

MILLMERRAN & DISTRICT NEWS

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Welcome to Millmerran

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**Brilliant Skies
Broad Horizons**

FREE Visitors Guide

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Long Vertical Parking

Souvenir Caps for sale in 4 colours \$15 each. Postcards 4 varieties \$1.00 each. From Visitor Information Centre & some retail outlets.

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Millmerran Commerce & Progress Inc. August, 2020 Report.

Storm Water and Flood mapping for Millmerran— Since last month some photographs and information has been provided by residents affected by the overland storm waters in Millmerran. The matter was discussed at our July meeting. It appears the only way to have the flood mapping rectified and the urgency for an upgrade to the storm water drainage system in Millmerran is to supply to Council as much evidence of the overland flow by photos and measurements as possible. MCPI is seeking your help to provide any photos, videos or depths from the last overland flow in February, 2020 or other significant rain events to collaborate a document and provide to the Councillors responsible for Planning and Development. Information provided to MCPI at this stage has indicated that there is money in this years Council budget to investigate drainage issues in Millmerran. Please provide your information in whatever method you are able, and contact our Secretary.

Other updates for Millmerran— Repairs to the Gore Highway between Condamine River and Millmerran will commence shortly. Millmerran Pool Upgrade—you can continue to “Have Your Say” on the Toowoomba Region Council website, or at the Millmerran Service Centre. No progress has been received with regard to amended plans for Caravan and RV Parking for Millmerran or response to the community feedback with regard to the proposed changes to parking and Pedestrian crossing in Campbell Street. Millmerran Cultural Centre has reopened—Covid-19 restrictions—1 person per 4 square metres is allowed. Millmerran Customer Service Centre (Toowoomba Council) is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Millmerran.net.au- Tourism website specific for Millmerran. Due to unforeseen delays, our website designer has encountered with Covid-19 the *live launch* of this website has been extended. Our new launch date is **Saturday 1st August, 2020.** The gathering of information, editing, supply of photos etc. has been done by many volunteers and our organisation would like to thank everyone who has lent a helping hand to this project, which should go a long way in informing the travelling public where Millmerran is and what it has to offer them for a holiday, or extended visit.

Darling Downs Eisteddfod— NEW EVENT Happening from 16th to 21st August, 2020. Bringing visitors to our town to compete in the Eisteddfod, visit our retail outlets, stay, eat at our eateries and hopefully have time to take in some of our country drives and local features. WELCOME to Millmerran—Brilliant Skies Broad Horizons.

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7. Contact Number:	_____
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<small>Please complete all of the above information and submit your membership application form to the Millmerran Commerce & Progress Inc postal address or email address.</small>	
<small>Once your application is accepted by the Management Committee you will receive an invoice for your selected membership option.</small>	
<small>Millmerran Commerce & Progress Inc welcomes all past, present and new members.</small>	
9. Date of acceptance:	Receipt No: Amount:
/A: 20059 ABN: 55 556 959 527	

Annual General Meeting for MCPI will be held on Wednesday

16th September, 2020. The current management committee would like to welcome all Financial members to attend and advise that ALL committee positions will be vacated for election of a new committee to administer the affairs of the organisation for the following year. Nomination forms will be available from the secretary and must be completed and lodged by 2nd September, 2020. NEW MEMBERS are always welcome—application form is on our website or available at our office 31 Campbell Street. (Sample membership application at left)



Defibrillators are located in Millmerran at Millmerran Officesmart & Newsagency—Campbell Street, and Foodworks Millmerran—Alfred Street. When you are in these shops please look for this sign so you know where to locate the AED if it is needed in an Emergency situation where someone has had a Cardiac arrest. These AED's have been provided to the community by MCPI.

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General Meeting 19th August, 2020, 5.30pm & Annual General Meeting, 16th September, 2020, 5.30pm. Venues to be advised.

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Dementia Australia: Toowoomba and surrounding areas

NATIONAL DEMENTIA HELPLINE

The National Dementia Helpline is a free confidential telephone support and information service where you can talk to caring and experienced professionals. The Helpline is for people with dementia, their carers, families and friends, as well as people concerned about memory problems.

Phone: 1800 100 500

Open: Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm, (8am to 4pm during daylight saving hours) excluding public holidays

COUNSELLING SERVICES

Dementia Australia (QLD) provides free one-on-one counselling sessions for people affected by a diagnosis of dementia, including the person with dementia, their families and carers. Depending on your location, appointments are available either by telephone or face to face. Telephone counselling sessions are available between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday. People living with dementia and their family members are able to phone the Brisbane number on **07 3014 6620** to make counselling appointments. Six sessions are available each financial year.

What does counselling involve?

- Identifying strategies for managing and living with dementia
- Planning for the future
- Dealing with feelings of stress, anger or other emotions
- Helping to resolve conflicts within families
- Helping to obtain appropriate services or practical assistance.

YOUNGER ONSET DEMENTIA SUPPORT CO-ORDINATION

The National Younger Onset Dementia Support Co-ordination Program provides individualised information and support to improve the quality of life for people with younger onset dementia (diagnosed before turning 65 years), their families and friends. For more information, please contact the **National Dementia Help Line 1800 100 500**.

EDUCATION COURSES

Education courses are available for people living with dementia and their carers/family members. For more details of the courses offered please phone the Booking Line on **1800 588 699** or email QLD.booking@dementia.org.au

Education courses available include:

- *Carer for the Carer* in Toowoomba on Tuesday 31 March 2020
- *Grief, Loss and Dementia* in Toowoomba on Thursday 28 and Friday 29 May
- *Care for the Carer* in Tara on Friday 29 May 2020
- *Care for the Carer* Toowoomba on 2 June

DEMENTIA HELP SHEETS <https://www.dementia.org.au/resources/help-sheets>

Help Sheets provide advice, common sense approaches and practical strategies on the issues most commonly raised about dementia.

DEMENTIA GUIDE This guide can assist in finding the right path and it may also be useful for friends, families and carers of people living with dementia. It contains information about the impact dementia may have on a person, the support and services they may need, and the support and services available to anyone taking on a caring role. The Dementia Guide is available to download for free online, or for readers to request a printed copy, at <https://www.dementia.org.au/resources/the-dementia-guide>

CARER GATEWAY <https://www.carergateway.gov.au/>

Carer Gateway Phone 1800 422 737

Emergency Respite Phone 1800 052 222



MILLMERRAN COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICE

Building our Community—Together

Service Established 18 April 1995

30-32 Campbell Street Millmerran ~ 46 955 650



The Millmerran Community Support Service remains open Monday to Friday from 9am—12:30pm & 1:30pm to 4pm.

Farewell to our Administration Officer Jenny Commens

Jenny commenced work with Millmerran Shire Council as the Administration Officer for the Community Support Service in 1995 (transitioning to Toowoomba Regional Council in 2008). For 25 years Jen has been the friendly face welcoming clients and helping the community with anything & everything. Thank you for everything you have done over the past 25 years Jen, it is truly appreciated. *Congratulations on your retirement.* You will be greatly missed by the Staff and clients. We wish you all the best!

