

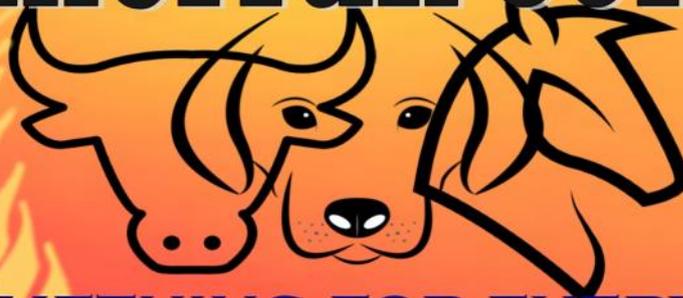
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# Millmerran 83rd Show



**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE**

**Saturday 29th February**

**& Sunday 1st March**



**SATURDAY:** Country Challenge: Rough Stock Rodeo: LIVE Music after the Rodeo; Poultry & Caged Birds: Prime Lambs 2pm:

**SUNDAY:** Stud Beef Cattle: Demolition Derby: Woodchop

**ALL WEEKEND:** Mower Races: Sheep Dog Trials: Horse Events: Rides: Pavilion Displays: Greg J Bryant: FREE Kids entertainment inc Face Painting, Viv's Farm Animals, Rock Climbing Wall & Bungee, Ag-Maze -Ment

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## Millmerran Commerce & Progress Inc. February, 2020 Report

Happy New Year 2020 to everyone. Nature has a way of changing everyone's best organised plans, as we experienced this year at our **Christmas in the Bush 30.11.2019**. Extremely strong winds came in just as the event commenced the children's entertainment, followed by dust and showers of rain. However as the saying goes the show must go on, even though some entertainment items were not able to be utilised for the whole evening. Most of our stall holders weathered the blows/dust and had a good outcome for their business or not for profit group. Thank you to everyone who came to the event and tolerated the conditions, a lot not leaving till the close at 10pm. Reports received was that a good time was had, despite the weather. More contingency planning for 2020 Christmas in the Bush, just to keep us on our toes. Winners of the Lucky gate prizes were— First Prize—donated by Kolour N Krayzee—K. Hobbs, 5 prizes of 2 Millmerran Caps were—T. Girdler, Maria, Perri, Nestor Fernando, Pearson family—all prizes have been collected. The **Christmas Lights displays** in Millmerran were fantastic this year, thank you everyone for entering. MCPI donated Millmerran shopping vouchers for 1st and 2nd place— **FIRST PRIZE**—Holley Family—Margaret Street, **2ND PRIZE**—Ken & Dale Blinco—Herbert Street, & Rural Residence winner—Kelly Mc Cullough— won a Hardware gift voucher. Thank you to everyone in Millmerran and Districts who rallied to assist with the **FIRE** that tore through some of the properties in the **Wylahra Grove Area on 4.12.19**. Fantastic effort by everyone in preventing another one of nature's disasters by gaining control and preventing the continuance of this blaze. Well in the December edition I hoped that 2020 brought our rain back. As I am writing this report rain is steadily falling. Lets hope it continues. **Millmerran Visitors Guide** had a few weeks delay in printing, but our printers are currently working on the first print run. The booklet and insert maps will be available soon and copies will be given to all advertisers and placed in locations frequented by travellers including Visitor Information Centres local and country. New **POSTCARD** range has been printed and are currently available at Millmerran Visitor Info Centre, MRA and may be purchased by any business outlet at cost price to sell at the retail price of \$1.00. **Embroidered Millmerran Caps** are also on sale for \$15.00 retail. Our **HERITAGE WALK PLAQUES** project has experienced a few draft plaque wording changes, and is waiting on written approval from some building owners and then it is off to the manufacturers. **Millmerran.net.au** our tourism specific website has progressed to the stage of publishing it live for comment and addition of any more photos or articles of interest to tourists. A digital version of our new Millmerran Visitors Guide and Maps will feature on the website. On 2nd January 2020, advice was received that Millmerran Medical Centre was not reopening in 2020. An urgent request by Paul Antonio to Queensland Health, for assistance in providing ongoing medical practitioners for Millmerran resulted in an Open Community Forum being held on 9.1.2020 to advise Millmerran & District community of the interim facility that Darling Downs Health had arranged. **Tuesday 14.1.2020 Darling Downs Health opened the bulk billing Millmerran Primary Health Care Centre** operating from a Millmerran Hospital building. DDH prompt response has continued the supply of primary health care in Millmerran, with the centre being open Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm— request for appointments to: 4695 3131. **Guest speaker** at our General Meeting—**Wednesday 19th February, 2020**—Bowls Club 5.30pm is **Lee Bermingham representing Qantac**, a company who is interested in building and operating a WORK CAMP near Millmerran business district for workers accommodation during the construction of the INLAND RAIL LINE in our region, he is also hoping to be joined by Ron Binge from Maranoa Services. Hope to see some new faces at the meeting. Youth Connect TRC have organised learn to **Skate and Scooter Workshop for Millmerran 8th February**, 3-5pm—more information—[www.facebook.com/YouthConnectTRC](http://www.facebook.com/YouthConnectTRC) or phone 131 872. **Millmerran SHOW** will be held on **29.2.2020 and 1.3.2020**, and I am sure it will be another great event. **SUMMER TUNES**—provided by Toowoomba Region—15th March, CECIL PLAINS 10am-1.30pm, & 22nd March, PITTSWORTH 3-6pm for information—[www.tr.qld.gov.au/summertunes](http://www.tr.qld.gov.au/summertunes) or phone 131 872. Don't forget MCPI is wanting suggestions for a **HIGHWAY FEATURE** to attract travellers and tourists to stay a while in Millmerran. Please send in your suggestions. Contact details are below. Till next month, look out for yourself, your family/friends and your neighbours, kind regards, Secretary on behalf of MCPI.



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**GENERAL MEETING Wednesday 19th February 2020,**  
**Bowls Club 5.30pm**

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## 2020 Australia Day Awards Winners

Congratulations to everyone who had been nominated for an award this year. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed by those around you and we applaud you for your continued dedication and enthusiasm for all of the activities that you are involved in. Our district is certainly a better place thanks to you. The winners of the Australia Day Awards were announced at the celebrations held in Millmerran.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS



#### **Citizen of the Year: Rebecca Kirby**

Rebecca Kirby spreads her passion and exuberance to everyone who meets her. Her energy is infectious and spreads through all areas of the community, educating and motivating us all. Bec is able to liaise with many different community groups to organise fundraisers, community social days, covering numerous topics including mental health and the environment. Through her role as the Millmerran Landcare Group Coordinator, Bec assists landholders to be sustainable, facilitate weed management, erosion prevention and improve farming techniques. Bec goes above and beyond her role with her love of the environment. She has made long lasting changes to our community, from business owners to school children, often volunteering her time. Working with the kindergarten and schools, Bec has upgraded the gardens, introduced recycling and often talks to the children about looking after the environment. She also organises bee keeping workshops for the schools and the community, helping to improve the environment. Bec has made permanent changes in our local landscapes by organising groups to plant trees, providing shelter for birds and wildlife for years to come. There are now educational signs about local flora and fauna at Back Creek for visitors to our town. Recycling is Bec's passion and she has set up specific recycling for printer cartridges and beauty products packaging in Millmerran. The Clean Up Australia Day is organised in Millmerran by Bec and she has also motivated larger businesses such as D.A. Hall & Co and companies at the Mine and Power Station to pick up rubbish beside the roads, which they continue to do regularly. The Carp Buster is a long-term event which Bec organises to reduce the numbers of pest fish from our rivers. It is a day of fun with a BBQ, raffles and prizes for different categories and something people travel to from afar. Bec is successful in grant writing which brings in funds to our community, assisting not only Landcare, but also the Millmerran Inglewood Texas Junior Rugby League Club, of which she is secretary. She volunteers a large amount of time supporting the Club and encouraging children to participate in Junior Rugby League.



#### **Young Citizen of the Year : Sarah Lindenmayer**

Sarah Lindenmayer has demonstrated natural teaching and leadership qualities in her 15 years. She has been a patrol leader with Millmerran Scout Group and has successfully led that patrol through many activities and events. These events included standard camps, Nighthawk events and community events such as The Australian Camp Oven Festival and our local Millmerran Show; where she alongside other Scouts entered cooking displays and competitions and helped with cleaning up at these events. She also helped to sell drinks at these community events and many others such as Christmas in the Bush, Historical Society open days and Land Care days as a fundraising activity for our group. At the 2018 Scout Nighthawk activity held at Crows Nest, Sarah and her patrol came equal second where approximately 150 teams and 1500 Scouts took part. She also took part in many hikes and camps during her time at Scouts. She completed her own 32km hike to go towards her achievements and finalise her requirements for the highest achievements possible within Scouts - The Australian Scout Medallion. Prior to being in Scouts, Sarah started in cubs in 2011 and completed the highest level possible here too - The Grey Wolf Award while she was Sixer (leader) of her pack. She has also demonstrated these skills at school - being Primary School Vice-Captain in 2015, a member of Student Council and an active member of the school band. She received the Millmerran Lions Club Memorial Award in 2015 for upholding the social values of the school and broader community. Since moving on to schooling Toowoomba in 2019, Sarah has fitted seamlessly into her new school; taking part in all activities and subjects on offer that she enjoys such as drama, dance and art. She has also had the chance to try or expand her skills at sports such as swimming, volleyball, water polo, tennis, basketball and soccer. She was an active member of Millmerran Swimming Club in 2018; and our local dance group when she was younger. One of Sarah's teachers commented that she would always be on the lookout to try and help others in class; often stopping and setting her own work aside to help others with theirs. This sums Sarah up - always trying to help others to achieve goals.



#### **Senior Sports Person of the Year: Craig Stevens**

Craig is a motivated, competitive young family man with a will to represent Australia in the Triathlon world Championships. An Olympic Distance Triathlon requires the competitors to swim 1500 meters, ride 40 kilometres, run 10 kilometres. Regardless of the hurdles in his preparation for big sporting events, living in a small country town of Millmerran, with his city and coastal counterparts having access to pools all year round for training, Craig has had to travel to Toowoomba on weekends to swim or more frequently take to his mates back yard pool with make shift training rubbers attached to him to swim against for the swimming leg. Craig has had a successful 2018-2019 triathlon season here in Queensland finishing on the podium in the Triathlons held in Texas, Oakey, Dalby, Roma and St George which culminated in him winning the Western Downs Tri Series. Further from home, he finished fifth in his age group and 35th overall at the prestigious Mooloolaba Triathlon and second in the Robina Q5 Triathlon with both events attracting over one thousand competitors. Craig represented Australia as a member of 317 member Australian Team in the 30-34 age group, competing in Lausanne in Switzerland on the 1st September 2019, with great results. Craig placed second for Australia and 16th place in the World. Craig was very proud to wear the Green and Gold and represent Australia and had no expectations other than to soak up the experience and came home with a great result.



