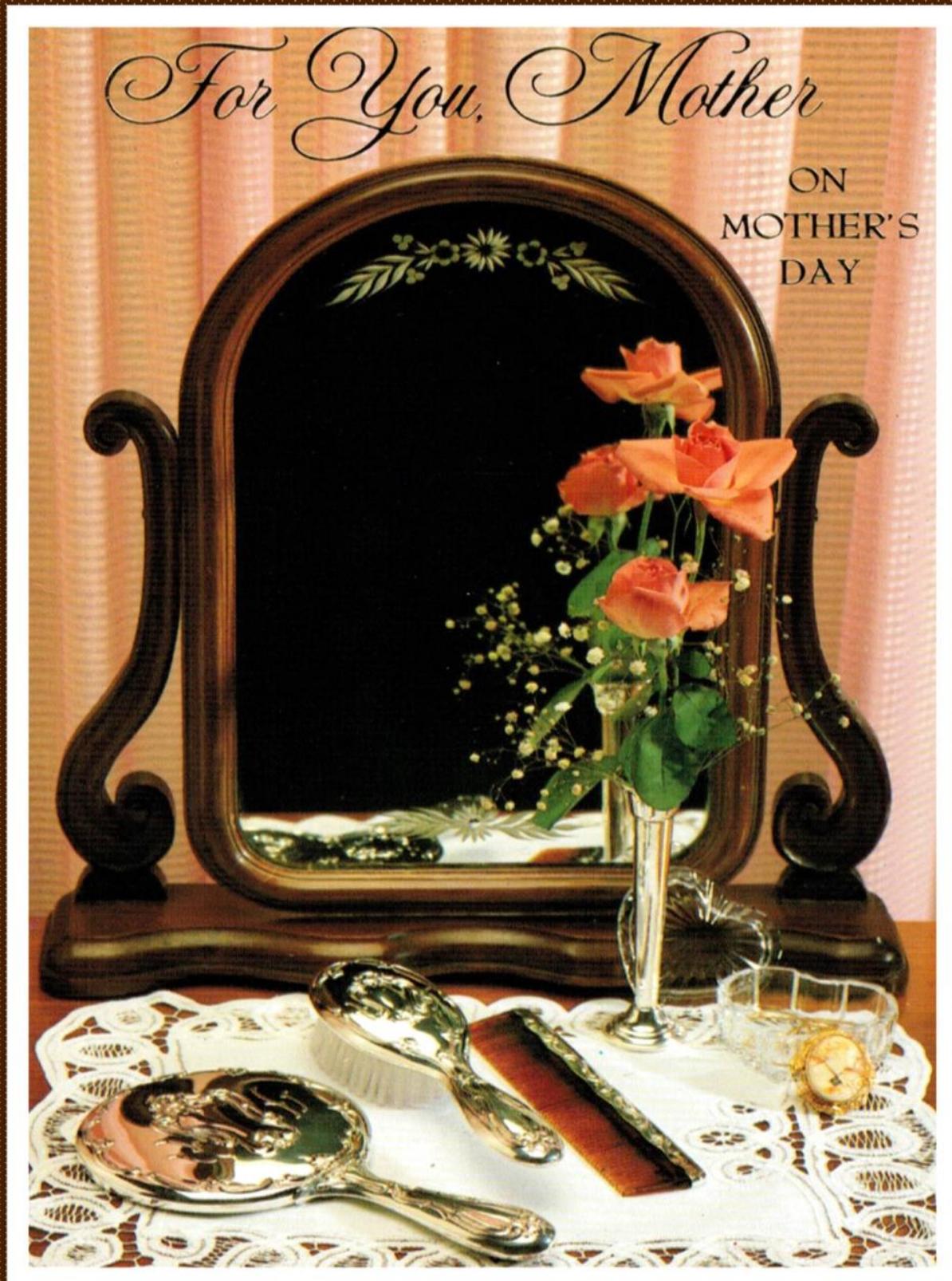


# MILLMERRAN & DISTRICT NEWS

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## **Millmerran Commerce & Progress Inc. May, 2020 Report**

**Sunday 10th May is Mother's Day 2020** and we will most likely still be in lockdown due to the pandemic. How inventive can you be to convey your love to ALL the Mothers in your life! Make this year the most memorable Mothers Day ever.

**Happy Mothers Day to all our readers.**

28th March, 2020 the Toowoomba Regional Council election for our Mayor and 10 Councillors for the next four years was held. After a delay in finalising the election results the declared Mayor and Councillors were sworn in at a modified ceremony on 16th April, 2020. Welcome back to Mayor Paul Antonio, and Councillors Geoff Mc Donald, Megan O'Hara Sullivan, Carol Taylor, James O'Shea, Bill Cahill and Nancy Sommerfield. Successful councillor candidates— Rebecca Von Hoff, Kerry Shine, Melissa Taylor and Tim Mc Mahon. Our association is looking forward to the Portfolio announcements. A very successful campaign for Rebecca Von Hoff who gained the most votes out of the 10 declared Councillor positions.

As we are all coming to terms with the Covid-19 restrictions and social distancing, we have been informed, recently there has also been some confirmed cases of Ross River Virus presented in the Millmerran area. As a community service we have obtained a fact sheet in Pdf format from Darling Downs Health. The Ross River Virus fact sheet and an updated fact sheet on Q Fever (6.3.2019) have been uploaded onto the MCPI website.— [www.millmerrancommerce.com](http://www.millmerrancommerce.com) Please take the time to read these fact sheets and pass on the information to others who may also be interested.

No General meeting for the month of April, however all members have been emailed with copies of the minutes for February and March meetings, correspondence for the current month and Treasurer's report. Our management committee is operating through email and phone. Newsletter is still in print production and being distributed by mail and from stores in Millmerran. Our office at 31 Campbell Street (Steve Antonio building) however is closed. Volunteers are working from home, but please put your advertising notes in the YELLOW BOX on the stairs of the building and they will be collected. Thank you to everyone who has found something to produce an article for the May newsletter, something for our community to read. Cooperation and understanding during these unprecedented times is the most powerful tool everyone can use. Thank you to our retail business outlets for keeping your doors open, shelves stocked and operating even if it is under different circumstances. Thank you to the Council services, farming, production, transport, earth works businesses for keeping Australia going during this pandemic. We depend on our Health Care Workers who provide medical, allied health, hospital and aged care services. Every occupation, whatever it may be, playing their part to keep Australia on track. Hopefully when this is all over the travelling holiday makers will return to the roads in droves, just wanting to hit the road again after spending so much time in isolation. Our town will welcome their visit and appreciate them spending their dollars in Millmerran.

Good news—Heritage Walk Plaques are manufactured and when it is possible we shall have them secured to the 10 nominated buildings.