DATE CLAIMER: Saturday August 29th 2020

Wellness Day for Country Women in the Millmerran & Cecil Plains District
For more information contact Virginia Wacker on 46 955 653

Services Australia Centrelink

Balancing Family Assistance Payments

If you are receiving a Family Tax Benefit (FTB) payment, Services Australia needs to ensure you have been paid the correct amount for 2019/2020. To do this they need to confirm your income.

You do not need to call or visit a Service Centre to do this. You can:

- 1) Lodge a tax return with the Australian Taxation Office OR
- 2) Log into Centrelink online account via myGov, and tell Centrelink that you do not need to lodge a tax return for this financial year.

If you have a partner, they will also need to do this to balance your families payments.

Once this is completed Services Australia will advise you online via myGov of the outcome and any supplements you are owed will be paid.

NILS (No Interest Loan Scheme) is a Community focused initiative by Good Shepherd Microfinance and The National Australia Bank.

This loan has a maximum borrowing of \$500 or \$1500 depending on your income.

What the NILS program can cover:

- Education costs (school and tertiary)
- Moving costs
- Car repairs and rego
- Veterinary expenses
- Medical cost including dentistry
- House repairs
- White goods Fridge, washing machines etc
- Household furniture

The StepUp loan is offered by NAB, has an interest rate of 5.99%, maximum borrowing of \$3000, however a credit check will be completed as part of the application.

Please note that this is not a cash loan, and if approved, NAB will pay the provider/seller directly via either a direct transfer or Bank Cheque

For more information please contact Virginia Wacker on 46955653

Millmerran Local Telephone & Email Directory Update

- ✓ Are you new to Cecil Plains or Millmerran district?
- ✓ Have your contact details changed?
- ✓ Do you know someone who has left the district and the name needs to be removed?

Please contact Millmerran Community Support Service to update your contact details

(07) 46955 650.

Business, Community and Sporting Club Organisation Contact Updates 2020

Please email your current contact details to

virginia.wacker@tr.qld.gov.au or call 46955 650 to update over the phone.

This will enable our service to inform your organisation of any current grants and other important information in a timely manner.

Department of Services Australia:

As an Agent for Centrelink, MCSS are continuing to assist customers to connect with Services Australia. Customers are still able to use the self service computer, phone, scanning, copy and printing facilities. Covid-19 restrictions are in place re number of people who can access the facility at any one time and to allow for cleaning of the equipment between clients and we thank you for your patience.

Call in and see the friendly agency staff at Millmerran Community Support Service to help you with the self service facilities or any enquiries you may have.

GRANTS: There are a number of new grants available to assist individuals, groups and organisations . Please contact Virginia at the MCSS on 46 955 650 or virginia.wacker@tr.qld.gov.au

THE ST JOSEPH'S DIFFERENCE

Here at St Joseph's we believe that every child has the right and ability to experience success. Our focus is on nurturing our students in all areas; academically, sporting, culturally, spiritually and emotionally, whilst instilling in them a sense of social justice and connectedness to the wider world. Our focus is on delivering modern, contemporary curriculum in a supportive and encouraging environment that develops the whole child. We are now taking enrolments for 2021 and we would love to show you the impact 'The St Joseph's Difference' can have on your child's education. If you would like to arrange for a school tour, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

FAQ's

Q – Does St Joseph's School have the same curriculum as State or government schools?

A – Like all schools in Queensland, St Joseph's follows the Australian Curriculum as set from ACARA (Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority).

Q – I have heard that Catholic schools are very expensive? Is that true?

A – Catholic schools provide a high-quality education with minimal parental contribution. For a single child the cost per term is \$318.00 or around \$31 per week. (discounts apply for additional children & fees can be paid each term, month or fortnight).

* If school fees are a barrier to accessing a St Joseph's Education, we encourage you to make contact with the school to discuss a number of concession options. *

Q – Does St Joseph's perform well academically?

A – At St Joseph's we strive for academic success for all students through dedicated teachers, support staff and by catering for individual student needs. We have an extensive support team both at school and from the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office. These include a dedicated Learning Support Teacher, Teacher Librarian, School Councillor, Occupational Therapist, Speech Therapist, Inclusion Coach, Reading Coach and Curriculum Support Specialists.

This extensive support is reflected in our schools high NAPLAN results and in our whole school testing data which is available on the school website.

Q – Does my family need to be Catholic or have a religious affiliation in order to attend St Joseph's?

A – No. St Joseph's is an inclusive and caring community that takes enrolments from all faith backgrounds; only 38% of our enrolments come from Catholic backgrounds. As a Catholic school within the Toowoomba Catholic Diocese one of our aims is to provide a high-quality education that promotes high levels of learning for all, regardless of background.

**LET US SHOW YOU THE DIFFERENCE
ST JOSEPH'S CAN MAKE FOR YOUR CHILD!**

TO ARRANGE YOUR SCHOOL TOUR AND COLLECT AN ENROLMENT & INFORMATION PACK PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL US TODAY! WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
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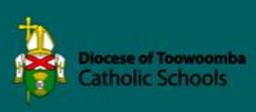
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Diocese of Toowoomba
Catholic Schools



Parent Testimonials



HEAR WHAT OUR PARENTS HAVE TO SAY

'Initially we had some reservations about sending our children to a 'Catholic' school, as we are not a practicing Catholic family. Our initial reservations were quickly dismissed as we realised that St Joseph's is made up of people of many different faiths and cultures. There is an incredible sense of belonging and inclusivity at the school, with all being welcome. St Joseph's focuses on teaching students morals and values whilst being critical thinkers, with a strong social consciousness. We quickly saw that gone are the days of 'The Convent School' with St Joseph's being a modern and innovative place of education and inclusivity for our family. We have always felt welcomed and included as a family at St Joseph's as the school places a strong emphasis, not just on education, but on caring for the family as a whole.'

- BRETT AND TANYA FRENCH (PREP & YEAR 3 PARENTS)

"I have been a teacher at St Joseph's Millmerran for just over 14 years, and I have always been a huge believer in our beautiful school, with its small classes, excellent resources and wonderful staff. This year I have also become a school parent, with my first child starting Prep, and so I feel like I am viewing the school from a slightly different angle. I have been so impressed by the way my son has settled into the school routine, being so capably guided and nurtured by his lovely teacher, teacher aide, Principal and all other support staff. He has learnt so much already, made great friends, been well looked after by the older students, and loves going to school each day. Being a slightly anxious child, the small class size and one-on-one attention has been wonderful for him, helping him to become much more confident and capable in a short period of time. We have also been welcomed as a family by the lovely school community and P&F. During the Coronavirus crisis, we were provided with excellent programs and resources to keep our children learning well, and our son has come ahead in leaps and bounds since returning to the classroom. Our son has been provided with a variety of rich learning experiences, and by being in a multi-age setting, has been given the opportunity to be supported at his own level, and to make friends with a wider group of students. I would strongly encourage other parents who may be unsure about their options to have a tour of this beautiful school, you will not be disappointed. Thank you St Joseph's!"

