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Millmerran Commerce & Progress Inc. December 2019 Report

Another year almost complete and as an organisation we have completed a number of projects. The Tourism Strategy Plan, now ready to assist us with grant applications and suggestions for moving forward. Millmerran Logo, Tagline and Banner has been produced and displays to the left of this article. AED's are now permanently located in Millmerran Newsagency and Foodworks, ready to assist on site should a Cardiac Arrest occur. Souvenirs caps of Millmerran have been produced and are for sale at Visitors Information Centre, MRA, Millmerran Mitre 10 and Millmerran Newsagency \$15.00 each (great Christmas gift). Banners have been purchased to display at events and in our Business District.

By the time you are reading this edition the latest version of the Millmerran Visitors Guide will be being printed, just in time for the Summer holidays. A selection of 4 new Postcard designs also being printed. Heritage Plaques project is just about ready to send our order off the Glass Metal Industries to manufacture the first of 10 plaques for our Heritage Walk through Millmerran. Millmerran.net.au our new website is due for completion in December and will feature a digital copy of the new Visitors Guide, Dates of Significance for Millmerran, a photo gallery of what you can see and do in Millmerran (more photos please), where to stay, eat, drink etc. As much as possible to encourage those tourist dollars into Millmerran. After the 30.11.19- Christmas in the Bush 2019, will be all done and dusted for another year. Drought and extreme Fire conditions made for a change in the programme. Instead of a Fireworks display our sponsors Millmerran Power Partners provided LASER SKIRMISH and GLADIATOR DUEL for the enjoyment of all. Funding for the event this year was fantastic and thank you again to MCC Ltd/Heritage Bank, Millmerran Power Partners, D.A. Hall & Co., Toowoomba Regional Council—Regional Core Event Funding, Cameron Pastoral Co., Lucky Gate prize—donation, Stall holders and of course all the gold coin donations at the gate. The balance of the expenditure for the event provided by Millmerran Commerce & Progress, funded by the surplus of funds from the production of this monthly newsletter.

Speaking of the newsletter, the production of the graphics for this monthly town newsletter has been provided by our Volunteer ROBYN for many years now. Robyn has never met most of the folk who email and drop off the articles and ads for this paper, but feels a responsibility to the community to get out your news, events and requests and often works beyond her hours to make it happen and on time. HUGE THANKS GOES TO ROBYN. We also have another Volunteer Julie who some of you may have met during the past year. Julie assists with secretarial duties and whenever we need help with a project. THANKS JULIE. Appreciation should also be expressed to our committee past and present for your input to make the association function and provide services to our community. To all our volunteers who assist with the newsletter and our events BIG THANK YOU. Sincere best wishes to everyone in Millmerran & Districts for a safe and happy holiday season and the hope that 2020 brings our rain back. Rain is all that is needed for our community to function as it has done for decades. There will be no meeting of the MCPI in January and NO NEWSLETTER, we are all having a break. 2020 will be a busy year—Show in February, Hot Rods at Easter, Camp Oven & Busking Comp. in October and you will see those plaques on our Heritage buildings. Please remember to drive safely on our roads and watch out for the unexpected. Remember to keep in contact with your family, neighbours and friends as just a phone call may be just what they need to help them through a difficult time or day in their life. Everyone needs someone. A list of helplines for those who need further assistance is on page 29.

SUGGESTIONS: Your chance to provide some ideas going forward for a LARGE HIGHWAY FEATURE. What do you think would promote Millmerran? Other towns have a big banana, big cow, etc. Our town hosts the Camp Oven Festival—what are your thoughts around a building size BIG CAMP OVEN? Or can you think of another item to feature! SEND THEM TO US.

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GENERAL MEETING 18th DECEMBER, 2019. Bowls Club 5.30pm
No meeting in January, 2020

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Updates from the Toowoomba Region

Millmerran Community Support Service

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Christmas closure

On behalf of Millmerran Community Support Service and Centrelink Agency we would like to extend to you and your families, our best wishes for the forthcoming festive season. May the Joy and Spirit of the Season be yours. Over Christmas and New Year we will be closed from 12.30pm Tuesday 24 December and re-open 9am Thursday 2 January 2020.

Food assist

Parcels have temporarily ceased until further notice.

NDIS

Anyone who requires information or assistance with National Disability Insurance Scheme Access or understanding their plans, please contact Nicole at LAC Community Development, NDIS LAC PITC Program, 632 Ruthven Street, Toowoomba. Phone **4646 2800**.

Drought information

Visit the Millmerran Community Support Service for a full list of Drought support and Rural support government agencies. Drought subsidy forms also available.

Unusual Christmas tree competition

Enter the Unusual Christmas Tree competition and Commerce Christmas lights competition. Judging will take place on 12 December and winners announced at the Kids Christmas party. Collect entry forms from the Community Centre or contact us on **4695 5650** for more information.

Farewell to Linda

You embody hard work and optimism. Thank you for bringing such joy to the office. The community and staff will miss you. Wishing you and Bill a long and enjoyable retirement.

Millmerran Kids Christmas party

Come along to this year's Millmerran Kids Christmas party and movie night at Lions Park 13 December from 6pm. There'll be heaps of fun activities for the kids including craft, Christmas songs and a visit from Santa followed by the movie 'Dumbo' starting at 7pm. BBQ sausage sizzle. BYO camp chair/rug. Best dressed 'Christmas Spirit' competition. Colouring in competition. Contact us at the Community Centre to book catering and collect colouring in sheet.



Australia Day

Millmerran and Cecil Plains Australia Day

Sunday 26 January 2020

Lions Park Millmerran, 7.30-11am

Free family event

BBQ breakfast • Australia Day Awards • Games and Activities



Australia Day

Grant applications open

Due to the Local Government election taking place on 28 March 2020. Applications for the next round of Toowoomba Regional Councils grant program will open early from 1 January 2020 and close on 3 February 2020. The amended timeline covers all of our grant schemes. For more information contact your local Community Development Officer, contact the Community Centre or call **131 872**.

Disaster Ready

Prepare your home for bushfire season by clearing gutters, trimming branches and have your action plan

in place. For more information and stay informed visit www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au

Waste Collection

Our waste trucks continue to service the region all year round including public holidays. 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

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From the Mayor's Desk



Once again this year I had the honour of representing the people of the region at the Armistice Day ceremony held at our beautiful Mothers' Memorial in East Creek park. These ceremonies were held right across our region. The Mothers' Memorial is a very fitting place given that we were remembering the cessation of the WW1 conflict and the memorial was funded by many of the ladies who had lost their sons in that terrible conflict by growing violets and selling them. Wars are sad events and many people are scarred by what they have suffered in the various conflicts. There is a no more deserving group of people than those who served this country and we should never forget the sacrifices they made so we can have the freedoms we enjoy in this great place. LEST WE FORGET

On the subject of our armed forces, some of my colleagues and I had the opportunity to spend some time at the Oakey Helicopter Training Base. There is very significant investment happening right now in the infrastructure there, and this is a clear sign that they are here to stay. The Singaporean's presence has certainly boosted the activity there and these people are great law abiding citizens. Some have decided to stay after their service here. The commander of the Base Col. Charlie Barton indicated they had lost significant air space with the Wellcamp airport imposing on their airspace and the mining area nearby being a no-go area for their helicopters. The military is an important part of our economy with a total staffing of 1200 and that includes contractors and serving personnel. Then of course we have the Cabarlah base which, as a high technology signals base, plays a big role in the security of not only Australia but also the world.

In early November I had the pleasure of visiting Cecil Plains to cut a ribbon to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the official opening of the pool there. It was so nice to see what is now a historical plaque and the names on it. The Chairman of the council at the time was the late Reg Whitbread and his deputy was local baker George Campbell. It was Reg who I met in Campbell St one day and he suggested to me I ought to give council a go. Little did we know what would follow that suggestion. It was also interesting to see the names of Viv Saal and George Ezzy both of whom were future Chairs and both of whom I had the honour of serving under. They both made enormous contributions to our community in a most generous and giving way. We have to be so thankful for the service of all those who served in a very different, more simple era. They were the good old days.

As I prepare this report I am receiving updates regarding a current fire in the Pechey area. The information to hand indicates that while the fire was under control it has now broken out and is heading for the Hampton area. The break out happened when there was a chopper incident and as a result all aerial assets were called back to base for checks. That was when the fire got away. There have been some tragic happenings and particularly in NSW life and houses have been lost. It is clear to me that there needs to be a lot more effort put into hazard reduction by burning in the cooler months. Recently I inspected the Prince Henry Heights area on the

escarpment in Toowoomba. There are many houses very close to the escarpment which looks to me to have a significant build up of readily combustible material. Here's hoping for a change in the season and a more proactive approach to the reduction of combustible material at the appropriate time each year.

Water security is becoming a massive issue right across the nation. In the Toowoomba bulk water supply area with the connection to the Wivenhoe Dam, we believe we have adequate supply to keep that part of the region going for many years. An agreement is being negotiated and hopefully it will give the opportunity to increase the quantity we take in the years to come as needed. Cecil Plains certainly, with its dependence on river water, has some issues. I have made enquiries as to why we are not making better use of the bore we in the Millmerran days drilled into the GAB, and the current advice we are getting indicates this is about the quality and temperature of the water.

I had the opportunity to go to Canberra recently to raise our regional future water concerns with the Prime Minister Scott Morrison and his Deputy Michael McCormack. They were very receptive to our submissions and we are having ongoing discussions with the Deputy PM about the way forward. When it does rain and it no doubt will, we must not forget the need for water security and the State and Federal governments must commit to significant expenditure to sort it out. Dams construction has been forgotten for around 40 years. We must begin the long journey of catching up.

We have been having a number of meetings with our staff to discuss with them how we see the future of the Council and getting their views on the organisations future. Our senior staff attend these meetings. Our staff are our most valuable asset and are the important part of the team whose job it is to deliver for you, the public.

2019 has been a big year and the opening of the Toowoomba Bypass was no doubt a highlight given its importance to the broader region. For anyone who hasn't been on the bypass, it is an amazing safe and direct road that has had a big effect on the traffic in Toowoomba. It is well worth going for a drive. As the Christmas season approaches, it good to see the celebrations planned in both Millmerran and Cecil Plains this year. It has certainly been a long journey. It is also great to hear that the Water Baby Shed is near completion at our Historical Society. It is an important part of our history. I am told the Festival of Small Halls event at the Pampas Hall was crowded and also a very entertaining evening.

I do hope you all enjoy Christmas and you will celebrate the special season with family and friends. Best wishes too for a happy and enjoyable 2020.

Till next newsletter,
Paul Antonio.