During the month we received a reply from Council with regard to our request for 1. An upgrade to the Stormwater drainage for Millmerran 2. Maintenance programme for the existing drainage.

Advice received indicates that an Urban Stormwater Master Plan for Millmerran was endorsed in August, 2019. A copy of this plan has been requested along with the budget costs for the several projects that form part of this plan. Yet to be provided— information from Construction and Maintenance South branch as to the regularity of maintenance for the existing pits and drains within the Millmerran township.

Busking in Millmerran—further planning on this event is on hold until some indication of the lifting of restrictions for group/ event gatherings is provided by government officials.

Millmerran.net.au— still working on it. Our website designer is currently weighed down with extra digital duties to meet the work at home requirements for students. All good things are worth waiting for, you won't be disappointed.

Please stay well, stay at home, take precautions and keep in contact during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**ALL MEETINGS have been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.**

**The committee will inform when we can resume meetings.**

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# MILLMERRAN COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICE

*Building our Community—Together*

Service Established 18 April 1995

**30-32 Campbell Street Millmerran ~ 46955 650**



**The Millmerran Community Support Service** remains open **Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm** [Closed for lunch between 12.30pm & 1.30pm and on public holidays.]

If you, or someone you know, requires information or support that you are unable to source elsewhere, please get in touch: **Office: P: 46 955 650; Virginia Wacker: Community Development Officer P: 46 955 653; M: 0448 608 869 or E: [virginia.wacker@tr.qld.gov.au](mailto:virginia.wacker@tr.qld.gov.au)**

## IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY...

1. CALL **000** FROM EITHER A LANDLINE OR MOBILE [NB: Ensure your address is up to date with your phone and internet providers]
2. IF **000** is NOT AVAILABLE—Australia also has 2 other emergency service numbers. **112** can only be dialled on a mobile phone and **106** can only be used with a teletypewriter (TTY) or a device for the deaf. 106 is a text-based emergency service number for people who are deaf, or who have a hearing or speech impairment.
3. If you're unable to speak to the Triple Zero (000) operator. You can still receive emergency help if it is not safe to speak, or you cannot speak. When a 000 caller doesn't respond to the operator's question 'Emergency. Police? Fire? Ambulance?' the call is transferred to an interactive voice response (IVR). The IVR asks you to press **55** if you require emergency help. If you don't press 55 after being asked three times, your call will be disconnected. If you press 55 you will be connected to the police. If you are still unable to speak, the police will attempt to call you back and might also send a patrol car to your address. Police will use the address for the service (which would usually be either your home or billing address). This means it is important to make sure that your telco has the most up-to-date address details for your phone services.
4. Download the **EMERGENCY +** App on your mobile device. This APP is available from Google Play & the Apple Store [The App has a RED background with a WHITE cross and EMERGENCY written on the cross in RED letters. Once downloaded, this app can be used to contact **000, SES – 132 500 or Police Assistance Line on 131444**. The App will give you your LOCATION via GPS Latitude and Longitude co-ordinates [states it is accurate to within 10 metres]. Additional numbers provided on the Emergency + App include: **Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000; Health Direct – 1800 022 222; National Relay Service icon; National Security Hotline 1800 123 400 and the Poisons Information Hotline 131 126**.
5. **Qld Community Recovery Hotline: 1800 173 349** [will link seniors & other vulnerable Qld people to essential services & support]
6. **Coronavirus National Hotline Support: 1800 020 080**
7. **Care Army:** To register as a volunteer, call **1800 173 349** or go to <https://register.emergencyvolunteering.com.au/carearmy>
8. **Lifeline Service—13 11 14**
9. **National Covid-19 Hotline— 1800 020 080**
10. **Beyond Blue—1300 224 636**
11. **National Debt Helpline—1800 007 007**

## **Millmerran Local Telephone & Email Directory Update**

- ✓ Are you new to Millmerran?
- ✓ 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  
46955 650.

## **Business, Community and Sporting Club Organisation Contact Updates 2020**

Please email your current contact details to [virginia.wacker@tr.qld.gov.au](mailto: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.

**NDIS (NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME):** Anyone who requires information and/or assistance with NDIS please contact **Nicole Jackson-Ryan Ph: 4646 2800**

**GAMBLING COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND GRANTS:** [www.gamblingcommunityfund.qld.gov.au](http://www.gamblingcommunityfund.qld.gov.au) to submit an application. Closing dates each year: 28 February (29 February in a leap year); 30th April; 30th June; 31st August and 31st October.

**SENIORS NEWSPAPERS:** Call into the office and pick up your free copy of the Seniors Newspaper.



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## FOR SALE



Price Reduced

**1 Allen Street Millmerran - Fully Renovated 3 Bedroom - Large Corner Allotment - Fully Air-conditioned - \$189,000 - Area - 1318 sqm - Fully renovated 3 bedroom home, 1 bedroom with wall a/c and heater, 2 bedrooms with split system a/c. Open plan living area, combining the new kitchen, dining and lounge area, which has a wall a/c and ceiling fan. The new kitchen has wall oven, ceramic cooktop and dishwasher. New bathroom with toilet shower and vanity, laundry. New flooring throughout. Front undercover outdoor area, back carport, storage shed and garden shed, fenced yard. Great location, close walking distance to the Tavern and Foodworks. The large corner allotment allows provisions to build a shed, with plenty of street access.**



**36a Nardoo Street Millmerran - Cute Cosy Cottage + Shed - \$128,000 - Area - 754 sqm - 2 Bedroom cottage, larger main b/r with split system air-conditioner. Office, lounge / dining area with split system air conditioner. Basic kitchen with wood stove. Renovated bathroom with disabled access shower, toilet and vanity. Small rainwater tank with pressure pump. 2nd toilet outside, 6 x 6m shed, 6 solar panels, fenced yard, close walking distance to the main street.**

**Inspections by appointment -  
Office 07 4695 1355**

**Jan Fitzgerald: 0428 951 056  
Jason Fitzgerald: 0428 951 355  
Office: 07 4695 1355**



New Listing

**"Oakfield" Cropping, Grazing, Sheds - \$2,160,000 Property Description - 11 Titles - Area: 389.54 hectares (962.55 acres)**

Location - "Oakfield" is located 19km south of Millmerran. Access from 3 Roads - Millmerran Kooroongarra Road, Nicol Creek Road and Taylor Road. "Oakfield" comprises of approximately 520 acres Brigalow Belah cultivation, which is currently under crop - 220 acres of White French Millet and 300 acres of Panorama Millet. The cultivation is contoured. On the northern end of the property, there is approximately 280 acres of timbered grazing country with Mingimamy Creek running through. It also borders onto the Pine Mountain, State Forest. On the southern end of the property, there is approximately 160 acres of lightly timbered grazing country. Improvements - 9 x 8m Colorbond Shed, adjoining 7 x 8m carport, concrete flooring, fully insulated with power connected, sliding glass doors on 2 sides for access. 27 x 18m 3 sided Machinery shed, 5 x 5000gal rainwater tanks.