- FIONA ANDREWS (PREP PARENT)

"From the moment we walked through the gates of the school we were greeted with cheerfulness and support. Our children came to the Open Days and immediately felt safe and content. It gave us peace of mind that St Joseph's was the best choice. St Joseph's staff have always provided education, tailored to each child's needs and this has been demonstrated every day in our children's studies. St Joseph's has a warm, nurturing environment and we would highly recommend it to every student and parent."

- MATT AND KASSIE CLARK (YEAR 3 & YEAR 5 PARENTS)

"As a new family to the district, the smaller school was an immediate attraction along with the Christian values. Our family has had a 10 year association with St Joseph's Primary School with still more to come. Over the years staff have come and gone but the school has retained its warm, welcoming environment with open relationships between staff, families and the wider community, with the primary focus always on the children and their individual learning needs. The school openly encourages family members to be actively involved through assisting reading groups and participating in special days. The schools hard-working P&F (Parents & Friends) is a great avenue for working families to connect with the school and become actively involved in raising funds to help upgrade school resources. Our older children have fond memories of primary school and love coming back to school functions, which is extremely humbling to know we chose the right pathway for our children."

- NICOLE AND PAUL FARRINGTON (YEAR 3, YEAR 5 & YEAR 6 PARENTS)

We moved to a farm close to Millmerran a year ago from Washington DC, USA. This was a big change for our three kids. St Joseph's has been a welcoming and caring community where our kids are happy and engaged. Communication with teachers and administration is easy and open. I am grateful for the attention provided by teachers and learning support staff to each one of our kids' specific needs. The school also values community engagement and actively participates in community events. They incorporate creative activities and events into school life; Mary Mackillop Fun Day, International Food & Culture lunch, just to name a couple. Finally, my kids are also enjoying learning new sports like lacrosse, basketball, tennis, and rugby league!

- BRUCE AND ELIZABETH WISE (PREP, YEAR 3 & YEAR 6 PARENTS)



From the Mayor's Desk



As I prepare this newsletter and having been out to my home regularly of late it is great to see big areas of winter crop with so much promise. As I looked at tonight's weather report I noted a promising change coming across the continent so I hope it all comes together and the crops get a great fall that will really push them towards a good outcome. A good crop is the greatest boost to the Region's economy and after all these recent dry years it would be so good. Rain really lifts the spirit of a community.

The Covid-19 pandemic continues to cause big problems around the world. We must be very thankful in our area for the amazing work that has been done by the board medical fraternity and also we must be thankful for the discipline of those people who live in our region. As chair of the Regional Disaster Management Group I was made aware of the enormous work put into planning in our area just in case we were unable to contain it during that worrying first wave. Fortunately we were able to contain the spread and as of today have not had any notification since the 11th of April. The outbreaks in Victoria and New South Wales are worrying particularly considering the effects of the Spanish Flu all those years ago when the second wave had double the impact of the first in terms of infections and fatalities. Regardless of our political beliefs this nation's leadership at National and State levels has worked together very well for the good of all of us and that's how it should be. Here's hoping that the recent outbreak can be contained and we can eliminate COVID-19 from our worries.

There is no doubt that Local Government has in recent years become a very difficult place to navigate. Just how you define pecuniary interest is a most confusing thing. The recent legislation brought down by the current Queensland Government has meant a couple of things to all of us. Firstly we have to be extremely cautious which matters we discuss in the board room and mindful of connections we have within the community when a matter is discussed. Recently we were discussing tenders for parking spots in the Neil St Car Park. My niece is married to a director of a company that tendered for a mere seven parks. I chose to leave the room. We also discussed a minor matter relating to support of the Men's shed in Millmerran. My cousin is an executive member of the committee and I again chose to leave the room rather than run the risk of being reported. Reporting was certainly rampant during the last term and had the effect of shutting down normal expected discussion. The group that administers this from a state perspective is now far more pragmatic and is in my

opinion no longer politically driven. Vexatious reporting has cost the council and you the ratepayers a lot of money and has impacted the culture of the whole organisation.

Recently you may have heard further discussion regarding future water for the broader region. We have a group of councils who principally want to make sure that in 30 years time we do not run out of water. Places like Chinchilla in the Western Downs Region will face water shortages when the treated CSG water cuts out and they have to find yet another long term supply. Recently I had a meeting with a group of experienced people who had been involved in previous investigations. Brookstead farmer Lyn Brazil had been part of a group who did a deep analysis of potential sources. We are hoping to work with USQ to progress things. USQ are planning to work with other University's to apply to lead a soon to be established CRC that will do heaps of research into the upper Murray Darling. Some of the information that has come forward includes Waste water from Brisbane as proposed by the Vision 2000n group and taking water from either the Nathan Dam or potentially the Clarence River dams that would be very close to the Queensland border and because of their elevation could also generate hydro power. As the water flows to the proposed Elbow Valley dam. The proposed projects would also provide good reliable water for the Warwick and Stanthorpe community. This investigation must happen and hopefully we will see interstate cooperation and ultimately a water grid and real opportunity.

In last month's newsletter I may have mistakenly indicated we were spending \$880k on the toilets in Anzac park at Millmerran. What I meant was the funding was from a special pool of funding of that amount and Millmerran's toilets will have their long awaited upgrade.

As we move out of the winter period towards springtime I do hope the COVID-19 pandemic situation come to a end and we can live the life we have been so used to and is so enjoyable.

Till next month,

Paul Antonio

MILLMERRAN LANDCARE

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Our new address is 67 Campbell Street

**Pigs, Pests and More Field Day –Dunmore**

Thanks to the Clay family for hosting us for our first field day post-Covid. Darren Marshall from SQ Landscapes spoke about his research on feral pigs including movement and genetics. Craig Hunter from Biosecurity Qld talked about weed species emerging threats and what to be on the look out for. Ian and Jess from FARM Agronomy gave us an intro in regenerative agriculture and we got to look at a very impressive multi species cover crop that is helping with water draw-down and retention, soil nutrient cycling and general soil health improvement.

Cultural Burning

I was lucky enough to spend 3 days with Aboriginal fire expert Vic Steffensen, looking at how to read country and apply fire at the "right" time. The country at one local property, which consisted of ironbark, box, bullock and wattle was ready and so we got to light up some grass areas and demonstrate how the "right" fire moves across the landscape quickly, burning only the dead grass and small regrowth thickened species, leaving all new green grass shoots and grass seed bank intact and the soil remains cool, allowing for quick growth of beneficial plants including grasses, herbs and forbes. The recent showers of rain provided perfect burning conditions. There will be another fire workshop in coming weeks out at Wylahra Grove Hall. Stay tuned for date!!