MILLMERRAN

Kids Christmas

PARTY & MOVIE NIGHT

**FREE
ACTIVITIES**



Friday
13

December

FREE! Activities include Craft, Xmas songs and a visit from Santa Claus, BBQ Sausage Sizzle. BYO Camp chair/rug.

6:00pm for Kids Xmas Activities hosted by Community Support Service followed by 7:00pm Movie 'Dumbo' shown by Youth Connect



Millmerran Lions Park, 17-19 Margaret St



Contact: Linda or Jayde on 4695 5650 • www.tr.qld.gov.au/events

Winners of the Unusual Christmas Tree and Christmas Lights Competitions will be announced on the night.

WYLAHRA GROVE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC. I/A 05790 ABN: 14 386 407 283

Email: w.g.progress72@bigpond.com Website: <https://wgprogress72.wixsite.com/2017>

Wylahra Grove Hall, 72 Primrose Drive, Millmerran Downs. Qld. Phone: 0417 782 810



TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY HALL IS OPEN 9am to 2pm & SATURDAY 10am to 3pm -FREE use of the facility.

A small fee applies for Internet access, black and white photocopies 10 cents each, FREE USE of a computer if you require, is provided by the Progress association. Access to the HALL will not be available ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS or if a Volunteer Community Hall Supervisor is not available.

Tuesday from 9am HOBBIES everyone is welcome to join in \$2 morning tea is provided.

Last meeting for 2019 10th December, first for 2020 14th January.

Friday from 7pm DARTS AND GAMES NIGHT ALL welcome, Darts \$3, Games \$2, Snacks are provided. Supervised children are welcome to attend with parents or guardians \$1.00 per child. Last meeting for 2019 13th December, first for 2020 -10th January

BREKKY IN THE BUSH - NO Brekky is being held in December or January, 2020. Brekky 2nd February, 2020 from 9am. Full Brekky \$6.00, Sausage Sizzle \$2.00, Chips \$1.00, 2 Pikelets Jam/Cream \$2.00.

GENERAL MEETING OF WGPA Sunday 8th December, 2019 commencing at 10am at Wylahra Grove Hall. No general meeting in January, 2020. General Meeting and Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 9th February, 2020 commencing with general meeting at 10am. AGM will follow with election for ALL committee positions - ALL financial members of the association are requested to attend.

Our committee would like to wish ALL our members and community residents in our district a very Safe and Happy Christmas and New Year 2020. Our hope for 2020 is for good Health/ Happiness/Prosperity and sufficient rain and good weather to allow everyone to enjoy our beautiful part of the country. Our thanks to ALL those who have supported our organisations raffles, weekly events, monthly events and special events throughout our term of office. The dedication of all our volunteers and subcommittee members has been greatly appreciated by our team. Our sincere thanks to Qld Govt. Gambling Community Benefits Fund, MCC Ltd/Heritage Bank Millmerran, Toowoomba Regional Council, and Millmerran Commerce & Progress Inc. for grant funding and donations to enable us to improve what we can offer our district in the way of community activities/events and facilities.

WYLAHRA GROVE CHRISTMAS PARTY - Sunday 22nd December, 2019 - luncheon from 12.30pm. TWO FOR ONE DEAL ADULTS AND CHILDREN - Adults \$8.00 Children under 16 \$5.00.

Menu festive meats/fish/salads/chips, ice-cream and Christmas Cake. BYO drinks or soft-drinks are available for sale, tea/coffee/cordial Free. Santa and Mrs Clause will be stopping for chat with the children. Fun games and good company. EVERYONE is welcome bookings 0417 782 810

AUSTRALIA DAY DINNER NIGHT - Sunday 26th January, 2020 - dinner from 5.30pm - Cold Buffet of meats, salads & Dessert. Adults \$15.00 Children under 16 \$5.00 Dress up for the occasion in true Aussie style. Prizes for the judge's choices. Everyone from Millmerran & Districts is welcome bookings 0417 782 810

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www.facebook.com/toowoomba.region

Phone- 131 872 Toowoomba Regional Council

ABC Southern Qld Radio 747 AM

Automatic External Defibrillators in Millmerran are located at-

Millmerran Newsagency - Campbell Street.

Foodworks Alfred Street. Take note next time you shop.

Community Information

Do you use Owens Scrub Road ?

Do you know :-

- ARTC Inland Rail proposal has a level crossing on this road only 3km from town
- There will also be a train passing loop and maintenance siding right near this crossing
- This will possibly mean a **15 minute wait** at this crossing while trains are going slow to enter and exit passing loop and/or siding
- There will be queued road traffic on both blind corners
- If the passing loop is moved the wait could be reduced to a possible 5 minutes
- These delays could happen regularly at the peak capacity of 20 trains per day

To have your say on this please call ARTC on
1800 732 761

Or please leave a comment on the interactive map at
maps.inlandrail.com.au/b2g

Information submitted by concerned road users.

MILLMERRAN LANDCARE



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Upcoming events:

Natural Sequence Farming workshop– Bellevue

Saturday 14th December 9.00am

Want to Rehydrate Your Land??

Natural Sequence Farming (NSF) is a rural landscape management technique aimed at restoring natural water cycles that allow the land to flourish despite drought conditions. NSF offers a low-cost, widely applicable method of reducing drought severity and boosting productivity on Australia's farms and landscapes. The technique is based on ecological principles, low input requirements and natural cycling of water and nutrients to make the land more resilient. Significant areas of Australian land and water bodies have been seriously degraded, largely through the removal of natural means of conserving water. The challenge to provide Australia's ongoing water requirements without undermining the ecological resilience of the land demands urgent and informed action. Founder, Peter Andrews has devoted his life to the development of Natural Sequence Farming (NSF) techniques to restore the natural balance of water cycles prevalent before they were disturbed. ***If you're keen to know more about Peter's work, come along to David and Robbie Curtis' place on Saturday 14th December to hear from Peter's son, Stuart who runs Tarwyn Park Training, educating landholders on techniques to ensure water is used to the best of it's potential.***

When: Saturday 14th December 9.00am

Where: "Bellevue" Bellevue Road Millmerran

Please RSVP to Rebecca on above contacts.

Area Wide Management of Weeds

We are lucky enough to be partnering with GRDC, CSIRO and UQ on a 3 year pilot project looking at area wide management of weeds in the Darling Downs cropping area around Pampas & Brookstead.

Project description. Weeds are a major biotic threat to the success of the broadacre crop sectors, costing the grain sector \$3.3B pa through control costs, production and quality loss, and potentially loss of market access. Unlike the common weed management approach in cropping regions where landowners focus on managing weeds at just the individual field or farm level, Area Wide Management (AWM) involves multiple stakeholders in a coordinated effort to reduce the impact of mobile weeds. This project will identify the benefits, key principles and practices of successful weed AWM using key weed species and diverse landscapes to develop an understanding of the bio-physical, geographic, economic and social drivers of AWM success.

Important weed species with potential for wide dispersal will be studied & a range of weed management approaches will be evaluated. One focus is understanding the dispersal patterns of weeds & herbicide resistance across different land-use types, which will allow appropriate management approaches to be developed. The important factors that will drive economic advantage for both individual growers and areas will also be identified, including the social factors that will influence likely adoption of an area-wide approach to mobile weed problems. Understanding the key principles which influence successful weed AWM will lead to development of frameworks that can be tailored and deployed in other locations.



St Joseph's School
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Living, Loving, Learning



Thank You & Merry Christmas!

A massive thank you to the Millmerran and St Joseph's communities for a fantastic year! We have had a very busy and very exciting year at St Joseph's in 2019 with many Sporting, Academic and Cultural successes across the year, not to mention all the wonderful celebration days we have shared together.

Thank you to the dedicated staff, fantastic students, amazing families, the parish members and the wider community for your continued support over the past year. May you all have a happy, safe and peaceful holiday with family and friends. Christmas blessings to you all.

Warm regards
Lawson Short
Principal.

Office Holiday Times

Please note that the school office will be closed from the 13th December – 19th of January. The office will re-open the week before school begins, Monday 20th January. For all enrolment enquiries, feel free to visit us, collect an information pack from our school office and do a school tour. We would love to see you!

ENROL NOW TO SECURE YOUR 2020 PLACEMENTS

PAST EVENTS	Coming Events
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming Program and Swimming Carnival Welcomed 2020 Preppies at Transition Days Remembrance Day Liturgy in ANZAC Garden Presentation Evening and P&F BBQ Breakup 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas in the Bush Mini Vinnies Christmas Hamper Appeal EOY Mass— Please join us as we farewell our Year 6 Leaders and give thanks for 2019.

Meet the St Joseph's Support Staff

School Inclusion Coach: Jun Thiang: Works with classroom teachers and learning support staff to ensure that every child is catered for and can experience academic success.

Occupational Therapist: Rachel Crooke: Provides support to teachers and students in the areas of fine and gross motor skills, as well as providing occupational therapy resources to assist student learning.

Speech Therapist: Jacquie Graham: Works with students and teachers to develop students speech skills and where necessary oversee the creation and implementation of speech programs.

Reading Coach: Katie Hauser: Supports teachers in implementing effective, research based approaches to the teaching of reading and literacy.



Learning is a journey! Start it here.

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Yallambee News

Well here we are. It's D for decision day (later this month anyway) at Millmerran Centenary Retirement Village Inc. (Yallambee Aged Care). Our 35 year- old organisation has had a wonderful life under the ownership and management of dedicated local community members. It has been cared for and loved like a child with many parents. The current Board of Management has reached a conclusion after many years and a lot of deep soul searching. It is our earnest and unanimous belief that a significant change in the established ownership and management model is required if Yallambee is to survive and prosper in an increasingly difficult and risky aged care environment.

The financial members of MCRV Inc effectively own and control the organisation. Through this newsletter and through personal communications at Annual General Meetings over recent years, the Board has conveyed to those members and the Millmerran community, good news and bad, highs and lows, successes and failures. Most recently we have been greatly relieved and proud to report the extremely positive position we are in currently with strong viability, new staff and mutually beneficial relationships being developed both within our community and with the aged care regulatory framework.

Getting to this position has been extraordinarily draining and onerous on the current Board of Management. Every day we discover another regulatory and compliance hurdle and an area where we are still scrambling to keep up. We are not alone, similar sized organisations are failing at an alarming rate. The latest Leading Aged Services Australia (LASA) report noted that 200 facilities were currently facing financial collapse. The trend in the aged care industry now is one of consolidation – small, independent, stand alone, not-for-profit aged care organisations and facilities (such as Yallambee Aged Care) are gradually being taken over by, or amalgamating with the large aged care organisations, which have the compliance capabilities and resources to cope with the constant change in the industry. The endless struggle to survive from an organisational governance perspective in our current structure is not something that we believe is sustainable nor is it in the best interests of our elderly residents, our staff and our community. Organisational strength is an absolute necessity going forward in what will be an even more onerous viability and compliance regime following the Aged Care Royal Commission.

