MILLMERRAN & DISTRICT NEWS



March 2024

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nerran For Monday 11th March .30pm to 8.30p

Millmerran Cultural Centre

47 Walpole Street, Millmerran



Councillor Candidates

James O'Shea Rebecca Vonhoff

Angus Westgarth Scot Mc Phie

Bill Cahill Nathan Essex

Mark Orford Carol Taylor

Martin Hartwig

Edwina Farguhar Tim Mc Mahon

Trevor Manteufel Andrew Reeson

Eakraj Adhikari Robert Relvas

Michelle Mc Intyre Chris Brameld

Kerry Shine Ellisa Parker

David King Melissa Taylor

Gavin Mingay Leeanne Westgarth

Gary Gardner George Westgarth

Paul Wilson

Adam Carney

Mayoral Candidates

Geoff Mc Donald Douglas Doele

Forum has been organised by



Candidates have been invited to attend this forum to introduce themselves and deliver their election speech, which has been requested to outline the topics the candidate has identified that they will address if they are elected Mayor or Councillor.

2024 Local Government (Toowoomba Regional Council)

Elections take place on Saturday 16th March, 2024.

Voting is compulsory.



MILLMERRAN

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FOR SALE



10 Gillespie Street Millmerran-\$365,000 - Renovated 3 bedroom home with a great shed - The home has a large modern kitchen with abundance of storage, large island bench, electric oven, ceramic cooktop, dishwasher, wine fridge and air- conditioning unit adjoining the dining and living room. 3 bedrooms all with built-ins, ceiling fans and main bedroom with airconditioning unit. Modern bathroom with a separate toilet Large tiled laundry. Loungeroom with carpet and airconditioning unit Fully fenced 1,042sqm block with low maintenance yard, fire pit and a great outdoor entertainment area. Water tank with outside taps and pressure pump Large 11.6m x 7.3m shed with mezzanine, large high opening door that can fit a caravan or a boat.



Lot 4 Gore Highway Millmerran— Lifestyle + Location - 125.9 Acres Only minutes to Millmerran \$399,000—Box Belah grazing country, mostly open with timbered shade lines and scattered shade clumps. Watered by one dam. Access off the Gore Highway. This is an excellent lifestyle property in an ideal location with an opportunity to supplement your income.



10 Ross Street Millmerran-\$599,000 - Located in a quiet cul-de sac-Spacious three-bedroom home with sewing / office and hobby room or fourth bedroom. Main bedroom with reverse cycle A/C unit, ceiling fan, built in wardrobe plus walk through robe to ensuite with shower, toilet and vanity and a security screen door leading out on the back verandah. Two bedrooms with built in wardrobes and wall fans. Large open plan kitchen with plenty of cupboard space large pantry, wall oven, ceramic cooktop, dishwasher and ceiling fan. Kitchen adjoining the dining room and family room, with reverse cycle split system A/C unit, wood fire and ceiling fan. Bay windows throughout the home and security screens on all windows. Formal carpeted lounge. Spacious laundry with ample space and storage cupboards. Laundry has easy access to the clothesline. Main bathroom with shower, bath, vanity, separate toilet and vanity. 1.1 Meter hallway with linen cupboard. Two car garage 6m x 6m with electric roller doors. 2.1 meter verandah with entertainment area. Garden shed. Steel Adjustable stumps. Solar system, 2 x 5000gal tanks connected to the house with a pressure pump. Establish gardens and trees. Fully fenced yard - Allotment 1007 sqm

This is a quality home built by a local builder

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11884 Gore Highway Millmerran— \$545,000 Motivated vendor ready to sell. "Silverdale" Rural lifestyle + Opportunity to supplement your income.

Location – "Silverdale" is located 40km south of Millmerran Area: 82.72ha (204.406 ac) timbered grazing country, approx. 30ac cleared soft iron bark country with usable timber. The property is generally undulating with several ridges and timbered shade clumps. Several graded tracks through timbered area suitable for horse riding, trail bike & ATV riding. Boundary fence will be fully fenced and there is a track around all boundaries.

Improvements — Comfortable 3 bedroom home mains power connected
with a 5kW solar system, reverse cycle
air-conditioner, modern kitchen with
an electric stove. House yard is fully
fenced. 3 Bay garage, with 2 bays lockup and power connected. 2 x 5000 gal
rainwater tanks and 1 x 3000 gal tank
connected to the shed. Water —
equipped bore with electric submersible pump.

"Silverdale" currently has feed and water, would make an excellent purchase for any buyer looking for a rural lifestyle farm opportunity.





We sure have hit the ground running for 2024! The TRC Council elections are set to take place on Saturday 16 March and MCPI have organised a Councillor Forum at the Millmerran Cultural Centre on Monday 11 March, 6.30pm to 8.30pm. All the nominees are listed on the front page of this newsletter. This forum is the place where you will get to hear from the nominees themselves and make an informed decision as to who you will be voting for.

The Factory Dam restoration by TRC has come as a surprise and MCPI has lodged a submission with our recommendations to do with this upgrade. The Domville Place plans are still in the hands of TRC and we follow this up every chance we have. There was a Councillor information meeting to do with this in February and we are now waiting on the results of that. In January there was also a Councillor information meeting regarding the Qld Railway land behind Campbell Street where water runs from during heavy rainfall and floods the shops. We have followed up on the outcome of this meeting and are waiting for a response.

Vice President Roselle Crellin and I met with representatives of Genex in February. We look forward to when Genex and the construction company PCL visit Millmerran for a community forum in April or May as there will be many questions raised and answered.