Land Rehydration

Following on from the immense interest in Natural Sequence Farming and rehydrating our landscapes we were lucky enough to have Sam from the Mulloon Institute carry out 4 property site visits over a week looking at land systems and natural functions and give a recommendation report on works that can be implemented to create natural land systems that hold more moisture and are there-



fore more productive and ecological. I look forward to the onground works being carried out ready for the wet!!

**Prep Information for 2021**

There are **no fees** to enrol your child in prep at Millmerran State School.

Once enrolled for 2021 your child will receive a **free welcome pack** which includes:

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



More information on transition days and enrolment is available now from C&K, Little Tackers and Millmerran State School.

Kindy transition days

(9:00am to 10:30am)

Day 1 – Tue 28th July
Day 2 – Wed 19th August
Day 3 – Thu 22nd October



Millmerran State School offers your child 11 years of continuous education.

From young child to young adult we support and extend your child as needed throughout their education journey.

We offer pathway planning for year 10 students to set them up for a lifetime of success.



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New Listing

3 Florence Street Millmerran—Very Affordable, Spacious 3 Bedroom Home - Excellent Location—\$175,000— 3 Bedroom home, all bedrooms have built-in storage, 2 are double sized & have ceiling fans, main bedroom has a bay window. Kitchen with adjoining dining room which has a ceiling fan. The kitchen has a gas stove and breakfast bar. Large lounge room with split system air-conditioner & wood heater. Bathroom with shower over bath, separate toilet, 2 linen cupboards. Undercover outdoor living area, outdoor laundry with shower & storage cupboard. 2 rainwater tanks, electric hot water system. 2 bay open shed on slab (approx 7x7m), partially fenced yard.



New Listing

27 Nardoo Street Millmerran—Quaint Cosy Cottage - Large Shed - Suit Tradesman or Car Enthusiast—\$264,500—Very neat & tidy 3 bedroom cottage, the main bedroom has built-in cupboards, split system air-conditioner & ceiling fan. Lounge has a gas heater & ceiling fan. Modern kitchen with breakfast bar, split system air-conditioner, adjoining dining-room. Modern bathroom with bath, toilet, vanity & large shower. Downstairs laundry with plenty of storage cupboards, dishwasher & second toilet. Front verandah & back deck. Large shed 15 x 9m approx. (concrete floor, power connected, 2 car access), 15 x 5.5m approx. concrete apron with skillion. Rainwater tank, concrete driveway, fenced on 2 sides. Located in a quiet street.



Price Reduced

772 Boondandilla Rd Millmerran "Allawah" Versatile, well established grazing property with a good body of feed and water \$1780,000— Area: 1055 hectares (2606.9 acres) "Allawah" is predominately Box, Belah country with small pockets of Brigalow, ranging to timbered ridges. There is approx. 150ac cultivation. It is currently planted to oats, 400ac has previously been cultivated. Approximately 2/3rds of the property is cleared and the remained timbered, with areas still able to be cleared. (PMAV in place. Improvements. Cattle yards – Very large set of timber cattle yards with the capacity to work up to 300 head. Race, vet crush, and pound. Water – The property is well watered by 6 dams and has Burnt Brigalow Creek running through the property. 12000 gal tank water and dam water connected to homestead. Fencing – Fenced into approx. 10 paddocks. Mostly 4 barb with timber posts. Buildings—4 bedroom Queenslander style homestead, very spacious and well maintained. aspect. Well established gardens with a fenced house yard. Log cabin – 4 bedrooms. Sheds—6 x 9m 2 bay shed, power connected. 3 bay shed with workshop, power connected. Large machinery shed, enclosed on 3 sides, power connected. Shearing shed with skillion, power and water connected 2 stables. "Allawah" is a very well established grazing property.



NOW SELLING!
Lots 20 & 21 - \$76,000 \$73,000
Lots 2, 4 - 16, 18, 25, 32 - \$79,000 \$69,000
Lots 20 - 26, 27, 28 - \$69,000 \$62,000

Prime Location - Affordable Price
Modern Lifestyle - Residential Subdivision

- Ideal Location
- Stunning Elevated Blocks
- Town Water
- Underground Power
- Sewerage
- Wide Bitumen Roads with Kerb and Channeling
- Walking Distance to Main Street

CREATE YOUR DREAM HOME IN THE MILLPOND ESTATE

Millpond Estate - Millmerran - Prime Location - Affordable Price - Modern Lifestyle - Residential Subdivision - Allotments from \$62,000 - \$75,000

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Inspections by appointment - Office 07 4695 1355

Jan Fitzgerald: 0428 951 056

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6 Macqueen Road

ROCKY CREEK HALL HAPPENINGS

- 8 September, Hall meeting—6.30pm
- 19 September, Reef & Beef Games Night 6pm
- 25 October, NRL Grand Final 7.30pm

State Of Origin Games

- 4 November
- 11 November
- 18 November

Christmas Party

- 12 December 6pm

Enquiries to
Matt Clarke — 0428 205 487
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Our Library has opened a bit more!! Why not visit to borrow a Book, or Magazine, or DVD. Why not use the Internet facilities?

You know that if we do not use it, we may lose it!!

We shall be setting up our first Exhibition as soon as practicable. THAT will be good!

Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10.00am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

We are still on track to have our Cabaret on Thursday, October 1st. The Girls cant wait!!

Planning for next year, 2021, is beginning. In July we hope for Splashtest Dummies, a riot of a 'circus' performance!! (We have had Trashtest Dummies and it was super fun!!).

We would love to hear of any requests or ideas for 2021. Workshops?

(Nell: 4695 6191, Leanne: 4695 1138, Lyndelle: 4693 9129).



MILLMERRAN ARTS COUNCIL
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BREKKY IN THE BUSH - Sunday 2nd AUGUST commencing at 9am .
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Every **TUESDAY - Outback Hobbies from 9am to Noon**

FRIDAY - Darts and Parlour Games from 7pm

Wylahra Grove Progress Recreation Hall is open to the public on -

TUESDAYS - 9.30 to 3.00pm—new closing times.

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New—Wednesday Morning Friendship Club. From 9.30am to Noon—come down to the hall, have a free cuppa, free use of the facility. Internet—gold coin donation. Meet up with your friends for a game of pool, table tennis, outdoor tennis or a game of Darts, have a chat, swap ideas and recipes or gardening hints. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME.** Please bring your own morning tea, if required.

Due to low numbers wishing to use the Recreation Hall on Saturdays, the hall will not be open on Saturdays commencing 1st August, 2020.

General Meeting— Sunday 9th August, 2020 10am start.
Expressions of interest please for Fathers Day Lunch Sunday 6th September, 2020.

No Brekky in the Bush will be held in September.

YALLAMBEE AUXILIARY

The Gym Equipment has just arrived!

