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MILLMERRAN

- RURAL-

71 Campbell Street, Millmerran Qld 4357

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'Morilla' 1 Ross Street, Leyburn Offers Over \$1,990,000 138.7Ha (342.72Acres)

- 24ML water licence, Several dams
- Canal Creek front and natural lagoon
- 50KW solar power
- 3 accommodation options

'Morilla' is a truly breath-taking property, set on 340 acres of undulating, elevated land with stunning 360° views that must be seen to be believed. Book your inspection today.



'Hard Yakka' Cypress Ave, Millmerran Woods

\$550,000 19.76 Acres

- 3-4 bedroom home fully approved by Council
- Multiple sheds & storage
- New, fully equipped bore plus large dam & rainwater tanks
- Fully off grid with Solar / Lithium battery power
- Established fruit & vegetable gardens

This property offers the ultimate off-grid lifestyle with all the modern comforts and sustainability you could ever need.



Motivated Sellers - Submit All Offers 117 Bruce Road, Millmerran

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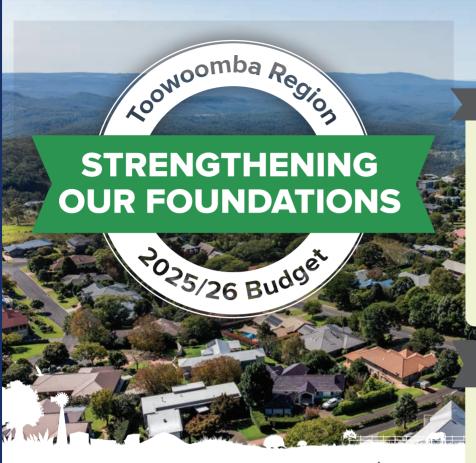
- 3 bedroom timber home
- Character features
- Ducted, reverse cycle air conditioning throughout
- · Brand new carport
- Timber garage/workshop/downstairs laundry plus 2nd toilet
- North-east facing verandah (new flooring)

These owners have committed elsewhere and are considering all offers – don't miss out.









TOOWOOMBA REGION

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

\$705 million total budget

\$469 million operational expenditure

\$236 million capital projects

\$1.5 million

budget surplus

MAJOR AREAS OF OPERATIONAL AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

PART OF STREET

\$263 million

for water and wastewater (including Cressbrook Dam Safety Improvement Project)

\$160 million

for roads, drainage, footpaths and bikeways

\$122 million

for community services, facilities, parks and recreation

\$50 million

for waste services

\$17.5 million

for Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements



STATE GOVERNMENT WASTE LEVY BIN TAX

- Council is taxed by the State Government for waste in landfill.
- Council is set to pay \$9 million, \$4.8 million funded through subsidies.
 The cost to Council is \$4.2 million covered through both general rates and gate fees.

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How your rates are spent (for every \$100)





HOW THIS AFFECTS RATES

- 9.5% general rate increase in the Toowoomba Urban Residential category.*
- 68% of all ratable properties across the Region will receive a general rate rise of less than 10%.
- 5% pay-on-time discount for all residential ratepayers (including rural residential).
- 5% increase in Pensioner Rebate on general rates to \$120 per year.

* Calculations are made on individual properties and can vary.





















Our latest project newsletter is out now – with updates on planning, workforce accommodation, and local sponsorships.

We'd love your input. It helps guide how we deliver benefits and engage with the local community.

Read the newsletter:





Complete the survey:





Visit captainsmountainwindfarm.com.au or call 1800 313 095 to learn more

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ATTENTION READERS

2 IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER PUT THEM IN YOUR CALENDAR

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

On the 5th August at the time of 6:30pm, location, Millmerran Uniting Church, Florence Street is a SPECIAL GENERAL meeting to elect Chief Stewards for the 2026 Millmerran Show.

ALL WELCOME!

MILLMERRAN SHOW

Tuesday 7th October at the time of 6:30pm, location of Millmerran Uniting Church, Florence Street is the

Millmerran Show AGM.
ALL WELCOME!

LOVE to see NEW







MILLMERRAN RURAL CLOTHING

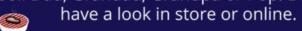
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Don't Forget Father's Day!

Father's Day is just around the corner so why not get prepared. We stock a great variety of gifts to spoil Dad, Grandad, Grandpa or Pop. Be sure to







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Did you know that every week, households across the Toowoomba region are sending recyclables straight into their general waste bins and off to landfill?

Recycling right isn't just good for the planet, it's good for our community too. By recycling properly, we can reduce the amount of waste in landfill and protect the places we all love – like Picnic Point, Crows Nest Falls and Table Top Mountain.

But here's the good news, getting it sorted is easier than you think. With a few quick tips, you can help keep the Toowoomba region clean and green.





Top three tips to get your recycling sorted:

- Know what goes in your yellow-lidded recycling bin
 Paper, glass, hard plastic, aluminium and steel cans
 are all welcome. No food scraps, no soft plastics.
 If you're in doubt it's better to leave it out!
- Platten, crush and sort Don't let a lack of space get in the way. Flatten and crush your boxes, plastic, aluminium and steel cans, bottles and containers, so your bin can hold more of the good stuff.
- 3. Did you know you can upsize your yellow-lidded recycling bin*?

You can even request an extra bin* through Toowoomba Regional Council.

*fees may apply.

LEARN MORE!











Little Tackers Millmerran

MEET THE TEAM

Miss Bridie started her Little Tackers journey back in 2021 as a school based trainee! 4 years on and Miss Bridie is now studying her Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care and is our lead educator in the Joey's room. It's safe to say that all our little ones adore Miss Bridie and all her hard work and dedication towards her studies is paying off!