This is the view and the position of the current Board of Management. In the best interests of Yallambee Aged Care and the local community, the Board of Management is of the view that it needs to be proactive and amalgamate now with a preferred larger aged care provider before our hand is involuntarily forced. Our view, and our position will be presented in the form of a special resolution to be put before the financial members of MCRV Inc. at a **Special Meeting of the MCRV Association on Monday 16 December at 7 pm at the Cultural Centre**. The financial members of MCRV Inc. will be asked to vote on that resolution.

Following the vote on the resolution regarding the future governance of Yallambee Aged Care, a community information forum for interested community members will be held at 5.30pm on Tuesday 17 December 2019 at Yallambee to discuss the result of the resolution and the agreed way forward for MCRV Inc. and Yallambee Aged Care.

Day to day life goes on at Yallambee and it's business as usual despite the looming decision ahead. It is imperative that we continue to operate our facility in a manner that ensures the safety and happiness of our residents and their families. Our fortunes continue to turn for the better with the recent appointment of Clinical Care Manager Jenny Hawkins and last month we welcomed Dr Farzand Ali as our new visiting Medical Officer. Jenny, and Director of Nursing at the Millmerran Multipurpose Service Alison Cilento, have also struck a new accord and are actively building a mutually beneficial relationship that will see both of our facilities utilise each other's resources and staff to the benefit of all concerned. This is a great community outcome and further strengthens our resident care.

With no January newsletter, this is the last chance for Christmas and New Year greetings, well wishes and the final 'tah tah' to 2019. It has been a difficult year but we've overcome many obstacles and we are moving forward. We are confident that change is inevitable and we can only hope that the outcome of the Special Meeting, which ever way the vote goes, will ensure the ongoing viability of Yallambee Aged Care. Be careful, be safe and be happy. It will rain. I think?

John Rogers

President, Yallambee Aged Care

YALLAMBEE AUXILIARY. It's our CHRISTMAS PARTY!!

Saturday, December 14th, 1.30pm.

Mr and Mrs Claus!! Sooper Dooper Raffle!! Ace Dancers!! Yummy Afternoon Tea!! Residents Choir with the Carols for us all to sing!! Watch out for the Ticket Lovelies in the street.

Our New Hair Salon!! Opening soon, and proudly furnished by Yallambee Auxiliary. There will even be a Coffee Machine.

Christiene's Christmas Shopping Collection:

Monday December 9th, 10am till 12.00 noon. A great selection.....all are welcome!

December birthdays: Joan Jarrott (5th); Col Baillie (18th); John Rodger (22nd); Dan Bogefors (27th).

January birthdays: Lil Bookham (5th); Barbara Stewart (10th); Brian Lee (17th); Frank Stower (24th); Keith Simmons (26th); Decima Grant (31st).

December shoppers: Trish (4th); Kay (11th); Lyn H. (18th).

January shoppers: Trish (8th); Kay (15th); Lyn H. (22nd); Lyn N. (29th).

Next meeting: Friday January 10th, 2.00pm, Yallambee.

(A New Year's Resolution.....To be part of the Yallambee Auxiliary!!)



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5 simple steps to maximize your brain health

Step 1: Look after your heart.

Did you know that what's good for the heart is good for the brain? Having high blood pressure, high cholesterol, type 2 diabetes, being obese, and smoking all increase the risk of developing dementia. Promisingly, research suggests that treatment of mid-life high blood pressure has been found to reduce dementia risk. Treatment of high cholesterol, diabetes and obesity is necessary for good brain health. Quitting smoking has also shown to be protective against dementia. So it's important to have regular health checks, seek help on quitting smoking, and follow the advice of your doctor.

Step 2: Do some kind of physical activity

Regular physical activity is associated with better brain function and reduced risk of dementia. To put it simply, being physically active gives our brains a healthy boost. Physical activity increases blood flow to the brain, stimulates the growth of brain cells and connections between them, and is associated with larger brain volume! Follow Australia's Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines by being active on most, but preferably all, days of the week. Accumulate 2.5 to 5 hours of moderate physical activity each week; and include muscle strengthening activities, such as lifting weights, at least 2 days a week.

Step 3: Mentally challenge your brain

Being mentally active throughout your life is important for brain health. Challenging the brain with new activities helps to build new brain cells and strengthen connections between them. Mentally challenging your brain can protect against dementia. The key is to always learn new things. It could be learning a new language, taking up a new sport or learning a new hobby. Challenge yourself often and keep learning new things throughout life.

Step 4: Follow a healthy diet

Evidence suggests that a healthy, balanced diet may help in maintaining brain health and functionality. Studies indicate that a diet high in saturated and transunsaturated fats (meat, deep fried food, takeaway food, pies, pastries, etc) are associated with an increased risk of dementia. Evidence suggests that a diet that includes a higher intake of polyunsaturated and monounsaturated fats (e.g. olive oil and fish oil), foods high in antioxidants (e.g. tomatoes, pinto and kidney beans, oranges) are beneficial to brain health. We recommend following the Australian Dietary Guidelines by eating vegetables, fruit, fish, grains, nuts, legumes and lean meat, and reducing the intake of saturated fats.

Step 5: Enjoy social activity

Being socially engaged is good for our wellbeing and brain health. It not only helps to keep us connected with the world around us, but also stimulates our brain. To help look after your brain health it's important to be social with people whose company you enjoy and in ways that interest you. Research has found that social activities that involve mental activity and physical activity, such as dancing or table tennis for example, provide even greater benefit for brain health and reducing the risk of dementia.

What else? Being brain healthy also means looking after your mental health. See your health professional for advice on treatment of depression. It's also important to avoid serious head injury so make sure to protect your head.

Adapted from Dementia Australia's 5 simple steps to maximize your brain health (2015)

MILLWOOD SCHOOL 75 YEARS CELEBRATIONS

Over 100 former pupils and friends gathered at the Millwood Hall on the 19th October to celebrate 75 years since the opening of the Millwood Provisional School, which opened on the 23rd October 1944. It closed in July 1965 when country schools were closing and buses started taking all the country children to Millmerran State School. Past students and friends travelled from NSW and Southern Queensland to attend a morning tea and the unveiling of a Memorial plaque and stone by two past teachers, Mr Ron Cogill (1962-1965) and Mr Frank Underwood, aged 92 (1949 -1956).



A luncheon was held at the Millmerran Bowls Club where 86 adults and 8 children were well catered for by the Ladies of the Bowls Club. A Centenary cake was cut by the oldest first day pupil Mrs Aileen Taylor. A small Booklet was printed with history etc and old photos etc over the 22 years were on display. The first Teacher, Mr Murray Honor unfortunately passed away earlier this year, aged 92, and his daughter passed on valuable information and photos of his time from 1944 -1948. Mr Paul Faithful (deceased) was teacher from 1956 – 1962. Mr Graham Eather (deceased) was teacher for about six months prior to Mr Underwood's appointment.



The weekend concluded with a BBQ breakfast at the Lions Park on Sunday morning with the Underwood family and past students and friends attending. A total of 126 children attended the Millwood school and 35 students returned for the celebration. 26 past students are known to be deceased. Booklets are still available from Cec Gibson on 4695 1532. USB, disc's & photos are available from Lynnda Taylor 0413 042105.



The organising committee would like to express our thanks to the staff of Yallabee Aged Care for their assistance and co-operation in arranging the transport and a carer for a former first day pupil, Mr. Graham Goodall and his wife Betty. They travelled to Nubeena Nursing in Toowoomba, leaving Millmerran at 7am to be out at Millwood by 10 am. They, and a carer from Toowoomba assisted in all their needs throughout the day. The reasonable cost involved was paid for by the Goodall's, who also expressed their sincere thanks to Yallabee with an extra donation.



MILLMERRAN STATE P-10 SCHOOL



Email: principal@millmerranss.eq.edu.au

Website: www.millmerranss.eq.edu.au

Melbourne Cup day was celebrated in style at Millmerran State P-10 school again this year. It was great to see so many students and staff dress up and participate in our 'Best Hat / Fascinator,' 'Best Dressed Couple' and 'Best Dressed Staff Member' competitions. The talent was amazing!

Congratulations to our winners: Rachel Hobbs, Charlotte Crellin, Bridie & Darcy Sutton; Georgina & Mort Rodgers and Mrs Thornton. . Special thanks to our school concert band for providing the music for the 'Fashions of the Fields' and to everyone who contributed a gold coin donation. The student council raised approximately \$254 for the 'Horse Rescue Australia Foundation.' Thanks to our school P&C for supporting us with the banking process. Year 7 picked the winning horse this year and the year 9 class won the horse race held during the secondary lunch break. Thanks must go to the small committee of students who helped organise the day.



Jackson Shaw competed in the Darling Downs Triathlon in Oakey on the weekend. After completing a 500m swim, a 15 km bike ride and a 4 km run in under 53 minutes, he was placed 2nd in his division. Jackson was selected in the Darling Downs team to compete at the state trials in Harvey Bay early next year. Congratulations Jackson!



All who participated, enjoyed our swimming carnival. Gore House was the overall winner on the day. Age Champion winners: 9 Years Boy – Lucas Williams; 9 Years Girl – Boe Kirby ; 10 Years Boy – Douglas Lawlor; 10 Years Girl - Lilly Henderson; 11 Years Boy – Jack Kirby; 11 Years Girl - Scarlett Antonio; 12 Years Boy – Campbell Schutt ; 12 Years Girl - Charlotte Crellin; 13 Years Boy – Thomas McCashney; 13 Years Girl – Jemimah Goebel; 14 Years Boy – Travis Gibbs; 14 Years Girl – Tia Betts; 15 Years Boy – Jackson Shaw; 15 Years Girl – Hayley McCashney; 16 Years Boy – Dylan Meddings; 16 Years Girl – Emma Fletcher; Girls' Primary Age Champion – Scarlett Antonio and Boe Kirby; Boys' Primary Age Champion – Jack Kirby; Girls' Secondary Age Champion – Charlotte Crellin and Hayley McCashney; Boys' Senior Age Champion – Jackson Shaw.

School finishes on Friday 13 December and resumes on Tuesday 28 January. The office will re-open on Monday 20 January.

MEDIUM LEVEL WATER RESTRICTIONS

Target 175L
PER PERSON PER DAY

Changes have been implemented from 2 December for all levels of water restrictions in the Toowoomba Region. Changes include a reduction of water usage targets, watering timetables and all areas on Low level including Millmerran have increased to Medium.