Vice President Mary Tosswill and I met with TRC Library personnel Tahnee Pearse and Amy Mann in February. We were hoping to receive good news regarding the extension of library hours to 5 days per week however we were told the review, which was due to be completed at the end of December 2023, will not be until May/June 2024. In the meantime our library has a number of programs and activities for the three days per week that it is open and it was pleasing to see that a Justice of the Peace (JP) visits every second Thursday from 10am to 1pm. Our fight for the reopening to 5 days per week continues for a few more months.

In February I was invited to be the guest speaker at the Millmerran Senior Citizens AGM and the Millmerran Arts Council AGM. Both of these community groups are doing such a good job bringing likeminded people together and it was a pleasure to be asked and speak of the work MCPI does.

At the January Darling Downs Alliance meeting that Vice President Mary Tosswill and I attended in Toowoomba, we spoke to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, 6 Councillors and 2 Council Representatives about issues facing Millmerran which include storm water drainage, event funding, response timelines, Domville Place update, contract mowing and community communication.

Finally, the MCPI Management Committee would like to acknowledge and congratulate Roselle Crellin on her 2024 Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award. Roselle is an integral part of our MCPI team, as well as the many other volunteer roles that she does within our community. I personally would be lost without her and I am thrilled that her contribution has been acknowledged at such a high level. Congratulations to the other winners on the day: Millmerran Quilters, Australian Camp Oven Festival and Gary Fogarty.

Wishing the Millmerran Show Society all the best for a great weekend on the 2^{nd} and 3^{rd} of March.

The next MCPI General Meeting will be Wednesday 20 March at the Catholic Church Hall, William Street, Millmerran – 5.30pm for a 5.45pm start.

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General Meeting 20th March, 2024. Meetings held at Catholic Church

Hall, William Street, Millmerran. Doors open at 5.30pm for 5.45pm start

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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.



What's on at the MILLMERRAN LIBRARY IN MARCH

The Millmerran Library, located on Herbert Street, Millmerran, is hosting a range of sessions this March for its residents. These sessions are a great way to learn something new and meet people in our community.

Date	Time	Session
Friday, 1 March	10.30 - 11am	One to One Tech Help
Friday, 1 March	11 - 11.30am	One to One Tech Help
Tuesday, 12 March	3.30pm	Collage - Expressive Art
Wednesday, 13 March	10am - 12noon	Family History Search Help
Friday, 15 March	10.30 - 11am	One to One Tech Help
Friday, 15 March	11 - 11.30am	One to One Tech Help

One to One **Tech Help**

An opportunity to learn new tech skills. This can include assistance with emails, online services, resume writing or applying for jobs online.

Bookings are required, call 4695 5619 or visit www.tr.qld.gov.au/libraryevents

Family History Search Help

Learn how to access the library edition of Ancestry.com and explore your family history.

Bookings are required, call 4695 5619 or visit www.tr.qld.gov.au/libraryevents

Collage

Part of the Expressive Arts Group, this is a chance to express yourself openly and spontaneously! Create a collage from a mix of materials and let your creativity run free.

No bookings required.















MILLMERRAN LOCAL AMBULANCE COMMITTEE

Are your First Aid & CPR skills up to date? Do you know what an AED is and how to use it?

Knowing where a First Aid kit or AED is located & how to use them can save precious time in an emergency.

If not, consider booking a First Aid course or CPR refresher course. The skills you learn may save your family, friends or co-workers in an emergency situation.

There is No meeting for March.

New members always welcome.

For more details contact -

President Wayne Hardwick 0409 044 115 or Secretary Clare McGowan 0427 509 563.



Millmerran Garden Club

MONTHLY MEETING 8th March,2024

Millmerran Garden Club Meeting will be on Friday, 8th March, 2024

Time: 9 a.m. for 9.30 start @

Annette O'Sullivan's & Sheryle Rogers' properties
Meet at 34 Captain's Mountain Road, Captains Mountain.
Flower competition for March is a specimen of a flowering shrub.
Please bring a cup for morning tea, a folding chair,
sunhat & water.

Please contact Rita Perry on 0428 954 184 for any further information or enquiries.

New members/visitors are always welcome to attend

Re-energising regional Queensland



We are proud to sponsor the 2024 Millmerran Show. Come find us at our booth on March 2nd.





Kindon Branch

Advocating for rural and remote students from early childhood to tertiary & training

New members welcome



https://icpa.com.au/qld/branches/ kindon



kindon@icpa.com.au

MILLMERRAN SENIOR CITIZENS

Hi to all,

We started our Senior year with our AGM, with a reduced number of members due to illness and other commitments. We welcome all of our committee and wish you a very successful year.

Our committee being; President Rita, Secretary Ann and Treasurer Lois, good luck.

Heads up people on another trip.

This time we visit Pratten and Warwick, with a little sight seeing on the way. This trip will be on the 11th April. All members are invited and any guests that wish to come along. More news on this trip in the next newsletter.

A little thought for all
"Look up not down; Look forward not back:
Look out not in; and lend a hand:"
We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the
month.

Till next time cheerio.
All enquiries to 0483 027 957



We are working with the DDM Rabbit Board to preserve the old Gray's Gate Rabbit Hut.

After the loss of the Western Creek hut we are on a mission and in talks with the Rabbit Board to jointly manage a way forward for the site. They have requested the building be off-limits for now as it is structurally unsafe. What a lot of publicity it's had from the ABC particularly, and 7NEWS and social media. Thank you for your likes and commenting.

The historic Yandilla Station Bell has arrived. Grant has started a Significance Assessment and it looks like it could be older than we first thought. Thank you Millmerran State School for handing it over to us for preservation. Did you know it is 100 years since the school commenced in its current location on 1 Feb 1924. Stay tuned for an Open Day event in the next few months.

Interest from new volunteers is very welcome.
Please phone Christine 0402 576 453

Help support the jewel in the crown of our little town!