Some of you may have already seen Miss Emma's face around the centre for a little while now! You will find Miss Emma in our Bilbies room with Miss Rachel and all our little Bilbies. Miss Emma holds her Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care and is adored by all our little ones here at Tackers!



Some of you may know Alana's lovely face from being a local of Millmerran. You will find Miss Alana in our Joeys room five days a week with Miss Bridie and our little Joey friends!

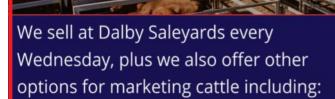
Miss Alana has been with us at Tackers for a while now, and has made such a positive impact on all our little ones.



Early Childhood Education & Care

www.littletackerschildcare.com.au 1-3 Stanley Street, Millmerran. millmerran@littletackerschildcare.com.au 07 4695 2999





- Auctions Plus
- Direct to Feedlots and Meat Works

 Jason Fitzgerald
 0428 951 355

 Travis Bulmer
 0409 951 355

 Maurice Smith
 0429 635 328



Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (Qld) Inc Millmerran & District Branch Inc. 891 Heckendorf Road, Millmerran PO Box 140 Millmerran Qld 4357

Target Shooting - A sport for young and old Juniors from age 11 welcome and encouraged to participate

What's on in August:

- 2 Practical Pistol 9am ~ Single Action 12.30pm.
- 9 AGM 9am Monthly Meeting 10am ~ Silhouette Pistol ~ Field Rifle
- 16 Lever Action Metallic Silhouette 9am
- 23 Shotgun 9am to 1.30pm ~ Service Pistol 2pm
- O General Rifle Shooting 9am—Please check Facebook or phone for details

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Please phone Discip	oline Captains to confirm shoo	ts and start times		
President:	Travis Caesar	0491 948 346		
Vice President:	Les Goodall	0428 727 462		
Treasurer:	Marie Lewis	0439 631 987		
	Email: q15treasurer@he	otmail.com		
Secretary:	Valerie Fairbanks	0427 713 397		
0.76	Email: millmerran@ssaa			
Disciplinary Capta	ains:			
Field Rifle:	Emily Caesar	0439 359 903		
Shotgun:	Adam Lewis	0400 724 359		
Rifle Silhouette:	Travis Caesar	0428 714 689		
Pistol Silhouette & S	Service Pistol: Adrian Blinco	0428 583 101		
Service Rifle & Singl	e Action: Tom Briskey	0418 790 027		
Practical Pistol:	Cameron Plant	0428 731 920		



Follow us on Facebook "Millmerran and District SSAA"

A very sincere Jhank you to my wonderful family for organising such a lovely Celebration for my 90th Birthday.

Also to the many well wishers, cards, phone calls, texts, Jacebook messages, flowers, gifts and morning teas. It was all very much appreciated.



Jo all my family extended family and friends, for always being there for me. Please accept this as my personal Jhanks. Valerie Jones.



Millmerran Senior Citizens

Hi and welcome to windy August although I think the past month has been giving a fairly good taste of the windy weather.

We had a very enjoyable meeting and afternoon tea at Cheryls'. Thank you.
Winner of our raffle was the lucky Ann Glenn.

Our next meeting shall be on the 14th August at 12 noon at the Cultural Centre.

This time bring along a plate of finger food to share.

After lunch we shall have a meeting then some games.

We have decided to have our **Christmas lunch and breakup on the 15**th **November.** This time we will
travel to Murphys Creek to have our luncheon at
the Tavern. Anyone wishing to join us is welcome
to come along. No costs have been decided on
until cost of Bus etc have been investigated.

"Listen to the birds singing at Dawn and imagine they are singing to encourage you to make the very best of your day"

Enquiries to Ann on 0483 027 957



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Millmerran & District Historical Society Inc.

To all members & prospective members on the day please join us for a complimentary

BBQ LUNCH plus DESSERT
SATURDAY 23RD AUGUST 10.30AM
SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Ian Jempson

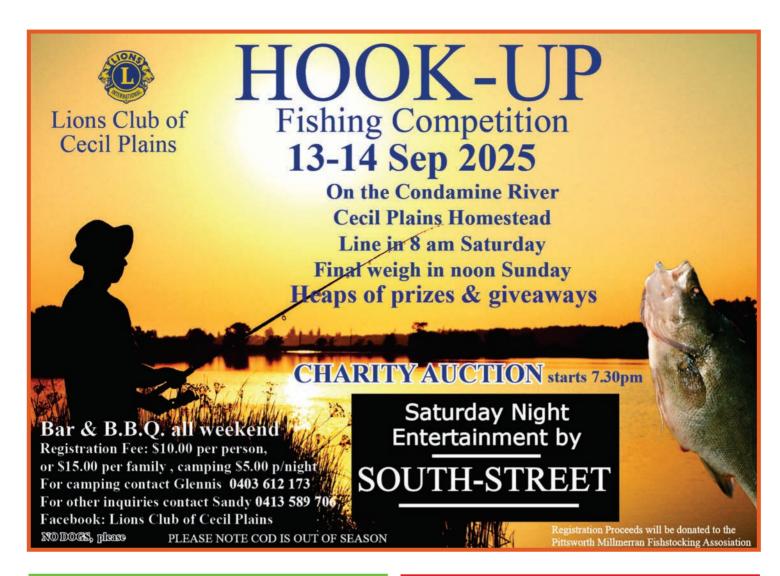
Operations manager of the Jondaryan Woolshed.