3 Bedroom workers cottage (currently used for storage), 100t silo, Water - 4 Dams, refurbished windmill bore (on Nicol Creek Road boundary) Fencing - Fenced into 2 paddocks, with a separate boundary fence on both the northern and southern blocks. Possibilities for property to sold in 2 separate blocks. "Oakfield" is an excellent property in the sought after Millmerran area and provides a good balance of cropping and grazing.



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[www.millmerranruralagencies.com.au](http://www.millmerranruralagencies.com.au)



New Listing

**"Silverdale" Quality Grazing - Abundance of Grass & Water - \$1,350,000 - 11884 Gore Highway Millmerran - Location - "Silverdale" is located 40km south of Millmerran. It is very centrally located for markets, 119 km to Toowoomba, 129km to Dalby and 111km to Goondiwindi. Area: 569.86 hectares (1408.12 acres) "Silverdale" has approximately 400 acres of Brigalow, Belah country, 800 acres of cleared soft Iron Bark country with the balance being timbered Narrow Leaf Iron Bark country with useable timber. The property is generally undulating with several ridges and timbered shade clumps. Most of the property has been developed with improved pastures and has excellent stands of Buffel, Premier Digit grass, Bambatsi and Natural Blue grass. The property has previously been conservatively carrying approximately 80 cows and calves plus trade cattle when seasons permit. Improvements - Comfortable 3 bedroom home with a reverse cycle air-conditioner, modern kitchen with an electric stove. House yard is fully fenced. 3 Bay garage, with 2 bays lock-up and power connected. 3 x 5000 gal rain water tanks. 60'x 60' machinery shed, Cattle yards, steel and timber, works 120 cows & calves. Fencing - Mostly new internal fencing and stock proof boundary fencing. Water - 4 large dams and equipped bore. "Silverdale" currently has an abundance of feed and water, receiving a total of 358mm of rain already this year and would make an excellent purchase for any buyer looking for feed.**



## 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](mailto: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



# Updates from the Toowoomba Region

## Changes to services

To assist in the management of the Coronavirus. We're practicing social distancing to ensure the health and safety of our community. This has resulted in some temporary changes to our services. These are being reviewed and updated regularly.

- Many events have been cancelled
- Closure of libraries (online options still available)
- Closure of Council-owned art galleries
- Closure of aquatic and fitness centres
- Closure of Millmerran and Crows Nest indoor sports centres
- Closure of Council campgrounds
- Closure of all function and cultural centres and town halls
- Closure of walk-in visits at the Drayton and Toowoomba Cemetery office
- Closure of Jondaryan Woolshed
- Free plant pickups have been suspended
- Closure of Peacehaven Botanic Park Nursery
- Closure of Reviva Re-Use Shop at Greater Toowoomba Waste Management Facility (GTWMF)
- GTWMF is now cashless only
- CHANGE Project activities cancelled
- Customer Service phonenumber open hours aligned with centre hours 8.30am – 5.15pm Monday – Friday and is now cashless transactions only. Face to face service by appointment at Toowoomba, Millmerran and Crows Nest centres on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 1pm and 4pm for selected services which cannot be conducted by phone or online.
- Mt Kynoch Laboratory testing services has been suspended except by appointment
- Closure of playgrounds, outdoor gyms, BBQ facilities and skate parks
- Animal management centre drop-offs via drop-off box only and releases by appointment
- Closure of City Hall

These changes are being reviewed and updated regularly - visit [www.tr.qld.gov.au/servicechanges](http://www.tr.qld.gov.au/servicechanges) to stay up-to-date. Contact individual event organisers or facility managers for more information.

### Customer service online

If you're following social distancing recommendations and want to avoid coming into the customer service centres. We have many resources available to do business with us online. You can make payments, request a service or report a problem, provide feedback, complaints and compliments. To view all available options visit [www.tr.qld.gov.au/onlineservices](http://www.tr.qld.gov.au/onlineservices)

### Waste collection

Our waste trucks continue to service the region all year round. Bins need to be out by 6am of the service day and by 5am in the Toowoomba CBD. Truck routes can change at any time, which means your bin will be serviced at anytime between 6am – 6pm. If you put your bin out by 6am and think that the truck has missed it, please call us on 131 872. For more information on collection days in your area visit [www.tr.qld.gov.au/waste](http://www.tr.qld.gov.au/waste)

### 3 P's

Running low on supplies? Don't add blocked drains to your troubles! Remember that toilets and sewerage systems are only designed for pee, poo

and toilet paper. Other items (EG wet wipes, tissues and paper towels) cause blockages in our sewerage network and must not be flushed down the loo, instead place them in a sealed plastic bag and place into general waste.

### Parks and Trails

Our parks and bushland trails are still open for the purpose of outdoor exercise. Please practice social distancing in line with State and Federal Government guidelines. A few changes to our parks and playgrounds include; dog off-leash areas will now require dogs to remain on leash; playgrounds, outdoor gyms, barbecue facilities and skate parks have temporarily closed. For a full list of services, facilities and events that have been affected by the Coronavirus outbreak, visit [www.tr.qld.gov.au/servicechanges](http://www.tr.qld.gov.au/servicechanges)

### Water restrictions

Water restriction levels vary depending on where you live. There are guidelines for using water inside and outside the home at every level. For information on water usage in your area visit [www.tr.qld.gov.au/waterrestrictions](http://www.tr.qld.gov.au/waterrestrictions)

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



## *From the Mayor's Desk*



Who would have ever thought that we would be where we are currently with the Corona Virus. Despite the difficulties and the inconvenience we must as a community and as a nation stay on track and be very disciplined. I doubt any of us have ever experienced an Easter like our recent one. When you look around the world there have been some absolute national disasters in Italy, Spain Britain and now the emerging disaster in the USA. I applaud the work of our National and State leaders in coming together for the common good. In a recent phone hook up a senior medical officer indicated that this could peak as late as February 2021. I seriously hope this is not true and that the sacrifices we are making pay off.

The Toowoomba scene has been absolutely devastated and to see the streets over Easter was a true indication of just how bad things really are. As a busy widower I do eat out regularly and mostly my regular haunts are closed or simply supplying take-aways. The good thing is I've had to gain a few culinary skills in recent times.

The saddest thing here in Toowoomba apart from the loss of two lives, is the number of people who, because of the pandemic, have lost their job and could lose their homes either rented or owned. There are so many viable businesses with big private investment and commitment that have simply shut down. This is why the Federal and State governments must stump up and support those who need it. They must make sure that people are not too badly impacted and also that the businesses are able to start again when this is all over. It's about putting them in a holding pattern until this goes away. From my understanding this is at times a particularly nasty virus especially if those impacted have a pre-existing thoracic issue.