GARDEN WATERING ONLY (NOT LAWN)

TYPE	TIMES	PROPERTY	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
BUCKETING	Before 8am and after 4pm	All properties	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
HOSING with trigger or twist nozzle fitted or IRRIGATING*	Summer: 5.30pm to 6.30pm	Odd numbered homes	x	✓	x	✓	x	✓	x
	Winter: 4.30pm to 5.30pm	Even or un-numbered homes	x	x	✓	x	✓	x	✓

*Conditions apply - please see our website for more information.

OTHER CLEANING ACTIVITIES

- Washing vehicles (including boat or caravan)
- General cleaning
- Washing buildings (**not paved surfaces**)



TYPE	TIMES	PROPERTY	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
HOSING & BUCKETING from bucket, hand held hose or high pressure system.	Summer: 5.30pm to 6.30pm	Odd numbered homes	x	✓	x	✓	x	✓	x
	Winter: 4.30pm to 5.30pm	Even or un-numbered homes	x	x	✓	x	✓	x	✓

Summer watering: 1 October to 31 March | Winter watering: 1 April to 30 September

For further information on restriction levels in your location, visit www.tr.qld.gov.au/water or call 131 872



Residents who are identified as not complying with water restrictions could be liable to an infringement fine of \$393.00.



SunBody Kid's Cattleman Promotion

Purchase a Sunbody Kid's Cattleman for the month of **December for only \$45**, normal RRP \$59.95.



Millmerran Rural's 12 Days of Christmas

- * Starts on Wednesday 11th December
- * Each day a different promotion, saving or giveaway released
- * **Santa is visiting in store on Saturday 14th December from 9:30-11am. Each child will receive a small gift from Santa.**

Follow our Facebook page, Instagram or subscribe to our newsletter to receive the different Savings or Giveaways on offer. Email: clothing@millmerranrural.com.au to receive the offers each day.

Christmas Trading Hours

Christmas Eve: 8:30am—5:00pm

Christmas Day 25th - 29th December: CLOSED

Reopen: 30th December 8:30am

New Years Day: CLOSED



*Garth, Jan and the staff at Millmerran Rural would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the year and wish you a **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.***

SHOP ONLINE: <https://millmerranruralclothing.com>



Wishing everyone a very
MERRY CHRISTMAS and a
safe, happy and
prosperous New Year.

If you are looking for something exciting to do in 2020, we have several roles available for the next festival.

Please contact us if you would like to talk about them!

Contact: 0429 727 503 or email
info@acof.com.au

AUSTRALIAN
**CAMP
OVEN
FESTIVAL**
MILLMERRAN QLD

LOCAL AMBULANCE COMMITTEE

Congratulations to the winners of the Melbourne Cup raffle:-

1st:- Ross Schaumberg,

2nd:- June Saunders,

3rd:- Veronica Knight.

There will be no Christmas Stocking raffle this year due to prevailing circumstances. Our apologies.

Nev Fitzgerald will be awarded his 40 year badge by the Commissioner at a small ceremony on the 5th December at the Centre.

The committee thank you all for your continued support, and as always the monies raised stays within the town.

Have a very Happy and Safe Christmas

And lets hope a wonderful year in 2020

Next meeting:- 12th December at 6.30pm at the Centre.



MERRY
CHRISTMAS



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

Target Shooting - a sport for young and old

Target shooting is a sport for ALL Seasons

**Free training for juniors over 11 years,
2nd Saturday of each month - come and see.**

Photo ID must be shown to shoot

Juniors ~ Gavin 0427 951 436 (after 7pm)

**Our club caters for a wide range of
target shooting interests -**

Field Rifle: Centrefire and Rimfire.

Shotgun: Trap and Skeet shooting.

Pistol shooting: Single Action, Silhouette,
Service pistol and Service Rifle

Metallic Silhouette: Rimfire & Centrefire

Spectrum Rifle: Practice and development

**NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME
2019 PROGRAMME NOW AVAILABLE**

Contact: (after 7pm evenings)

President.... Allan (Safety Courses) 4695 1313

Pistol..... Les Goodall..... 4695 6172

Field Rifle ... Dean Grundon 4695 1425

Shotgun & Juniors .. Gavin Antonio 0427 951 436

Spectrum... Travis Caesar..... 0428 714 689

Hospital Auxiliary

December

Many thanks to all those kind people who made donations to the Auxiliary throughout the year. We spent just on \$17.000 on items for the Hospital in 2019.

Don't forget the Christmas Carols at the Hospital on 18th December. Sausage sizzle at 6pm, \$2 per sausage. 7pm Carols Don't forget a chair!

We are in recess until 18th February and we hope for a better 2020 with plenty of rain!

Hospital Auxiliary

2020

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

Meetings are held in the training room behind Community Health and New Members are Always Welcome.



Happy
New
Year



THE SALVATION ARMY'S

Christmas Appeal

2 December to 10 December

Let's make sure those doing it tough can have a Merry Christmas this year.



CHRISTMAS APPEAL

On behalf of the Salvation Army's Christmas Appeal, please show your spirit by **placing a gift** under the Christmas Tree at Community Support Service.

Salvation Army guidelines:

Please do not wrap gifts.

This allows parents the special experience of choosing gifts for their child's unique personalities and interests. Feel free to include some wrapping paper or a gift bag for parents to use!

Millmerran Community Support Service

30-32 Campbell Street, Millmerran P: 46955 650

Thank you for making Christmas brighter for families in need.

— YOU CAN GIVE —
HOPE
 WHERE IT'S NEEDED MOST

Millmerran Power News

By Chris Seydel Plant Manager, Millmerran Power



Another year nearly gone, and it certainly has been very difficult for people on the land, drought and fires testing many to their limits. Like many I certainly hope for some good rain in the coming summer season.

Safety

After 11 and a half months, the project is having one of its better years in terms of safety statistics. We have seen a steady improvement over the last 6 years, getting to near our lowest levels of injury. Injuries are classified as first aid (e.g bandaids), Medical treatment, restricted work and lost time injuries.

I've been telling people it is not about the company, nor about the statistics; it is about your family, friends and the things you like to do. What if you could no longer look after your family, do your favourite hobby? This is something that you too should think about. Take the time to do it right, with the right tools and right personal protective equipment. It takes less than 5 minutes to walk to your shed and get safety glasses. It is a lifetime with one blind eye if the worst does happen, if you could not bother spending the 5 minutes to being safe.

Operation

From a plant perspective, we had a good start to 2019 with reliable units. The last 2 months have been less reliable with some unrelated equipment problems. As usual, the efforts of our great teams gets us through these problems. We'll get on top of them.

Up until now we have been a base load plant operating flat out day and night. Increased solar generation has caused some very low prices, including negative prices during the height of the day. We have been ramping load down during this period. The speed of ramping the load has become an attractive capability. It also allows participation in Regulation Services. Our Unit 2 is doing well with it load going up and down about 30 MWs during the day. A bit more work is required on Unit 1. Basically when a cloud goes over, solar power drops off and someone else has to make it, and it obviously drops off with the sun going down. During peak evening and morning periods, coal and gas plants supply the state. A stable electrical grid at this stage of technology requires a mix of power of generation types.

The demonstration Carbon Capture plant is moving forward through its project phases. The engineering design with technical specifications and drawings is such that it is very close to having a clear budget price for the project. Early next year the financial decision to proceed or not will be made. Construction should start in 2021.

Next year our planned outages (shutdowns) are both 9 days on each Unit. One in September the other in October. So the first half of 2020, will be about routine maintenance, planning for the outages, and implementing a number of capital projects.

InterGen

It has been a big year for InterGen. As I mentioned in June. The InterGen corporate office relocated from Burlington, USA, to Edinburgh, Scotland. We now have a new global CEO, Jim Lightfoot, who visited us in July. Half owners of InterGen, Ontario Teachers, have sold their half to Czechoslovakian company Sev.en Energy. We're looking to grow the company as our shareholders are keen to do so. Adding renewables to the fleet is a priority.

People

We said goodbye to Neil Bennett an operations technician, who has retired after 15 years. One of our maintenance technicians, Scott handy, was appointed to operations and is in full training. We've recently welcomed two new maintenance technicians Myles Campbell and David Graham.



Myles

David G

Our Engineering Manager David Hunt has announced his retirement in March, so he and I are currently interviewing for his replacement. All things going well we will have a few months to hand over the role. Malcolm Hands (Controls Engineer) will spend 12 months at our Spalding plant in the UK. What a great opportunity for a young engineer!

We get to keep Mackenzie Coom for another year while she finishes her accounting degree.

Years of Service (since June 2019): 15 years: Trish Bliss, Adam Lewis and Neil Burtenshaw, and 5 Years Nikki Lawlor.

Christmas Party

We've just had our site Christmas party at the Pittsworth Leagues club. The 1920's casino theme made for a great night with near enough 85 people out of 100 dressing the part. Many tried their luck at black jack and the roulette tables. Funny money fortunes were made and lost as quickly. We all started with \$3000. I watched one get to \$30,000, betting big in \$5000 lots, and lose all in 20 minutes. Amazing what happens when it's not real. A big thank you to our main organisers, Mackenzie Coom and Nikki Lawlor!

Christmas and New Year—Best wishes

Millmerran Power wishes a very wet Merry Christmas and

Happy New Year to all. Have a safe and great time over the festive season.

Please keep safe! **Chris Seydel Plant Manager**





Day One overall presentation and grand parade

In very dry conditions and with the kindness in hard times of our cattle donors, sponsors and volunteers, the 2019 PCQ state formal, sporting, stockman's challenge, campdraft and mounted games have been run and won at Millmerran. Not only did Millmerran pony club have the privilege of hosting this event we were able to celebrate the clubs 56th birthday with the last day of competition on the 4th of Oct, the same day and date the pony club was formed 56 years ago. This was celebrated with the cutting of a cake by founding member Mr Jack McGrath along with former members and club Patron Mr John Moffatt. With 12 months of preparation and planning, 265 riders across five disciplines and 320 horses were housed. Millmerran pony club are proud of how the event ran and this was made so easy by the help and support of local businesses and volunteers of the community of Millmerran over the course of the event. The help Millmerran pony club received over the course of the event was overwhelming and we would like to thank you all for your support. Competition over the five days was of a high standard and relatively incident free with age groups having 30 to 50 riders from as far north as Mareeba and Gloucester in the south. All competitors are to be congratulated for their punctuality, sportsmanship and respect shown to our volunteer work force and cattle donors. This was highlighted Thursday night when a large group of competitors young or old enjoyed a game of football under lights in the rodeo arena and reminded us all why we do this for the youth. Millmerran pony club wanted this event to be as much as a community event as a pony club event. The community supported us, and all visitors returned the support, for example the canteen raised approximately \$6000 these funds will be distributed to our local scouts and two schools for their efforts over the week, not to mention the economy boost to the town. Hosting such an event is hard work but very rewarding, on and off the field with the club wrapping up the week with four top ten overall placings. Day one formal Gymkhana Bella Sauverain state champion 10 years and Abi Lunney 10th overall 15 years. Day two Mitch Lunney state Champion 13 and 14 years with Kate Reid 8th overall on day four in the stockman's challenge. Millmerran pony club was represented by Ethan Burgess, Bella and Olivia Sauverain, Amelia and Zoe Hewett, Brooke and Cody Ball, Abi and Mitch Lunney and Kate Reid all these riders left this event with at least one or two ribbons new experiences and new friends. Congratulations to you all for your efforts over the last twelve months to qualify to ride at this level and on your achievements at the event. The Millmerran pony club would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole Millmerran community for the support we received to make this event the success it was.