Thank you again to the hard-working ladies of the Op Shop. What a blessing they are for those who want to recycle clothing, for those who want some clothing and oddments. And it all helps the Yallambee residents.

Maybe you would like to offer your help? Visit the Girls and you will be welcome!

Thank you again to the Millmerran Lions for their big donation!

MRA BOWLS DAY planning is under way.....September will be warmer for rolling down those bowls!

We look forward to the always generous response of prizes for the HUGE multi-prize raffle. The Ticket Lovelies will soon be shivering in the street just waiting to warm up with selling you tickets!

Residents birthdays August: Betty Barr (4th); John Rigney (15th); Ron West (19th);
Laurel Riley (24th); Len Dalton (26th); Pearl Bliss (29th).

Thank you to community members from Millmerran & the wider district for all their kind messages of support, cards and the beautiful food that has been provided to our family following the sudden passing of Ashley Hobbs (Hobbys).

Joan, Robert, Trish & Donna and families.

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Please contact us to find out more:

Katrina – Event Coordinator – info@acof.com.au or 0429 727 503

Heath – President – 0427 916 669

Mary – Vice President – 0447 957 147

Fay – Secretary – secretary@acof.com.au or 0407 622 028

Swany – Committee - tech@acof.com.au or 0418 445 743

MILLMERRAN GOLF CLUB *inc.*

July 2020

As the State Government has opened the borders and restrictions are relaxed we are still bound by Health Department conditions. The Club is open to Social and competition play. The clubhouse will open under Covid 19 Health conditions such as limited numbers, providing contact details and social distancing etc. If we are to operate under these conditions, we ask people to please comply and stay safe, it's not over yet.

Because things are changing daily, this is current as of the 15th July so by the time of publication, the situation may have changed, so keep up with directives.

As always, Thanks to our Staff, Volunteers and Sponsors, without them, more than ever we just cannot function.

Under the circumstances the program is subject to change, and as always there is Friday Sporter's and the Chook run on Saturday or Sunday depending on the comp.

With the relaxation of restrictions some Clubs may run their Open Carnivals in the coming months

August 2020

Saturday 1st	Club Trophies 18 hole Stableford
Saturday 8th	Club Trophies 4BBB Stroke
Sunday 16th	Knights Electrical 2 person Ambrose
Sunday 23rd Stableford	Charlies Service Centre Trophies 18hole Stroke & Stableford
Saturday 29 th	Club Trophies 18 Hole Stableford



We Serve

Hello All,

The Millmerran Lions Club held a normal meeting at the Mill Inn Tavern on the 28th of July as we had a few things that need to be discussed

Thank you to those people who supported our garage sale on the 11th of July, 2020, We anticipate to hold another one in September so watch this space for the date There will be a zone meeting on the 30th of July. To be held at the Pittsworth Hotel Motel

What the Lion's club can do for each other and fellow citizens in our community

Look after our own Lions Club Members "First"

- remember "Club Care". Drop off a meal, a bunch of flowers, a freshly baked cake, phone to say "hello" so you hear their voice, make sure they feel wanted and are valued etc. This also applies to citizens in our local community as well

Look after local business who have supported with raffle prizes and donated items. Purchase Gift Cards from them and distribute to needy community members.

If you meet at a local Club or Pub for your Club Meetings, stay in touch with the owners so they know they are valued, and that you will be back supporting them once the pandemic has passed.

Contact numbers for Lion's are C. Gibson 07469*51532 R. Richter 0428956165, S. Goulding 0421108572, V. Grundon 0429171080

Until our next Catch-Up, please stay safe, well, and informed.
Yours in Lion's
Ros Richter



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Applications Close: Friday 14 August 2020 at 5pm

www.goldenwest.org.au

Dalby Roma Toowoomba



The Darling Downs Eisteddfod committee are searching for volunteers to assist with this years 1st Eisteddfod, held here in Millmerran.

This wonderful Cultural event will see many talented entrants performing here in our very own Cultural Centre from the **16th of August to the 21st of August**.

If you have a spare hour, day, or week, and would like to be part of this fantastic Cultural event please contact the committee to be added to our volunteer roster. Training will be provided as we have a lot to cover to keep our town safe from COVID-19. What a fabulous opportunity to come and spend time helping launch a much needed event here in Millmerran.

You can Email @ ddeisteddfod@gmail.com , Ph DDE Secretary **0413042105**, or Inbox our social media pages FB **Darling Downs Eisteddfod**.

Updates from the Toowoomba Region

Changes to services

The safety of our community and staff is our priority. To assist in the management of coronavirus and meet State Government guidelines, we're working through a staged approach to re-open our services and facilities.

Millmerran and Pittsworth customer service centres are now open five days a week from 8.30am – 5pm.

Our **libraries** are now open to short visits which may include browsing the shelves and borrowing items plus the use of public PC's for 30-minute intervals. 'Reserve and Collect' is still available through the libraries online catalogue or the MyTRLibrary App. Sitting or in-house reading spaces will not be available at this time.

Cecil Plains: Friday 12noon to 4pm

Millmerran: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am-1pm, 2-4pm

Pittsworth: Monday to Friday 10am-1pm, 2-4pm



Mobile Library: normal schedule, visit www.tr.qld.gov.au/library for full schedule.

Changes are being reviewed and updated regularly, visit www.tr.qld.gov.au/servicechanges to stay up-to-date.

Council meetings

The next committee meetings of Council will be held on 11 and 12 August commencing at 9am. The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on 18 August commencing at 10am. All meetings are at The Annex auditorium, Toowoomba. All meetings are now live streamed via our YouTube channel at www.tr.qld.gov.au/meetings

Free or fine – it's your choice

Many domestic waste items can be disposed at all our waste facilities for free. This includes up to 2 mattresses or 400kg of non-recyclable waste, white goods and other recyclable waste. Fines apply for disposing of waste on roadsides, in bushland, parks or even beside charity or skip bins. We love our Region so let's keep it beautiful. Report illegal dumping call **131 872** or go online at www.qld.gov.au/litter

Disposal of coals

Winter is here and there is nothing more comforting than a cosy fire. When disposing of ashes and coals at our waste facilities please be sure these materials have been dampened down and are fully cooled to avoid causing fires. Please declare ashes and coals to the gatehouse attendant and use the designated disposal areas. For more information visit www.tr.qld.gov.au/waste

Bushfire preparation

Mitigation works have commenced in the Region for the reduction of bushfire fuel. This includes slashing and supervised burning to ensure adequate fire breaks and buffer zones are maintained. For more information on our mitigation plans and being prepared for bushfire season visit www.tr.qld.gov.au/bushfire

Winter watering times

Water restrictions remain in place for all areas of the Toowoomba Region. Please remember watering times for winter are now between 4.30pm and 5.30pm on your allowed watering days. For more information on restrictions levels and allowable activities for your local area visit www.tr.qld.gov.au/water

Dog registrations

Registering your dog and keeping details up-to-date ensures we can re-unite your family as quickly as possible if your dog is lost. Registration renewals have been sent and are due for payment on 30 September. Update us if your dog is deceased, has been de-sexed, you've changed address or other details have changed. All registrations, changes and renewals can be done online at www.tr.qld.gov.au/onlineservices

To find out more please call **131 872** or visit www.tr.qld.gov.au

Forest Pines Rural Fire Brigade

We are still continuing to get our grants, we have now received an 11000gal tank,

we continue working at the fire shed getting ready for our first meeting back on the 3rd Sunday of this month.