The recent news that school is off for five weeks is adding yet another dimension to everything. Most of the meetings I am having of late are Skype meetings and currently we are trying to work out how we will swear the council in and how we will organise our early meetings. These are interesting times and frankly we are in uncharted waters so it will take all we have to get through it. We must recognise the need for social separation and can I suggest there is a need for us to co-operate with the directions of the authorities and of course for prayer.

Can I please take this opportunity to thank all those who once again supported me in the recent election. I am very honoured as a born and bred Millmerran boy to hold the position I've been elected to. I am also so thankful to those who guided me in the early days in Millmerran, shire Chairman's like George Ezzy and Viv Saal and the CEOs and Councillors I worked with. When I reflect they were the good old days when people gave all because they loved their community. Recent times going back to the amalgamation, and the recent legislative changes have robbed us of a lot.

Part of my election undertaking was to put more money and effort into the regional communities. I do hope my colleagues will agree and support me.

For many primary producers in our area the impact of the drought, whilst overshadowed by the COVID-19, is still having a really bad impact on financial viability and mental health. It will take years for most of us to catch up and get back to normal again.

With the current issues created by COVID-19 please take care and please support those who need looking after. Don't forget that the rules put forward by the Federal and State government are for our own good and the good of the nation. The majority of the population are certainly doing as they are asked despite the difficulty of it all. Traffic counts on our roads were reduced by 75% over the Easter period.

Till next month,

Paul Antonio.

### Area Wide Management of Weeds

I've been busy over the last couple of weeks collecting feather top Rhodes samples that have been sent away to CSIRO for resistance testing and when fleabane shows its head in coming months samples of it will be collected and sent away for genetic analysis. Various trials will be set up on properties looking at different options for weed control.

We will also look at possibility of a collaborative and area wide approach to weed control in cropping areas.

This is all part of the 3 year project that involves 11 research and development partners: Grains Research and Development Corporation, Cotton Research and Development Corporation, AgriFutures Australia, CSIRO, University of Queensland, University of Adelaide, University of Wollongong, Mallee Sustainable Farming, Millmerran Landcare Group, Irrigation Research & Extension Committee Inc, and the Toowoomba Regional Council.

This project is supported through funding from the Australian Government Department of Agriculture as part of its Rural R&D for Profit program and the GRDC and the CRDC.

### MILLMERRAN LANDCARE

Phone: 0427 952336

Email: millmerranlandcare@bigpond.com

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I'm so excited to start seeing the right fire being used more regularly to improve the health and resilience of the land.

### Cultural Burning

Wow!!! What a wonderful turn out at our cultural burning workshop, with over 70 attendees on the day. Vic Steffensen shared his knowledge of country and how fire, the "right fire", can benefit the vegetation, soil and everything else that exists on that country.

Since the workshop with Vic we have burnt box country that was infested with African lovegrass, mother of millions and wattle regrowth. We will monitor and report on the results over coming weeks and months.



### **YALLAMBEE AUXILIARY**

**What a time of adjustment this Easter Season has been!!**

**Maybe we shall become more thoughtful.....more inventive.....maybe we can learn something new??**

- **May birthday: Bob Volker (18<sup>th</sup>).**
  - **No Yallabee shopping till further notice.**
  - **No Mother's Day Raffle. Lovely people who have already bought tickets can rest assured that those tickets will be valid for our next big Raffle: MRA Bowls Day, or Christmas!!**
  - **No Mother's Day Markets! We shall miss those few hours of Broxburn Music echoing down the street and over the Factory dam!!**
  - **Are you making chutney/pickles for our next Street Stall in October??**
- ⇒ **Our next meeting????? Watch this space!**

### **MILLMERRAN GARDEN CLUB**

Due to the restrictions caused by the COVID-19, there will be no garden club meetings held until further notice. In the meantime, stay safe & well & keep gardening.

Secretary:- Evelyn 4695 1616.



**MILLMERRAN ARTS COUNCIL**  
performances | exhibitions | workshops

PRESIDENT: Nell Macquoen 4695 6191  
SECRETARY: Leanne Brittan 4695 1138  
TREASURER: Beris Shelley 4695 1392  
PO Box 386 Millmerran 4357  
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The producer and dancer of “Up, Up and Away”, our cabaret last year, and of “Sugar, Sugar” our hoped for Cabaret at Camp Oven time, Jenny Usher, was telling us of a successful tour in Western Australia. And then there was lockdown! They, with thousands of musicians, performers, and entertainers of every kind, are now totally without income. They always were able to supplement their income with Club, Pub and Restaurant work.....but no more.....no income, no jobs, and no compensation.

The Queensland Symphony Orchestra players who were to come here for our 3-day Residency are likewise restricted. Wont it be good when all is clear and we can again look forward to a visit from them? To teach our students, perform for us, and our school students, and Yallabee residents!!

Our Library was one of our first facilities to totally close! Locked in people need a Good Read! Have you a book to lend or share? And how we miss our enthusiastic librarian Stephen McCreadie!!

We wonder what next month will bring.....And bounce with the butterflies to some HipHop or Jazz.....

**WYLAHRA GROVE PROGRESS ASSOC. INC. 1/A 05790 ABN: 14 386 407 283**



Yellow Tailed Black Cockatoo

Glossy Black Cockatoo

Located at 72 Primrose Drive, Millmerran Downs, Queensland, P.O. Box 105, Millmerran, Qld. 4357.  
Email: w.g.progress72@bigpond.com Website: <https://wgprogress72.wixsite.com/2017>   
District area- Millmerran Woods, Millmerran Downs, Cypress Gardens, Forest Ridge,  
Condamine Farms, Watty! Ridge, The Pines.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS  
FORWARD PLANNED  
FOR 2020 at time of  
print.**

- May -Deb Ball postponed
- May - Mothers Day Market—cancelled.
- May- Brekky in the Bush & Mother's Day Lunch—cancelled by Wylahra Grove Progress.
- 1st October Cabaret “Sugar , Sugar”
- 2nd October-Busking in Millmerran - awaiting advice.
- 2nd October Yallabee Street Stall.
- 3rd-4th October-Camp Oven Festival—planning going ahead at this stage.
- Nov/Dec 2020—Christmas in The Bush—tentative date claimer.

The facility at Millmerran Downs is usually open to the community district of Wylahra Grove Progress but has been closed to the public since the 25th March, 2020. Once restrictions have been reviewed by Federal Govt. in regards to community facilities it will be business as usual. Wylahra Grove Community News for May will be printed as usual and also available on our website. Please take a tour of our updated website, heaps of information for you to read and inform. Our volunteers are also working on our public Facebook page- a first for our association. General meetings are not being held for the association due to COVID-19 restrictions, but if you need to contact our Progress association please contact via email or phone 0417 782 810, to the Secretary. **Welcome to all the new residents in our district.**

## MILLMERRAN MEN'S SHED

What a strange world we live in! After 18 months of frustration, we are almost ready to move into our shed, only to finish up in lockdown for an unknown period of time.