Millmerran Pony Club past and present members and executives: (L to R) Annette McGrath, Glen Sorensen, John Moffatt, Christine Baartz, Deb Reid, Teresa Lunney and Jack McGrath celebrate 56 years of Millmerran Pony Club with the cutting of a cake.



Competitors from Zone 18 (Far North Queensland) celebrate with awards in hand as they depart from Millmerran



Local girl Abi Lunney sings national anthem on Day One

Members of the Millmerran Men's shed who designed and built the podiums for the event





Millmerran Rural

Livestock— Real Estate— Clothing—Rural Supplies

71 Campbell Street Millmerran

Inspections by appointment—Office 46951355

Jan Fitzgerald (0428 951 056)

Jason Fitzgerald (0428 951 355)

FOR SALE



NEW LISTING

16 McKenzie Street Millmerran - Very affordable 3 bedroom cottage - \$125,000 Area – 800 sqm - 3 Bedroom cottage, with office, open plan living area freshly painted, including basic kitchen, electric stove and wood stove. Bathroom with shower over bath and toilet, undercover outdoor living area. Downstairs laundry, 2nd toilet, single carport and single garage.



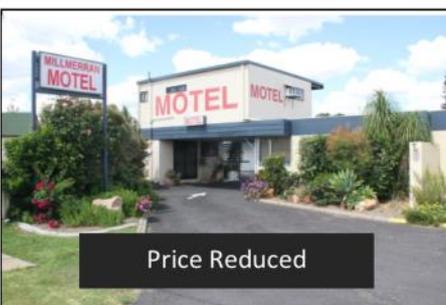
NEW LISTING

34 McKenzie Street Millmerran - Cosy Cottage - set on 2.75 acres - Rural aspect - \$160,000 Cosy 2 bedroom timber cottage, open plan living area, basic kitchen with electric stove, bathroom with shower over bath, small office, downstairs laundry and toilet, under cover outdoor living area, 1 car garage, 2 car carport, timber storage shed. Opportunity to purchase a home on acreage close to all town amenities.



NEW LISTING

18 McKenzie St Millmerran - Large Allotment - 3 Street Frontages - \$100,000 Area: 4834 sqm - This large allotment, over 1 acre in size, (4834 sqm) Access to town water, power and sewerage.



Price Reduced

Millmerran Motel - Motel Leasehold - \$265,000 - Business Opportunity – 62 Campbell Street Millmerran -11 Units- neat & tidy, very well presented. Well maintained, low maintenance, new paint inside & out. Easily run by a couple. Two bedroom residence with private backyard. Well positioned on the Gore Highway, in the town's Business Centre. Dual street Access. Current turnover & lease detail available on application.



NEW LISTING

2 Aster Street Pittsworth- Spacious Family Home - Large Allotment— \$360,000 - Area 1517 sqm—Spacious 4 b/r home is in original condition ready for you to move in or renovate & reap the rewards. Large kitchen, adjoining dining area. Spacious lounge joins the dining area has wood & gas heaters & a split system a/c. Ducted Evaporative Cooling. 3 large b/rs with built-in cupboards, large 4th b/r with ensuite. Main bathroom has bath and shower with disabled access, separate toilet. Small office, laundry with built-in storage space. Hallway with linen cupboards down one side. Formal lounge or games room, built-in storage, access to garage. Double lock-up garage on house with extra space, remote access to both doors. Under cover outdoor living area, adjoining paved pergola and bbq area. Colour bond shed, single wide access, power connected. Rainwater tank, pressure pump. Suit a growing family or retirees looking for extra space.



NEW LISTING

Lots 111 & 112 Hain Road Kooroongarra— \$235,000 329.4 Hectares (813.9 Acres) of timbered grazing country approx one quarter of the block is semi cleared. There is some cypress throughout with tracks cut through. Mingimarny Creek makes the Western boundary of the property with semi permanent holes throughout. This block would make an ideal recreational block or could be suited to grazing or timber. Located approx 25km South of Millmerran near Kooroongarra.



Christmas Trading Hours

Christmas Eve

8:30am—5:00pm

Christmas Day

25th - 29th December: CLOSED

Reopen: 30th December

8:30am

New Years Day: CLOSED

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FOR SALE



NEW LISTING

52 Bruce Road Millmerran - Unique Opportunity - 4 Bedroom Stylishly Designed Home - Double Storey Shed with Games Room - Many Extras \$430,000 - Area - 1015 sqm—2 year old, 4 bedroom GJ Gardner home. 3 of the b/rs are located in the private kid's retreat. The 3 b/rs all have built-ins, a TV room connecting the bedrooms. A bathroom with separate bath, shower and vanity with storage area, separate toilet & an office nook with overhead built-in cupboards. The spacious main bedroom has a large walk-in-robe and ensuite. The ensuite has a double shower, double vanity, storage under vanities and a toilet. Large open plan living area including the kitchen and designated areas for the dining and lounge. The kitchen has a butlers pantry, ceramic cooktop, electric wall oven, soft close drawers, dishwasher and water to the fridge. Separate media room. Double garage on the house with built-in storage. Fully ducted split system air-conditioner, individual room control. The underroof entertaining area is closed on 3 sides with shutters for ventilation. The inside living area opens up to the outdoor area. A standout feature of this property is the 9 x 7m double storey colorbond shed. Upstairs is set up for a games room. It has a TV point, full power, 10 power points, bar area and large ceiling fan and the pool table is even included. Downstairs has 4 ceiling fans, 15amp power point and makes an ideal workshop or car parking area. The high access carport is 9 x 7m and fits a large caravan. 10,000 litre rainwater tank connected to the toilet, laundry and an outside tap. Fenced with colorbond fencing. Corner block with double street access. Walking distance to the Tavern and main street.



NEW LISTING

1 Allen Street Millmerran - Fully Renovated 3 Bedroom - Large Corner Allotment - Fully Air-conditioned - \$199,000 - 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. The large corner allotment allows provisions to build a shed, with plenty of street access.



NEW LISTING

15 Stanley Street Millmerran - Renovator at an affordable price - Large allotment- \$125,000 - Area - 1480 sqm - 3 Bedroom timber cottage. 2 large bedrooms, 1 smaller bedroom. Large formal lounge room with ceiling fan. Basic eat-in kitchen, free standing electric stove. Bathroom with shower over bath, vanity and storage area. Downstairs laundry on slab, large electric hot water system, small rainwater tank, garden shed, carport. Large allotment. This 3 bedroom cottage is just waiting for a makeover. It is in an ideal location opposite the school.

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NEW LISTING

6 Genevieve Court Millmerran - Neat & Complete - Immaculately Presented Home - 3 Bay Shed - Landscaped gardens - Offers over \$279,000 Area - 943 Square metres - Modern 3 bedroom brick home—built-ins & ceiling fans in all b/rs, main bedroom & 2nd bedroom have near new split-system a/c, large open plan living area combined with modern kitchen, dining area and lounge, linen cupboard, r/c air-conditioner, ceiling fan. The kitchen has an electric stove. Bathroom with shower over bath, separate Laundry & toilet, undercover outdoor living area, large sand pit, 3 bay garage on slab & power connected, remote on centre garage, garden shed and rain water tank, fully fenced back yard, established landscaped gardens. New paint on exterior and interior paint in good condition. Located in a quiet cul-de-sac, ready for you to move in, not a thing to do!



PRICE REDUCED

10 Dedaunton Street Millmerran - \$265,000 Area: 2023 sqm - Versatile Industrial Property - Residence, Large Shed, Wash bay, fenced yard. - Very neat one bedroom donga, with wall air-conditioner in bedroom and built-in cupboard, new kitchen with electric ceramic cooktop and under bench oven, combined with lounge area, split system air-conditioner. Front verandah on front which includes the laundry, small rainwater tank. 18 x 9 x 5m (high access) shed, concrete floor, rainwater tank. Power to property pole. Wash bay facility, fully fenced allotment.

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Millmerran

Medical Centre



2019 CHRISTMAS HOURS

Sat 21st December:	9am – 12pm
Mon 23 rd December:	8am – 5pm
Tues 24 th December:	8am – 12pm
Wed 25 th December:	Christmas Day - Closed
Thurs 26 th December:	Boxing Day - Closed
Fri 27 th December:	Closed
Sat 28 th December:	Closed
Mon 30 th December:	Closed
Tues 31 st December:	Closed
Wed 1 st January:	New Years Day – Closed
Thurs 2 nd January:	Normal clinic resumes 8am – 5pm

Please plan ahead for the Christmas/New Year period to ensure that you have sufficient prescriptions and supply of medication/s

We wish you a Happy Christmas
and a safe and prosperous New Year

From all the staff at Millmerran Medical Centre

CHARLIES SERVICE CENTRE

We wish customers a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Thank you for your continued support and custom throughout the year.



We will be closed from 23 December and re-open on 6 January 2020.

Best Wishes from Stephen, Marlene & Staff.

Volunteers Wanted

Tutoring - English Classes P: 46951829

Visitor Information Centre & Museum

P: 46952560

Yallambee Boutique P: 46951580

MILLMERRAN MEN'S SHED

Our sojourn to Inglewood was well worth the interruption to our busy schedule last month. There were several speakers from Australia Men's Sheds and other sheds. Gary Fogarty provided most of the entertainment with poetry and jokes and was well received by all members. There were men from sheds near and far. One from Burpengary, a plethora from Pittsworth, and many from Stanthorpe, Clifton, Allora, Dalby, Oakey, Warwick, Goondiwindi, Yelarbon and of course Millmerran. If I missed any shed then I apologise.

On the return journey we stopped off at Russell Stevens Lot Feed Cattle farm and had a well explained tour of the establishment by Russell and his 2 sons.

We are currently restoring a large antique table donated to us by a local resident and we have quite a number of planter boxes to restore and sell.