### **Community Event: Millmerran Pony Club - Queensland State Championships**

From September 30-October 4th 2019, Millmerran Pony Club were hosts for Pony Club Qld State Formal, Sporting, Stockman's Challenge and Mounted Games Championships. The Millmerran Pony Club was established in 1963. Their home base is at the Millmerran Show Grounds where the club has a very strong working relationship with Show Society with both organisations sharing resources and equipment and people power to run the ring events at our local Show, Pony Club gymkhana and Campdraft. Also, with the aid of the show society, Millmerran Pony Club host a very successful Annual School Horse Sports for St Joseph's Primary School. Prior to the State Championships, the Pony Club in conjunction with the Show Society and Campdraft Committee invested heavily into a refurbishment of the main arena and to compliment the existing facilities, built a very large eight to ten horse wash bay. Along with the added help of the Australian Camp Oven Committee and The Community Liquor and Gambling Fund, extra power and water was added to the grounds. The State Championships attracted 265 riders and 300 horses housed in portable and permanent stables. 2 local riders were successful in their age sections. Favourable comments from visitors regarding the facilities and businesses generated for the business sector of town as well. Visitors to the event came from as far afield as Atherton in the North and Gloucester in the South. The community of Millmerran was excited for such a large youth event coming to town with various organisations putting their support behind the event. The local Men's Shed contributed by painting the jumping rails and the local Heritage Bank and Doctors Surgery helped out immensely in purchasing new Jump Wings. The local Lions Club, State School and St Josephs School convened the catering for the week. The Millmerran Commerce and Progress also put together a welcome bag on arrival for all riders who came to Millmerran. We consider the Millmerran Pony Club a worthy entrant in the Community Event Section. As detailed they not only hosted a wonderful event but have worked with all sections of the community in the traditional Australian Spirit.

### **Community Group : Yallambee Ladies Auxiliary**

The Yallambee Ladies Auxiliary has in 30 years of operation supported the residents of the Millmerran Community Retirement Village. This group is made purely of volunteers and all monies raised from various events are donated to improve the lives of the elderly within nursing home with the purchase of items or with events held within the facility. This year some of the donated money has been allocated to the purchase of equipment to develop a hairdressing salon within the facility for residents to enjoy a total hairdressing experience. Every resident within the facility is given a birthday gift and the residents Christmas party and gifts are supported by this group. These wonderful ladies also support our residents by doing mending and sewing of their clothing items, they shop for our residents with items that they may wish to purchase but cannot physically get to the shops and the supply and maintenance of plants around the facility. These ladies are vital part of the Yallambee community and allows residents to remain connected with their Millmerran Community.



### **Junior Sports Person of the Year: Jack Smith**

Jack is the quite achiever. For the last 3 years Jack has been busy amassing a great amount of school and state records. In 2019 Jack placed first in the Discus and Shot Put at the Millmerran School Competition breaking records in both events. Jack then went onto compete at the inner downs competition again winning the Discus and Shot Put, breaking records in both events. Jack won the right to compete in the Queensland Championships and despite being unwell, Jack received 2nd in the Shot Put and 3rd in the Discus. Later in the year, Jack travelled to Darwin to compete in the Australian Championships. Jack received Gold in the Discus and Bronze in the Shot Put. These amazing results were achieved through hard work and lots of travelling back and forth to Warwick for specialised training. He had the honour of being selected as Captain of the Queensland 10-12 years track and field team. In his spare time Jack plays the Saxophone and is an active member of the school band.



### **Junior Sports Person of the Year: Mitchell Lunney (Nominee)**

Mitch started pony club just before he turned two (2) and has excelled at a sport that seems mostly female dominated. He has listened and learned from his peers which has made him quite a capable horseman and in the last 12 months he has trained two inexperienced horses himself. Mitch is very competitive and often on the winners podium at the end of a competition in a variety of disciplines including Sporting, Campdraft, Show Jumping and Dressage.

At pony club, Mitch is looked up to by the younger riders whom are amazed by his achievements and they say they want to be just like him one day. Mitch takes this on board and helps out tutoring and guiding them in horsemanship skills and responsibilities where he can. In the last 12 months Mitch has ridden for Queensland where he and his pony travelled to Merriwa NSW for numerous top 10 finishes. Mitch also competed for Zone 4 at the recent Qld State Championships hosted by Millmerran Pony Club where he was crowned Age Champion - 1 of 4 riders selected in the winning Zone Team and also 1 of 4 riders selected in the winning State Team.

With maturity beyond his years and a high respect for his peers and his horses we feel Mitch is a worthy recipient of this award.

## Congratulations to the other nominees for the 2020 Australia Day Awards



### Junior Sports Person of the Year: Michael Whitby (Nominee)

Michael John Whitby was born 4 February 2007. Within four hours of his birth, his mother Elissa and father Robert were informed that Michael was profoundly deaf. His deafness also caused a delay in the development of Michael's fine and gross motor skills, which affected his balance and hand eye coordination. At four months of age, Michael was fitted with hearing aids, but after ongoing tests and numerous appointments it was evident there had been no improvement to his hearing. This was an emotional and trying time for his family. Elissa tried other venues of communication, including Auslan (*Australian Sign Language*) to assist Michael's communication. After more tests and meetings with specialists, the process of getting cochlear implants commenced. Michael was 4 years and seven months when he underwent the surgery to implant his bi lateral cochlear. One month later, the cochlears were turned on and that day was life changing for Michael and his family. In the early stages, Michael still took in everything using his visual skills, so his mum continued to communicate using Auslan. Michael learnt to read lips alongside hearing and learning words. Michael's curiosity about everything surrounding him grew as his ability to hear developed. Starting school was a challenge but Michael's courage and determination to learn, knew no bounds as he strived to make his family proud. Working on his motor skills, social skills, speech and academic skills often saw Michael totally exhausted by the end of the day but he still tackled everything with determination.

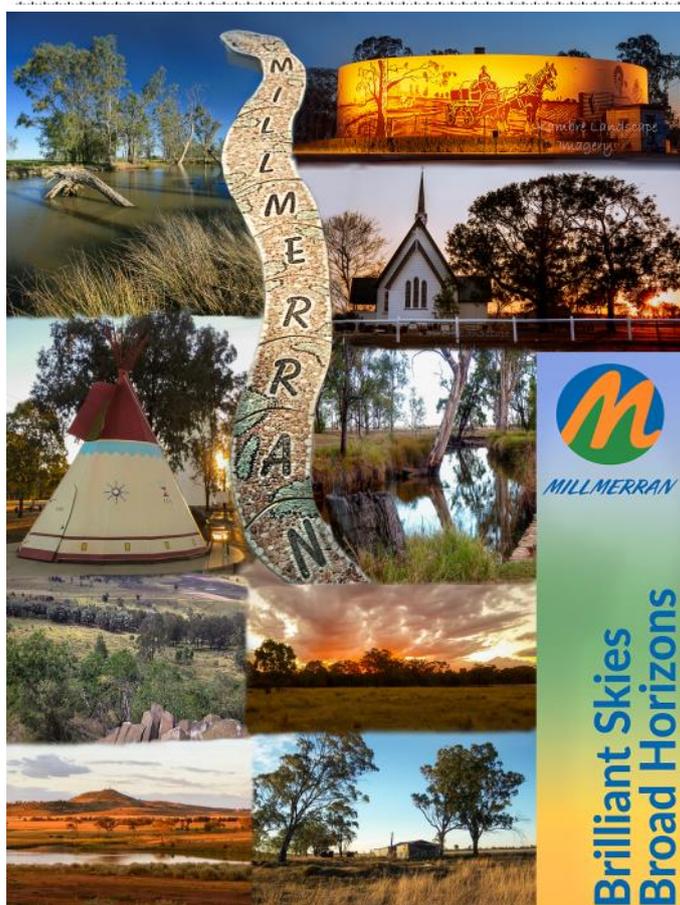
HPE and school sporting carnivals saw Michael excel in swimming and running against his peers. His enthusiasm and sportsmanship would see Michael voted as Taylor House Sports Captain at Cecil Plains for 2018. The same year Michael received a gold medal for reaching the National Multi Class Cross Country Championships.

Michael (Year 7) has accomplished many more achievements. He competed at the Darling Downs, State and National events in Multi Class Cross Country. Next, he swam at the Queensland Multi Class Swimming Championships and brought home silver and bronze medals. More recently, Michael was selected for the Queensland Swimming Team and swam at the Australian Swimming Championships in Melbourne where he was placed 5th in the country for the multi class backstroke event. Michael is currently training for swimming events next year. He makes an 80 Kilometre return trip three times a week to Dalby to work with his swimming coach. His dedication to his sporting events and perseverance through adversity has resulted in some fabulous achievements, with many more to come in the future.

This year's Australia Day event could not have taken place without support from the following:

- Toowoomba Regional Council
- D.A. Hall & Co
- Millmerran Lions Club

If you notice someone who goes above and beyond for their community make sure you nominate them for the 2021 Australia Day awards. If you have any thoughts on what you would like to see happen at next years celebrations, be sure to contact – Katrina Grundon 4695 2560



## Keep a look out for the latest edition of the Millmerran Visitors Guide.

### Why is there a Tepee in Millmerran?

The first national open Rendezvous event was held in Millmerran during July 1993 and was embraced by the townsfolk. Millmerran was declared to be the "Rendezvous Capital of Australia" and the fibreglass Tepee was built to commemorate the title. The Tepee was opened on the 4th March 1995 by the Mayor Cr George Ezzy.

Rendezvous is a Sporting Shooters discipline re-enacting the lifestyle and firearms of the world in the Muzzleloading Golden Age from 1500 to 1865. As part of the modern-day Rendezvous discipline, entrants forgo all modern luxuries and step back in time, at the National Sporting Shooters headquarters near Millmerran.

### Symbols on the tepee

The brown base represents the earth; yellow and green rectangles are corn and grass.

The sun is shown as balls with spikes and the hour glass represents cloud and rain. The lakes and rivers are blue bands and the red peak is the sunset.

The word tepee is from the Sioux and means 'use as a dwelling'.

# MILLMERRAN COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICE

*Building our Community—Together*

Service Established April 1995

30-32 Campbell Street Millmerran

Phone 46955 650



**Need someone to talk to? Call the Lifeline Service 13 11 14.** Every minute, somewhere in Australia, there is a new call to Lifeline. People call Lifeline's 24 hour crisis support service 13 11 14 about many things. This service is staffed by dedicated volunteers, who have undergone training to ensure they are capable of handling all sorts of calls. They are ready to listen and provide emotional and crisis support.

**Drought Information** - Call into Millmerran Community Support Service office for the Drought Phone List and Rural Support Government Agencies list. Also available drought subsidy forms.