The order of the day will be the Guest Speaker followed by Lunch and then the formal meeting. Please note all positions on the management committee will be declared vacant on the day and a new committee will be welcomed.

RSVP: 20th August - Linda Weymouth 0456 204 102 For catering purposes.

www.millmerranmuseum.com.au millmerran_historical@hotmail.com







Millmerran Tennis Club 40 Commens Street, Millmerran

Junior Tennis Coaching continues in Term 3 2025

Starting week 3. Places still available

3.15pm-4.00pm Beginners

4.00pm to 5pm continuing primary students

5pm-6pm Advanced players

Times may vary depending on level of participation.

Come and check us out and have a go.

Cost \$10 per session. \$70 per Term

Millmerran Tennis club is continuing to subsidise the cost of lessons so parents only pay \$35 per term for term. (2025 only at this stage)

Coach- Steve Farrell - 0475 438 958

Junior Tennis Colourball Tournament 31st August 9am

Stan French Memorial Trophy American Tournament 7th Sept 9am enquiries to Tim Antonio 0428 384 006

Social Tennis 4.00-5.30pm Tuesday afternoons \$5 per session July and August and new comers are always welcome, experienced or novices

Private court Hire including racquets and balls are available by appointment.

Airconditioned club house and

kitchenet available for hire.

Graham O'Sullivan 0437 332 371



Monthly meeting will be held 23rd August at 2.00pm at Cultural Centre, Walpole St., Millmerran.

for further details please contact Paul Farrington 0497 315 848

Millmerran R.S.L.

Millmerran Arts and Craft

Meeting for Arts and Craft are held at 9am on the 3rd Saturday of the month

Craft is held Wednesday at 9am

Quilters is held

1st and 3st Juesday at 9am

all activities are held in the Craft Rooms at the Cultural Centre. Entrance via side ramp at Alfred Street.

All enquiries contact Leanne 0428 437 608 We welcome new members



Fathers' Day is only a month away and to celebrate Fathers in our community we are hosting a multi draw raffle with great prizes kindly donated by many of our local businesses and individuals. Too many to list here but we will post on our Facebook page their support is greatly appreciated. Tickets are available at the sausage sizzle each Saturday morning outside Mitre 10 (thank you Matt for your continued support) and at the Millmerran Community Support Centre.

Most of our members will have tickets available also. \$2 per ticket.

We continue to keep busy at the Mens Shed working on a variety of jobs. We are currently helping out St Joseph's Catholic School with a canoe prop for their school play. am sure it will be worth going to see the students perform this play (and the canoe of course!). "Genius is 5% inspiration and 95% perspiration." Albert Einstein

Have a great month!

Howard Rickert 0437004357

Graham O'Sullivan 0437332371

Bob McIntosh

Scrubby Creek Rural Fire Brigade

Fire shed at Camellia Court Millmerran Downs. Hi all

We have been doing a lot of permit burns. We would like to thank all that have been involved in reducing the fuel load on your property through us or Landcare or self managed it does help if a fire comes through.

We also like to thank our members for helping the community.

Permits may finish early this year due to the drying out of fuel load, or it may change if we get rain.

We still need members if you would like to join come down to one of our meetings and bring ID with you so we can do the paper work.

Our meetings:- Third Sunday of the month at 10.30 am Training on Monday nights at 7pm if anything changes we put it up on our Facebook page.

If you need information on any fires you can go to Queensland fire Department Facebook page

> Fires.qld.gov.au/current -Incidents and for Bushfire preparation tips Fire.qld .gov.au/prepare/bushfires Ring 000 if you have any Emergency

Stay Safe Fire warden & First officer -James Pratt 0477 864 963 Deputy fire warden Dennis Dwyer 0427 699 070



MILLMERRAN SES

(State Emergency Service)

TRAINING nights 7pm 7th & 21st August, 2025

For further information, feel free to send us an email at cecarney3@gmail.com

or call Craig on 0488 441 425

New members are always welcome.

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



Come along and meet the team at 2 James Street Millmerran.
Cubs Aged 7-11 & Scouts aged 11-15 meet every Friday during School Terms.
Cubs 3:30 – 5:00pm Scouts 5.00 – 7:00pm Contact enquiries: Group Leader: GL@millmerran.scoutsqld.com.au or: treasurer@millmerran.scoutsqld.com.au

BE PREPARED FOR LOTS OF FUN AND NEW ADVENTURES

Do you have cans & bottles lying around your house?

Our group will happily accept any donated bottles & cans and the money received supports our group.

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



Find us on Facebook Search: Millmerran Scout Group





Considering the time of year with several frosts the course is looking good. To maintain the course to this quality takes a lot of effort, provided by volunteers, mainly the same volunteers time and time again. These people volunteer their time to maintain a quality facility at lower costs to the players, the less voluntary work done means more paid work will be required and therefore prices will increase.

As a member if you can help out please do, there are plenty of things to do such as emptying recycle bins, cleaning sprinklers, weed eating, and numerous others, these are small jobs that need to be done to keep things as your see them.

The old saying "many hands make light work"

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

Because the program can change by the time the newsletter hits the streets it is best to check on **Facebook Millmerran Golf Club** or the clubhouse notice board to see what's on.



https://www.facebook.com/people/Millmerran-Golf-Club/100089163909442/

Hospital Auxiliary

At the time of writing the demolition of the old Hospital is nearly completed. The new Driveway and Landscaping can then go ahead.

At our June meeting we decided to purchase new Linen, Cushions and Throw Rugs to make the Palliative Care room more homely. We have also commissioned Lexie Antonio to do a painting for the room.