A recent visitor thought our Museum was "the best he's seen in Queensland!" That is fantastic feedback.

www.millmerranmuseum.com.au

Millmerran Arts and Crafts

The monthly meeting is Saturday the 16th March at the Cultural Centre, Arts and Craft rooms at 9am.

Tuesday Quilters 5th & 19th .. 9am

Wednesday Craft every Wednesday .. 9am



Millmerran Quilters received the Community Group Award on Australia day. Congratulation Ladies for all your hard work.



Contact:

Matt

mobile No: 0405270330



- Cotton Spears
- Bucket





Attending Millmerran every MONDAY at 31 Campbell Street

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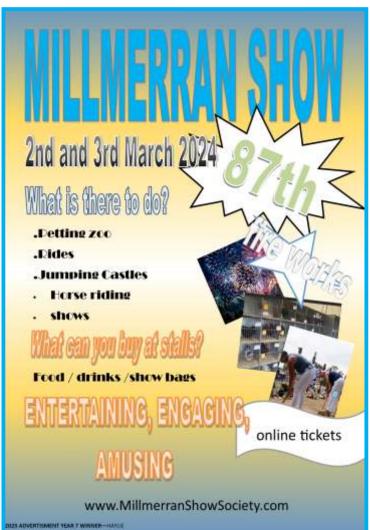
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Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (QLD) Inc Millmerran & District Branch Inc. Range at 891 Heckendorf Road

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)

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Pistol Sil & Service	Adrian Blinco	0428	583	101			
Pistol S/Action	Tom Briskey	0418	790	027			
Field Rifle	Dean Grundon	0429	4 96	129			
Shotgun	Adam Lewis	0400	724	359			
Rifle Silhouette	.Travis Caeser	0428	714	689			
Servive Rifle	Torn Briskey	0418	790	027			
Junior support	Jessica Blinco	0458	310	132			

Millmerran Mens Shed

Millmerran Men' Shedders are preparing to show off some of our creations at our local show. Make sure you visit our site and have a chat. You will be surprised what we are willing to have a go at! Broken wooden toys we love to give new life to. We very much enjoyed the opportunity to cook breakfast (bacon and egg burgers) at the Community meet and greet in Domville place last month. Our purpose in this community is to provide a place where men who have time available to come together in a friendly social environment to work together keeping our minds and hands active on projects which benefit our community or individuals who need assistance. If you have the time and would like to join our team of jolly men, we would love to welcome you. If you are in need of assistance (sorry we don' build houses or lay concrete slabs) please contact us. Of course any organisation needs finances to function and we are very lucky to be supported by our community. If you have an offer of support or need assistance from us, please contact:

Howard Rickert Graham O'ullivan Bob McIntosh 0437004357 0437332371 0432520336

"The hardest part is always the starting."

Scrubby Creek Rural Fire Brigade

Hi All

We have had some good rain, as result the bushfire threat has been quite reduced, giving brigades a good break. We'd like to thank our members that are helping out with the Millmerran show.

Training is still Friday nights at 7 pm. If we change it, we will post it on our face book page.

You can still have a 2x2x2 fire but make sure you watch it at all times.

Our meetings are the 3rd Sunday of the month at 10.30am.

In an emergency call 000

First officer & Fire warden James Pratt 0477 864 963

Deputy Fire warden Dennis Dwyer 0427 699 070





MILLMERRAN SES

(State Emergency Service)

TRAINING IS 7th and 21st March 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



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.



Find us on Facebook Search: Millmerran Scout Group



Arts

LIBRARY EXHIBITION 'TIL 2 APRIL

Reflections

an Exploration in Fibre

Darling Downs Textile Art Group

Be amazed by the creativity and skill of Darling Downs
Textile Group artists who have used a variety of
techniques like quilting, embroidery, weaving, painting
and dyeing to create intricate designs that showcase the
landscapes and diversity of the Millmerran District and
it's surrounds. Established in 1999, Darling Downs
Textile Art Group, is a group of non-traditional art
quilters with a shared interest in contemporary textile
expression. A stunning exhibition not to be missed,
open every Tue, Thu & Fri at the Millmerran Library.







AGM - COMMITTEE UPDATES 2024

President Allison Potter, Secretary / Treasurer Sheryle Rogers, Vice President Pat Taylor, Deputy Treasurer Eileen Walker, Exhibitions Officer Nell Macqueen, Committee members Raelene Antonio, Leanne Brittan, Bronwen Fitzroy-Ezzy, and Natasha Hollis. Special thanks to Guest Chair & Speaker Nikki Macqueen

www.millmerranartscouncil.com.au

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Work has started on the new Hospital. It will be interesting to watch the progress.

We would like to extend our deepest Sympathy to the family of Jan Wallace, who was a nurse at the Hospital.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 19th of March at 1.00pm at 4 Smith Street. (Please note the change of venue for this meeting)

NEW MEMBERS MOST WELCOME



Millmerran Tennis Club

Junior Tennis Coaching: Coaching has resume for Term 1 2024.

Places still available
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. Our numbers are low but our enthusiasm and tennis are high as always.

Tennis is a great family activity but we can also help out individuals wanting to have a go. 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 or friends.

Private court hire including racquets and balls available by appointment.

Air-conditioned club house and kitchenette available for hire. Graham O'ullivan 0437332371



MILLMERRAN COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICE

Building our Community—Together 30-32 Campbell Street Millmerran ~ 46 955 650



MCSS Open Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-12:30pm / 1:30pm-4:00pm unless unforeseen circumstances arise.

In this instance contact Virginia Wacker on 0448 608 869 or virginia.wacker@tr.qld.gov.au

International Women's Day Friday March 8th 2024.