**Bushfire Ready?** Be prepared for the unexpected. Ensure you're ready by taking some easy steps such as clean gutters and downpipes, trim greenery, clean up any bushfire fuel around the home and have your exit action plan in place. For more information on being bushfire ready visit [www.tr.qld.gov.au/be-prepared](http://www.tr.qld.gov.au/be-prepared). [www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au](http://www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au) Stay up-to-date with bushfire alerts by visiting the QFES facebook page.

**Food Assist:** Food Assist Parcels has resumed and are provided to Millmerran and surrounding district residents every Monday at 10.30a.m. at the Lions Park, Cnr Margaret and Edward Streets, Millmerran. You need to register if you haven't already and show a form of identification. A \$15 box **available to all** within the community. It is important to take advantage of this well-resourced assistance available to Millmerran.

**NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme):** Anyone who requires information and/or assistance with NDIS Access or understanding their plans, please contact **Nicole Jackson-Ryan** directly at LAC Community Development, NDIS LAC PITC Program, 632 Ruthven Street, Toowoomba. **Ph: 4646 2800**

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER OF STAFF

Virginia Wacker will start in the Community Development Officer - Millmerran role on Monday, 2nd March 2020 based at the Millmerran Community Support Service office.

Virginia has extensive experience in local government community work, having worked for Blackall-Tambo Regional Council as a Community Development Officer for the past 9 years.

Virginia has a rural background having lived, worked and volunteered in rural areas of Queensland including; Roma, Mitchell, Longreach, Isisford, Yaraka and Blackall.

Virginia is looking forward to meeting and working with the Millmerran, Cecil Plains and surrounding communities, committees and individuals.

### Gambling Community Benefit Fund Grants

To submit an application visit

[www.gamblingcommunityfund.qld.gov.au](http://www.gamblingcommunityfund.qld.gov.au).

The closing dates each year: 28 February (29 February in a leap year); 30th April; 30th June; 31st August and 31st October.

### Lions Club Recycle for Sight Australia:

Drop off your used spectacles at our office for the Lions Club to collect and help someone see.

### Seniors Newspapers:

Drop into the office and pick up your free copy of the Seniors Newspaper. *Seniors one stop information.*

### Do You need help and assistance with your English?

Conversation and Written English classes happen at the Millmerran Library on Wednesday afternoons from 3:45 pm.

### Learn to Skate-Board Workshop—Millmerran 8th February from 3pm to 5pm at the Skate Park.

Register at [australianskateboarding.com](http://australianskateboarding.com).

For more information visit:

[www.tr.qld.gov.au](http://www.tr.qld.gov.au) || [www.ddwmpfn.com.au](http://www.ddwmpfn.com.au)

### Department of Human Services

Millmerran Community Support Service is an Agent for Centrelink.

You can use the self service computer, phone, scanning, copy and printing facilities.

Call in and see the Agent staff to help you with the self service facilities or any enquiries you may have.



## *From the Mayor's Desk*



It seems that, as we prepare this report, there is a chance the season may improve. Not only have we had up to 70ml of rain but the predictions are very clear that there could well be another lot of rain coming. We certainly need a couple more good falls of rain to even be able to suggest that things will turn around and here's hoping that this will happen. The recent rain has certainly changed the spirit and opportunities for many people. There is no doubt that in the future, breeding stock will be worth a lot of money and that is great news given that a little while ago they were hard to sell other than to the abattoirs, at a reasonable price. This would have been a sad outcome given the quality of some stock. Predictions across the world are that given the destruction caused by the swine flu epidemic in Asia, animal protein will become rather expensive.

I did note that the Gore Highway was closed the other day as a result of what must have been a cloud burst between Yarranlea and Pittsworth. Fences were washed down, soil was washed away, and the road was blocked for a number of hours. It was sad to see there was an accident in the Pampas area, and on social media, was suggested that the poor condition of the road contributed. I am fully aware of our concerns about the standard of the Gore Highway which have been expressed by our councillors and staff to the roads owners, TMR, some time ago. We were particularly concerned about the width of the cracks in the road and the impact they could have had on motorbikes. It is worth noting that the road was repaired following the 2011 flood event and it appears the job wasn't necessarily a successful repair, given the surface. There is no doubt that this particular part of the road, together with the Millmerran/Goondiwindi section, is in need of upgrading and is included in a \$600 million Toowoomba to Seymour Road upgrade proposed by the Federal Government.

At the moment, myself and our economic development branch are preparing a submission hopefully with the support of our community, in an effort to get a Service Depot for the Inland Rail built in Millmerran. While no decision has yet been made on exactly where it ought to be, you would think that Millmerran would be a better alternative to either Inglewood or Yelarbon. The decision will ultimately be made by those who will operate the line, ARTC, and if we were successful, it could mean up to 30 staff permanently working from the depot, hopefully permanently stationed in Millmerran. We will do the best we can in the circumstances.

The Toowoomba Region has dealt with some very serious fires prior to Christmas. The Pechey fire covered some 20 000 hectares, and of course the fire west of Millmerran I understand covered about 1600 hectares. Both fires caused enormous destruction and we were fortunate that they didn't cause more. Can I thank those volunteers and local operators who supported the effort in the Millmerran fire as it was their work that meant it didn't cause as much damage as it potentially could have.

I spent some time trying to get Blaze Aid to come to town to provide support in both Pechey and Millmerran but it is my assumption that they are heavily occupied in southern Australia and our fires weren't as significant as those were and continue to be.

There is no doubt that we will need to have a very serious conversation about reducing the hazard in the winter time. It is my hope that we can call local bushfire brigades together in the coming weeks to talk about this and potentially use those volunteer brigades to burn off in the winter months, saving the trauma that we have seen unfold in recent weeks. No matter where you look, crown land owned by the State Government that was formally grazing land, but now isn't, has been neglected to the extent that it causes fires that are now very difficult to manage. A good example of that is the escarpment in Toowoomba where we as a Council have been reluctant to burn for some years, this giving the opportunity to increase flammable material to a dangerous level. This has a drastic effect on wildlife which are unfortunate enough to be caught in fires.

During the month we saw the tragic events that led to the death of Roger Taylor, the husband of Cr Carol Taylor, the Deputy of TRC. It appears that Roger was bitten by a snake, and subsequently had a fall, which damaged his brain to the extent that he had a serious bleed. Roger was a good man, a true gentleman, and a hard worker, who had contributed a lot to the community during his life. Our thoughts and prayers are with Carol and the broader Taylor family as they cope with this most unexpected terrible consequence. It just goes to show when you see something like this happen, the very small grip that we have on life.

During the month we have been working hard both openly and behind the scenes, on a fast rail network for South East Qld, and in particular, a connection between Ipswich and Toowoomba. It would make a tremendous difference to all of us if we could hop on a train in Toowoomba and be in the CBD of Brisbane within 45 minutes. At the same time, you may have seen some discussion around future water as local councils work together to see if we can get some water for our region that will provide security well into the future.

The recent rain has certainly given us real hope for the future despite the lingering effect that has been caused by the drought. Here's hoping that 2020 turns into a great year and we can all achieve our goals and dreams.

Til next month



We Serve

# LIONS CLUB GARAGE SALE

**WHEN** 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020

**WHERE** LION'S SHED IN Lions PARK

**TIME** STARTING AT 8.00AM

## MILLMERRAN MEN'S SHED

Welcome to 2020. Hasn't been a very good start to the year, what with drought, lack of water for our gardens, and the closure of the health service. Guess it can only get better from hereon in.

With regards to the new Men's Shed, we have not moved in yet but maybe by this time next month we will be celebrating.

The main building and the disabled toilet are almost complete. The power pole has been erected by Ergon and the local electrical lads have installed the power box. So where to from here? As soon as Ergon connects the power and the internal wiring is complete we will be filling the shed with our tools and renovated furniture. Speaking of which, we have quite a few items for sale including squatter chairs, Queen Anne dresser, wooden planter boxes, solar panels and a 1.8 kilowatt inverter, an electric stove and other items, too many to print here.

Some kind soul donated several bicycles to us last year and as yet we haven't restored them, however if there is another kind soul out there who is good at restoring bicycles, then his/her help would be appreciated.

We had our first meeting of the year on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> which was attended by a dozen of our members. The next day we had a clean-up of the storage shed and new shed with about eight members attending. Many hands make light work.

Remember all men of whatever race, religion or physical capacity are welcome at Men's Shed, so come along on Tuesdays at 9.00 a.m. currently at 31 Saleyards Road and enjoy some friendship, a cuppa and friendly banter. Until next month, when we hope to be talking about the good rainfalls.

Quote: "Just as courage imperils life, fear protects it." Leonardo Da Vinci.

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# WORKSHOPS & CONCERT

MILLMERRAN 23, 24 & 25 MARCH



Queensland Symphony Orchestra musicians will travel to Millmerran this March to perform concerts for the local community and lead workshops with the region's school students. The Orchestra's 'Enrichment through Music' program brings musicians and a conductor to work in regional communities.

An evening concert at Millmerran Community and Cultural Centre on Tuesday 24 March will include 14 musicians from Queensland Symphony Orchestra, performing as a group and also with students from Millmerran State School and Cecil Plains and Pittsworth State High Schools.

Local musicians and the Pittsworth Community Concert Band will also be involved.

Orchestra musicians will hold workshops for the school ensembles prior to the concert, led by international band director Dr Rob McWilliams.

The broader school community will have the opportunity to hear Queensland Symphony Orchestra musicians perform and ask questions at school performances on Wednesday 25 March.

The activity is thanks to the generous support of locals Simon and Gayle Hall.

**All events will be free of charge.**



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**Executive update**

Good afternoon,

Thank you for attending the community forum last week, I was overwhelmed to see so many people take time out of their day to come along. I know there has been a lot of uncertainty and I think the most important takeaway is that we will make sure Millmerran has access to primary care.

The bulk billing Millmerran Primary Health Care Centre is opening tomorrow and will be available Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm on the grounds of the Millmerran Multipurpose Health Service (MPHS). To make an appointment, please call **46 95 3131**.

As always if you need emergency care, present to our emergency department or call 000.

I have also attached the form to apply for administrative access to your health records. Please fill out the form and drop it either into the Millmerran Primary Health Care Centre, or the Millmerran MPHS. Printed forms are available at the pharmacy, or either of our two facilities.

Again, thank you for your time last week and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call through to the number above.

Kind regards,

Jo Shaw

Executive Director Rural

Darling Downs Health

**HOSPITAL AUXILIARY**

Our first meeting for the year is 18th February at 1pm

Due to changed circumstances at the Hospital the meeting will be held on the verandah at the long stay end of the Hospital.

Members please use the front entrance, NOT the back or side entrance.

We welcome new members.

**MILLMERRAN LOCAL AMBULANCE COMMITTEE**

The new year starts with the first meeting to be held on 13th February at 6.30pm at the Ambulance Centre

Any new members would be warmly welcomed.