We did get to have a welcome back party to get into the swing of things and show our members what we have received over the lockdown period, it also shows things did continue to carry on.

We have done permit burns, but everything is still too wet at present to do anything as it warms up we will definitely do more than just piles .

If you would like to come to a meeting or even just have a cuppa and a chart please come we have our first meeting back on the 19 of this month and from there 3rd Sunday of each month.

For any permits needed please contact

Barrie, Craig or myself.

Until then stay safe.

Barrie. 0457907637

Craig. 0474456053

Shiree. 0418717683



MEN'S SHED

Now for a first for the Millmerran's Men Shed. For a six month period we are going to trial being a collection point for 10c refundable cans and bottles. If you have a few saved up but forgot to take them to Pittsworth or Toowoomba on your last trip, then you can **donate them** to the Men's Shed. Drop them off at 6 Flynn Street on Tuesday or Friday between 9.00 a.m. and 12.00 p.m. It is hardly worth while going to the other collection points unless you have large numbers, however the accumulative effect of small numbers could be significant for us. As we are basically a service club (assisting the community) the money would aid locally.

We have also started to make minah bird traps and they are selling as quickly as we make them. The cost of a trap is \$50. If you require one or two ring the new Men's shed number on 0487 186 700 and order a trap or leave a message if no answer.

During the last few weeks some of our members have been preparing the garden beds ready for planting shrubs. A well known champion agronomist member has also prepared several beds for growing vegetables in the spring. In the coming months we will be advertising several pieces of restored furniture on the "Buy, Swap and Sell" local site. For those of you who like the older furniture, like dressers and tables, we have several of each.

Until next month.

Quote: Know yourself. Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful. (Ann Landers)

President	Vice President	Secretary
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MILLMERRAN LOCAL AMBULANCE COMMITTEE

Millmerran Local Ambulance Committee will be conducting their Annual General Meeting at the Centre on Thursday 13th August 2020 at 6.30pm.

Followed by a General Meeting.

All interested people are invited to attend.

Thank you for your continued support.

Peter Doherty

President



Call Neville Hughes for Welding and Maintenance.

Ph: 0439 951 173

CALENDAR DATES - COMMUNITY EVENTS/WORKSHOPS

August, 2020

2nd August- Brekky in the Bush, Millmerran Downs

16th -21st August - Darling Downs Eisteddfod - Cultural Centre Millmerran

29th August- Wellness Day

September, 2020

6th September- Father's Day Lunch- Millmerran Downs

19th September- Reef & Beef Games Night, Rocky Creek Hall Tentative—Lions Club Garage Sale

October, 2020

1st October - Sugar Sugar, Cultural Centre

25th October- NRL Grand Final, Rocky Creek Hall

November, 2020

4th/11th/18th Nov- State of Origin—Rocky Creek Hall

12th - 16th November - Hot Rods Inc. - event - Static Car Display - Saturday 14th November.

December 12th, 2020 - Xmas Party-Rocky Creek Hall



MILLMERRAN ARTS & CRAFTS

Thank you to everyone who has donated fabric for our quilts which go to the Queensland Children's Hospital, and for our Boomerang Bags, which we have given to businesses around town.

We now have a lovely lot of fabric and due to your generosity our storage area is full to overflowing so at this time we are unable to accept any further donations.

Our quilting classes at the moment have been put on hold due to the restrictions, however once we are able to resume we will let you know .

Meanwhile the quilting group are still getting together each fortnight.

Wednesday Morning Craft; Every Wednesday 9am -12

Arts & Craft Saturday 15th 9am

Fay Schwarten 0419 673 279

SCRUBBY CREEK RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Hi All,

Hazard reduction burns are going well, good to see people preparing their properties for the fire season. We will not be having a august meeting we will be having our AGM in September. Any changes will be put it on our face book page. If you think you would like to join come down and see us. Stay safe

Fire permit you can ring Jamie on 0460771431

First officer Dennis Dwyer on 0427699070 or 0746954131



SENIOR CITIZENS

We will meet on Thursday 13th August at 1pm at The Cultural Centre to discuss and plan our format for the coming months.

COVID restrictions will be observed.

Looking forward to resuming activities and welcome new members.

Enquiries: 0438 174 714

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A person who never made a mistake
never tried anything new.

Millmerran Historical Society

AGM: 2.00pm Tuesday 11th August

Followed by our General Meeting

Our AMG is being held on the 11th August at 2pm. Due to the current Covid restrictions this years AGM will be held at the museum before our general meeting. All members are welcome to attend but it will just be a meeting, no lunch or guest speaker.



Millmerran Museum - A Great Place to Visit

With the Waterbaby Exhibition nearing completion there are lots of things happening at the museum. Make a time and come down and explore. Lots of wonderful displays for young and old. A great collection of old photos from past events to enjoy. Just contact one of our volunteers and they will come down and open for you.

Entry costs - Adults \$5 Concessions \$3 Children (5-15) \$2

Fay Twidale – 0427588587 Pat Walsh – 0438174714 Linda Weymouth - 0456204102

Email: millmerran_historical@hotmail.com

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Winter Fire Safety.....

Create your fire escape plan! Spend five minutes now to save a life later.

“Fire happens fast and there’s only a small period of time to get out, so having an escape plan could be the difference between life and death”, said Inspector Chris Martial, Area Commander, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services. “It’s important for everyone in the household to prepare, practice and discuss an escape plan so everyone knows what to do”.

Step 1: Draw your escape plan on a sheet of paper

Step 2: Try to have two ways out of every room

Step 3: Pick a meeting place outside the home, such as your letterbox.

Step 4: Practice your fire escape plan regularly – at night, with the light off, standing and crawling



“Another important step in ensuring your family’s fire safety is having working smoke alarms”, said Inspector Martial.

“Smoke alarms must be maintained through regular cleaning and testing, which can be carried out by pushing the ‘test’ button. Cleaning should be done in line with manufacturer instructions, which usually requires vacuuming the exterior vents.”

Photoelectric smoke alarms are the most effective at detecting smoke from a range of domestic type fires.

“New legislation will require all Queensland residences be fitted with interconnected photoelectric smoke alarms in all bedrooms, hallways and on each story of all homes.”

The new laws are being rolled out over 3 implementation stages:

Stage 1: Houses and units approved to be built or substantially renovated after 1 January 2017 must comply.