Join MCSS for a \$Free BBQ Breakfast in Domville Place, Millmerran with a Guest Speaker... 7.30am—8.30am

The theme for International Women's Day 2024 is *Inspire Inclusion*. When we inspire others to understand and value women's inclusion, we forge a better world. And when women themselves are inspired to be included, there's a sense of belonging, relevance, and empowerment. Collectively, let's forge a more inclusive world for women.

All welcome including the fabulous men & young people in our community...



Please be advised: Millmerran Community Support Service will be closed Fri March 29th & Mon 1st April for Easter.



Be Connected

Every Australian online.

Be Connected is an Australian government initiative committed to building the confidence, digital skills and online safety of older Australians. Whether you want to pick up new skills or dive into a new topic, you can access free learning resources online or join one of the thousands of community organisations running free computer classes across Australia.

https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au

Once signed up you have access to podcasts, scam information, games, and articles for FREE!!

For assistance signing up for FREE please contact MCSS staff or pop into the Office. Massive thank you to everyone who attended our first Free Community Breakfast for 2024. Keep your eyes peeled for more exciting programs coming this year.

Over 80 Community members enjoyed a free breakfast including bacon, egg, sausage, coffee, tea and juice.

Thank you to the Men's Shed for cooking the BBQ.

Pictured below enjoying their free breakfast is Karen Harber, Hunter, Willow & Ariah Cavendish.







SERVICES AUSTRALIA

When you have an ongoing illness or injury, you might benefit from having someone act on your behalf. You can set up nominee arrangements when you need help and cancel it when you don't.

More info: servicesaustrlaia.gov.au/nominees

Leaving home to start Uni?

Fares Allowance helps with travel costs between your permanent home and place of tertiary study in Australia. You could travel by air, ferry, coach, train, bus or combination of these. Services Australia can book your trip for you. Or you can do it and you will be reimbursed. Conditions apply. Please visit the below website for eligibility requirements.

More info: servicesaustralia.gov.au/faresallowance

NDIS Carers QLD

Visiting Millmerran Community Support Service

Tuesday April 9th 2024 ~ 9:30 - 1:30

Tuesday June 11th 2024 ~ 9:30—1:30

These quick 1 on 1 conversations can get you started or guide you in the right direction.

If you aren't on a scheme but would like to be linked to services, supports and activities in the community, the LAC can assist.

Appointments are required. Please contact the Toowoomba Office on 0746462800 or email pitc.lac.toowoomba@ndis.gov.au

No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS)

The No Interest Loan Scheme offers people on low incomes safe, fair and affordable no interest loans for vehicle registrations, fridges, washing machines and furniture, as well as education, medical expenses and more.

CONTACT MCSS on 46 955 650



McLean Care Yalambee

Hello from Yallambee!! We have been out and about this past month having lots of fun along the way.



A fun day was had by all when we went to the Millmerran Museum, talk about Memory Lane!!

Christine & Viv were such lovely hosts and we would like to thank them and Edna for a lovely morning tea.

We will be back! We have a lot more residents to bring through.



We were also blessed by the Yallambee Bargain Boutique again as they purchased us a "Lifestyle Trolley" that will be filled with products & bits & pieces such as hankies, batteries, hand cream, etc that the residents may require. We would like to thank them for their ongoing support.

The Yallambee Auxilliary are also very generous in supplying us with the products to stock the trolley. Thank you Ladies!

We went on an outing to the Oakey RSL Morning Melodies to see Cathy Drummond performing, it was a great day out. We met up with McLean Care CWA House from Oakey and met a few new friends. We had morning tea and decided to also stay and have lunch, Yum! This is held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and we will be going back so that all of our residents that can go, get the chance to.

Again this month we have welcomed new residents, most of them are locals. So if you know any of our residents, please feel free to pop in and say "Hi". We love visitors 😊

Just a reminder, when you pop in we will give you a RAT to make sure that we are keeping our residents as safe as we can.

Sadly, we have had to say a few sorrowful goodbyes to some of our resident family, its never easy. Rest In Peace

Until next month.....







At C&K your child will feel safe, make friends and belong. We focus on nurturing your child' curiosity, building their resilience and developing their confidence –all through the joy of learning through play.

We would like to begin this month by welcoming our families for 2024 - lots of new smiling faces and several returning ones. With the warm weather the children have been able to spend large amounts of time outside involved in water play. Hopefully you enjoyed our entries in the Millmerran Show –an exciting time of year for our town! We look forward this year to continuing our partnership with Landcare, and regular visits to the town Library and Yallambee.

Free Kindy –we still have FREE places available for four year olds –those children aged at least 4 years of age by the 30th June, in the year before they attend Prep. Fee paying positions are also available for the pre-Kindy year. Email or give us a call to find out more.

Keep your eyes out around town for our upcoming Easter fundraiser - to update our mud kitchen -we would

appreciate your support. Looking forward to a fantastic year ahead.

Maree and Kylie







MILLMERRAN LANDCARE

Phone: 0427 952336

Email: millmerranlandcare@bigpond.com





Landholders interested in learning more about the benefits of dung beetles and how to manage healthy diverse populations on-farm to improve soil health, water quality and infiltration and help suppress parasite populations are encouraged to attend this free workshop.

Join Rob Young from Ecoinsects, who will lead discussions on:

- basic beetle biology
- the benefits of dung beetles for your soils, the environment and in your grazing
- overview of main species found in South East Queensland
- how to encourage healthy populations of dung beetles on your farm
- how to monitor and manage dung beetles on your farm
- options to construct, populate and maintain nurseries

Where: Rocky Creek Hall When: Tuesday 12th March Time: 9.00am till 2.00pm

Smoko and lunch provided

Bushfire and Vegetation Preparation

Join us for a practical morning learning how to better prepare your property to be bushfire safe.