**MILLMERRAN ARTS & CRAFTS**

It is hard to believe the first month of the year has been and gone!

The Show is almost here with only a couple of weeks to go.

Our Crafters are all busy on their Show entries.

On April 7th we are having a workshop with Anne Mitchell from Genesis Creations. Anne teaches dyeing & painting techniques.

This workshop is an introduction and a full workshop will be held later in the year. Cost is \$30.00 which includes a kit for the workshop.

Our A.G.M. will be held on February 15th.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING CRAFT -- Every Wednesday**

**QUILTING -- 4TH & 18TH February**

**All activities take place in the Craft rooms at the rear of the Cultural Centre & start at 9am**

Fay Schwarten: -- Phone 0419 673 279

**Wylahra Grove Progress Association Inc. and Wylahra Grove Hall.**

**February Events, 2020 at 72 Primrose Drive, Millmerran Downs. Qld. 4357 Ph. 0417 782 810—Roselle.**

**HALL IS OPEN**— Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am to 2pm. & Saturday 10am to 3pm. - FREE use of the equipment and hall facilities. **LIBRARY**—Adult, Children, & Reference books, DVD's, CD's—may be borrowed, Pool and Table Tennis Tables, TV & DVD player, Tennis court, Playground & fitness equipment, board games, all ready to be used. Plenty for the family or individuals to entertain for a few hours away from home. Hall **COMPUTER** may be used by the public and printing in black & white is 10cents a copy. **INTERNET** access is a gold coin donation, Hall (VoIP) telephone may be used (small charge), and charging of electrical equipment is allowed. **FREE** tea, coffee, chocolate, cordial and cold water. Donations are appreciated. **VOLUNTEER WORKER**—required for the hall 2 days a week commencing March, 2020.

**HOBBIES** group meets every Tuesday 9am to Noon, morning tea is provided—\$2.00 entry.

**DARTS AND GAMES** group meet every Friday from 7pm, chips/nuts, & beverages provided, BYO drinks, Softdrinks \$1.50, Darts entry \$3.00, Games entry \$2.00, and Children accompanied by a responsible adult \$1.00 (unless playing Darts).

**BREKKY IN THE BUSH**— Sunday 2nd February, 2020. From 9am. Full Brekky \$6.00, Sausage Sizzle \$2.00, Chips \$1.00, Pikelets Jam/Cream \$2.00. Come along and enjoy the morning. Plenty of conversation and laughs.

**GENERAL MEETING & AGM**—Sunday 9th February, 2020 at 10am, Wylahra Grove Hall. All financial members are asked to attend.

**Events for March, 2020**— Tuesday -17th March—St. Patricks Day Themed—High Tea—afternoon tea, commencing at 2.30pm. \*\*\*\*\*27th March, 2020— Youth Connect Movie—organised by TRC—Friday night—outdoor MOVIE.

**SINCERE THANKS- On Wednesday 4th December, 2019 sections of the areas of Wattle Ridge, The Pines, Cypress Gardens, Condamine Farms, and Forest Ridge, had a fast moving and severe BUSH FIRE burn through their properties. On behalf of these folk we would like to pass on our appreciation to ALL- Rural Fire Brigades, QFES, Police, Ambulance, Hospital, Water bombing aircraft, Machine operators, Water trucks, Electricity linesmen, Millmerran Show Grounds, Toowoomba Regional Council, Community Recovery, Qld Govt. Housing/Mental Health, Lifeline, Salvos and ALL fellow residents, volunteers, businesses and groups, who assisted with the Fire in any way or at the evacuation location, and drives for food/pet food/clothing. These areas will take many years for the vegetation to regrow, and the damage to some of the structures cannot be repaired, but the appreciation to everyone who just dropped everything and came to assist during the fire or provided assistance since the fire, will grow daily in the hearts of those who are now *still alive* and have somewhere to call *home*.**

*THANK YOU seems hardly enough.*



**MILLMERRAN STATE P-10 SCHOOL**



Email: [principal@millmerranss.eq.edu.au](mailto:principal@millmerranss.eq.edu.au)

Website: [www.millmerranss.eq.edu.au](http://www.millmerranss.eq.edu.au)

Welcome back to the 2020 school year. There is already something to celebrate. At the end of 2019, the P and C supported an application through the Department of Communities to fund a three day a week breakfast program. Yeah! This application has been successful.

We already have a one day a fortnight program generously funded and supported by volunteers organised by Halls and the plan was to expand the program, albeit with a simplified menu on five of the six days, so that more students are able to access breakfast before school, more often.

Funding for the program will be managed by the P and C, with volunteer support coming from the ranks of the Local Chaplaincy Committee (special thanks to Joan Thompson) and the existing support already provided by Halls. Other volunteers will also be most welcome – parents or community members with blue cards.

The program will operate Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. On Tuesday and Thursday morning the venue will be the tuckshop and on Friday mornings, the venue will be the kitchen in the hall.

As the first day back is Tuesday 29 January, fruit platters will be available for students from 8.15 until 8.45 am in the tuckshop area. An expanded choice of items, including cereal and toast will be available later in the week, with eggs breakfast still on offer every second Thursday.

Looking forward to a positive 2020.

# Updates from the Toowoomba Region

## Millmerran Community Support Service

30-32 Campbell Street Millmerran P: 4695 5650

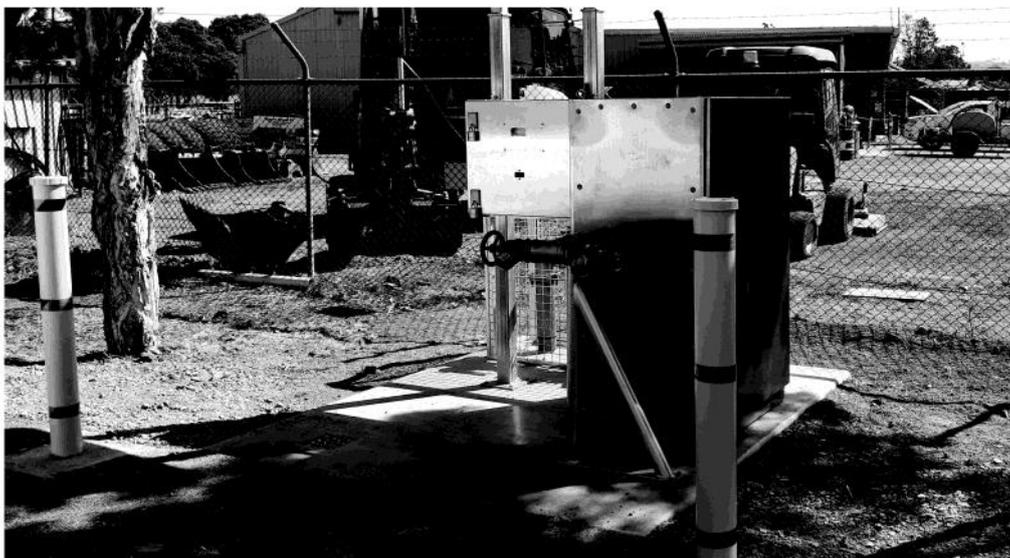
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Jenny Commens – E: jenny.commens@tr.qld.gov.au

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# Water standpipe tag system



We're introducing a tag system for standpipes in Crows Nest, Millmerran, Oakey and Wyreema.

This will simplify the way you access and pay for water.

New tags to access these facilities will be required for both licenced water carriers and residents.

Applications for tags and payments for water can be made at customer service centres located in Crows Nest, Greenmount, Oakey and Millmerran and Toowoomba.

These standpipes are designed to provide potable water to our residents who are not on town water supplies.

The new tag system replaces the existing system from **17 February 2020**.

To find out more please call **131 872**  
or visit [www.tr.qld.gov.au](http://www.tr.qld.gov.au)



### Millmerran Historical Society

2020 is here and the Historical Society has a busy year ahead. We have our new Water Baby display shed finished and now it is time to start on the inside. We look forward to having this great new display finished to show off to the community.

The Historical society meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 5pm at the Museum. If you are interested in preserving the history of our area come along and find out what we do. It is always interesting researching our past. You find out all kinds of secrets. So, if you have some spare time talk to one of our members or just come along. Everyone is welcome.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 5pm  
 Fay Twidale – 0427588587 Pat Walsh – 0438174714  
 Email: [millmerran\\_historical@hotmail.com](mailto:millmerran_historical@hotmail.com)  
[www.millmerranmuseum.com.au](http://www.millmerranmuseum.com.au)

**The Millmerran Show is Coming!!!!**

It's a FUN weekend for the whole family of all ages but DON'T forget you can be involved too!

- \* **Photography**
- \* **Quilting**
- ☺ **Art**
- ☺ **Art**
- ☺ **FOOD & COOKERY**
- ☺ **FOOD & COOKERY**
- ☺ **Poultry**
- ☺ **Poultry**
- ☺ **Floral Art**
- ☺ **Floral Art**
- ☺ **HANDICRAFT**
- ☺ **HANDICRAFT**
- ☑ **Needlework**
- ☑ **Needlework**
- ☺ **Fruit & Veggies**
- ☺ **Fruit & Veggies**
- ☺ **Horticulture**
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[www.millmerranshowsociety.com](http://www.millmerranshowsociety.com)

AUSTRALIAN  
**CAMP  
 OVEN  
 FESTIVAL**  
 MILLMERRAN QLD

The Australian Camp Oven Festival is looking for hardworking and fun loving volunteers to fill several volunteer roles within our organisation as well as roles at the festival in October. If you are interested please get in touch with us and we can discuss the roles available. Please phone 0429 727 503 or email [info@acof.com.au](mailto:info@acof.com.au)

Is your community group looking to **earn some money?** Well we are looking for a community group to run our novelty events over the weekend of the festival so please get in touch and we can discuss this fundraising opportunity.

And remember.... This is your event, in your town, with your contribution helping to keep Millmerran alive!  
 Our next festival will be held on 3rd and 4th October

### THANK YOU

The Family of Hayley McCashney and all of her supporters Would like to give a heart felt **Thank You** to the Community of Millmerran and surrounds for their generous support in the fund raising efforts to get Hayley to America later this year to pursue her dancing dreams.



## Volunteers Wanted

Tutoring - English Classes P: 46951829  
 Visitor Information Centre & Museum  
 P: 46952560 Yallabee Boutique  
 P: 46951580

### Our Sincere Thanks

Annette and I would just like to thank our many friends who supported us during Dad's final weeks and on his passing from this life to Eternal Life. We would particularly like to thank the staff of Millmerran Hospital for the care provided during Dad's final stay there, and to the Community Care staff who supported Dad to continue to live at home as long as possible. We would also thank the Catholic Congregation in Millmerran who always supported Dad in his Faith Journey and for their assistance with Dad's funeral service and celebration of his life. Thankyou also to the Millmerran Bowls Club for providing a great venue for family and friends to gather at and share many stories of Dad.