Stage 2: From 1 January 2022, all houses or units being sold or leased, or existing leases renewed, need to comply before the next lease that commences.

Stage 3: All other dwellings need to comply from 1 January 2027.

In addition, if replacing a current hardwired smoke alarm, it must continue to be hardwired otherwise you can use a 10-year non removal battery.

For more information <https://www.qfes.qld.gov.au/community-safety/smokealarms/Pages/faq.aspx>



MILLMERRAN GARDEN CLUB

Welcome back to Garden Club.

We had a lovely meeting at Robyn Coleman’s House in July.

Unfortunately it was decided to hold it to late for July Newsletter, however that is what phones are for.

Our next meeting will be on the 14th August 2020, 9am for 9.30am start at Rita Perry’s

54 Saleyards Road

Secretary: Evelyn 4695 1616

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The Annual Meeting of the Hospital Aux

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MILLMERRAN LOCAL CHAPLAINCY

I decided to take on some home renovations during the recent winter holidays. With help from my father-in-law, we built a deck at the back of the house, sanded the outside walls, and did one or fifty changes to the external cladding which had one or more cases of timber rot. We estimated how long it would take, but have we finished? The answer is "no!". I am reading online about similar mistakes that a husband and wife realised with similar home renovations.

I agree with their first one: "don't take on too much". Renovations can be quite revealing in terms of one or more issues even when you pull out one nail. My workload kept increasing as I found more and more issues underneath the outside weather boards. Measurements can affect the final product when you are slightly off by a millimetre or so. The weather at the moment is not so helpful for the cement to harden! I could go on and on...but I did learn something. We both enjoyed the experience because it changes the look (and safety!) of the house I own with my wife. Once an issue comes up it's great for your own problem solving skills and bouncing off ideas with other people. Consistent trips to the local hardware stores are great ways to de-stress (and may get expensive). Every small success that happens as you are working makes the smaller issues easier to tackle when they come up. In conclusion, if (and when) the renovations are finally finished and the house was to fall down as a result, at least we have a very strong and sturdy outdoor deck....

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Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; 5 love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs; 6 love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. 7 Love never gives up; and its faith, hope, and patience never fail (1 Corinthians 13). These verses are familiar to us. We hear them often shared at weddings and funerals and in church services. The Bible tells us God is love (1 John 4:8) so these verses are a description of who God is and who He is to us. I love that! No matter what happens in life, we can come back to the fact God is love...always love. Questions are asked about God and Him being love. Questions like If God is love, how can He permit tragedy in the world? Why has God allowed bad things to happen? And so God is blamed for the suffering of millions. Often when bad things happen and people don't know how to explain them, the phrase the sovereignty God is trotted out as the reason behind them. It's a term that's been taken to mean that God is in charge and, therefore, responsible for EVERYTHING that happens. But that thinking unjustly accuses God and attacks His very nature of love. It doesn't agree either with what God Himself says in the Bible or with how Jesus lived on the earth because He said, if you've seen Me, you've seen the Father (John 14:9). Acts 10:38 declares, Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Those who would mistakenly attribute evil to God, or even attempt to call down evil from God, were rebuked by Jesus when He said, For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them (Luke 9:56).

Things that happen in the world and in people's lives can usually be divided into two groups: those things that happen within our

sphere of influence and those outside our sphere of influence or control. Our decisions affect what's in our control.

We human beings have a free will, free to live as we choose. Some in this world, unfortunately, choose to lie, steal, abuse, kill, drink and drive etc. None of those things are what God would want. We all are impacted by the choices of others.

God has a perfect plan for every person's life (Jer. 29:11) but He doesn't make us choose it. The Scriptures paint a picture of each of us being behind the wheel of our own lives. We have authority and power over our own lives.

We also live in a world that is under the influence of the devil and Jesus told us the devil, the thief, comes to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10). Earthquakes, famines, hurricanes and other disasters do not represent the work of God, but are the results of sin and its effects in a planet groaning and travailing in pain under the bondage of corruption (Romans 8:21-22). So any problems we experience are either from the devil, of our own making or the results of life on a fallen planet.

We've all heard people say. God is a good God, but He has allowed these tragedies in order to work out His greater purposes...and such like. James 1:13 says to those statements, Stop saying such things!

Knowing that God is not the author of my problems is one of the most important revelations we can receive from reading and studying the Bible. It is so comforting to know that God only has good things in store for each of us. Our heavenly Father has never done and will never do anything to harm us.

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The Name of the Lord refers to The Lord Jesus Christ. Much of the world claims a belief in God, but much of the world disagrees as to how to reach Him. Jesus said, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man comes unto the Father, but by Me (Jn. 14:6).

That's the reason that one must call upon the Name of the Lord, that Name being Jesus. He is the One Who has paid the price for man's Redemption, and, consequently, it is His Name which opens the Door (Jn. 10:1-10).

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ROMANS 10:14,15

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A person must believe in the Lord Jesus Christ in order to be Saved (Jn. 3:16; Rom. 10:9-10).

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The very nature and character of the person changes, with them having a totally different outlook on all things.