- · Practical demonstrations on thinning and firebreaks
 - Vegetation codes explained
 - When and how to apply for a burn permit . What does healthy, resilient country look like
 - - How to carry out a cool burn
 - . What to do in case of emergency . Who can help
 - Where: Millmerran Woods

When: Saturday 23rd March Time: 9.00am till lunch

Drought is a reality for primary producers. Planning during a better season is key.

Come and discuss drought management ideas with fellow producers and learn about drought preparedness at this free

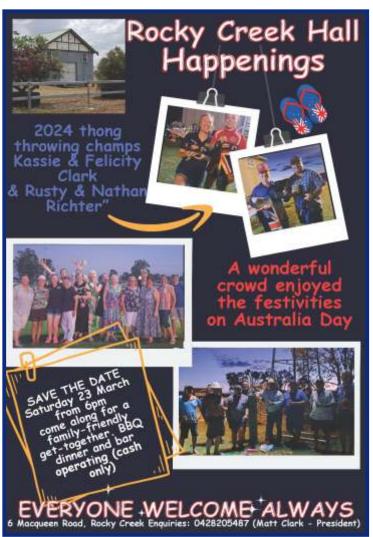
As part of Queensland's drought reform, Drought Preparedness Grants offer 25% (up to \$50,000) as a co-contribution grant to assist primary producers undertake on-farm capital improvement that will emprove the drought preparedness of their property.

to access these grants and other drought support measure to access mess grants and other produpts support measures including no and low interest loans, producers will need to have a <u>Farm Business Besilence Plan</u>. To assist producers with this, the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Queensland (QAF), Bural Solutions Queensland Inc (RSQ) and Queensland Rural & Industry. Development Authority (QRIDA) invite you to a workshop to learn more about the new policy, how to apply and to discuss drought management ideas for adoption and funding.

Farm Business Resilience Program









What is an Auxiliary Firefighter?

Auxiliary Firefighters are casual, station-based firefighters who respond to emergency situations when the demand arises. As a member of the QFES team, you will be an integral part of the front-line emergency and disaster response in Queensland. Whether you're called to help handle a bushfire emergency, or to assist in recovery after a major flooding event – your role is crucial to protecting Queensland's people, property and environment from harm. You'll have the opportunity to give back to your community and earn a respected place amongst your peers.

Requirements:

- Eligible to apply for, or hold a current Blue Card
- Employers written consent to attend incidents and emergencies (where applicable)
- Live or work within a reasonable distance of auxiliary fire station
- Australian Permanent Resident Status
- Manual C Class driver's licence

APPLY NOW

VISIT OUR WEBSITE





Community Market Day at Millmerran



Venue: Millmerran Uniting Church, 41 Florence St.

Date: 13th April 2024 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 unique gifts, or just spoil yourself. Sausage sizzle, cold drinks, Barista made coffees and morning tea.

Come and browse, enjoy a coffee and have a chat!

FOR SALE



RAPID SPRAY 400 Litre Spray Unit. 8m boom (Tractor not included)

Always stored in shed & never had chemical through Unit. Rainwater only in tank.

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71 Campbell Street, Millmerran QLD 4357

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- 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 0409 983 003. Rita Perry on 0428 954 184, Val Grundon on 0429 171 080
- 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
- Garage Sale held in February, thank you to the community who supported the event and remember the next Garage Sale will be held on 2nd Saturday in April, 2024

The Lion' Club of Millmerran is appealing to you who make up our wonderful community, and to see the community survive, then we are appealing to you to help keep your Lions Club keep going. Meetings are necessary, but do not feel compelled to attend every meeting. You can do your bit to keep the Lion' Club stay viable just by joining and helping out at any functions we hold..

If you feel that you would like to help out your local Lion' Club, please feel free to contact one of the below numbers. 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

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We are committed to continuously improving our facilities and equipment to better serve our community.

2x2x2 are still permitted without permits, if you would like use to burn off your property in the Forest Pines area please contact Craig or myself.

Meetings are on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 10am. Training Wednesday nights at 7pm.

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- Pancake Flip Competition
- Welcome BBQ and Meet the Teacher Night
- · Legends of League Presentation
- · Project Compassion Launch Mass

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Australia Day Awards 2024

Millmerran & Cecil Plains Australia Day Awards 2024 was held at the Millmerran Lions Club Park. Mr Paul Antonio officiating proceedings along with the Millmerran Community Support Service—Virginia Wacker CDO—TRC & officers Jayde & Joelene.

Congratulations to the winners:

Community Group Award - Millmerran Quilters

Community Event Award - Australian Camp Oven Festival

Cultural Award - Gary Fogarty—accepted by Cindy Fogarty

Citizen of the Year Award - Roselle Crellin other nominees Liz Kelly and Darryl Lindenmayer

Thank you to Toowoomba Region Council for hosting the event and Millmerran Lions Club for the use of their facility, and the Lions volunteers for providing the Aussie style breakfast. National Anthem was performed by Johnny D—a local artist from Millmerran district, thanks Jonathon.





Community Group Award

Cultural Award



Community Event Award

Citizen of the Year Award

Millmerran/Cecil Plains Community Group Award. There was 1 nomination received in this category, the Millmerran Quilters Group

The six-member Millmerran Quilters meet twice a month to make patchwork baby quilts that are donated to the Toowoomba Hospital Foundation.

The project is the group's gift to new mothers across Darling Downs Health maternity wards at Toowoomba, Dalby, Warwick and Goondiwindi.

Other guilts are donated to the Royal Brisbane Children's Hospital.

Between 200 and 300 quilts are made each year, in addition to burpers and sensory toys. The women supply most of their own materials with other community donations providing suitable fabrics.