Thanks again everyone for your thoughts and prayers.

God's blessings to you,

Graham and Annette O'Sullivan

### Forest Pines Rural Fire Brigade



In December Forest Pines was asked to help defend properties at the Peachy Fire, one crew went on Saturday and another Monday it was nice to work well with other Brigades.

Forest Pines Rural Fire Brigade would like to thank Rural Firies and QFES Darling Downs for their outstanding response on Wednesday 19/12/19 it feels good to know we are being supported in all aspects.

We would like to extend a big thank you to Bland's and Council for suppling water tankers for refilling to protect the community in our time of need.

Both IGA and Foodworks also extended their generosity by donating lots of food to all the Brigades who attended over several days and also for the people who had been evacuated, this is amazing support.

I am impressed to have the support of the Ambulance, Police and SES both Millmerran and Toowoomba, they all did a great job.

Red Cross, Lions Club and the Football Club were also a great help, I hear Vikki Harbor spent many hours cooking for hungry people.

This is an example of not burning off, I have advised several people over the course of the days to get adequate boundaries, call us in and we can burn off your block or even just piles at no cost to you.

Until next time stay safe.

First Officer 0474 456 053

Secretary 0418717683

Fire Warden 0457 182 714

## ROCKY CREEK HALL

6 Macqueen Road

### ROCKY CREEK HALL DATE CLAIMER

General Meeting  
11 February, 2020  
7pm  
All welcome

Enquiries to  
Matt Clarke — 0428 205 487  
Like and follow us on Facebook



Thank you to everyone  
who came out to our small hall  
to celebrated Christmas and  
New Years Eve with us.

We live in a wonderful community  
and we welcome all to our Hall.

## MILLMERRAN MEMORIAL BOWLS CLUB INC.

Come get a coldie @ the bowlie & have a go @ Lawn Bowls.

New Members & Social Members are always welcome. Jackpot Pairs every Friday check the board for time.

Check the Thursday Chronicle & Club Notice Board for any upcoming games & competitions. We have a wonderful Clubhouse & Kitchen ready for you to hire for any purpose, maybe a game of bowls, we have 2 large ovens in the kitchen to cook up a storm & or use our 2 large BBQ's, put that funny work video on the 120inch screen, it's all there for you to enjoy.

Coaching for Junior Bowlers After School Friday Afternoons

For enquiries: CHICKO ROBERTS 0447 664 380





**MILLMERRAN SWIMMING  
CLUB INC**  
Invites Swimmers to attend  
the:

**Millmerran Open  
Carnival  
Transition Meet**

**Sunday 9th February 2020  
Commencing at 9am**

**MILLMERRAN GARDEN CLUB**

The next meeting of the Millmerran Garden Club  
will be A.G.M. to be held on the  
14th February 2020  
At the Mill Inn Tavern  
Meeting to start at 11am.  
Lunch to follow  
Members to buy their own lunch.

Flower of the month:- A "Romantic" Flower.



**MILLMERRAN CUBS  
& SCOUTS GROUP**

Cub Scouts Age 7-11 meet 3:30- 5:00 PM Fridays

Scouts Age 11 -15 meet 6:00 - 8:00 PM Fridays

Queries contact: Leonard Thomson,  
Phone 46954100,  
email [leonardt@iinet.net.au](mailto:leonardt@iinet.net.au)

**Be Prepared...**  
for new adventure!



**MILLMERRAN SES**  
(State Emergency Service)

**TRAINING DATES FOR FEBRUARY 2020**

**Thursday 6th and 20th  
Commencing at 7pm**

Training is held on the first & third Thursdays of each month

For further information feel free to send us an email at  
[sesmillmerrangp@gmail.com](mailto:sesmillmerrangp@gmail.com) or call VIV on 0488441425

New members are always welcome.

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

## SCRUBBY CREEK RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Hi all,  
We hope you all had a great Christmas and a safe new year. We have been very busy with call outs and the big fire we had. When we arrived at the fire we all new it was too big for us so the call went out for help.

WE LIKE TO THANK THE LOCAL PEOPLE FOR LEAVING WHEN TOLD TO, We got on top of the fire rather quickly. We had power lines down on the highway and fire going across the road it was a very unsafe place. But don't be complacent it is still hot and dry out here.

We have new members they are coming to do some training and doing well great to see . We still need more to make life a bit easier when we have big fires, so if you want to join just come down to our meetings on the third Sunday of the month at 9.30 am and we do the training on every Thursday and Friday nights at 7pm. We have a facebook page we put things on it any changes but if we are busy with fires sometimes we don't get time to put it on but we will put it up when the time comes, you can go on the QFES SITES FOR UP DATES OR FIRE NEAR ME SITE IF YOU SEE FIRE RING 000 STAY SAFE

FIRE WARDEN PHIL THOMAS ON 0407367556

FIRST OFFICER DENNIS DWYER ON 0427699070 OR 46954131

We need to thank,

QFES STAFF

THE TWO TOWN TRUCKS AND PERSONNEL

THE RED AND YELLOW TRUCKS FROM FAR AND WIDE

NATIONAL PARKS DOZERS AND PERSONNEL

TOOWOOMBA COUNCIL FOR WATER TRUCK AND PERSONNEL

BLAND WATER TRUCK AND PERSONNEL

THE LOCAL DOZERS AND PERSONNEL

SES FOR FEEDING US ALL DAY AND NIGHT

ALL THE FIRE FIGHTERS

ALL THE LOCAL BUSINESS THAT SUPPORTED THEIR WORKERS THAT WENT TO THE FIRES, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK SOME PEOPLE THAT GAVE US A DONATIONS

SUE SEIVERS AND A MAN THAT GAVE US SOME CASH NO NAME  
RFBAQ FOR A GRANT FOR A SAT HOT SPOT PHONE HOLDER



### Millmerran Lions Club



We Serve

**Please be aware that we will be holding a**

**GARAGE Sale at the shed in the Millmerran Lion's Park on 22/02/20 commencing at 8.00 am**

If you are holding a party and need to hire some chairs, please contact the Millmerran Lion's club. Note we also have a cold room for hire'

Thank you to all those people in the community who supported The Lion's Club of Millmerran, by purchasing our cakes and puddings'

Thank you to everyone in the Community who supported us during the past year and we are proud to say that at the end of the year 2019 we donated \$10,000 back to the Community. By donating to the various organisation who support the town.

Until next month, if there is anything that Lions can help you with in our community, please give us a call or come along to a meeting, as we would love to help. Let us hope by the time the next month rolls around it is much wetter.

Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm at the Mill Inn Tavern

Thanks again everyone who helps us out, and supports our great community. Contact numbers for the Millmerran Lion's Club are. V. Grundon 0429171080 and Ros Richter on mob. 0428956165. C. Gibson on 4695 1532

Yours in Lion's Ros Richter

### Millmerran Debutante Ball Notice.

The 2020 Millmerran Debutante Ball will be held in the Show Pavilion on Saturday 23rd May . We are Inviting young Ladies to be Millmerran's Debutantes for 2020, please contact Mary Tosswill, 0437279962, Fran Folker, 0429419195, or Aileen Taylor, 0427779613 or Lynnda on the Millmerran Debutante Ball Page on F.B. with your names and contact details or any questions, or ideas. One of the questions being asked is for an explanation of the meaning of a Debutante Ball. Debutantes are Young Ladies who have completed Year 10 or 11, or are continuing their studies or have entered the workforce or having a Gap year, the Debutante Ball is their Official Presentation, or introduction into Adult Society, they are Presented to Official Representatives from our Churches, Toowoomba Regional Council, Our Schools and Chaplain and District Representatives and to Families, Friends and the Patrons present at the Ball, everyone is welcome to attend. The Debutantes wear long white Ball Gowns, and their Partners , young Gentlemen of similar age ,wear Dinner Suits and Ties . A great opportunity to have the experience and pleasures of Formal Attire. All will learn Ballroom , Rock and Roll, Jive, Modern and Line dancing., "With Partners" and it will be a great Family night. A wonderful happy night for the Millmerran Community to celebrate with Family ,Friends and especially our Youth. A meeting will be held on Monday 10th February at 5pm in the Catholic Hall to commence planning and arrange practices, themes, colour schemes ect, please come along with your ideas, details and questions, or if unable to attend please phone the one of the Ladies above with your information and questions.

**SENIOR CITIZENS**

14th February - Meeting followed by Brain Challenge

27th February - normal activities.

All meetings held at Cultural Centre at 1pm.

We invite any person over 50 to join us and bring new ideas.

Contact 0438 174 714

**CHALLENGES  
ARE WHAT  
MAKES LIFE  
INTERESTING  
AND  
OVERCOMING  
THEM IS WHAT  
MAKES LIFE  
MEANINGFUL**

**RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE R.S.L**

**AGM will be held at 1400hrs on  
22nd February 2020,  
followed by the regular monthly  
meeting  
in the ANZAC Room**



RETURNED & SERVICES  
LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA  
QUEENSLAND BRANCH

**MILLMERRAN ARTS COUNCIL.**

**WELCOME TO 2020!! We have already a lot to  
skite about!  
The AGM of the Millmerran Arts Council will be:**

**THE BEST LUNCH (12 for 12.30) at the Bowls  
Club....**

**SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY**

**[ Home-cooked 2-course lunch with  
complimentary drinks!]**

**Guest speaker: Trudi Brooks, Artist.**

**VOTED THE BEST AGM IN TOWN!!!!**

**All in the Millmerran Community are invited BUT  
Please Book:**

**Nell: 46956191, murrallah.farm@bigpond.com  
Leanne: 46951138, leanneb@rigpabt.org**

**We do need more for our working committee.  
Would you like to be part of our fun?**

**HEY! What about our  
Queensland Symphony  
Orchestra Residency!!**

**CALENDAR DATES****COMMUNITY EVENTS & WORKSHOPS****FEBRUARY, 2020**

- 2nd Brekky in the Bush Wylahra Grove Hall Pg. 11
- 8th Skateboard Workshop Skatepark Pg. 6
- 9th Open Carnival, Swimming Club Pg. 15
- 22nd Lions Club Garage Sale Pg. 8
- 29th & 1st March Millmerran Show Pg.1

**MARCH, 2020**

- 6th World Day of Prayer, Catholic Church
- 17th St. Patricks Day High Tea afternoon tea Pg.11
- 23,24,25th Qld Symphony Orchestra Pg.9
- 27th Youth Connect Movie Pg.11

**FORWARD PLANNED FOR 2020**

- 7th April Workshop Genesis Creations Pg. 10
- 23rd May Debutante Ball Pg. 16
- 1st October Cabaret "Sugar , Sugar"



## Millmerran Rural

Livestock— Real Estate— Clothing—Rural Supplies

71 Campbell Street Millmerran

Inspections by appointment—Office 46951355

Jan Fitzgerald (0428 951 056)

Jason Fitzgerald (0428 951 355)

### FOR SALE



NEW LISTING

**14 Attleigh St Millmerran - Stylish 3 Bedroom home - Double Street Access - \$185,000 - Area: 809 sqm**—3 Bedroom timber, all b/rs are spacious and have ceiling fans. Galley style kitchen with wood & electric stoves, 2 pantries. Dining room adjoining the lounge, wall a/c & gas heater. New carpet in the b/rs & lounge. Modern bathroom with shower and vanity, 2 linen cupboards. Shower and toilet in the laundry. 2nd toilet, outside off side entry. Back deck and ramp. Shed with lock-up storage, (power connected), single car garage, garden shed, small tank on shed. Corrugated tank connected to pantry, fenced yard.