All of our equipment and tools have been moved to the shed, and the benches and shelving are a work in progress. Periodically 2 only members, obviously obeying all the distancing rules, are continuing with the internal fittings.

Despite the disappointment of not being able to hold an ANZAC Day Service this year it was heartening to see some ANZAC wreaths attached to fence/gate posts around the town to commemorate all those who gave their lives for this wonderful country. Lest We Forget.

Currently, we have an application with the Australian Men's Shed Association for a grant to purchase a ride-on mower. Hopefully this will be successful.

Don't be afraid to call a member of the Millmerran Men's Shed if you need help with anything; We are always willing to help as long as the virus guidelines are adhered to.

Until next month

Quote : "If you don't want anyone to know, Don't do it". (Chinese Proverb)

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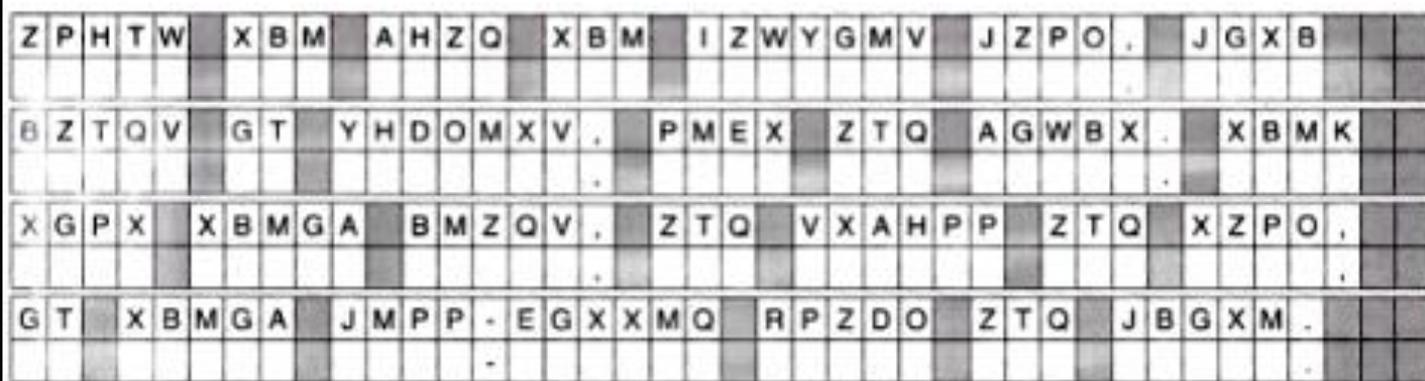
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## SENIOR CITIZENS

Keep safe - Till we meet again.

Can you crack the code to work out this quote from Judith Wright, suitable for bird lovers and Collingwood supporters? Hint: T becomes N.



### The Millmerran Debutante Ball

The ball has been postponed until life returns to normal after the Virus Lockdown, and it is safe and we are able to organise a new date, best wishes to all for good health and Happy home time and especially School Days ,Regards, Fran, Mary and Aileen and thanks to Robyn and the Helpers for the Millmerran Newsletter.



### Millmerran Lions Club



What is **YouCanToo** all about? We want to inspire you to get involved in the issues you care about. This is what [Lions Australia](#) is all about - we work together, through Lions clubs, to help others and achieve really great things. Our **YouCanToo** Ambassadors are people that WE admire! So come on, what are you waiting for? Find a Lions Club near you.

Just like a business, Lions Clubs need to refresh and innovate. To achieve this, we need new blood so to speak.

It reminded me that I need to help spread the word - all good people are welcome. We need new ideas, new energy, new faces, new hands to help. Could you be one of these new Lions?

Find your local Lions Clubs details below

I understand the current process for recruiting employees. Effective immediately I have a new challenge - how to recruit volunteers. This is my new task as a member of Millmerran Lion's Club

OK, did you know Lions Clubs International are the largest volunteer organisation in the world? And did you know LCI has a seat at the UN? The only volunteer organisation to do so. Our motto is *we serve*. Plain and simple. First and foremost we serve our local communities. Who would not want to be part of this?

Recruiting and retaining volunteers is harder than recruiting and retaining employees. Firstly, you don't get paid to volunteer. Secondly, you actually pay to belong! Within Lions our member money is kept completely separate from funds raised from the public. 100% of what we raise from the public goes back to Lions projects - locally, within Australia or to help with global projects and / or disaster relief.

I'm super keen to promote Lions and volunteering generally. This is fabric of our communities. As Aussies, we like to pride ourselves on mateship, pulling together to help others in need. The reality is we have a lot of so called time poor or just downright selfish members of our community. To volunteer you don't need to be rich. You just need to be kind-hearted with a couple of hours to spare each month. You can volunteer to help with a local park, to cook sausages (yep we are famous for sausage sizzles), to read to children, to visit elderly people and oh so much more.

Please consider volunteering. Please consider sharing. Please speak up and celebrate your volunteering or great volunteer opportunities in your neighbourhood.

At the moment we are all in isolation, so please look after each other and be safe

Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm at the Mill Inn Tavern Thanks again everyone who helps us out, and supports our great community If you would like to become a member of the Lion's club, and thus give a little back to your community, please contact one of the below numbers

**Contact numbers for the Millmerran Lion's Club are. V. Grundon 0429 171 080 and**

**Ros Richter on mob. 0428 956 165. C. Gibson on 4695 1532 or any other member that you know.**

Yours in Lion's Ros Richter

# MILLMERRAN GOLF CLUB inc.

May 2020

Well what can you say, the world is in shutdown, we have all been limited to what we can do and where we can go. These are challenging times and Golf has fared slightly better than some, but as for all small business in town ( and the entire country for that matter) we are suffering with the closure of the Clubhouse which is a main source of income and still bills to pay.

The current directive from Queensland Health via Golf Australia dated 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020, is that Golf clubs may operate under exception to the list of non essential activities:

There will be no competitions until further notice, Social golf only.

Golfers should exhibit a heightened awareness of personal hygiene and social distancing.

No more than two people to participate together.

Only one person per motorised cart.

Flagsticks and rakes should not be handled and remain in place.

Takeaway alcohol to be sold to members only.

Because things are changing daily, this is current as of the 16<sup>th</sup> April so by the time of publication, the situation may have changed, so keep up with directives. Remain focused on what is the best for the wider community.

We will get through to the other side but it will more than likely be a different world to what we are all used to, change will be inevitable.

As always, Thanks to our Staff, Volunteers and Sponsors, without them, small clubs just cannot function.