A big thank you to Margaret, Penny, Liz and Deb for pruning the Roses and Mick for supplying feedlot manure. The Mens Shed are thanked also for assembling and installing the seats which were kindly donated by The Lions.

Thanks also to all who cooked and helped with The Biggest Morning Tea. It was a lovely morning.

Our next meeting will be held at the Hospital on 19th August at 1pm. all welcome.





Queensland
Ballet is running a
free workshop for
participants - on the
27th of August from
11am-12pm

The Hub/Annie's House has been nominated for an Enablement Awards and will attend Brisbane on the 22nd of August to receive

the award Some of our participants' films will be shown on the big screen on the 2nd of September in Brisbane for the Focus on Ability Film Awards





Visit Our Website www.thehubprograms.com.au

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

39 Margaret Street, Millmerran Qld 4357







the heart & science of play

MILLMERRAN PLAYGROUP

Fun and engaging activities for children aged 0-5 years and their parents

Playgroup runs from 9.00am - 10.30am

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Contact - Millmerran State School 4695 3333





LAST RACE MEET FOR THE YEAR - 3RD AUGUST!!!

Don't miss out on the great excitement and action out at the Millmerran Auto Club dirt sprint track for their last race for the season.

July race meeting was another great success with maximum entries and fast lap times with only minor incidents such as hitting drums on edge of racetrack then spinning off track making a dust cloud, another car coming down main straight, brakes failed and hit the tyre wall at the end. Last incident was coming into the straight, car clipped inside dirt wall and made it shoot to the other side of the track and collected the concrete wall sideways.

Only damage was the driver's pride and panel damage on the cars!!



Email: millmerranautoclubinc@gmail.com

Millmerran Community Foundation Supporting Millmerran's people and places

The Millmerran Community Foundation is a new not-for-profit organisation run by the community for the community. We operate under a transparent constitution, led by board members from across the community.

Our key goals are to:

- ✓ Act as the custodian of the Millmerran Community Social Impact Assessment
- ✓ Be led by locals for locals.
- ✓ Manage a community benefit fund for the town
- ✓ Direct developer contributions to what matters most to our community: permanent housing, health and police services, youth programs, and local jobs.



We are here to keep the community at the heart of every decision.

Learn more at: www.millmerrancf.com



16 July 2025

Public Notice -

Coordinated Feral Pest Management Program

The Millmerran Power Project (Millmerran) along with Commodore (coal) Mine operators, EPSA Group (EPSA) will be undertaking a coordinated pest management program that will specifically target feral pigs on Millmerran-owned properties, including the footprint of the mine. The program will include a combination of targeted trapping methods, at the mine only, and aerial culls on all other Millmerran-owned land.

When the scope of the trapping and aerial cull program has been finalised, Millmerran representatives will be in touch with any affected landholders to discuss in detail. It is intended that landholder discussions will occur no later than one week prior to commencement of the program.

It is estimated that this round of the feral pest program will commence no later than early August and will be completed at the end of September.

Any enquiries relating to this information can be directed at the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

John McNicol

External Resources Manager

0400 601 645

MILLMERRAN LOCAL AMBULANCE COMMITTEE



Are your First Aid & CPR skills up to date? Do you know what an AED is and how to use it? Knowing where a First Aid kit or AED is located & how to use them can save precious time in an emergency.

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

Next meeting is our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday 14th August, 2025 at 5.30pm
New members always welcome.

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



MILLMERRAN GARDEN CLUB INC.

MONTHLY MEETING NOTICE AUGUST

Millmerran Garden Club Inc. meeting will be held on Friday, 8[™] August,2025

Venue for meeting is Mclean Care Yallambee Aged Care 34-40 Margaret St, Millmerran 9 a.m. for 9.30 start.

Flower competition for August is a small pot plant
Reminder of our Mystery bus trip on 9thAugust, 2025,
meet at Cultural Centre @8.30 a.m. \$25 pp
Please contact Diane Titulaer on 0411 959 588 for any further information.
New members/visitors are always welcome to attend.



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- Gravel Road Construction
- Construction/Maintenance of contour banks & work over banks
- All General Grader Work



BACKHOE

- Site Clean Ups
- Trenching
- Four in One Bucket

SPEEDTILLER

- One pass Seedbed Preparation
- Removal of Chemical Resistant Weeds
- Incorporation of Fertiliser after spreading







Wylahra Grove Progress Assoc. Inc. Community Hall, 72 Primrose Drive, Millmerran Downs. Ph: 0428 317 559 P.O. Box 105, Millmerran, Qld 4357.

Email: info@wgpa.com.au

FaceBook: Wylahra Grove Progress Association Inc.

OPEN/SOCIAL DAY THURSDAY FROM 10AM TO 2PM

All welcome, community members and association members to visit the community hall and enjoy fellowship, meet some of the executive and enjoy the hall facilities: Table Tennis, Pool Table, Darts, Tennis Courts and library. FREE usage of facilities including Hot Beverages and cordial. Soft Drinks \$2.

Play ground Equipment & Fitness Equipment can be used during any day-daylight hours only.

All children must be accompanied by an adult parent or guardian who is actively responsible for the supervision of children while at the community hall.

Community events:- Admittance by Gold Coin donation. ALL community members & association members welcome

Bubs and Parent/s Group — Monday 9am to 10 am Garden Group - Monday 10am to 12 noon Women's Circle Group — Monday 11 August 6pm to 8 Bingo—Tuesday 9.30 am to 12.00 Fun for all Bible Studies Group — Wednesday 1pm to 3pm Darts Group-Friday 7pm to 9pm Music Group — Saturday 4pm to 7pm Bible Studies Group — Sunday 1pm to 3pm

PROGRESS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING — Sunday 10th August 2025 at 10am. New members are most welcome.

