed a large printer where it printed and stapled the 1230 copies of the newsletter.



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The March 2017 edition of the newsletter was the last one produced with the assistance of MCSS and featured a special announcement on the front cover of the changes to the production of the newsletter. After much assistance from volunteers of MCPI the production of the newsletter is to continue with MCPI having sourced a volunteer whose primary role was to produce the monthly newsletter for printing, using the Microsoft program Publisher, which is the program that MCSS had previously been using for the process. The monthly newsletter was to continue with the printing being done by a company in Pittsworth, using the offset printing method and first edition was printed in April 2017, with a new look folded paper not stapled edge. A designated email address was set up for the newsletter and the ad submission deadline was made of 16th of each month preceding the issue, advertising rates remain unchanged.

The printing company in Pittsworth advised us in December 2020 that they would be closing the business, and we would need to find another printer to print the 11 editions of the newsletter each year. In the search for another printing company, we discovered that most printing companies close for most of the month of January, and we would have to continue only printing 11 editions of the newsletter each year. A company was sourced from Toowoomba to digitally print the newsletter which continued until September, 2022 when with rising costs of printing and the demand for more colour advertising in the newsletter, meant that the printing of the newsletter had to go back to offset style of printing to bring the printing costs down to an affordable price to allow advertisers to place their ads in the newsletter at a reasonable rate. October 2022 the newsletter is now printed in Brisbane and freighted to Millmerran, with the production of the newsletter graphics being done by volunteers using a new program CorelDraw.

UCA's services have changed over the years with the differing method of production of the newsletter, but it appears that the volunteers have been involved since August 1995 when they used to collate staple and fold the newsletters for the postal service to deliver and to recent years where they have only had to count and fold newsletters and take to the post office for delivery. A grand total of 28 years of service to the community of Millmerran and 25 years of assistance to MCPI. What a wonderful achievement and all the volunteers who have contributed their time over these years should be congratulated and MCPI sincerely thanks everyone for their assistance in getting this newsletter out to the community. You can all now have a well-deserved rest and just enjoy getting your copy of the newsletter from the local businesses when you call in to shop.

We hope you enjoy reading the history of the newsletter that we have been able to source and your involvement. Names have not been included in this information, so that no one that was involved in the newsletter from the inception to present date has been missed out from acknowledgement. Everyone's volunteer efforts are truly appreciated for the mammoth 37 years this local Millmerran newsletter has been produced celebrating this milestone in November 2023.

Kindest regards,

Roselle Crellin – Vice President – Millmerran Commerce & Progress Inc.

and Editor for Millmerran & District News.

Millmerran Congregation
Central Downs Parish
41 Florence Street,
Millmerran



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in Australia

Mission Statement -

We seek to be a multi-generational church with Jesus central to our beliefs. As Disciples of Jesus, we serve and connect to the vulnerable and marginalised of our society, offering a sanctuary for the broken and sick, a place where people are nurtured and cared for. We believe our church is given to the Holy Spirit, making us a Spirit-led church. We invite you to become part of our family because we are part of God's family through GRACE.

Mainly Music Tuesdays 9am

Intergenerational Worship Service 11 am each Sunday

Prayer group each Tuesday 10.30am **Yallambee** service 4th Sunday each month 4.30pm

Minister: Rev. Willie Liebenberg 0477888185

Elder: Graham O'Sullivan 0437332371

For more happenings and video clips search our facebook page



Christmas Market Day at Millmerran

Cold drinks, Sausage sizzle,

Barrister made coffee,

Live entertainment



Venue: Millmerran Uniting Church, 41 Florence St.

Date: 9th December 2023 8am-noon.

Stall sites still available

Contact: Annette O'Sullivan 0427 148 808 to book a site.

Wide variety of stalls, great opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts, or just spoil yourself.

The Millmerran Ministers Association

Christmas Carols in the Park
13th December Christmas Carols in Lions Park.

Sausage Sizzle (\$2) at 6.00pm
Carols Commence at 7.00pm with Local and visiting artists.

Decorating the Tree
Candles

Combined Church Christmas Service at Yallambee.

17th December, commencing at 4.00pm
All Welcome

Next meeting 13th Feb 2024 Uniting Church
On behalf of our Association and members of the Combined Churches, we wish you Gods richest blessings for Christmas and may it be filled with Love, Joy and Peace. Stay safe, take care and God Bless you.!



St Andrew's
Presbyterian Church

Service time: 2.00pm Sunday

All welcome to join with us in worship.