NEW LISTING

**57 Saleyards Road Millmerran - Modern acreage living - Spacious family home - Large block - Big Shed \$450,000 - 5000 sqm**- This modern 4 bedroom brick home is set up to suit dual living. The large open plan living area, includes the spacious kitchen, dining and lounge area, with split system a/c (new) & wood heater. The kitchen has a new dishwasher, large pantry, freestanding stove with ceramic cooktop, large island bench. Formal lounge. The main b/r has a large ensuite with a double shower & plumbing for a washing machine and a walk-in-robe. The 3 remaining b/rs are all spacious with built-in storage. Main bathroom with separate bath & shower, laundry with built-in storage. Interior recently, painted throughout. Large under cover outdoor area with 2 ceiling fans. 3 bay lock-up garage with built-in benches, (power connected), awning with concrete slab, garden shed, wood shed. 2 x 5000 gal rain water tanks connected to house. Fenced back yard.



NEW LISTING

**6 Ross Street Millmerran - Sustainable well maintained 3 bedroom home - \$264,000 Area: 1007 sqm**—Quality 3 bedroom home all b/rs have built-ins, 2 with ceiling fans & LED lights. Main with recently renovated ensuite. Open plan living area including dining and kitchen. Kitchen with electric cooktop, under bench oven & very large pantry. Wood heater, gas heater, 2 gas points, ducted evaporative cooling. Formal lounge. Laundry with built-in storage. Main bathroom with shower, bath & vanity, separate toilet. New paint throughout the interior. Front & side verandah, large under cover outdoor. Double garage with double carport, garden shed, lawn locker, fenced back yard. 3.5kw solar system, 13 panels. 8,500g rainwater storage. Established gardens. The very tidy well kept house offers many extras.



NEW LISTING

**18 Ann Street Millmerran - Very neat and tidy! Affordable 3 Bedroom Home - \$199,000 - Area - 1012 sqm**—Neat 3 Bedroom timber home, all bedrooms have built-in cupboards, main with split-system a/c. Lounge room with ceiling fan and split system air-conditioner, adjoining kitchen and dining area. Kitchen has an electric stove. Bath has a bath, shower and vanity. Office has built-in storage and second shower. Downstairs, laundry with built-in storage, single garage and toilet. Single carport, partially fenced yard, concrete area outside. This is a very well maintained home, ideal family home or investment property.



NEW LISTING

**36a Nardoo Street Millmerran - Cute Cosy Cottage + Shed - \$135,000 - Area - 754 sqm** - 2 Bedroom cottage, larger main b/r with split system air-conditioner. Office, lounge / dining area with split system air conditioner. Basic kitchen with wood stove. Renovated bathroom with disabled access shower, toilet and vanity. Small rainwater tank with pressure pump. 2nd toilet outside, 6 x 6m shed, 6 solar panels, fenced yard.



NEW LISTING

**32 Charlotte Street Millmerran - Private Spacious Family Home - Large Rumpus Room + Shed - \$210,000 Area: 1012 sqm** Neat 3 b/r home with 2 large b/rs with ceiling fans, 3rd b/r with built-in cupboard. Formal lounge room with ceiling fan. Spacious eat-in kitchen, electric stove, dishwasher & ceiling fan. Bathroom with shower over bath & linen cupboard. Walk through area providing access to toilet & walk-in store room, this area suitable for an office. Large downstairs rumpus room with wood heater. Laundry & store room Double garage, power connected. Fully fenced yard, established gardens.

The particulars of this advertisement are supplied for information only and shall not be taken as a representation in any respect on the part of the Vendor or the agent.

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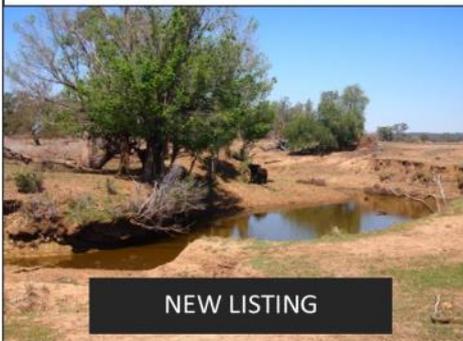
**9 West Street Millmerran - Spacious Well Maintained Brick Home - Large corner allotment - \$275,000 Area: 1265 sqm - 3 spacious bedrooms, all with built-in cupboards. Large open plan living area, including the lounge and kitchen, adjoining formal dining area. Wood heater & split system air-conditioner. Kitchen has plenty of cupboard space, walk-in pantry, breakfast bar & electric oven. Renovated bathroom with shower and bath, disabled access. Double linen cupboard. Laundry with storage cupboard. Double garage, fully lined, second toilet. Small store room or office. Front porch, paved outdoor area, garden shed, large concrete tank Solarhart hotwater system. Neat well established, low maintenance gardens. This well maintained home with spacious room sizes, would suit retirees or a family. Large corner allotment with plenty of**



PRICE REDUCED

**5 Geraghty Street Cecil Plains - Highset 4 bedroom home- Opportunity for dual living - 4 bay high access shed - Room for the caravan and boat - \$220,000 Area - 1012 sqm - Upstairs - 3 b/rs all with wall air-conditioners, 2 with built-in storage, kitchen with electric stove and adjoining dining and lounge area, wall a/c in lounge and linen cupboard, shower over bath, toilet, front and back deck. Downstairs -**

**5 Geraghty Street Cecil Plains—Continued—Granny Flat - 1 bedroom, wall air-conditioner, ceiling fan, modern kitchen, electric stove, bathroom with shower and toilet, double garage, remote control doors, laundry. Rainwater tank connected to laundry. 4 bay shed approx. 12 x 8m, power connected, high access, town water tap to shed, color bond fence on 3 sides. Unique opportunity for dual living.**



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### Natural Sequence Farming

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He spoke of creating "ponds" that slow the flow of water across the land, rehydrating the soil and aquifers as it goes and then the water continues down the catchment but through the soil profile as opposed to above ground.

This reduces the amount of sediment and nutrient runoff. His key messages were-

**Slow the flow  
Let all plants grow  
Be careful where animals go  
Filter the flow is a must-know**

We will be organising a bus trip to visit a farm that has carried out Natural Sequence Farming practices in the next couple of months so stay tuned for more info.



### Cultural Burning (extract from ABC)

**Indigenous leaders, who have been warning about a bushfire crisis for years, are calling for a radical change to how land is managed as Australia faces some of its worst bushfire conditions on record.**

When Indigenous fire practitioner Victor Steffensen walked outside his house in far north Queensland this week he felt a sense of dread. "I look into the sky and I see the misty haze coming up from down south all through the landscape," he said. "You can see the ashes on the air, landing on the trees up here and it's like a mourning for the country. "When we walk outside and we get that sort of feeling ... we know something is wrong." A year ago, while conducting workshops in southern Queensland and northern NSW., Mr Steffensen predicted the crisis that has killed multiple people and millions of native animals and livestock. "I was looking at it and thinking 'this is a timebomb, it's going to go off'."

#### **Fear of fire at the heart of 'mismanagement'**

Mr Steffensen has been teaching traditional Indigenous burning practices for the past two decades. He said this week's bushfire crisis sent a clear message to politicians that current land management practices are not working. "We can't keep doing this," he said. "It's really frustrating to see country get torched like that when you know they're not doing anything about it." Mr Steffensen said the dangerous conditions resulted from a build up of fuel loads and decades of mismanagement. "People are too scared to burn because of how dry it is," he said. There are grasses that are up to the roof and landscapes that have no vegetation except for large amounts of rubbish. "The bottom line is that we need to start looking after the landscape."

#### **New sector to draw on ancient methods**

Mr Steffensen called on the State and Federal Governments to establish a new workforce dedicated to managing land and fuel loads through the use of traditional ecological knowledge. "We need a whole other division of people out there looking after the land," he said. "People need to be on country. Looking after the land is a full time job, not a seasonal job. "A fire practitioner of the future is going to be full time." Mr Steffensen said the new sector could employ Indigenous and non-Indigenous people and exist in conjunction with emergency fire services. "We need our firefighters, we praise our firefighters that help those communities and they're needed into the future," he said. "But we also need the land managers, we can't just throw it all on the weight of one department" University of Tasmania professor of fire science David Bowman said Indigenous fire practices could play an important role in land management systems of the future, but they would need to be adapted to suit the current times. "So many changes have occurred since 1975 ... but we can take that knowledge and we can adapt it to suit our times," he said. "The key message is that we can take the idea of humans using fire skilfully — we can manipulate vegetation, we can reduce fuel loads, we can sharpen fire boundaries."

Mr Steffensen said burning was crucial way that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders cared for the land. He said it involved learning to read trees, soil types, wind conditions and developing an intimate relationship with the landscape. It's a whole complex system. I'm not saying that it's all easy. "But what I am saying is that if they were all trained and we had a lot more of those practitioners out there we would find that we can burn a lot more country." He said incorporating traditional burning practices into mainstream systems would result in more regular burning and reduced fuel loads. "I see an opportunity for people to see hope, to have workshops to go to, to see smoke and know that it's a good fire that people are out on the land doing something about it."

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#### **BEVERLEY ANN GOLLAN**

(10/11/1936 – 27/12/2019)

The family of the late Beverley Ann Gollan would like to sincerely thank everyone who visited, phoned and sent messages and cards after the recent passing of Beverley.

They would also like to give a heartfelt thanks to all Doctors and Staff at Yallabee Retirement Village and Millmerran Hospital for the excellent care given during this difficult time.

Thank you to everyone who came to share and celebrate the life of Beverley.

Your presence and kind words were much appreciated.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

## Yallambee News

On December 16 2019 the financial members of Millmerran Centenary Retirement Village Inc voted overwhelmingly (90%) in a secret ballot to **transfer the entire assets and operation of Yallambee Aged Care (YAC) over to the Inverell based aged care provider Maclean Care Limited**. This decision is the result of a recommendation put before the members by the Board of Management of MCRV after an extensive 18-month investigation. It is also in line with the growing trend of consolidation within the aged care industry which has seen a large number of smaller providers in recent years 'go to the wall' financially or, as we have done, take constructive and proactive steps to secure the long-term future of their respective facilities.