Millmerran Swimming Club has completed its sporting season with a fun pool party and presentation night!

Congratulations to our fantastic swimmers for a great 2019/2020 season. Well done for giving it your best go, your sportsmanship, your ongoing commitment to the sport and never losing sight of achieving your personal goals!

Thank you to our committee members Doona Atthow, Kylie Kirby, Lexie Antonio and Kirsty Williams who made sure the swimming club ran each week whilst juggling your other commitments, work and families for us! Thank you to our members for putting your hand up each week to help out with running our club nights and anything else that you could support us with. Thank you for our coach Jamie for early mornings, endless training, never ending encouragement and patience.

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Cheers, stay safe and thank you again. Watch this space for the details of season 2020/2021.

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## LOCAL AMBULANCE COMMITTEE

All activities are on hold until further notice.



### FREEMASONS DONATION TO MILLMERRAN HOSPITAL

The Freemasons of the Millmerran United Lodge No 219 decided nearly 2 years ago to raise funds among its members and donate something worthwhile to the local community and to raise awareness of the Freemasons in Millmerran. The Millmerran Hospital Auxiliary was asked and they selected a Regency Flotation Chair which would assist patients in the Hospital. The total cost of the chair was \$3672.00. Hand Heart, Pocket, the charitable arm of Freemasonry in Queensland subsidised 50% of the cost. With the assistance & co-operation of the Auxiliary, the Millmerran Freemasons are proud to be able to assist the local community with the donation of this chair.

**Photo from left:** - Pat Walsh (Treasurer Hospital Auxiliary), Cec Gibson (Lodge Secretary), Colin Ralph (Master of Millmerran United Lodge) seated in the donated chair. Judy Rosenthal (Assistant Nursing Unit Manager), Cheryl King (President Hospital Auxiliary)

# AUSTRALIAN CAMP OVEN FESTIVAL

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Well what a strange world we are living in at present!

The management of the Australian Camp Oven Festival would like to let you know that at this stage, *we are still planning for our event in October.* Of course, this could change between now and then, but we are still working towards October.

What you need to know:

Bookings/ticket sales will now **OPEN IN JULY.** (pending health advise at that time)

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In the meantime, we encourage you to enjoy your time at home with your loved ones and look after each other.

Just remember - *Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.* - William James

## SCRUBBY CREEK RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Hi all ,

Just like to say we hope you all are staying safe in isolation for the time being.

We have four new members that have their numbers and blue card they can now go out to fires and do burn offs.

If you want to do some cleaning up and do some burns you still can have a fire without a permit if it is under 2mx2mx2m but you must keep a eye on it at all times, and if you wish us to help you just let our Warden know or our First Officer know. We all need to do some cool burning because with the growth after the rain it may be still high next fire season. And if you need any information we have our face book page. We will not be having our meeting next month or any training .so stay safe.

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We've had a bit of rain here to keep the grass green and growing, we have had a few new members join up at our last meeting, we did manage one more before everything went into lock down.

All meetings and training have been postponed until further notice head office is also in lock down, everything we need gets dropped into a box at the front door. I'm still operational but mostly from home, no permits are being issued at this stage, only stick to your 2x2 cubic meters where no permits are needed, for emergencies call 000 we still respond to call outs.

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This means that every single sin by the trusting Believer which has ever been committed, has been washed away by the Precious Shed Blood of Jesus Christ, and because of one's Faith in that Shed Blood.

God's purpose is to save all who conform to His Plan — and this is His Choice or Election in the matter. By Grace, men who conform will become the Elect and be Saved, while those who do not will be damned.

The choice was first on God's part; but it must be accepted by men for them to receive the benefits and become a part of the Elect or Chosen Ones of God.

The only one who dares to condemn the Child of God, especially considering what Jesus Christ has done for him, and the price in which He paid, is Satan and his followers. The Scripture labels him as the Accuser of the Brethren (Rev. 12:10).

The New Testament reminds us that Jesus did not enter our world to condemn us. He came because humanity was already condemned (Jn. 3:17-18; Rom. 5:15-16). Those who fail to respond to God's Word are in a state of condemnation already (Jn. 3:36; 12:48). Jesus came to save the world.

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It might be because Jesus knew what we'd be facing in life and that there'd always be opportunities to fear. So what He did...and I love this...was instruct us in advance about how to deal with it.

In these unusual times, it's easy to be unconsciously drawn into a mindset of panic and fear. So if we don't ON PURPOSE make choices that go the opposite direction of fear and panic, we'll get pulled into its vortex.

Makes me think of the time Jesus was in a boat with His disciples caught in a storm on the Sea of Galilee (Mark 4:35-39). Their reactions to their situation were vastly different. Think about it, the disciples had been professional fishermen. They knew the sea. And they were frantically doing all they knew to do...but the boat keeps filling up.

But what was Jesus doing in the midst of the storm and all the chaos? He was asleep. Think about it...the disciples were in a total panic and Jesus was totally calm, his head on a cushion...in the midst of this crisis.

Ask yourself, How important was the storm to Jesus? ...Not very, He was asleep. He was tuned into something other than the storm. He

was tuned into God. He wasn't denying the presence of the storm. God was simply more real to Him than the storm. The more real God becomes to you, the more real His peace will be in you.

In Matthew 6:6 Jesus says, *Here's what I want you to do... I like it when Jesus tells us what to do! Then He says, find a quiet secluded place...and be there as simply and honestly as you can manage.* In other words, simply open your heart to God and then it says when you do that *The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace, His peace.*

God wants time with you, to hear from you and to speak with you. The more open your heart the more you'll hear God's voice. Because the truth is, if we're not hearing God, it's because we're listening to another voice. If we're not recognising God is present, it's because we're consumed with something else.

The same peace Jesus had is available to you. You can have that same peace in the midst of any of life's storms. It's found in time with the Father, in believing what he says to you in His Word. It's yours for the taking.

Let me pray peace over you, *Father, in the midst of a world that is at times fearful and unsure, I thank You for Your peace that guards and protects our hearts and minds, keeps us anchored and steady in You and gives us peace and calm in any of life's storms. You are our refuge and strength, our very present help in any trouble. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

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ROMANS 8:35-39

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Speaks of the Love of Christ for the Believer.

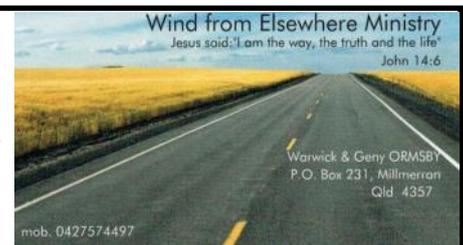
There is absolutely nothing which Satan can originate or institute against the Believer that will be successful, that is, if the Believer will cling tenaciously to Christ.