*"For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."
(Luke 2v 11)*

Enquiries:

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MILLMERRAN BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Every Sunday 9:30am - Cultural Centre (43-45 Walpole St Millmerran)

Every 2nd & 4th Sunday 3:30pm - Pittsworth Function Centre (Beginning 26th November)

Bible Preaching

Hymns

Bible Study

Sunday School



Psalm 23 (continued)

Last month we looked at 1 of the 2 items a shepherd would carry. That was the rod, which is symbolic of the Word of God. Now we turn to the other item a shepherd carries, the staff. It too was chosen and hand crafted by the shepherd to whom it would belong. A staff is very unique to shepherds. It has a very distinct shape with a crook fashioned in the end of the long handle. It's used to transfer newborn lambs to their mothers during lambing season when mothers and lambs get separated. When that lamb and its mother are united it brings comfort to them both. When sheep fell over a ledge, or into a crevasse, the staff was used to lift them to safety. When sheep got stuck in a bramble bush, or in a bog, the staff was used to gently pull them free. Like the rod, the staff is a comfort to the sheep. The staff is symbolic of the Spirit of God. When Christ was telling his disciples that he'd soon leave them, he told them "I will not leave you comfortless" (John 14:18) He said, "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever (John 14:16). Later in v26, Jesus says "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." How wonderful that when we picture the physical image of a shepherd with his rod and staff in his hand, it fits so well with the spiritual image of God the Shepherd who uses the Word of God and the Spirit of God to comfort us. The staff was an extension of the arm of the shepherd to draw the sheep out of danger, into safety, and closer to the shepherd. Those who have asked for the redeeming power of Christ to save their soul from damnation, receive salvation and the Holy Spirit. It is this Spirit that convicts us, reminding us to stay out of danger. He brings us back into safety, and always encourages us to draw to and remain close to the Shepherd. Have you felt the rod and staff of God in your life? Do you know of the comfort they are? Do you resist the effects they can bring to a troubled soul? The first step is make Psa 23:1 personal "The LORD is my shepherd"

The Christmas Story (Luke 2:1-20/ Matthew 1:18-25)

Joseph and Mary were 2 people who lived the way that God wanted them to. They followed what the Bible said, and tried to please God with their lives. Joseph and Mary were engaged, but were not married yet. One day an angel came to Mary and told her that she was chosen by God to have His son. Not long after she became pregnant, Joseph was visited by an angel who explained to him why Mary was pregnant. Joseph was told by the angel what name to give this baby, and why. "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." (Matt 1:21). This matched what prophets had said many years ago, whose words are written in other parts of the Bible. Some months later, Mary did have a son, and Joseph and Mary called his name JESUS. This Jesus is the most amazing man that has ever lived on earth. This Jesus was God in the form of a human being, and he was perfect. Jesus did nothing wrong, and came to earth for a reason - to die for you and me. It is hard to imagine that someone would die for anyone else, but Jesus did that for everyone who has & will ever live, because He loves us so very much. God wants everyone to go to heaven once they die, but because we do wrong things we cannot get in. God is too perfect to allow sin into heaven, so Jesus had to pay for all of our wrongs with His life. All we have to do is to be sorry for our sin, and ask Jesus to save us. He wants to save us from paying for our own sin, which is why he died in our place. Do you want Jesus to be your own Saviour? Pray and ask Him to be yours today.



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Millmerran Show Society Inc

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UPCOMING EVENTS

December, 2023

Millmerran Christmas Tree illuminated 1st Dec,
Domville Place till 3rd January 24

Cecil Plains Christmas Carnival 2nd

Rocky Creek Hall & Wylahra Grove Community
Hall Christmas Parties & Christmas Markets 9th

Family Fun Day 16th Anzac Park— 9.30am

Christmas in the Bush 16th Domville Place 5pm

Santa Drive By 21st—Millmerran

Rocky Creek Hall New Years Eve 31st

January, 2024

Australia Day celebrated in Millmerran, 26th TBA

Rocky Creek Hall, 26th

Save the dates

Millmerran Show 2nd & 3rd March

Australian Camp Oven Festival 5 & 6th October-

Busking in Millmerran 4th October

Life & Faith

LYNDALL CHANDLER // CHURCH 4357



It's Almost Christmas!

I've been thinking about what the world looked like when Jesus was born. When God was born in Jesus to a teenage mother in the tiny town of Bethlehem, the world around Him wasn't peaceful or loving. Herod the Great was king and he was a brutal leader. He ruled Judea, Samaria and Galilee as a police state.