This community hall is operated by the progress association volunteers and we are always seeking more volunteers and members to assist with the day to day operation of the hall and management subcommittees/groups participants.





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> Authorised by David Littleproud MP, LNP, 57 Cunningham Street, Dalby QLD 4405.

It's been an exciting start to Term 3 at MAPA! Congratulations to all of our soloists, duos and performance team members who competed at our local Darling Downs Millmerran Eisteddfod over the school holidays. We are so proud your

achievements and the personal growth you have all shown!

Congratulations to our two groups our U6 Mini Groovers Jazz who placed 3rd and U10 Inter Lyrical Group who placed 1st!





MILLMERRAN

ACADEMY OF PERFORMING

ARTS INC

We have been busy chipping away at our community goals and are super excited to host **QLD Ballet** later this month! We hope you can enjoy some of their community sessions or will be able to participate and dance together with them at your local school. Please scan the QR Code to register for Workshops and keep a look out for local flyers with more information!

https://qldballet.eventsair .com/ce-regional-tour--millmerran/2025millmerran







Thank-you to our community sponsors: FRRR sponsoring the installation of air conditioners in the Cultural Centre dressing rooms. GFG Projects, FKG Gardner for a Cultural Centre defibrillator and Millmerran Village Caravan Park for a Wall Mountable Storage Box, the Regional Flying Arts Aliance for sponsoring the QLD Ballet Visit and Captains Mountain Wind Farm for sponsoring the installation of a filtered water fountain at the Cultural Centre as well as assistance with the Halloween Disco

Contact us: mapa.millmerran@gmail.com 🤆



TERM 3 **JULY 14 - SEPT 19**

FREE TRIAL CLASSES

WEDNESDAY:

- YOUTH CHOIR 3:45-4:30
- ACRO JNR (4-7yrs) 3:45-4:40PM
- ACRO INTER (7+) 4:30 - 5:30PM

THURSDAY:

TABLE*:

- TINY TOTS (2-4YRS) 2:00PM -2:45PM
- MG's (4-7YRS) 3:45PM-4:30PM
- INTERS (7-10YRS) 4:30PM-5:30PM
- SENIORS (10YRS+) 5:30PM-6:30PM











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Lions Club of Millmerran



Welcome to August - The Gateway forward to Spring!

Our next GARAGE SALE will be held on SATURDAY 9TH AUGUST FROM 8.30AM - 12PM

If you would like to donate to the shed or check out what is available for sale, please contact the members listed below.

Ben Lindenmayer 0428 186 152 Rita Perry 0428 954 184

Lois Lindenmayer 0409 983 003 Val Grundon 0429 171 080

New members are always welcome. If you would like to come along for a visit.

Our meetings are monthly, the 4th Tuesday, 7pm at the Lions Den, The Mill Inn Tavern.

Until next month, please stay well, safe and informed.

Forest Pines Rural Fire Brigade 5 Rosella Ave. The Pines

RURAL FIRE SERVICE It has been an incredibly busy month for us, with permit burns no call out's phew. The roads have been busy with accidents though so remember to drive to conditions. I'm hoping to get our road Accident Training done very soon, we are pleased to see that our Brigade Members are up to date with CPR and new First Aid, good job guys.

Training has been going well with our new recruits. Our Meetings are 3rd Sunday of the month at 10 am so feel free to pop in and meet our team.

One of our members went to the summit at the Royal Pines Resort at the Gold Coast. Over the two days participants took part in professional development sessions, keynote presentations and RFSQ-themed workshops.

Volunteer members explored trade exhibitions, participated in interactive Q&A sessions with the RFSQ Senior Leadership Team and had the chance to build their knowledge and network.

The QFD Volunteer Strategy workshops allowed volunteers to explore how key priorities translate into tangible benefits for brigades. On the Gold Coast, two volunteers – Sam Webster and Ken Hartman – also shared their volunteer journeys. Sam shared his path to leadership and how he invests in developing his team. Ken spoke about the challenges remote brigades face and shared his story about serving his community and ensuring his brigade's legacy.

Until next monthj stay safe, and remember, in an emergency,

contact 000. Nick Konicanin First Officer 0456 360 028 Shiree Jones Secretary 0418 717 683

Craig Carney Fire Warden 0447 564 157

YALLAMBEE AUXILIARY

- Some great new initiatives in Kooroongarra
 Lodge with the purchasing of specific
 activities for those residents; all part of
 an on-going plan led by our enthusiastic
 Diversional Therapist, Julia Keen.
- Some great new initiatives elsewhere in Yallambee with more new activities. And of course Penny with her music group, ably assisted by our own Dance Music Aficionado Bev Shanks!! They make a VERY happy noise!!
- Residents are seen "Out and About". A great morning at the Pittsworth and Millmerran School Bands Concert: A lot of smiles and foot-tapping. But our bus is not big enough to go too far afield.

 ANY IDEAS??
- August Rezzie birthdays, another month full of Cake and Parties!! Don Dobell (4th)

 Irene Missen (9th) Ian Dawson (11th)

 Ron Bailey (23rd) John Barry (30th)

ICPA—Kindon Branch's 2025



16 August 5.30pm

Yagaburne Cricket Club

\$40 per person, \$20 Students, Primary School Free

(incudes Dinner)

Yabbie Races, Auction & Great Prizes!