Our shed is progressing well with the outer shell completed and the treatment works installed. The plumber and builder are currently working on the inside. The power should be installed in the next few weeks.

Because of the unexpected delays we will be having our Christmas breakup at the Tavern on December 17th. Our last meeting for the year will be on Tuesday 10th of December and we will resume on January 15th.

Until next year have a very merry Christmas, and please be safe on the roads.

Quote: "If you can't yet do great things, do small things in a great way".

Gary Schultz
President
46951315

Mike Antonio
Vice President
46951939

Bob McIntosh
Secretary
46951550



"The senior Aerobic group is back in the pool for another season of exercises and fun. This year we have added 12 pairs of "Bone Water Dumbbells" to our equipment. These were purchased along with a storage cupboard when we were successful in acquiring a grant from the Heritage Bank. Dumbbells are used to strengthen upper body muscles as well as being beneficial for shoulder joints, neck and chest. Thank you Heritage. Come and join us, Monday to Thursday 8am until 9 am. Age no deterrent, guys and girls. The cost is entrance cost to the pool, no charge for being part of the Aerobics group. Everyone welcome."

SENIOR CITIZENS

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas

And a New Year full of Joy!

We will be in recess till February 2020

Make a New Years Resolution

"to come and visit Senior Citizens

Where we enjoy a wide range of activities"

0438 174 714 for details.

Feb 29th & Mar 1st 2020

Millmerran 83rd Show

SAVE the date in your Calendar!!!

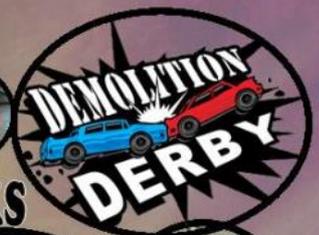
**PLUS
SO MUCH
MORE!!!!**



**SLEEPING DOGS
Saturday Night
LIVE**



RIDES



FIREWORKS



Bungee Rock Climbing Wall

Ride on Mower Racing

Drought Phone List



Need help now? You are not alone

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| • Emergency Services | 000 |
| • Lifeline | 13 11 14 |
| • Your local GP | |
| • Beyond Blue | 1300 224 636 |

Financial Assistance

Get onto it early, avoid self-assessing

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| • Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS) | 07 4622 5500 |
| • Department Natural Resources, Mines and Energy
Drought Assistance | 13 74 68 |
| • Drought Angels | 07 4662 7371 |
| • Ergon Energy Drought Relief | 1800 185 750 |
| • Farm Household Allowance | 13 23 16 |
| • Legal Aid Queensland Farm and Rural Legal Service | 1300 651 188 |
| • Lifeline Financial Counsellor | 1300 991 443 |
| • Queensland Country Women's Association | 07 3026 1220 |
| • Queensland Drought Assistance Scheme | 13 25 23 |
| • Queensland Rural Industry Development Authority (QRIDA) | 1800 623 946 |
| • Rural Aid | 1300 327 624 |
| • Telstra Adversity, Financial Hardship Program | 13 22 00 |
| • Your Accountant | |

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| • Relationships Australia QLD | 1300 364 277 |

Rural Support – Government Organisations		
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Federal Department of Human Services (Farm Household Allowance) Drought and Farmer Assistance Hotline	132 316	www.humanservices.gov.au
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We recently did a raffle to the value of \$100 dinner for 2 at the Mill In Tavern and would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets. We would like to announce Rilly Sprott was the winner, a big congratulations and hope you enjoy your night.

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1st Millmerran Girls Brigade



As we end our year we thank our Lord and Saviour for an awesome amount of memories and enrichment with learning, our end of year Service and Sleepover on the 9th and 10th November was very rewarding for all of us, 5 new Girls joined Brigade and plenty of



Badge awards given out, Annette sewed on all the new Badges for the Girls so that their Mums didn't have to worry for 2020.

We would like to give thanks Rev Leanne Osborn, Rev Ruth Harding, for their pastoral care of our Company during the year, to the Millmerran Newsagency, Ivan and Maria and Sheree and Troy Cullen and many others who help us with our paper recycling efforts, the Girls have benefited so much from the money, the Millmerran Lady Lions for your Donation we so appreciate every amount. To Kass Clark, who comes along and keeps us fits from time to time, Katrina Grundon for helping with Floral Art Skill and our magnificent Husbands of Annette, Wendy and Rowi who help with many wood crafts and many others too numerous to name we thank you for making our year fabulous, many hands make light work and praise the Lord we have that in abundance with our company.

To our terrific Girls of our company you rock ladies and as Leaders no company exists without you, so we pray you have a fabulous Christmas Break and God Bless you all and be safe.

Merry Christmas to our support people and blessing from the Leaders of 1st Millmerran,

Annette, Wendy, Rowena and Viv



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Carnivals.**

For more Information on Club nights and carnivals contact:

Lisa: 0400104219 or Donna : 0488632413

MILLMERRAN GARDEN CLUB

A very successful day was held on Friday 8th November for our 50th Anniversary. We welcomed Pittsworth & Inglewood Garden Clubs as well as our original, former & present members of our club.

The last day for the year will be our Christmas break up

On 6th December at Mill Inn Tavern
11am for 12pm lunch.

Members to bring \$10 Secret Santa
Meeting to follow lunch.



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Millmerran Deb Ball

To commence arrangements for the 2020 Millmerran Debutante Ball to be held in May, we are inviting young Ladies who have completed Grade 10 in 2019 or studying Grade 11 or 12, TAFE online or already working you are welcome to participate as Debutantes in the Millmerran 2020 Debutante Ball and be Official presented to Officials and Families and Patrons at this Traditional Ball that has been held in our District for over 80 years, a great enjoyable Family night of Dancing and Friendship bringing people of all ages together to celebrate our District's Youth., the Debutantes, their handsome Partners and all their attendants.

For any inquiries, details and information, please phone or message. Mary Tosswill 0437279962, Fran Folker, 0429419195, Aileen Taylor 0427779613 or contact Lynnda on the Millmerran Debutante Ball Web site.

The Debutantes and their partners and attendants will learn different styles of dancing. The Debutantes will need a Partner, Flower girl and Pageboy, we are happy to help you in any way we can. We keep costs as low as possible with the help of great Volunteers, by hiring, borrowing and recycling and the skills of our many volunteers with teaching dancing and helping with decorating and catering. A beautiful, enjoyable Community time.

Please call one of the Ladies above with names and ideas soon so we can arrange a get together in early January to plan this Event, we are looking forward to hearing from these young Ladies who are interested in being the Debutantes of 2020, their Parents, Guardians and friends or anyone wishing to help and to be part of the Millmerran Debutante Ball Presentation.

Regards, Mary, Fran and Aileen.

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Saturday 7 December, 2019

6pm

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31 December, 2019

7pm

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*Next Meeting: Tuesday 11th February 2020 5pm
 Fay Twidale – 0427588587 Pat Walsh – 0438174714
 Email: millmerran_historical@hotmail.com
www.millmerranmuseum.com.au*

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LIBRARY EXHIBITION:

Trudy Brooks.....Remember them? Brooksey was the Principal at the State School in the 80s...!
 She does some great work with watercolours, and with digital skills.
 This lovely exhibition will be up for December and January.
 Dont forget to write your comments!!



Did you enjoy our 2019 Exhibitions in the Library? Music at the Bowls Club? Broxburn music at the Markets? Cabaret? Children's performances: Loose Ends, Charlotte's Web? Music at Rocky Creek? Children's workshops?

We have planned some exciting stuff for 2020!! Our Exhibitions programme is almost full with some fascinating local work.

There are some performances being planned.....

There is a Residence in the planning stages with members of the Queensland Symphony Orchestra, to work with students, interested community members of Millmerran and Pittsworth.....with associated concerts.....this could be amazing!

There will still be other local events at the Markets, at Rocky Creek etc.....

There must be folk in our community who are able to help? There is a lot to do, but it is mostly good fun! It is very rewarding to pull off a Good Show! It is very rewarding to mount an Exhibition in a satisfying way....."Ah yes.....That looks great!" And it is not hard to do!!

Would you like to be part of all this?? We really need extra hands!! And we are all learning all the time!!

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR!!

SCRUBBY CREEK RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Hi Readers,

We would like to thank you all for remaining vigilant if you have not prepared your place in the winter time if possible you can help by cleaning up around clean gutters out for the worst, hope for the best. Keep hydrated and cool, stay safe we still need more members so if you have spare time come and help your community you need to fill in some paper work and you will have to do some training we have training on Thursday and Friday nights at 7pm you don't have to be a fire fighter you can be support. Our meetings are the third Sunday of the month at 9.30 am morning tea, if there are any changes we will put it on our facebook page and if there if any thing happening in our area we will put it on as well so keep informed on our facebook page.

Stay safe

Fire warden Phil on 0407367556

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Millmerran Lions Club

Our recent Auction held on the 31st August 2019 was a very successful venture and we would like to thank all those volunteers who help us out by donating their time to this function

Thank you to all the patrons who made our **GARAGE** Sale at the shed in the Millmerran Lion's Park on 16/11/19, such a success. On behalf of the Lion's Club we would like to wish the community a very merry Xmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year and hopefully much wetter. Rain would make a very good Xmas present.



We Serve

Tentative date for next Garage Sale is 22/02/20

Our next function is Xmas in the Bush to be held on 30/11/19 starting at 5.00 pm. The Lion's Club will be running the Chocolate wheel. First prize will be a half Leg Ham and second prize a LIO'S Xmas Cake

As the silly season approaches we will cater for the Sausage Sizzle and movies night to be held on the 13/12/19 at the Lion's Park

We will be out and about with the Lion's Xmas cakes, so keep your eyes peeled if you would like to help the Lion's Club out by purchasing one of these fabulous Xmas Delights. Contact person is Ros Richter on 0428956165.

One way that we have of helping people out in the Community is by having available Mobility Scooters for use in the Community. If your family is in need of such a scooter, please get in touch with any of the Lion's Club members. We are only too willing to help out, and all we ask for is for the user to make a donation to us for the use of the scooter

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

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

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. On behalf of the Lion's Club of Millmerran, we wish you all a very merry Xmas and a Happy and Prosperous new year

Contact numbers for the Millmerran Lion's Club are. V. Grundon 0429171080 and Ros Richter on mob. 0428956165. C. Gibson on 4695 1532

Yours in Lion's Ros Richter

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December 2019 January 2020

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Chase the Ace continues as the jackpot went off recently but still continues every fortnight, thanks to all.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 9.00am 15th December. Nominations for committee and member attendance would be gratefully appreciated.

All committee positions are available for nomination. Please consider your position as a member if you can offer any experience, willing to learn or do something extra, in becoming a committee person. Nomination forms are available from the Clubhouse.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, enjoy the festive season and stay safe.