Conditions aren't ideal. Yet God decided to put His plan of redemption into action...and Jesus came. He wanted so much to rescue us from sin and restore us to fellowship that He wasn't moved by what was going on around Him, by world events of the time.

He didn't trust the mission to angels or prophets or anyone else. No, He H'self came to earth to live and die for us. He didn't have to do that...but He did. 1 Timothy 1:15 says, 'This is a faithful saying, and everyone accept it: Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.'

He came for you! And He came for me! He gave up heaven to come to earth for only one reason...to save us. And, yes, we all needed saving.

That's amazing to me. It makes me so grateful, so thankful. Philippians 2:6-8 says it like this, 'Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges, he took the humble position of a slave and was born a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.'

How can you be sure that God loves you? Can you know for sure that His love for you is real and unchanging? The Bible tells us that there is nothing that can separate us from His love. But do we believe it? I have good news, In a world full of imperfect love, we can experience God's ultimate,

unconditional and perfect love!

This love! This love thing is the thing! No matter what has or hasn't happened in your life, I want you to know: you are still loved by the Most High God. His love for you has never changed...will never change. Will never stop. It is the core of who God is. God's love is what makes Christianity unlike every other religion.

It was because of love that Jesus came to earth and that He was prepared to die a horrible death to pay the price for sin. 'For God so loved the world', that's the people of the world, 'that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes on Him should not perish but have everlasting life' (John 3:16).

This Christmas we celebrate His coming...in the midst of turmoil and trouble much like the days of Jesus' birth. I pray you know you are loved...even in the midst of everything you may be going through. Not by Someone afar off but by the One who's name is Emmanuel, God with us.

Thank God, He came!

Dear heavenly Father, Thank You for the joy of knowing that You loved us so much that You sent Your Son. The baby in a manger who would grow up to die on a cross for our sins. Such love! Father, open up our hearts and minds to You, to Your incredible love. Help us to see You for Who You are. Let it resonate deep within our hearts. In Jesus' name. Amen.

May you know and experience the magnitude of His love afresh this Christmas.



SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

106 Campbell Street Millmerran

Our church welcomes you to join us each Saturday to learn more about God in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

Bible Study 9:30am
Church Service 11:00am

For more information feel free to contact:
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3 Angels Messages to the World - Revelation 14:6-12



Family Fun Day

Saturday 16th December
Anzac Park Millmerran

Face painting, Finger nail painting,
Sno cones, Fairy Floss, Cold drinks
All \$1.00 donation

Sausage sizzle from 9.30am
Santa and motorbikes arrive at 11.30am
Christmas raffle drawn at 12.30pm

Thanks to our sponsors: Tam's Variety Shop, MOC, Tara Riders Assoc, Captains Mtn Windfarm, Mitre 10, Foodworks, Millmerran Mens Shed, Outback Cleaning Service, Millmerran Real Estate, Raff Group

Chappy's Corner

Another year is fast drawing to a close. It is a time that many reflect on the events of the past 12 months, and consider the direction their lives will take in the new year.

So many devastating things have taken place here in Australia and around the world. Our emotions are constantly being strained as we think of the atrocities of war, and the losses sustained through the violence of humanity and natural disasters. There is so much ugliness in our world, and yet despite this we can still see the beauty of God's creation everywhere we look. If we place our focus on the good and wonderful things around us, it helps our perspective and our attitudes to remain positive. In Mathew chapter 6: 25-34 Jesus encourages us not to worry about life, what we eat, drink or wear, but to seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness and our needs will be taken care of.

Blessings to all over the Holiday season, stay safe and ponder the wonderful gift of Jesus in bringing us hope for a better future to come.

Chappy Barry
School Chaplain
Millmerran P-10 SS

ST FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

December weekend Mass/Liturgy times:

Sunday December 3rdMass 9.30am
Sunday December 10thLiturgy 8.30am
Saturday December 16thMass 6.00pm
Sunday December 24th: NO LITURGY.
Sunday December 31stLiturgy 8.30am

**CHRISTMAS MASS times: Sunday December 24th:
MASS 6.00pm**

Cecil Plains: MASS 8.30am, Monday, Christmas Day.

GRADUATION and End of Year Mass:

Friday, December 1st, 11.00am.

January weekend Mass/Liturgy times:

Sunday January 7thMass 9.30am
Sunday January 14thLiturgy 8.30am
Saturday January 20thMass 6.00am
Sunday January 28thLiturgy 8.30am

Father Thomas will be home in India! We wish him well.