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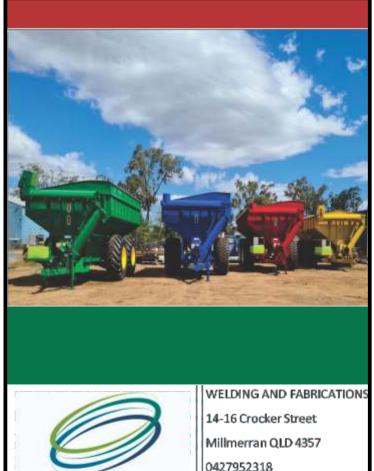
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BREKKY IN THE BUSH—Sunday 3rd March, commencing at 9am, Full Brekky \$6.00 Pikelets \$2.00

The outgoing committee for progress would like to thank all the progress members and the communities of Millmerran and District for all the support that has been provided for the residents, community hall and progresses endeavours to improve the localities and safety for the landowners. Sincere thanks to all emergency service personnel, local machine operators and volunteers for your assistance during the many fire incidents that have occurred in the localities.

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March 2-3 Millmerran Show

March 2- Lions Awareness Day

March 8 - International Womens Day BBQ 7.30 - 8.30 Domville Place

March 11- Millmerran Forum 6.30-8.30pm

March 16 - Local Government Elections

April 13 - Community Markets Millmerran

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May 11 - Mothers Day Markets

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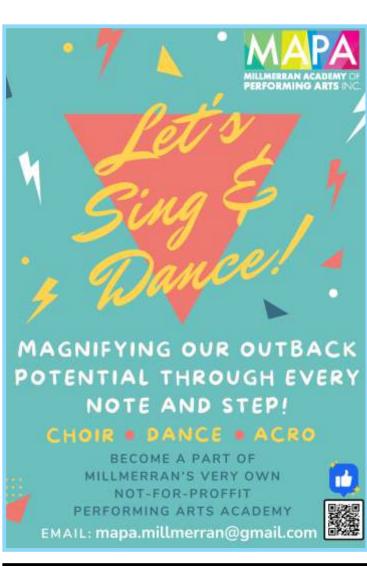
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Millmerran/Cecil Plains Community Event Award. There was 1 nomination received in this category, the Australian Camp Oven Festival, Millmerran

The Millmerran community can be justifiably proud of the 25-member Australian Camp Oven Festival (ACOF) committee members who work hard to deliver an iconic, regional event.

In a sign of their dedication and drive, the committee delivered the 2022 festival in the year after the 2021 festival, which had been postponed due to Covid-19.

Despite the break from the biennial timing, the committee delivered under extra pressure. There were additional Covid protocols to introduce and enforce, along with the added problem of wet weather. Undaunted, the volunteer committee showed their resolve and can-do attitude by delivering another outstanding event.

The committee volunteers are responsible for every aspect of the festival, starting with the event planning, working on the merchandise/information stands, welcoming guests at the gate, overseeing parking, general safety, marketing and even stoking the coals for the campfire.

The committee also manages the 140-plus event volunteers, who come from across the country, to assist with staging the festival.

The committee works hard to achieve several important objectives, including increasing overnight visitors and spending in the Millmerran district and the wider Region.

The festival is designed to increase Millmerran's profile and appeal as a tourist destination by developing quality and authentic visitor experiences, along with encouraging community pride.

The festival proudly adopts a 'buy local' policy for all event-related expenditure. They are committed to supporting local suppliers.

True to its objectives, the 2022 ACOF saw multiple benefits delivered to Millmerran clubs and societies, including the Show Society, Millmerran Landcare, Cecil Plains Progress, Cecil Plains School P&C, Brookstead School P&C, Pittsworth State High P&C, Wylahra Progress, SES, Millmerran Men's Shed, Millmerran Hospital Auxiliary, Millmerran Lions Club, St Joseph's School P&F and the Catholic Church group, Millmerran State School P&C and the Scouts.

Millmerran/Cecil Plains Cultural Award – There was 1 nomination received in this category, Gary Fogarty

Gary is a leading Australian bush poet, who has been recognised for his devotion and passion for the artform for more than 30 years. He has published four books and released three CDs.

He is a two-time winner of the prestigious Golden Gumleaf award and has been a finalist seven times.

His connection to his subject has seen him selected twice to compete at the world championships of performing arts in Hollywood, USA.

Gary donates his time and talents to at least five charity fundraisers annually.

He is continually promoting Millmerran and the Australian Camp Oven Festival wherever he is engaged to perform.

Gary has accomplished all this while coping with chronic pain following a car accident. He is continually mentoring new poets and judging poetry competitions.

He has earned a reputation as one of the most popular comperes/announcers at music and other festivals, such as the Gayndah Orange Fest, Tara Festival of Culture & Camel Races, Tenterfield Oracles of the Bush, Millmerran's Australian Camp Oven Festival, Bony Mountain Folk Fest, Chinchilla Melon Festival, Murgon Country Music Fest and Capella Country Music Festival, among others.

He published a children's bush poetry book in collaboration with emerging artist, Darcie Harris. The book is focussed on loveable farm animal characters and gently educates youngsters on the source of some of our food and fibre, as well as containing lessons on fat shaming, being comfortable in your own skin, being part of a team and being responsible. Gary organised a very successful book launch for the title in his home town of Millmerran.

Unfortunately, Gary was unable to be present as he was performing at the Tamworth Music Festival, however he was represented by his wife, Cindy.

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"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

"I AM" the Light of the World

This is the next thing that we will look into that Jesus called himself. More than once Jesus was referred to as light. In Genesis 1 we read about the creation of the world, where the very first thing God created was light. This was before the sun, moon, and stars were created. The world was totally covered in darkness until light came upon it, and from that point on the earth could sustain and produce life. Darkness had to be removed by light, before any goodness could come.