December 2019

Sunday 1st	S.Sauverain 18 hole Stableford Mug & Goblet Final
Sunday 8th	Club Trophies Mug & Goblet 18 hole Stroke
Sunday 15th	Kelly Family Trophies. Cross Country & Christmas Party..
	AGM 9.30AM
Sunday 22nd	Club Trophies 18 hole Stableford
Sunday 30 th	Club Trophies 18 Stroke

January, 2020

Saturday 5th	BIG H Memorial Trophies 18 hole Stableford
Sunday 12 th	Captain v President Trophies 18 Hole Stroke (Medal & Putting)
Sunday 19 th	RJ & DA Armstrong Pinehurst Foursomes Morning Golf Breakfast from 7.30am
Sunday 26 th	George Lindenmayer Memorial Trophies 18 hole Stroke (Mug & Goblet)

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No December meeting.

The next meeting of the R.S.L.

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The annual **Carols** night will be held in the Hospital grounds, Brendan Walmsley has again agreed to sing for us, **18th December**.

The evening will commence at 6pm with a sausage sizzle and the carols at 7pm.

The committee wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and we pray a wonderful year in 2020 - Lots of rain - no fires.

Next meeting 14th January 2020 in Presbyterian hall at 10.30am.



Christmas Time IS Holiday Time!

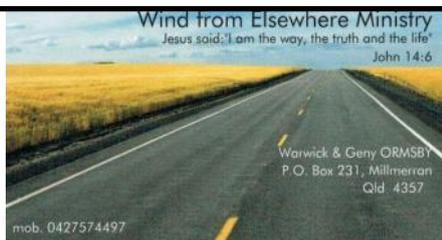
And our attention is being captivated by two well known entities: Jesus and Santa.

But the rift in between them is enormous. So let's study the differences. How do we reach Santa? By sending him a letter with a wishful request; But, all Jesus needs is for us to pray to Him, and believe in His Name; and He will showers us with blessings we don't expect. How often does Santa come? Only once a year, though some people have him twice a year; (any excuses to celebrate, eat, drink and be merry); But Jesus is with us every single day. And While Santa comes only when we're asleep, Jesus is on duty call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

How does Santa travel the world? In a sleigh pulled by some flying reindeers; But Jesus doesn't have to fly for He is omnipresent, "Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your Presence? If I go up to Heaven, You are there. If I make my bed in the depths, You are there." Ps. 139"7-8

Will Santa bring to us our requested gift? Not if we've been naughty, he says; but Jesus knows we've all been "naughty" as we've all been born sinners since Adam and Eve failed to keep God's Law; "DO NO EAT from the tree of good and evil..". One single rule, and they broke it!!! "For all have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God." Rom. 3:23 BUT, Jesus still offers us His most precious gift: HIMSELF. Jesus was without sin, but He died on the Cross, a ransom for our sins. Then He rose from the grave to give us Eternal Life.

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ROMANS 8:14

FOR AS MANY AS ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD,
THEY ARE THE SONS OF GOD.

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There are so many privileges attached to being a follower of Christ, being led by the Spirit of God has to be one of the greatest Attributes and Blessings afforded the Believer. One cannot be united with Christ except through the Spirit (I Cor. 6:17), one cannot share Christ's Sonship without sharing His Spirit (Rom. 8:14-17; Gal. 4:6), one cannot be a member of the Body of Christ except by being Baptized into that Body (I Cor. 12:13).

The Spirit from above is the Power effecting the New Birth (Jn. 3:3- 8; I Jn. 3:9), for the Spirit is the Life-Giver (Jn. 6:63), like a River of Living Water flowing from Christ bringing Life to him who comes and believes (Jn. 7:37-39).

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Meet at Unit 2, Clontarf Cottages,
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2nd and 4th Sundays each month 8am

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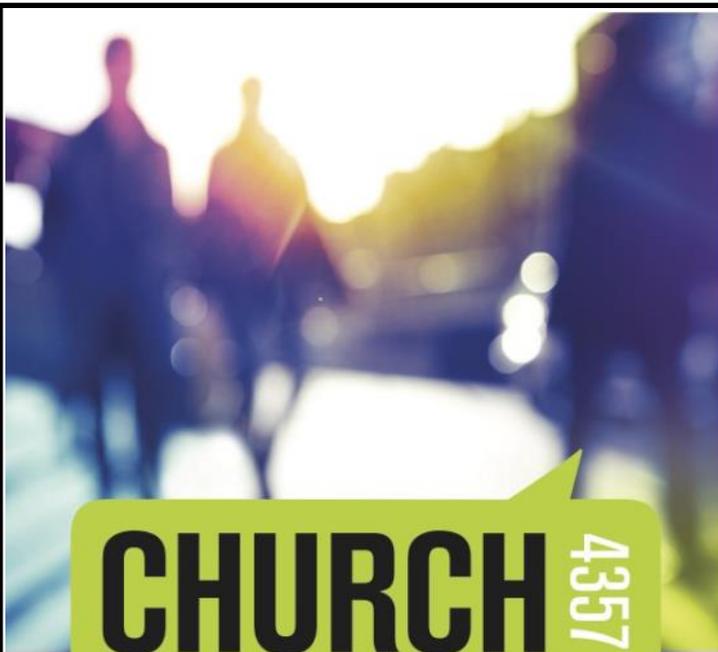
Girls Brigade: Tuesday afternoons after school 3-5pm during
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LOCAL CHAPLAINCY

Hello everyone! It's that time again when we get ready to celebrate Christmas...but what is Christmas to each of us? Is it the gifts under the tree, the lights in the windows, the cards in the mail, turkey dinners with family and friends, stockings hanging in the living room, and shouts of "Merry Christmas" to those who pass us in the streets? Is this really Christmas? For many people, Christmas is a time of sorrow. They don't have the extra money to buy presents for their children, family, and friends. Many are saddened at Christmas time when they think of their loved ones who will not be able to come home for various reasons. Christmas dinners may be only a wish and not a reality for some. Yet, Christmas can be a season of great joy. It is a time of God showing His great love for us. It can be a time of healing and renewed strength. As we all celebrate Christmas this year I pray we are all able to experience that shared healing and renewed strength. Amen.



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ROMANS 8:13

FOR IF YE LIVE AFTER THE FLESH, YE SHALL DIE:
BUT IF YE THROUGH THE SPIRIT DO MORTIFY
THE DEEDS OF THE BODY, YE SHALL LIVE.

A person who lives habitually under the dominion of the sin nature, will ultimately lose their soul. This speaks primarily to the Believer who does not avail himself of what Christ did at Calvary, therefore, continuing to live habitually under the dominion of sin. While God will always be patient, loving, longsuffering, and compassionate, and will forgive anytime and every time, irrespective of the sin, if the person is truly sincere (1 Jn. 1:9), still, danger is, that the individual will begin to make allowances for his sin, quit seeking forgiveness, and lose his way totally.

The only answer to sin, is what Jesus did at Calvary, and taking full advantage of that great Act of Saving and Delivering Grace.

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LYNDALL CHANDLER

Happy Christmas !

It's easy to allow the trappings and commercialism of Christmas to dull our enthusiasm for this season. There is so much that has nothing to do with the birth of Jesus, so many religious trappings attached to Christmas that it's easy to get caught up in them. The thing we have to realise is that the commercialism of Christmas is man's idea but the event we celebrate is God's.

Even the traditional images espoused by popular Christian Christmas songs...the donkey, the stable, the inn, the three wise men are up for conjecture. Because it was more likely a wagon rather than a donkey that carried Mary to the birth of Jesus, a cave rather than a stable and more wise men than just three.

But however they travelled, God brought Mary and Joseph safely to the place prophesied for the birth of Jesus. Whether it was a stable or cave, God provided a safe place for the Saviour of the world to be born. And whatever the number of wise men, God brought them to witness the birth of Emmanuel, God in human flesh. But when all the man made ideas are removed, the eternal truth still remains.

Unchanged is the truth a baby boy was born of

a virgin in David's city who is Christ the Lord. Truth always trumps tradition.

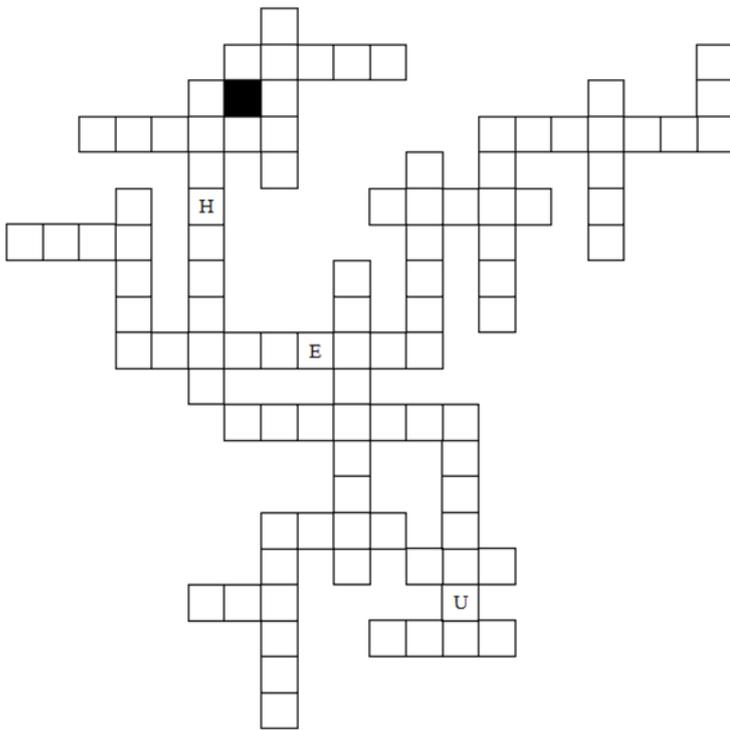
And the truth is Christmas is all about you! It is amazing to me to think that God clothed Himself in human flesh and came to live with us and like us. Yet that is precisely what happened the day Jesus was born as a baby in Bethlehem. Christmas is not just celebrating the birth of an ordinary child, but the celebration of a great God with a great plan for you.

Christmas is about a God who loves you so very much that He sent Jesus to restore His relationship with you and make a way for you to have everlasting life. Because mankind sinned through Adam and Eve's choices and had separated itself from God (with the help of the devil), God developed a plan to restore the relationship so precious to Him.

God wants to be intimately involved in your life. He wants you to know His voice and follow Him. In fact, He wanted to be with you so strongly that He sent His Son, a part of Himself, to physically walk the earth. That baby in the manger was God and He is still with us today. Invite Him into your life this Christmas.