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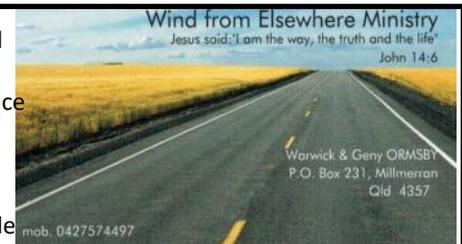
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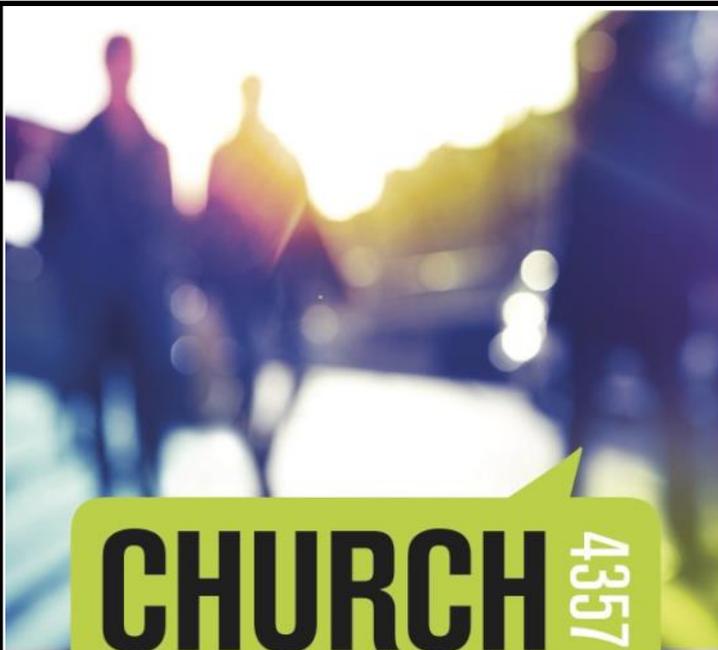
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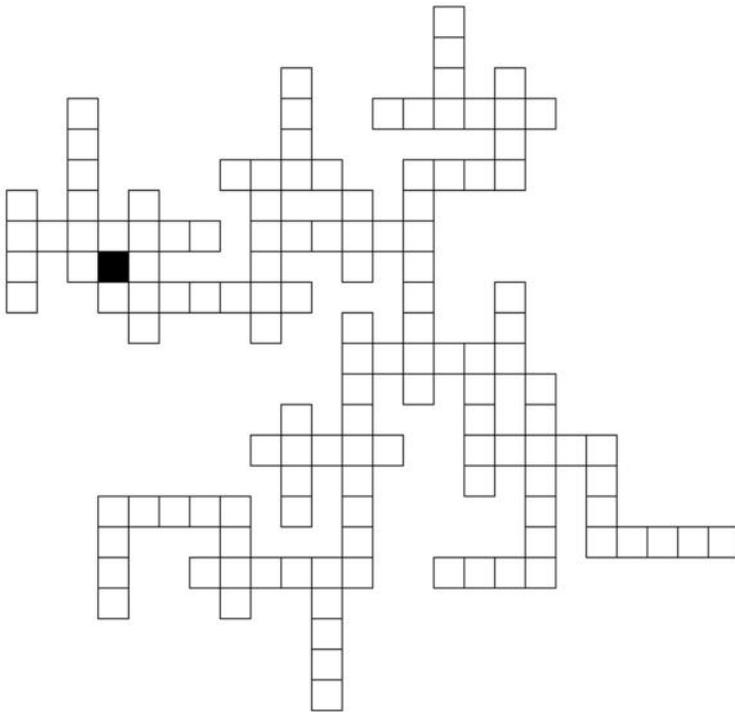


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BIBLE STORY AND ACTIVITY PAGE



Read Genesis Chapter 8:1-12

ABATED	ARARAT	ARK	DAYS
DOVE	DRIED	EARTH	EVENING
FIFTY	FOOT	FORTY	GOD
HAND	HUNDRED	LEAF	MOUNTAINS
NOAH	OPENED	PASS	RAIN
RAVEN	REST	RETURNED	SENT
SEVEN	STOPPED	TENTH	WATERS
WIND	WINDOW (Hint - start with MOUNTAINS)		

So for 40 days and 40 nights this rain fell, and as we saw last month it covered the whole earth, even the tips of the mountains. For 150 days this water covered the entire earth. This is about 5 months, AFTER the 40 days and nights of rain, which is a long time to be on a boat full of animals. During this time, God sent a wind to pass over the earth

to dry up the water, and the water slowly disappeared and receded back into the oceans. The ark then rested against some mountains. These mountains were called Ararat, and they can still be found in Turkey today.

The waters continued to get less and less after the wind had stopped. More time went past, until more and more mountains began poking through the top of the flood water. Noah then opened the window he had built into the top of the ark, and sent out a raven. This bird flew back and forth, and as ravens are meat eaters, it could have fed on the dead fish and animals floating in the water. Noah also sent out a dove. This dove could find no where to land, so she came straight back. Noah waited another week, and sent her out again. This time she came back at the end of the day with a leaf in her mouth. Doves are a seed eating bird, and as she could not find food the first time, it told Noah that the trees were still covered. When she stayed out all day, and brings back a leaf, it told Noah that trees were now growing on dry ground. A tree buried under water for over 10 months would be dead, so this leaf was from a living tree. Noah waits one more week, and sends the dove off again, and this time she doesn't come back. She had found food and a place to live outside the ark at last.

Noah was a very patient man, as this would have been a lot of time spent waiting. Noah just had to wait. There was no way he could hurry things up, as it was all in God's timing. God was in control and Noah just had to trust that God knew best. The ark that God had designed, and Noah had built, had done what it was meant to do. Noah was able to take care of Gods creation, and use some of His creation as messengers. What a special time for Noah to be used of God in such an important part of earth's history.

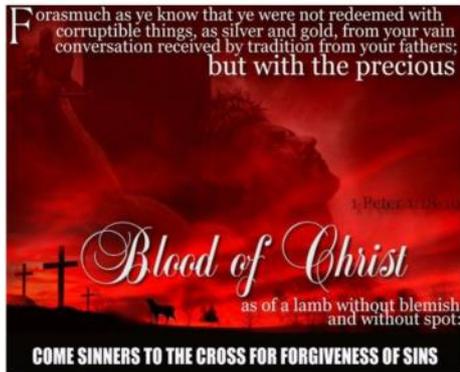
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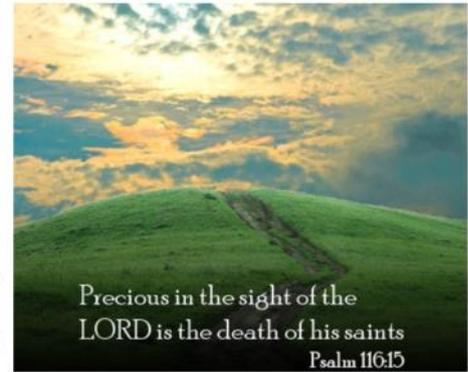
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The Bible tells us a few things that are precious in the eyes of God. Many times it mentions precious stones and precious jewels when talking about the treasures that were in the temples, and coffers of the kings, but there are occasions whereby some things are mentioned specifically by name. One of them is the blood of Jesus Christ. (Verse above) The blood of Jesus is what saves the believer from paying for their sin with their own life. God willingly gave his own Son, that we might attain eternal life - that is precious! (John 3:16-18 KJV - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.) What a humbling privilege and honour that our great, powerful and wonderful God would make such an opportunity for mankind (Psa 139:17 KJV - How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!) And all because of His great love for you and I in not wanting any-one to go to hell, but rather desiring that all of man would turn from their sin, come to Him, and trust in the blood of Jesus for salvation (2 Pet 3:9 KJV - The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.)

Another thing that is precious to God is the death of those that have trusted the precious blood of Jesus to save them. (Verse above) Death to God is only the distance between our life on earth and eternity with Him in heaven. When one trusts in the precious blood of Jesus for salvation, they become precious in the sight of God, because it is then that we become one of His children. And how can we put a value on one of our own children. They are more precious than anything we could ever buy, and this is how God views those that want Him as their father.

Maybe we should revalue what we consider precious to us. May the definitive line between what we consider precious, and what God considers precious, be the eternal value. Is our life and where we spend eternity, and the eternal lives of those in our own houses considered precious to us? Do you see the blood of Jesus as precious, and will your soul be precious to God when we pass through to Him in death? Do you know Jesus? Do you know the love of the heavenly Father? If you would like to know who God is or what He has done for you, please contact me.

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