In John 1 we read about the similarity of this light upon the souls of mankind. We can read there that in the beginning Jesus was called the Word. When He came to earth He was called the Light, who as a man was called Jesus. When Jesus came to earth, spiritual light came upon the darkness of sin in the world, that can never be removed until God says so. Because of that Light, mankind forever has the opportunity to gain light on the darkness of the sin we've all been born with. Sin is always referred to as darkness. When a person knows nothing but darkness, he doesn't understand the benefit that light brings. Jesus is the spiritual light in a world of dark sin, and is available to all mankind. However, it takes someone to want to turn from the darkness of sin and turn toward the light in order for them to see the Light. This is called repentance. When someone has had enough of their sin, and no longer wants to remain in the darkness of sin, they can turn to the light of Jesus and ask for Him to come into their heart and receive forgiveness of their sin. We all know how much better we can see in the dark when we switch the light on, and this is no different to the effect of Jesus being received into a person's life. What one couldn't see before, is now revealed. The mystery of God, the truths of the Bible, the stories of Jesus, the history of Israel, the future of mankind, the purpose of life and many more wonderful things that we once had no care about or didn't think we could ever know, begin to be understood because the light of Jesus has been shone into our hearts and mind. Without Jesus we stumble around in the dark only guessing.

When Jesus said the words in the verse above to those around him, this is what He was trying to get them, and us, to understand. If you would only follow me, then you will no longer have to live in darkness. There is hope, but you must follow me to receive it. Follow what I say, follow what I teach, follow my example and you won't have to walk in darkness, but have the light of life - this is a better life in the present and an eternal life in the future. Have you come to the Light? God sent the Light of the world to the world so that we don't have to live in sin and receive the punishment that sin brings upon us. He loves you, and offers salvation from eternal damnation. The Light is available. Turn to Him and enjoy the understanding that only time with Jesus can give.



Unjumble these words from John 1:1-14

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Australia Day Awards 2024 cont'd from page 27 - Citizen of the Year Award: 3 Nominations were received for the 2024

Darryl Lindenmeyer

Darryl has been described by his nominator as a hardworking man who continually serves his rural community in numerous events, fund-raisers and through the Scouts Group. He is community focussed and has not only taught his own children but many, many more from Millmerran and the wider Millmerran district.

He has the ability to unite children and family groups from diverse backgrounds and has taught them valuable survival and other skills at Scouts, events and camps. Darryl is known as someone people can trust and he will always lend a hand when he sees someone struggling. Happy to have a yarn, he is also focussed on teaching skills to create great Aussies. While Darryl would be happy to receive this award, he never seeks attention for his good will, but instead continues serving with integrity. He is a great Aussie who deserves to be acknowledged.

Elizabeth Kelly

Liz Kelly embodies the qualities of a compassionate and dedicated community member who consistently goes above and beyond in her various roles. As a nurse she has been described by those who know her as caring and dedicated, frequently extending her efforts beyond the call of duty. However, her contributions to our community extend far beyond her work as a healthcare professional. Liz has lived in Millmerran for most of her life, and her involvement in numerous local events and initiatives is truly remarkable. She has selflessly dedicated her time and energy to various school and church activities including Deb Balls, Sheep Races, P & F Assoc, Tuckshop, Sports days, swimming club, tennis club, Millmerran Show Canteen and the Aust camp oven festival. Her tireless commitment to these events has left an indelible mark on our community, and she is always ready to lend a helping hand where it's needed most. What makes Liz truly exceptional is her unwavering dedication to the well-being of others. She has taken time off work to volunteer at these events, ensuring the welfare of those in need. Her willingness to check on the health and safety of individuals at these gatherings speaks volumes about her genuine concern for the people of Millmerran.

In addition to her local commitments, Liz has also ventured beyond our community to make a positive impact. She has completed the Kokoda Challenge, raising essential funds for the Kakoda Youth Foundation, and participated in the Relay for Life, a significant community fundraiser for cancer research and support services. Her active participation in these events demonstrates her commitment to making a difference, not only at home but also on a broader scale.

Liz's nominators have stated, "What sets Liz apart, is her modesty and her aversion to seeking recognition or reward for her actions. She acts out of a deep-seated desire to help and support others, making our community a better place to live. Her dedication, compassion, and unwavering commitment to the well-being of others exemplify the spirit of our community and the values we hold dear. She is truly deserving of this nomination."

Roselle Crellin

Roselle Crellin is passionate about Millmerran and committed to enhancing the lives of her fellow residents, and a quiet achiever who makes a huge contribution to the wider community without any thought of personal recognition.

Roselle and her husband Joe completed building their home in 2014 after moving to Cypress Gardens in 2013.

She soon became involved with the Wylahra Grove Progress Association Inc. and was appointed assistant secretary in 2015 before being elected secretary in 2016. She has been a committed volunteer executive member ever since.

Roselle opens and manages the Wylahra Grove Progress Association Hall one day a week, assists with cleaning and helps community members with many issues.

She ensures that regular organised events, such as the darts meeting, music sessions and the monthly Breakfast in the Bush, take place. In addition, Roselle is involved in purchasing supplies, cooking, serving and cleaning after functions.

Roselle has secured grant funding of more than \$56,000 for children's playground equipment, furniture, other equipment, insulation and fans for the hall. In November 2016, Roselle organised an expo for the community and another community day, On Our Selection, in October 2017 featuring a presentation of the history and development of the seven localities south-west of Millmerran.

In 2021, Roselle was heavily involved in running a fundraising event for the Millmerran Hospital Auxiliary.