For more info go to www.Trybooking.com/DCMYN
Buses from Millmerran & Goondiwindi—book online

St Joseph's School Millmerran

2026 PREP ENROLMENTS OPEN!



Prep Enrolment Interviews - 24 & 26 June
Prep Transition Day 1 - 23 October from 9am-11am
Prep Transition Day 2 - 6 November from 11am-1pm
Prep Transition Day 3 - 20 November from 1pm-3pm
Prep Transition Day 4 - 2 December from 8:30am-3pm



For more information contact St Joseph's School 25 Walpole Street, Millmerran QLD 4357

Phone: 07 46 953 600

Email: millmerran@twb.catholic.edu.au







Millmerran State School



19 Simmons Street **PO Box 516**

4695 3333 admin@millmerranss.eq.edu.au



2025 Kindy to 2026 Prep Transition Days

Millmerran State School Prep is Free!

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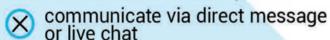
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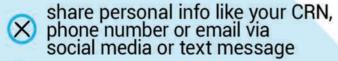
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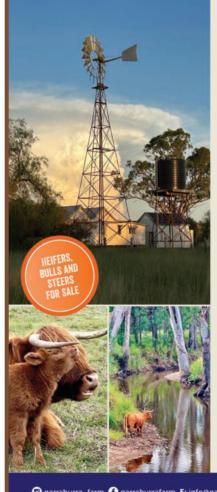
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August 9 Sporting Shooters Association AGM/GM

August 10 Wylahra Grove Progress Assoc.

August 12 Millmerran Ministers Association

August 14 Millmerran Local Ambulance AGM

August 14 Senior Citizens

August 16 Millmerran Arts & Crafts

August 17 Forest Pines Rural Fire Brigade
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August 19 Hospital Auxiliary

August 20 Millmerran Commerce & Progress Inc.

August 21 SES Training

August 23 Millmerran Historical Society AGM

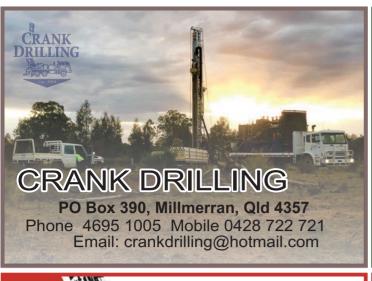
August 23 RSL Meeting

August 26 Millmerran Lions Club

October 7 Millmerran Show AGM

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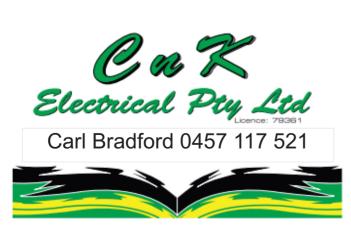












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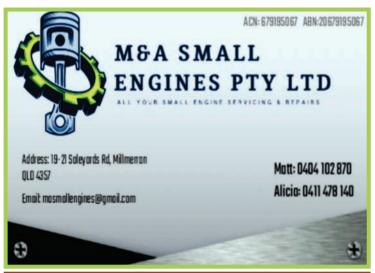
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Toowoomba Regional Council (TRC) to trial expanded Millmerran Waste Facility hours, offer option of kerbside bin collection to residents

Published by TRC 16 July, 2025

Toowoomba Regional Council has this week resolved to trial expanded hours at the Millmerran Waste Management Facility and seek the views of the community in potentially expanding the current kerbside bin collection across the Millmerran district.

At this week's (July 15, 2025) Ordinary Meeting of Council, Councillors endorsed a resolution that will see the operating hours of the Millmerran Waste Management Facility expanded until the Region's new Waste Strategy is decided.

Residents who currently do not have a kerbside bin collection service in the Millmerran district will also be given an opportunity to express their interest in having the red and yellow bin collection service expanded into their area. The endorsed motion was as follows:

That Council, in response to the feedback obtained from the community, approve:

1. An increase to the operational hours at the <u>Millmerran Waste Facility as a trial, commencing 4 August,</u>

<u>2025.</u> The period of the trial will conclude with the adoption of Council's revised Waste Strategy to be presented to Council on or before the February 2026, Ordinary Meeting of Council.

- 1. The operational hours over the term of the trial will be:
 - 1. Monday 1pm to 5pm,
 - 2. Tuesday 8am to 1pm,
 - 3. Wednesday 8am to 12noon,
 - 4. Thursday 12noon to 5pm,
 - 5. Friday 1pm to 5pm, and
 - 6. Saturday and Sunday 10am to 5pm.



This option will provide a total of 36 hours per week of access.

- 3. Additional budget be allocated to Water & Waste of \$30,000 over an anticipated 30-week trial period.
- 4. That an Expression of Interest is sought from the Community affected by the removal of the waste stations for the expansion of the current Kerbside Bin Collection area subject to:
 - 1. Council's contractor's ability to expand the service area;
 - 2. Residents within expanded area paying the additional \$327.42 per annum charge, in accordance with Councils Fees and Charges; and
 - 3. The majority of residents (51%) included in the expanded service area accept the new service.
- 5. That the following activities occur to communicate this motion to the impacted community:
 - 1. Flyers to be distributed to the community and corflutes erected at the remediated bin station sites advising:
 - 1. New Millmerran Waste Facility trial operating hours and;
 - 2. Kerbside collection service Expression of Interest.

Contact with Toowoomba Regional Council (TRC) can be made through the following to Express interest for Kerbside Bin Collection:- PHONE: 131 872 EMAIL: lnfo@tr.qld.gov.au or lodge your interest in person at the TRC Millmerran Service Centre – Cnr. Campbell and Charlotte Streets, Millmerran.

(This article - courtesy of Millmerran Commerce & Progress Inc. in the interest of informing the Millmerran Community.)