The financial members of MCRV Inc have been privy to intimate details of the lead up to the ballot and I have attempted in this newsletter over the last few years to inform the wider Millmerran community of the difficulties within the aged care environment. Voluntary Board of Management members from our community are becoming harder to find and the **new Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission guidelines** and regulations are placing stringent conditions on the Governance and management standards expected from providers. Local community Boards find themselves out of their depth in this high-risk environment and in the best interests of the safety and welfare of our vulnerable residents the MCRV Inc Board made its recommendation to transition our 35 year-old organisation to the well-established and highly regarded Maclean Care Limited. **This transition will take full effect on March 3 following a period of joint management and changeover processes.**

It is understandable that there is a strong sense of loss and perhaps even some resentment that this transition has occurred. Yallambee's history and its place in our hearts is well documented and recognised. I could write forever on 'rhyme and reason' but the realities remain in place. Sustainability and continuity of skilled Boards of Management, the sourcing of experienced and high-quality clinical professionals willing to work in aged care and an increasingly onerous regulatory environment all support the conclusions and recommendation of the Board of Management and the ultimate vote by the MCRV Inc financial members. **Maclean Care bring to the table the security and comfort of a like-minded rural and regional provider with a similar not for profit constitution, code of conduct and vision.** We look forward to a smooth transition of operations with all staff being retained and to Maclean Care's commitment to fully engage with all of our supporting groups and volunteers.

The entire Millmerran community, which includes all those members who have contributed over the 40 years of the Yallambee journey can be justifiably proud of what we have achieved. Built from scratch on drive, enthusiasm, commitment, sacrifice and perseverance. Successive Boards of Management can look back on an impressive record of Accreditation, multiple new buildings and additions to infrastructure and equipment which have ensured that YAC has always been a state of the art aged care provider. Towards the end of our journey we rescued a financially floundering ship and completed a \$7million expansion and renovation project and still were able to hand over an essentially debt free organisation. On behalf of the Board of Management of MCRV Inc I urge you all to temper your sadness with a degree of positivity as YAC enters the next phase of its proud and wonderful life.

As this month moves closer to the end of my involvement with YAC it may also mean no more Yallambee News from me. Perhaps there will be a wind-up edition as we tidy things up at hand over time. Some will say good riddance, he's full of 'it' and talks a lot of 'it'. So, I apologise in advance for asking the editor for some extra space and I may well regret it. It won't be the first time. But my intent is to try to clear up a few things that may not be so clear or totally incorrect.

Two major happenings have occurred in the last month. Firstly, Yallambee Aged Care was handed over to Maclean Care Limited 'fat and shiny'. It was financially viable, debt free and fully accredited. It was not a case of failure and abandoning a sinking ship. Despite all the dramas of the last couple of years we have established strong relationships with all the Aged Care and Government compliance agencies who have praised our performance under difficult circumstances. While we are currently working through corrective actions with regard to Accreditation, these are minor issues and nowhere near the level of some facilities whose performance has been well documented in the media. The transition of YAC is a constructive and proactive strategy to ensure the long-term future of our age care facility. Hundreds of facilities like ours across the country have folded and have been forced into takeovers. In our case, we controlled the transition in an orderly and thoughtful manner.

The closure of the Millmerran Medical Centre is a private matter for Dr Reedy. Yallambee Aged Care played no part in recent complaints and investigations that have been reported on in the media. Yallambee Aged Care has documented and anecdotal evidence going back ten years or more of a strained relationship and dissatisfaction with the way visiting medical services were being provided to YAC. Multiple former senior staff members reported difficulties over a long period. YAC persisted with the local service in the interests of community harmony. **Dr Reedy withdrew visiting medical services to YAC in February 2018** and residents who were patients of Dr Reedy have had to be transported to the Medical Centre for consultations since that time. This practice was extremely detrimental to frail residents and caused them and YAC a great deal of distress. **Dr Reedy has never been 'barred' from Yallambee as has been widely and erroneously stated.** Dr Reedy refused multiple approaches by YAC, Darling Downs Health and Hospital Services and the Department of Justice independent mediation service to engage in mediation and dispute resolution. At no stage did Dr Reedy ever make any personal attempt to contact the Board of Management of YAC with concerns he had with our staff, practices or behaviours at YAC. YAC had no alternative other than to secure its own visiting medical service and currently, all YAC residents are safely under the care of our Dr Farzand Ali.

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The ideal situation in communities like ours and for organisations like YAC is to have your local Medical Centre fully engaged in a cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship. The major stakeholder and community meetings held last month provided the community with information on the immediate provision of medical and allied health services by Darling Downs Health and Hospital Services and allied health providers. The task at hand now is for the Millmerran community to work together to establish an alternative medical centre that will satisfy the requirements of those who choose to or are compelled by circumstances to access these services locally. Others will no doubt provide further information on this situation and I can only speak on behalf of Yallambee Aged Care. In essence, YAC is just another Millmerran community member/organisation who would benefit from a viable, sustainable, fully resourced and accessible medical centre. Our transition partner Maclean Care have also indicated that this is their preference as is the case with their overall preferred intentions to become fully integrated with our town and community. We look forward to being constructive participants in the establishment of a new Millmerran Medical Centre as soon as possible.

*'And now the end is near, and so I face the final curtain'.....* Take the time to 'Google it'. Frank Sinatra's most recognisable song has 'word and verse' that perhaps sums up a lot of the journey that the final Board of Management of Millmerran Centenary Retirement Village Inc/Yallambee Aged Care has travelled. *'Regrets, we've had a few', 'we planned each charted course every step along the byway'* and *'at times we bit off more than we could chew'*. MCRV Inc will continue to operate following the transition to Maclean Care Limited until the association is wound up in the coming months but I would like to take this opportunity to thank the current Board of MCRV Inc for their dedication to our aged care facility. It has been enormously taxing on each of them. We wouldn't have put ourselves through it if we did not believe in the value and importance of Yallambee to our community. Its importance rises far above personal and self-centred agendas and I believe those Board members can look back with pride and satisfaction. As treasurer Steve Antonio analogises – 'the bouncers kept coming but we ducked under them and batted on'.

When Dr Dhuphelia, who is the current Australian Medical Association Queensland President was in town last month for the meetings, I took him for a tour of the facility that he helped to build when he was a young medico in Millmerran. It was heart-warming to see Dilip engage with so many of his former patients and staff at the public meeting. He seemed to remember them all. He is a wonderful GP and human being and I am proud to call him a personal friend. Dilip also remarked that what we had at YAC was equivalent to anything in major metropolitan areas. Like everyone who visits Yallambee he was 'taken' by our staff. If I don't get another public opportunity, I would like to reinforce those sentiments. While we see horror stories of abuse and neglect in other facilities, the care, respect, compassion and genuine affection shown by our staff is exemplary. The Board of Management hears these reviews and gets the credit but I want our staff to know that it is them who make us look good. Thank you one and all.

.John Rogers, (soon to be former) President

Yallambee Aged Care

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### **What a great Christmas Party!!**

**The Ace Dancers were a talented delight!! The Residents' Choir led us well!!  
Santa and his Mrs were again excellent!! Thank you.**

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**February birthdays: Bill Smith (18th); Harry Curtis (19th); Kate Horneman (24th).**

**February shoppers: Trish (5th); Kay (12th); Lyn H. (19th); Lyn N. (26th)**

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Contact Jackie

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Millmerran Congregation, Central Downs Parish

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2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays each month 8am

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays Fellowship, discussion and prayer 2pm

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Christmas Eve Service 24<sup>th</sup> December 7pm



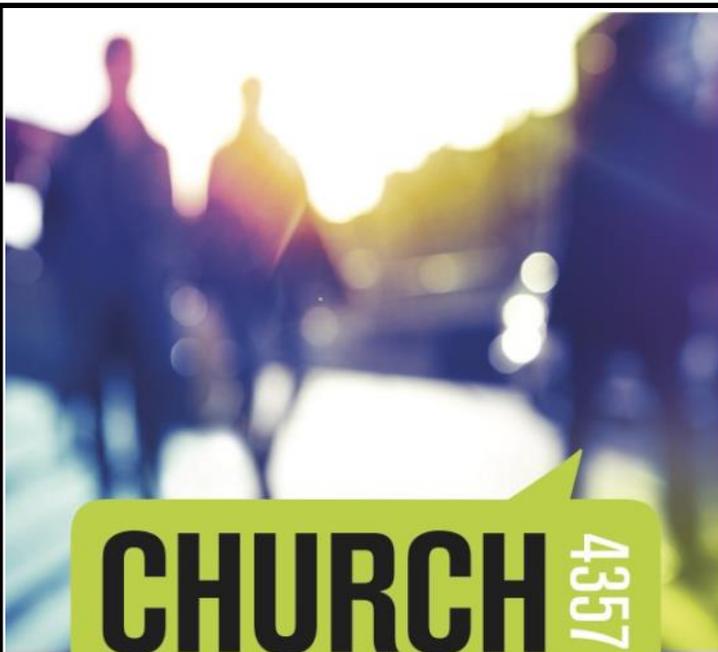
Girls Brigade: Tuesday afternoons after school 3-5pm during school terms

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## LOCAL CHAPLAINCY

### It is February already!

January is a month that is always one of the busiest of the year. It can make us feel very overwhelmed and under pressure.

Gina Best has some tips...

1. Embrace the word NO! Don't take on more than you can handle.
2. Be selective. Do the things you need to do and save time for the things you want to do.
3. Take time for you. This can be 15 minutes a day or more. Just the right amount to refresh and throw yourself back in again!
4. Resist the urge to do it all. Putting too much on your plate can cause some tasks to be completed half-heartedly which will cause you further stress!
5. All work and no play can make you crazy.

**Remember to take time out and do something fun when you're swamped.**

## GOSPEL/BLUES EVERY SATURDAY 1pm – 3pm WOODCROSS 25 KOALA DRIVE CYPRESS GARDENS ALL WELCOME!

ROMANS 8:19  
FOR THE EARNEST EXPECTATION OF THE CREATURE WAITETH  
FOR THE MANIFESTATION OF THE SONS OF GOD.

Manifestation means an uncovering, a laying bare. Creation, subject to the Curse put upon it because of man's sin, is expectantly waiting for the Glorification of the Saints, that it also may be delivered from the Curse under which it now exists. Inasmuch as man was given dominion over all of God's Creation (Ps. 8), then everything was subject to the Curse.

The Sons of God speaks of all Believers, even as Paul said in Romans 8:14, and are such because of what was done by the Second Adam at Calvary and the Resurrection. The First Adam brought on the Curse, with the Second Adam paying the price for deliverance from the Curse.

At the moment of the Resurrection/Rapture (I Thess. 4:16-17), all Saints will be Glorified at that time. However, inasmuch as Jesus will not return to this Earth at that particular time, total Manifestation will not be brought about. That awaits some 7 years later, which will be after the Great Tribulation, at the Second Coming.