In 2014, Roselle joined the Millmerran Commerce and Progress Inc. (MCPI) and volunteered to fill the treasurer's role in 2016. She was elected secretary/treasurer in 2018 and is the current vice president. Her work in this capacity has seen multiple grants and sponsorships awarded to MCPI, including a grant to purchase and erect a digital LED community sign in Domville Place. A more recent grant has allowed MCPI to engage a landscape architect to develop plans for Domville Place. This project has come to fruition thanks to Roselle and the Tourism sub-committee members. Roselle has overseen the completion of many tourist attractions across Millmerran, including the final installation of heritage plaques as part of the Millmerran Heritage Walk and the production of the first and second editions of the Millmerran Visitors' Guide. Her enthusiasm for promoting the district extends to helping organise the Millmerran Commerce and Progress Busking competition, run during the Australian Camp Oven Festival.

Roselle volunteered for the role of Millmerran and District News newsletter editor in 2018 and devotes countless hours to assist produce, edit and distribute the monthly publication to Millmerran district residents. This recently involved learning how to use a new computer program, which has resulted in a visually appealing and professional publication.

Roselle leads the organisation of the annual Christmas in the Bush Festival and Christmas Lights competition. She goes above and beyond to create a magical event for the children, as well as organising entertainment (featuring Santa), food stalls and event installation and packing up

Roselle is a dedicated volunteer who has an extensive knowledge of meeting protocol. She willingly assists new volunteers and her expertise and attention to detail are invaluable. Roselle puts her energy into all her endeavours and is a very worthy nominee.

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2024 Feels Different!

I don't know what it is but 2024 just feels different, doesn't it? It feels like this is the year where everything is about to come full circle. I excited! I'm ready!

I always feel when we've stepped into a new year that it's cause to pause and celebrate the fact we ARE here. We made it! We truly are here for such a time as this.

I paused and thought...once again I found God has been faithful...so faithful! Did God come through for you this year? For me...He did it over and over again.

I don't see the new year is about making resolutions or setting goals. Sometimes that can be just a little too much pressure, a little too daunting. Let's face it...we all know if we're making empty promises or if we're really going to keep those resolutions. What I'm sensing is that if we're going to be ready for whatever comes in 2024, it's going to be because we know God.

He wants us to have a more personal connection with Him. One where we hear His voice. One where we love hearing what He has to say and He us.

Why is it we don't speak with God more, that we don't share our heart with Him more? Is it because we're afraid to hear what God might say back to us? Afraid He might put us on the spot? Afraid He might challenge us to set some things right?

I'm so thankful God speaks to our hearts, but God won't invade our space uninvited. Yes, He longs for a deeper connection with each one of us and He'll invite us...but we have to respond. We have to choose to personally connect with Him.

Do you remember the account of Elijah and Elisha in

2 Kings chapter 2? Do you remember when Elijah was taken up in a whirlwind and Elisha saw Him go? Elisha asked for a double portion of what Elijah had on his life. Elijah told Elisha he had asked a difficult thing but God would grant it if Elisha saw Elisha go.

I love that account in the Bible because Elisha was faithful to follow and serve Elijah. When Elijah told Elisha that he'd asked a difficult thing, he didn't mean it was hard for God to give Elisha a double portion...but that Elisha was asking for great responsibility. Elijah must've thought, you've seen what I've been through...not only the miracles but the difficult times, and you want double of that?

As Elijah and Elisha moved from city to city, there were a group of about 50 prophets who watched from a distance. At times Elijah would give Elisha opportunity to stay with those prophets who watched from a distance. Such was Elisha's faithfulness he refused saying, No, I'm going wherever you go.

When Elijah and Elisha finally arrived at the Jordan River, those 50 prophets still were watching from a distance. They knew something was about to happen but they still watched from a distance...and missed the whole thing. But Elisha wasn't content to watch from a distance. He saw Elisha go up in the whirlwind and he received the double portion.

Be open to knowing and experiencing God for yourself...up close and personal. His presence things...changes our circumstance and situation, the way we see life.

Make this year different. Respond to God's invitation to know Him more.





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March weekend Mass/Liturgy times:

Sunday March 3rd......Mass 9.30am Sunday March 10th.....Liturgy 8.30am Saturday March 16th.....Mass 6.00pm Palm Sunday March 24th.....Liturgy **EASTER CEREMONIES: Holy Thursday, March** 28^{th:} 6.00pm.

Good Friday, March 29th: 3.00pm. Saturday Easter Vigil, March 30th: 6.00pm Cecil Plains Easter Sunday: Mass 8.30am...to be confirmed.

- World Day of Prayer, Friday March 15th, 10.00am: Uniting Church. We pray with the women of Palestine....How urgent is that!!
- School holidays again!! We wish students, families, and staff every blessing!!
- Welcome back from Kerala Father Thomas!!





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3 Angels Messages to the World - Revelation 14:6-12

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Perhaps his most famous however was when he asked for a volunteer to be carried across in a wheelbarrow. The once cheering crowd all of a sudden became very quiet, yet one man stepped forward in faith, for the ride of a lifetime. As Christians, we all 'believe' in God, but how many of us are actually willing to put our faith into action? Do we always portray a godly character when stressed or upset and do we stand up for Jesus when opportunities arise? Certainly worth pondering. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5:16.

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St Peters Anglican Church Services for March

Sunday3rd 9.30 am Morning Prayer
Sunday10th 9.30am Morning Prayer
Sunday17th 9.30 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 24th 9.30am Morning Prayer

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"Is God KEEPING secrets from you, not wanting you to be like him, knowing good and evil?".

As the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, our mind could also be deceived and led astray. He will try to get us to question the Word of God and the Truth of His Word. Many people say that the Bible is ONLY a book of fables, written by man and has been translated too many times to be truthful. Deception is not only in our churches, but also in our government and our daily life. So, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."(1Peter 5:8) Hollywood depicts the devil as a victim, while in reality, he is out there to get and to deceive us from seeing God as a loving Creator, who wants to save ALL. The Good News is that Jesus overcame Satan and He offers us all the power we need to overcome our weaknesses. Reading the Bible daily and "praying without ceasing" will give us wisdom,

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