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

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PRAYER - Is there an order?

We read last time in Matthew 6, that as Jesus teaches His disciples how to pray, he opens his model prayer with "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name". Jesus is the direct son of God, but by saying "our father", He includes His disciples. If you are saved today then God is your heavenly father. When a soul repents of his/her sin, & turns

toward Jesus Christ, it is God who gives that repentant lost soul, spiritual life. That soul that was once dead in trespasses and sin is made alive, and forever has an eternity to be enjoyed with our heavenly Father. Only a Holy God can do that. Only God who is pure & perfect can make that possible. Yes, God is a holy (hallowed) name.

So Jesus begins his prayer with addressing God the father, & gives respect to the name of His father, God. This is a good model to follow when it comes to our prayer. It is important for us to remember to whom we are speaking. God is our loving father that has adopted us into His family when we accepted His son as sacrifice for our sins, and He is also Jehovah God, the God of all, whose name is to be respected & revered above all names. Then Christ says "Thy kingdom come.". A short statement, but something every Christian ought to be looking forward to. The coming kingdom of God is an event on God's calendar that should excite the believer. One day after Christ has come, and judgment has been passed upon all mankind for their sin, God will set His kingdom, & it will be glorious! It will be without sin in a wonderful eternity of security, love and care from a Holy God. Jesus had His eyes on the prize when He prayed. He was looking forward to the coming kingdom of His father & teaches us to also. We ought to keep in remembrance that this world is not our eternity but God's kingdom is!

Then Jesus continues to pray, as in our verse above, for God's will to be sought, followed & performed here on earth. As God in heaven would want His will to be exercised, may we be found doing it here on earth. Jesus is praying for the state of the world. He is desiring that believers pray for their fellow man & for the condition that this world is in. There ought to be desire in our prayer that people would seek God's will above their own. It is easy to do our own will. Many people just do what they want, but how often does man seek the will of

JESUS TEACHES HOW TO PRAY



Yes, there is an order to the Lord's prayer. This first section of Jesus' prayer is directed toward God. 3 times we have the word "thy". Firstly, "thy name". This is **reverence** to God as to who He is, & His holiness. Secondly, "thy kingdom". This is **remembrance** of His kingdom. God's

God before they take action. As Jesus prays here, He sets a pattern for us.

kingdom is coming & every soul must be prior prepared, or face the wrath of God. Thirdly, "thy will". This is respect to His will. We ought to respect the will of God above our own, & desire it enough in others to pray for them. This is the key to our world issues. We cannot fix the problems our self, but God can. Our prayer to God is the best weapon against the wickedness of man. May we pray as Jesus did & give God the reverence, remembrance & respect that He deserves.



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The Bible...Why So Important?

I think one of the most amazing testimonies to the truth of the Bible is its preservation over thousands of years despite so numerous efforts to destroy it.

This month let's look at how God has preserved His Word for us to read and know who He is and to know His heart for us.

The original scriptures were written on perishable materials of papyrus and parchment susceptible to decay due to moisture, insects and time. But the Bible has not only survived natural decay but fierce opposition to its truth from political and religious authorities.

One of the Kings of Judah destroyed the entire text of the writings of Jeremiah. God told Jeremiah to write it again. And Jeremiah did and the message was not destroyed.

Throughout history, his kind of persecution happened repeatedly.

But the scriptures still exist. It's been impossible to get rid of it. God kept them for us.

Some have argued how can such an ancient book address modern issues effectively. Despite technological advances, the fundamental aspects of human nature remain. The Bible speaks directly to the universal needs and challenges all people face.

We are all confronted with stuff in life. And we stand against the attacks of Devil the same way Jesus did. Not with our own wisdom but with the wisdom of the Word of God. Not with our own knowledge but with our knowledge of the Word of God. We know when Satan tempted Jesus, Jesus didn't sav. Well I think... No. He said. It is written... It is written...

It is written. This's wisdom and knowledge...because wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of our times (Isaiah 33:6).

If you feel like your life is always up and down, you need wisdom and stability. And you will find it in the pages of Word of God.

I love what Jesus says in Matthew 7:24-27. In verse 24, He begins by saying, Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came,....It doesn't matter whether you are the most brilliant Christian filled with the Words of God or if you've only just accepted Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, welcome to life...floods come to everybody! But, according to these verses, it's the person with the Word of God and applies it to their life who survives the flood.

Then verse 25 goes on to say, ... and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house: and it fell. And great was its fall.

Never underestimate the stability the words of God can bring to our lives. As we lean upon its truth, it keeps us upright during the storms of life, on course and steadies us from being cap sized.

We see that throughout the pages Bible...Joseph in prison, Daniel in the lion's den and the four Hebrew young people in the fiery furnace. Jesus slept in a boat while a storm raged. Paul sat in peace in a ship which he knew would be destroyed but he also knew that there'd be no loss of life.

Isaiah 33:6 tells us, Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times, And the strength of salvation; The fear of the Lord is His treasure. Why is that? It's because the wisdom and knowledge of God's Word coming to us across a pulpit or from our personal study of Bible will keep us stable in our times.

While the Bible has been unquestionably the most attacked and criticised book in history, its truth stands today as strong as ever. It has changed lives of millions of people who read it daily. Let one of those lives be yours.

> God's Words are so powerful. The more you open them up, the more you'll find there is to thom.