Everything we have, everything we have been given, every privilege and blessing which has come our way, our Salvation, our Baptism with the Holy Spirit, our Eternal Life, our Redemption in totality, all, being in, through, of, and by the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the Manifestation of the Father, and in Him are all things. He is Life, Salvation, Grace, Mercy, Compassion, and Resurrection. His people love Him and believe in the fidelity of His Love to them.

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Two months ago, our little dog Ruby passed away. She was the best dog we ever had. Sent from God as an inheritance, she quickly adapted to us



and became the centre of our lives. Wherever we went, she was always with us. She demonstrated to us the greatness of God's love, freely given through His Son Jesus. She was faithful and patient. Though she was small, she was MIGHTY! and was afraid of no-one, as she took her role of defender and protector at heart. She heard the Word of God daily, and knew more about Jesus than some of us would. David, the Psalmist, knew Jesus well. He is my refuge and my fortress, he would say of the Lord Jesus, and in Him I will trust. He shall deliver me from hidden snares and from deadly sicknesses, and under His wings, I shall be safe. He is my shield and my buckler, and I shall not be afraid. He is my armour, and I won't worry about the attacks of Satan, or about the plague that attacks many; though 1000 and 1000 may fall at my side, it shall not come near me, for He shall give His angels charge over me. He is my rock, and on Him I shall stand firm. We pray that you too come to know Jesus well, and that you love and trust Him. If you call out to Him in honest repentance, and admit that you've been a sinner all your life, He will answer you. He will save you and honour you. He will give you a long and satisfied life.

Salvation is for today. Do not wait, as in these times of uncertainty, you don't know what tomorrow shall bring. (inspired by Psalm 91)

Jesus loves you. Stay safe.

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## St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church

Easter is a time of New Life and Hope!

We may not have had Easter Church Celebrations but what an Amazing Butterfly Season we have had!! Symbolic of New Life and New Hope!!

Pope Francis in "Laudato Si" says that God's love constantly impels us to find new ways forward..... Here we go!

There will be no weekend Liturgies or Masses for the time being.

We still have our sick community members urgently in need of our prayer.

We have our student community trying to cope with new ways of learning.

We have all those parents struggling to juggle school work, house work, and jobs.

Let us pray for them all!

"Should you enjoy our regular weekly updates please contact Pat with your email address: [stfrancisdesalesmil@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancisdesalesmil@gmail.com) or 4695 1462."



## MILLMERRAN MINISTERS ASSOCIATION

Until the current restrictions are lifted all our activities are on hold.

Mayoral Prayer Breakfast - hold 2021

Ecumenical Service - 30th May - cancelled.

Meetings - cancelled - hope to have one on June 8th.

School Services - cancelled.

If a problem arises please feel free to contact any of the Churches.

## Lutheran Services for May

Greetings to all in the Community!  
Our prayer is that your Easter celebration was very meaningful!

The Church is still open and busy among the people, even though we are unable to gather inside church buildings and need to observe "social-distancing" at this time!

We are doing our best to distribute our weekly Worship Bulletin, either by e-mail or hardcopy in your letterbox. Pastor is recording a weekly message which is uploaded to YouTube, The link is distributed along with the bulletin. We also are available to encourage and support each person as best as we can.

Should you need help, or a listening ear, call the **Parish mobile 0436 428 212.**

Please, keep in contact with each other!

May the Easter Blessing and hope give you confidence and strength for what is ahead!

## MILLMERRAN LOCAL CHAPLAINCY

It certainly has been crazy in terms of COVID-19. I never thought I would see the day when toilet paper, tissues, paper towels and hand sanitizer being worth more than gold! The level of dedication from grocery stores to protect customers and themselves from potential health risks may appear more stressful as we progress past the month of May. However, I count myself as blessed. I am still employed, I am safe, healthy and in my own home with my wife and two sons. Whilst some necessities in shops are becoming more scarce than two-ply toilet paper, I have revisited my own childhood by teaching my 4-year-old how to play marbles, croquet, soccer, football, cricket, baseball, hockey, constructing a wooden foosball game, painting an old change table, planting seeds in the garden. We did all this in our own backyard. The time I have spent showing my son all these basic (yet fun activities) has made me value these last few weeks in a whole new light. Yes, there is still stress surrounding COVID-19 for my wife and I and many other people around the world. But for my two young sons, their memory will not be of what COVID-19 is or how it has affected our world. Their memory will be of how well my wife and I coped during this stressful time. Establishing a form of coping/resilience for my son has also done the same for me. I hope and pray that all who read this have found their own way of coping and staying in touch with others. Stay safe dear readers!

## Christian Women Communicating International—KYB

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### New Study begins 6th February 2020

Genesis 25--36

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Contact Jackie

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## Uniting Church in Australia

Millmerran Congregation,  
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### Sunday Worship

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

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

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month Movie or DVD Bible study and  
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### Christmas Eve Service 24<sup>th</sup> December 7pm

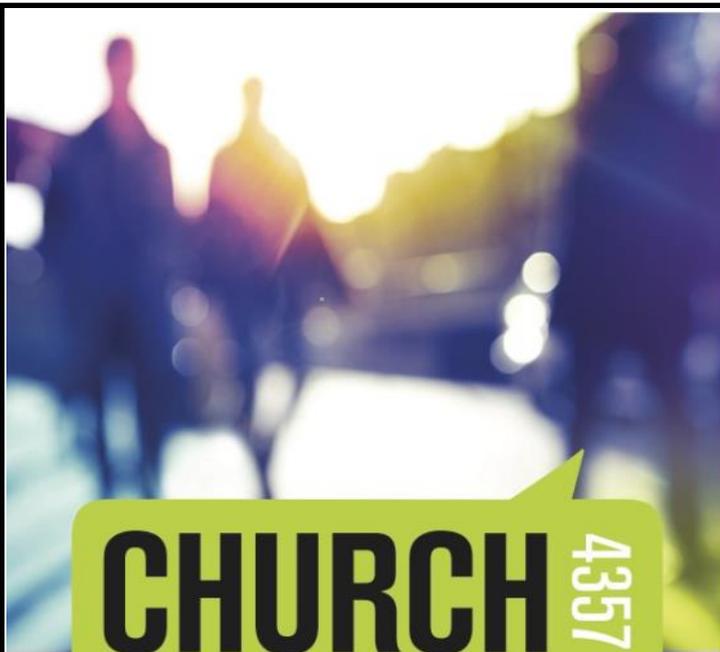
Girls Brigade: Tuesday afternoons after school 3-5pm  
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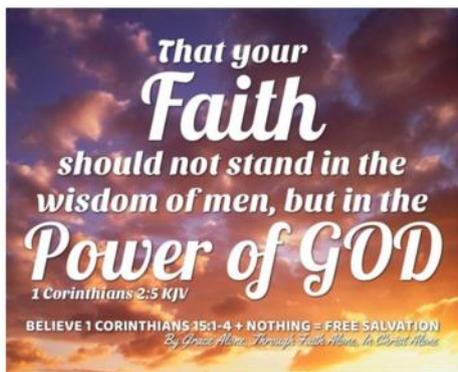


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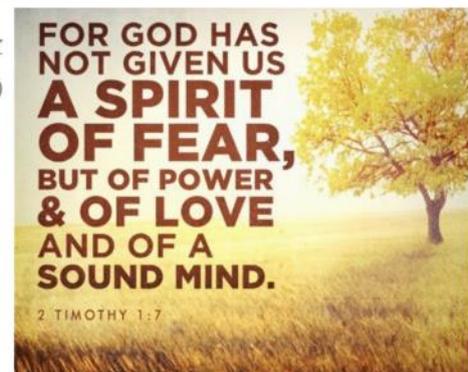
9:15am (All age class)

SUNDAY SERVICE

10:00am (All welcome)

Bible Preaching

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### Is God's power greater than a virus?