HAPPY NEW YEAR & HAPPY BACK TO SCHOOL!!



Millmerran Senior Citizens

A wonderful time was had visiting the garden at Liz Charlton's.

A fabulous time shared by all who travelled to Stanthorpe Xmas Tree Farm.

No Senior Citizen meetings will be held in December, 23 or January, 24

Annual General Meeting will be held on 8th February, 2024

*We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas which has ended a very hectic and strange year.
Happy New Year 2024*

*Contact for the Senior's Ann on 0483 027 957
Cheers for now.*

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OUR VOLUNTEERS' COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY IS EVIDENT IN EVERYTHING THEY DO. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US IN 2024, JUST SEND A MESSAGE OR CALL.
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Lutheran Services for December

St. Peters Pittsworth (Hadley St)

Sunday 3rd: 8.30am RS Pittsworth
Saturday 9th: 6pm Children's Xmas Service P'th
Sunday 10th: 10am Pastor Lionel's last service
Parish service at Nobby BYO shared lunch
Wednesday 13th: COMBINED CHURCHES CAROL SERVICE
6PM LIONS PARK
Sunday 17th: 8.30am HC Pittsworth
Sunday 24th: No service
Monday 25th: Christmas Day 8am HC Pittsworth
Sunday 31st: 8.30am HC Pittsworth

Services are no longer being held in Millmerran.

All welcome.

Enquiries to Pastor Lionel Rohrlach
31 Hadley St., Pittsworth.
Ph: 46931512

Lutheran Services for January

January 7th: 8:30am RS Pittsworth
January 14th: 10:30am HC Pittsworth
January 21st: 8.30am HC Pittsworth
January 28th: 8.30am HC Pittsworth

Enquiries please ring Parish Office
on 46931512



St Peters Anglican Church

Services for December 2023

Sunday 3rd 9.30am Morning Prayer
Sunday 10th 9.30am Morning Prayer
Sunday 17th 9.30am Morning Prayer
Sunday 24th 10.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 31st 9.30am Morning Prayer

We have farewelled Padre David & his Wife Denice and we thank them both for their 16 yrs of support to our Parish. Padre David has retired due to ill health and we wish them both well. Services each Sunday will be Morning Prayer until further notice.

Services for January 2024

Sunday 7th 9.30am Morning Prayer
Sunday 14th 9.30am Morning Prayer
Sunday 21st 9.30am Morning Prayer
Sunday 28th 9.30am Morning Prayer

**Enquiries: C King 4695 1128
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IT IS GOD WHO FIRST LOVED US
HIS LOVE REVEALED
HE SENT HIS ONLY SON
THAT WE MIGHT LIVE THROUGH HIM
THE ATONING SACRIFICE
FOR OUR SINS

THE LORD SPOKE THROUGH THE PROPHET
A VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD
THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL
GOD WITH US
HIS NAME IS JESUS
HE SAVED US FROM OUR SINS

GOD HAS GIVEN ETERNAL LIFE
THIS LIFE IS IN HIS SON
WHOEVER HAS THE SON
HAS LIFE
JESUS IS THE WAY
THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

WOODCROSS GOSPEL BLUES



**++BIBLE STUDY EVERY MON WED FRI 1-2 PM++
COMMUNITY HALL
72 Primrose Drive, Millmerran Downs,**

Looking at the youths of today, what went wrong along the way!?! If we care about our children and grand-children, we should continuously tell them not to do wrong and teach them to do what is right. Let's take every opportunity to show them how much we love them, by putting our arms around them, even after we've been correcting them. Because of our first parents, we have all been born in sin. We all know how to be selfish and ungrateful, proud and devious. Children are no exception. The moment they come out into the world, they cry; when they're hungry, they cry; when their nappy is dirty, they cry. The Bible tells us that children first go astray when they are in their mother's womb. It is never too early to correct them and to teach them the ways of God and the wonderful love of Jesus. As they mature in their teenage years, they shall bring joy into our heart.

"For God so loves the world..." When did it begin? Not in the garden, not in the manger and not at the Cross. He was the Lamb who was slain before the foundation of the world. No matter how weak and wicked the world is, God loves us with an eternal love "He gave His only begotten Son..." Sacrificial love it was! Jesus who was stricken, smitten of God and afflicted, died on the Cross for us while we were still sinners. Has Christ died for ALL? He has, for "whosoever believes in Him shall not perish..." Shall ALL therefore be saved?"He that believes NOT shall be damned." WOW! Believe, be saved, and be blessed!
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