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As you walk up to the most beautiful house you can image, you open the gate and make your way along the pathway to the front door. You cast your eyes on the immaculate landscaping with flourishing plants and flowers. Reaching the entry, you insert the key and gently push open the ornate stain glassed door. What meets your gaze, is not what you were expecting. Every shelf, every bench, and covering all of the floor, is rubbish. A foul smelling odour permeates the air. Suddenly you notice that the disgusting mass seems to be moving. On closer inspection you realise there are rats scurrying everywhere. You quickly set lots of traps to get rid of the feral invasion. But this doesn't seem to work. First you have to remove the rubbish, cleaning out the house so the rats have nowhere to live. This is like our lives, we may look great on the outside, but inside we are full of rubbish. We try to live 'good' lives, but find ourselves doing things we really don't want to do. Everything we put into our bodies affects us.... What we eat, what we watch, where we go, who we hang out with, what we read etc. if we clean up the rubbish in our lives first, we are better able to remove the 'demons' in our lives. The Bible says, whatsoever things are true, noble, just, pure, lovely, of good report, virtuous and praiseworthy, we are to meditate on these. (Philippians 4:8)

School Chaplain. Millmerran P-10 State School



St Peters Anglican Church Services for August 2025

Sunday 3rd 9.30am Morning Prayer
Sunday 10th 9.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 17th 9.30am Morning Prayer

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August weekend Mass/Liturgy times:

- NB Cecil Plains: Saturday August 16th, Winter Mass at 4.00pm.
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- Social Justice Sunday, August 31st. The theme?
 "Truth and Peace: A gospel Word in a Violent World."
 Come pray with us!!



Wind from Elsewhere Ministry

In the days of Noah, (Gen. 6:11-13) "when the earth was corrupted in God's eyes, and the earth was filled with violence." and "The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth...and the thoughts in his heart were continually evil". Noah found favour in God's eyes. He told him that He was going to bring a flood upon the earth and alienate everyone. He allowed Noah to build an ark. It took Noah 100 years to complete the ark. Noah never stopped preaching about the Time that was coming. But the people didn't believe him; they were quite contented with their own wickedness and idolatry. Their hearts were evil and their ears dull. No-one repented and no-one cared to seek God.

Jesus warns us that the End Times will be much the same. He warns us to be ready (Matt. 25:31-33) as He will come at an hour when we do not expect Him. Anyone who watches the evening news must realize that we are living in a turbulent and chaotic world, "and perilous times will come. For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money,....lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God."...and everything in between (2 Tim. 1:1-4).

TAKE NOTE that, on Noah's Ark, there was only one door for anyone to come in. In our days, Jesus is our Ark and He is the Door, the only Door to Salvation. There is no detour, no short-cut, no back door. Only one Door, Jesus Christ.

Without Him, there is no hope, no life, only death. An intimate relationship with Him will bring you into the Ark.

REMEMBER, only the ones in Noah's Ark got saved, the others perished.

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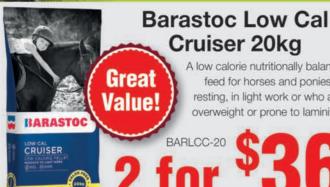






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Welcome to the August Millmerran and District Newsletter

It has been quite the month for Millmerran and our organisation. What came as a surprise was the complete removal of skip bins from the seven localities West of Millmerran (Millmerran Woods, Millmerran Downs, Cypress Gardens, Forest Ridge, Condamine Farms, The Pines and Wattle Ridge), Rocky Creek, Bringalily, Kooroongarra and Turallin.

What the Toowoomba Regional Council (TRC) may not have anticipated was the strong backlash and community unrest this decision would provoke. There has been significant media coverage and extensive correspondence between councillors and the Waste Department in an effort to reach a solution that works for all parties. When MCPI first met with TRC to discuss the decision, it became evident that a well-utilised service was being withdrawn, with no practical alternative proposed to fill the gap it would leave behind. Throughout the discussions, it was confirmed that the skip bins are to be permanently removed.

Fortunately, a proposed solution has emerged, with the *Millmerran Waste Facility* set to extend its operating hours to seven days a week, with the following schedule:

Monday - 1pm to 5pm, Tuesday - 8am to 1pm, Wednesday - 8am to 12noon, Thursday - 12noon to 5pm, Friday - 1pm to 5pm, and Saturday and Sunday - 10am to 5pm.

It is now up to our community to make use of the waste facility, and we will continue to advocate for extended opening hours to better meet local needs.

An Expression of Interest is sought from the Community affected by the removal of the waste stations for the expansion of the current Kerbside Bin Collection area.

This can be done by calling TRC on 131 872 and lodging your request.

(Full details of the TRC media release Waste Facility hours and bin collection is on page 32 of this publication.)

MCPI representatives have held several meetings throughout July, actively lobbying on behalf of our community to ensure our voices remain strong, relevant, and heard. This included meetings with TRC Parking Strategy, TRC Libraries, TRC Economic Development, TRC Grants, Punch's Creek Solar Farm, Greenleaf Renewables, Qld Conservation Council and Community Power Agency.

At the July General Meeting there were representatives in attendance from Genex, Inland Rail, Millmerran Rail Group and Millmerran Community Foundation.

Thank you to all members of MCPI for attending our meetings and bringing forward your concerns and providing input from other not for profit groups in Millmerran.

New members are always welcome, MCPI has 3 categories of membership:
Business, Organisations and Individuals.
The next MCPI General Meeting will be Wednesday 20th August at the
Millmerran Tennis Club,40 Commens Street,
Millmerran – 5.30pm for a 5.45pm start.

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General Meeting 20th August, 25 - held at Millmerran Tennis

Clubhouse, 40 Commens Street, Millmerran - next door to Millmerran

Indoor Sports Centre. Open at 5.30pm for 5.45pm start

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