In the last issue we looked at the what it means to fear the LORD. In this interesting time where we constantly hear terms like virus, isolation, infected, sanitise and death rate, it is easy to have fear. When we go out into the world we now face restrictions, security guards, warning tape, social distancing and closed doors. This only adds to our fears; can cause nervousness, and a feeling of unwelcomeness. The questions run through our mind. What is happening? What is God doing? Is this the end? Will we ever return to "normal"? What will life be like after all this? But the truth is, we cannot answer any of these questions. The answers aren't for us to know, because they lie in the power of God! The times are only fearful when our faith is weak, or we don't have the faith that God is in control. God doesn't want us to fear anything that He has the power over. Just like a loving father he just wants his children to trust Him. It is easy to blame God for an epidemic, a tragedy or when things are going wrong, but do we consider God when things are going well? Do we praise God at the top of the mountain, or only search for Him in the valleys? God is powerful! He could wipe this virus away in an instant - but he hasn't. He also could allow a much greater virus to impact our health - but he hasn't. Are we praising God for his mercy, or cursing God for his cruelty? Do you fear the virus or do you stand in the awe of Gods power? God wants our spirits to be at peace and our minds to be settled, not filled with worry, doubt or fear.

Although this virus may have swept the world and taken a lot of us by surprise, it is no surprise to God. We may not know what is coming next, but God does. He knows what he is doing, and he will use what he will to get the attention of mankind. God shook the known world with 10 plagues in Moses time, and yet through Jesus he healed the sick and infirmed. God opened the earth to swallow the sons of Korah and sent down fire from heaven to consume the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, and yet through Jesus, Elijah, Peter and Paul, He raised the dead back to life. God is Almighty! He is the Creator! He is the taker and giver of life! He deserves our praise, our worship, our time and our life! But what do we spend these things on? Do we only regard God when things aren't going our way? Maybe that's because he is trying to get our attention. He wants us to turn to Him, to learn of Him and trust Him. He wants us to read His Word, to receive salvation, to love and serve Him with our life. Too often man thinks of what he has to give up for God, and not what he can gain from God.

Don't be a fool and miss out on learning and leaning on the power of God (Psa 14:1 KJV The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God...) God is far more powerful than a virus, so why don't we trust Him to see us through? Psa 86:5, 15 KJV - For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee. ... But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth. Psa 103:8 KJV - The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. Trust God. He knows what he is doing! Do you?

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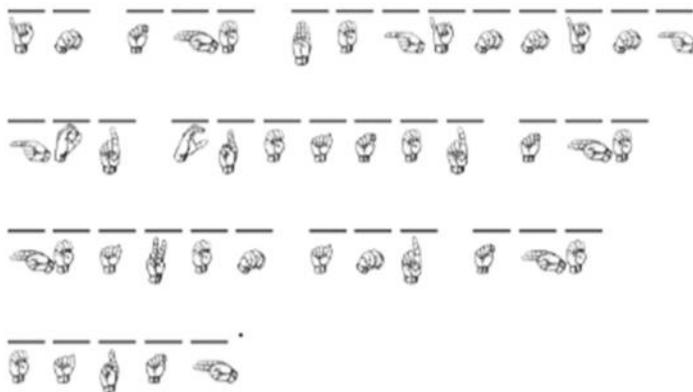
# BIBLE STORY AND ACTIVITY



(Colour the picture above of the 2 brothers bringing their sacrifice to God. Which one is Cain?) Read Genesis 4:16-5:5

## GENESIS 1:1 - Sign Language

Write the letter for each sign to spell out the Bible verse, Genesis 1:1



**The Letters**

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J |
| K | L | M | N | O | P | Q | R | S | T |
| U | V | W | X | Y | Z |   |   |   |   |

**Cain & Abel**

1. List the order these sons were born:

**Seth**     **Abel**     **Cain**

2. What did Cain offer to God as a sacrifice?

**W**     **F**     **C**

3. What did Abel offer to God as a sacrifice?

**W**     **F**     **C**

4. Whose offering did God like?

**Abel**     **Cain**

5. What did Cain do to Abel?

**Trade**     **G**     **Party**

As we read last month, Cain ignored God's warning and killed his brother, Abel, out of jealousy. Sadly, this meant Cain had to be punished by God, because he would not repent of his sin. Part of his punishment was to wander the earth without a place to call home and no longer live with his parents. However, after Cain left home, God allowed him to be married and have children. These children grew and became very clever in making tools and musical instruments. Because Cain had left home and Abel was dead, this meant that Adam and Eve had now lost both their sons. God had not forgotten this and blesses Adam and Eve with another son, who they called Seth (Gen 4:25).

This brings us to the end of the story of Adam and Eve, as Adam dies at the old age of 930 (Ch 5 v 5). If we read through the rest of Gen 5 we will find that Seth had children and his children had children, and so on. To this day everyone in the world has come through the children of Seth. People in these times lived for a very long time. In v27, we read of the oldest recorded man that ever lived. His name was Methuselah who lived to 969.

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Let's not forget that God created this world and the very first man and woman. Remember that sin came into God's beautiful creation through Satan's lies, but God still loves us and wants us to love Him. We just need to have faith in God and trust Him.



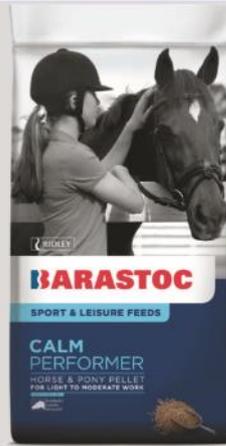
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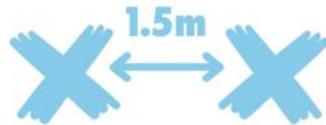
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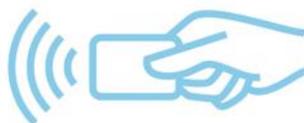
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