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On the billboard of a CATHOLIC school, we read: "Dear Santa, all we want for Christmas is some rain please." What are the chances that this prayer will be answered?!

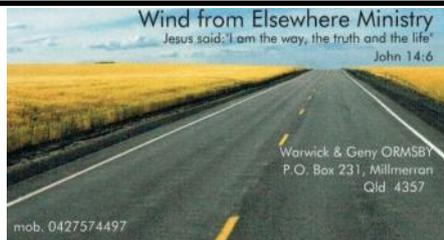
How many of us have sent a similar prayer to God? "Please God, a little bit of rain, just to settle the dust, to put water in the tanks, to give life to the earth again and to quench all these fires." But then, we watch and listen to the weather report, -" no sign of rain for two weeks." What are our thoughts??? Oh! no! Another two weeks!...and nothing is certain! So what happens to our prayer? DOUBT THE DOUBT?! "for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind." We must ask in FAITH, "for a double-minded man is unstable in all his ways". And indeed, "let not that man think that he shall receive anything from the Lord." James 1:6-8. So when we pray, do we pray only with our lips and empty words, or do we pray in faith with all our heart and soul, humbling ourselves before God?

God has only one thought in mind, for us to come back to Him THROUGH

His Son Jesus Christ. The Bible says that God would withhold the rain, so we might realize our sins and turn back to Him; as many of us have become idolaters (sports, porno, money, phone, computer games, etc...)

God's glorious plan includes YOU. Without Jesus, YOU are lost. YOU need to be saved. Jesus is your Saviour. There is no other way...HE IS THE WAY; the ONLY way; and the TRUTH. "It is time to seek the Lord" Hosea 10:12

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## JESUS IS LORD FELLOWSHIP

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ROMANS 8:17  
AND IF CHILDREN, THEN HEIRS; HEIRS OF GOD, AND JOINT-HEIRS WITH CHRIST; IF SO BE THAT WE SUFFER WITH HIM, THAT WE MAY BE ALSO GLORIFIED TOGETHER.

Speaks of a present position. The Spirit is constantly bearing testimony in company with our spirit that we are Children of God.

The Prodigal, so sick of his lost condition with all of its attendant misery, was planning on going back to the Father and requesting of Him, Make me as one of thy hired servants (Lk. 15:19).

However, when he came back to the Father, he found that the Father did not treat him as a servant, but brought him back to full status as a Son even with all of its full inheritance, even though the previous inheritance had been squandered. This is what Paul is talking about Heirs of God.

And joint-heirs with Christ, means, that we could never have this relationship with the Father, were it not for the Second Adam, The Lord Jesus Christ. He as our Representative Man, has done for us what we could not do for ourselves, and at tremendous price. So, this privilege and position of being a joint-heir with Him, is strictly because of His Mercy, Grace, Love, and Compassion, and not at all through anything that we have done. Simple Faith in Him, grants us all the privileges which He has with the Father, which makes us an Heir of God.

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# CHILDRENS PAGE

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## Read Gen 3:9-24

afraid	flaming	skins
bruise	head	sorrow
coats	heel	sweat
cursed	hid	sword
drove	multiply	thistles
dust	out	thorns
enmity	sent	turned

Sin had now infected the hearts of mankind and it still affects us all to this day. (Rom 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned).

God knew that Adam and Eve had disobeyed His command to not eat of the tree, but God wanted them to confess (admit) what they had done. Instead no one wanted to own up to their own sin – just blame someone else. Sadly, everyone involved had a punishment placed upon them, and these punishments would affect them for ever. Snakes to this day still get around on their bellies, eating dust. People still kill snakes by hitting them on the head, and snakes still kill people by biting them on their feet. Women still have pain as they carry a child while they are pregnant and during the time that they bring a child into the world. Man still works every day to make sure there is food on the table at home for him and his family. Back in the days where there were no supermarkets or stores, man would be growing his own food. It is still hard work today to grow anything from the ground without having to deal with the weeds, prickles & unwanted grasses that seem to shoot up so easily. Unfortunately, the punishment for sin did not stop there, as God clothed man with coats of skins – this means animals had to die. Then they were sent out from that beautiful garden where they could no longer spend time with God like they used to and were not allowed to return. God and sin do not and cannot mix

God is holy and pure, and our sin is what separates us from being close to him (Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God) We can learn here that blood has to be shed for sin to be covered, and not with what man thinks is good enough to cover sin.

This reminds us of Jesus Christ who died on the cross for all the sins of the world. He willingly shed his blood to cover the sins of you and I. By believing this happened and asking God for the blood of Jesus to pay for our own sin,

we can look forward to one day living with God.

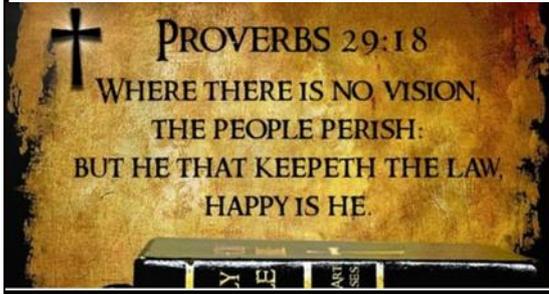
(Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL EVERY  
SUNDAY AT 9:15am**

**Millmerran Bible Baptist Church  
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**Pastor Brendan Zimmermann  
0422 044 454**

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## How is Your Vision?

2020 has well and truly begun, and already we will have accumulated both good and bad memories. Some folk will have already endured grief, some may be in situations that they wish could be better, and some may be struggling with the same battles as last year. Most everyone would like their new year to be better; more pleasant and enjoyable than the one before, because it is human nature to desire happiness. Unfortunately, the happiness that the world offers is often only short lived. It is a holiday, a substance intake, a change of scenery, a break from the normal daily grind or a relief from pain. None of these seem to be long enough, or we look forward to the next moment where we can enjoy this form of happiness again.

With this year being 2020, I have seen and heard of people using the term 20/20 vision in 2020. This brought to mind this verse above, where the Bible states that having vision is important for people to live. King Solomon wrote this piece of wisdom in his book of wisdom. Solomon knew that it was healthy for people to have vision. Having vision is positive. It draws our focus into the future and out of the past, and we all know how debilitating the past can be when we dwell on bad memories, unpleasant life experiences, sadness and all those things that we can do nothing about, but just wish they could have been different. Having a vision gives purpose; it gives drive; it sets a goal that we want to attain. We find the next words in this verse to be closely linked to the first half. It begins with “but”, so this is verse is one sentence. See, having a vision to keep the law is where true happiness is found. With all of what the world has to offer with its short-lived escapes from the problems and issues that we are faced with daily, there is no greater happiness than that which is found in keeping the law. The law is the Word of God. It gives us purpose; it gives us an outlook on life that has so much magnitude compared to our short life on this earth. Our vision can be more than just 20/20, as Gods words help us to see clearly into the future, past the physical life we are living now and into the glorious eternal life we can have with our Saviour and God in heaven.

What is your vision for 2020? Is your focus on something in the future, and not on something you can do nothing about? Are you saved? Do you know for certain that at the end of this life, you have an eternal future in heaven? What a great way to start the new year! What a focal change! What an improvement to one's sight when they discover that faith is what gives perfect vision.

Maybe you are saved. Maybe you have no doubt that your eternal home is in heaven because you have personally asked Jesus to save you from your sins and invited Him into your heart. Life can drag us down; it can make us weary and we can become blind to the happiness we once had. Let us not allow Satan to accomplish in our lives what he succeeds in doing to all those that have rejected the Saviour (2 Cor 4:4 KJV In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.)

Is your vision one that disappears into eternity? Or does it end at the same time as your life? Have you found happiness in keeping the law? Or do we rely on short lived experiences? Salvation is eternal; it does not perish!

If you would like to know how to keep the law, how it can give happiness, or how to have good vision, call me.

**Pastor Brendan Zimmermann - 0422 044 454 [darlingdowns@trinitybrisbane.org](mailto:darlingdowns@trinitybrisbane.org)**

**On Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February, we will be celebrating our 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of holding services here in Millmerran. Please come along to the service and enjoy this memory with us. A free lunch will follow the morning service for all that come along.**



## St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church

### February Weekend Mass/Liturgy times:

Sunday February 2nd.....9.30am Mass  
 Sunday February 9th.....8.30am Liturgy  
 Saturday February 15th.....6.00pm Mass  
 Sunday February 23rd.....8.30am Liturgy  
 Sunday March 1st.....9.30am Family Mass

.....  
 We wish Father Thomas a happy return from his time at home in India.

Tuesday 18th: Opening School Mass, 9.30am

Wednesday 26th: Ash Wednesday Mass, 9.30am

Yallabee Mass date to be announced.

We wish the Millmerran School Communities a peaceful and happy New School Year!!

### Lutheran Services for February

February 2<sup>nd</sup>: Parish Service and AGM  
 10am HC Pittsworth  
 Shared lunch to follow  
 1pm Parish AGM

February 9<sup>th</sup>:: 10:30am HC Pittsworth

February 16<sup>th</sup>: **8.30am HC Millmerran -9 Debnam Rd**  
**4:30pm Yallabee Devotion**

February 23<sup>rd</sup>: 8.30am HC Pittsworth

All welcome.

Enquiries to Pastor Lionel Rohrlach

31 Hadley St., Pittsworth.

Ph: 46931512



## St. Peters Anglican Church

### Services for February 2020

SUNDAY 2ND	9.30AM	MORNING PRAYER
SUNDAY 9TH	9.30AM	HOLY COMMUNION
SUNDAY 16TH	9.30AM	MORNING PRAYER
SUNDAY 23RD	10.00AM	HOLY COMMUNION
ANNUAL MEETING	& LUNCH TO FOLLOW SERVICE	AT ALL SAINTS YANDILLA
WEDNESDAY 26TH	7.30AM	ASH WEDNESDAY

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## MILLMERRAN MINISTERS ASSOCIATION

The Christmas Carols night was very enjoyable.

A big thank you to the Hospital Auxiliary who cooked and served the sausage sizzle and the cuppa afterwards also to the Millmerran Hospital for the use of their grounds which are a wonderful area to hold the carols.

The small profit from the sausage sizzle will be given to our firies - the Millmerran Fire Brigade - who have been very busy lately doing a very good job in looking after our town and district.

Our next meeting -: Uniting Church on 11th February at 10.30am



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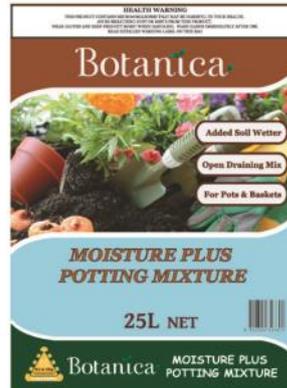
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