CHILDRENS PAGE

Read Luke 2:1-21



All the words for the puzzle above are in bold letters in the story below

Do you know the story behind why there is a celebration called Christmas? Have you heard about the baby Jesus that was born thousands of years ago? Well I'll tell you...and this is a true story!

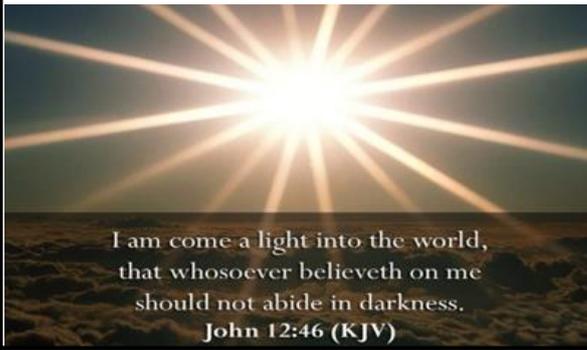
MARY and **JOSEPH** were 2 people who loved **GOD**. Before their wedding day, God sent an **ANGEL** to tell Mary that she was going to have a baby boy. This would be her **FIRSTBORN** child. This **BABE** was a direct gift from God to Mary, and he would be a very special baby, because he was God's only son. God had chosen Mary and Joseph to raise this child. While Mary was pregnant, they had to travel to a town called **BETHLEHEM**, to pay some money. While they were in Bethlehem they had to find somewhere to stay, because the baby now had to be born. The town was so full of people at that time of year, that there was no rooms available at the **INN** (a place to stay in a country town). The only place they could find to stay in was in the stable where the animals lived, so this baby had to be born there. Mary then wrapped him in **CLOTHES** and laid him in a **MANGER** (a feed trough for animals). There was great **JOY** in heaven because this baby was now born. So much joy, that God sent an angel to tell some **SHEPHERDS** about it. They were minding their **FLOCKS** at **NIGHT** out in the **COUNTRY**, when suddenly this angel appeared, shining brightly with the **GLORY** of God, and told them the wonderful news. Then the heavens were filled with more angels all singing together! How amazing this would have been for these shepherds out in the **FIELD** under the once dark night sky. Once the angels and singing had stopped, the shepherds decided to go and visit this baby straight away. These shepherds were now able to tell everyone the exciting news about the baby that the angel had called **CHRIST** the **LORD**, and how the night sky was lit up with angels and singing. One week later this baby was given a name - **JESUS**. Jesus was a gift to mankind to be the **SAVIOUR** of the world. Jesus would grow up and do a special job that God had given him to do. One day he would be killed to pay the price for all the sin that we do. But the amazing thing is that Jesus would rise up from where he was buried, show himself to be alive, then go home to heaven to be with God for ever. If we decide to believe this story is true, and accept that Jesus died for our sins, we can look forward to living in heaven with God too. All we have to do is believe in our hearts that Jesus really is the Son of God and ask Jesus to be our own Saviour. Praise God for the story of Christmas, and the wonderful gift of the baby Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world.

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SUNDAY SERVICE – 10:00am (All welcome)

Bible Preaching Old Hymns Morning Tea

Young Children's Sunday School held during the Sunday Service

IS CHRIST IN YOUR CHRISTMAS?

How far we have declined from the being that was so fearfully and wonderfully created in the image of God (Psa 139:14/ Gen 1:27). As the millenniums have rolled by, so has mankind continually drifted away from his Creator. We once were in the presence of God and now people don't even know who God is! The words "God", "Jesus" and "Christ" roll off the tongues of society as nothing more than mere curse words, as so frequently taught by the mouths of Hollywood actors and television moguls. Children are taught that belief in God is just another religion; that evolution is a fair argument against creation; and that we all can do and be whatever we want to be without any thought for the plan that God has made for every being he gives life to. What has happened to children being taught about the wonderful saving power of the blood of Jesus Christ? Explaining to them the incredible sacrifice that God so lovingly gave, by taking the punishment of death upon himself, in order for us all to have the opportunity of eternal life. What has happened to the preaching of the Word of God being the most powerful source of spiritual food, delivered by preachers from behind a pulpit within a local church? Why do calendars and diaries now display Sunday as the last day of the week, instead of the first? Why is BC (Before Christ) being removed from our dating system and being subtly changed to BCE (Before Common Era). Why has the word "Christmas" been changed to "Xmas"? Why out of all the ways to abbreviate Christmas, was the thought to cross out Christ? The answer to all of these questions is that generally speaking, mankind does not love God. We either do not know God, don't obey God, or don't want to find out who God is, what he has done, and what he is going to do. Our lives are filled with all forms of self pleasure, information and activities that drown out the wisdom that can only be gained, gleaned, and given from God's Holy Word. What is Christmas like in your household? Is there anything that explains the Christ that sits in the word Christmas? Do you know why we even have a Christmas day? Has Christ been replaced by Santa? Are we teaching our children to put their faith in Santa or Christ? What happens when they find out the truth? Do we sacrifice truth for the sake of a little fun, convincing ourselves that there is no harm done?

Yes, there are a lot of challenging questions in this page, but mankind has come a long way from the light that was there in the beginning. The further one travels from a source of light, the darker it becomes. Our verse above explains the reason for why Christ came in the first place. It was to bring light into a dark world. A world that does not know Christ, has rejected Christ, or removes Christ from where he can be seen, heard and known, is a dark, dark place. Every single time that light is introduced to darkness, light prevails. This is the power of light, and this is the power of Jesus Christ. Christmas is not the actual birth date of Jesus Christ, but it is a time when we can remember that he once came to earth as a baby, with one major goal. Jesus Christ came into this world to save sinners – and that is all of us, regardless of how naughty or nice we have been.

John 12:47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world./ 1 Timothy 1:15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners...

This Christmas put Christ back into your Christmas. If you don't know about him or want to know more, ask me and I can tell you about why he came. Explain why his death was so important and why his resurrection was so imperative to us all. Don't cross him out, replace him with a manmade creation, or hide the truth.

We all need to stop living in the darkness and start living in the Light – for that is where God will be seen.

Pastor Brendan Zimmermann - 0422 044 454 darlingdowns@trinitybrisbane.org



St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church

December weekend Mass/Liturgy times:

Sunday December 1st.....9.30am Mass
 Sunday December 8th.....8.30am Liturgy
 Saturday December 14th.....6.00pm Mass
 Sunday December 22nd.....8.30am Liturgy
 Sunday December 29th.....8.30am Liturgy

CHRISTMAS MASS times:

Christmas Eve.....7.00pm.....Millmerran
 Christmas Day.....8.30am.....Cecil Plains
 We thank Father Kerry Costigan, for again coming to us for Christmas!

End of Year School celebration Mass:

Friday December 6th.....11.00am

Reconciliation from 5.30pm Tuesday December 10th, individual and general.

Yallambee Mass:

Wednesday December 11th.....9.00am

Yallambee Christmas Service:

Sunday December 15th.....4.30pm

We wish for everyone a Happy and Blessed Christmas!

January weekend Mass/Liturgy times:

Sunday January 5th.....9.30am Mass
 Sunday January 12th.....8.30am Liturgy
 Saturday January 18th.....6.00pm Mass
 Sunday January 26th.....8.30am Liturgy

There will be no Mass at Yallambee in January

Feast of St Francis de Sales, Patron Saint of Journalists, Friday January 24th.

Father Thomas will be back in India for the month of January, and half of February!! We wish him well!!



St. Peters Anglican Church

Services for December 2019

Sunday 1st 9.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 8th 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 15th 9.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 22nd 9.30am Holy Communion

Christmas Day Service 7.30am St Augustine's Leyburn

Please Note: No Service in Millmerran

Sunday 29th 9.30am Morning Prayer

Enquiries: C. King 4695 1128

R. Millar 0428 889 001

Lutheran Services for December

December 1st: 8.30am HC Pittsworth

December 8th: 10:30am HC Pittsworth

December 15th: 8.30am HC Millmerran (9 Debnam Rd)

4pm Combined Churches Yallambee Christmas Service

December 18th: Combined Churches Christmas Carols

(Wednesday) 6pm BBQ, 7pm Carols

December 21st: 7pm Children's Christmas Service (Saturday)

December 25th: Christmas day 8am HC Pittsworth

December 29th: 10am HC Parish service @ Nobby

All welcome.

Enquiries to Pastor Lionel Rohrlach

31 Hadley St., Pittsworth.

Ph: 46931512

Lutheran Services for January

January 5th: 8:30am HC Pittsworth

January 12th: 10:30am HC Pittsworth

January 19th: 8.30am HC Millmerran -9 Debnam Rd

4:30pm Yallambee Devotion

January 26th: 8.30am HC Pittsworth

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DATE	DAY	WHAT IS HAPPENING IN DECEMBER 2019—MEETINGS, EVENTS & WORKSHOPS.
1	SUN	CAROLS IN THE CHURCH (PG 27)
2	MON	
3	TUES	
4	WED	
5	THURS	SES TRAINING (PG 25)
6	FRI	GARDEN CLUB CHRISTMAS BREAKUP (PG 25)
7	SAT	ROCKY CREEK HALL CHRISTMAS PARTY (PG 26)
8	SUN	WGPA GENERAL MEETING(PG 6)
9	MON	
10	TUES	MENS SHED MEETING (PG 20), LAST DAY FOR XMAS TREE APPEAL (PG 15)
11	WED	
12	THURS	JUDGING OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS & UNUSUAL CHRISTMAS TREE COMPETITIONS (PG 1) & LAC MEETING (PG 14)
13	FRI	MILLMERRAN KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY & MOVIE NIGHT (PG 5)
14	SAT	YALLAMBEE CHRISTMAS PARTY (PG 9) & NATURAL SEQUENCE FARMING W/SHOP-BELLEVUE 9AM (PG 7)
15	SUN	AGM MILLMERRAN GOLF CLUB INC. (PG 29)
16	MON	
17	TUES	MENS SHED CHRISTMAS BREAKUP (PG 20)
18	WED	CHRISTMAS CAROLS HOSPITAL GROUNDS (6PM SAUSAGE SIZZLE 7PM CAROLS PG 14 & 36), MCPI—General Meeting Pg 2.
19	THURS	SES TRAINING (PG 25)
20	FRI	
21	SAT	
22	SUN	WYLAHRA GROVE CHRISTMAS PARTY(PG 6)
23	MON	
24	TUES	MILLMERRAN COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICE closes 12.30pm and re-opens 2ND JANUARY, 2020 at 9am
25	WED	
26	THURS	
27	FRI	
28	SAT	
29	SUN	
30	MON	
31	TUES	ROCKY CREEK HALL NEW YEARS EVE PARTY (PG 26)

FORWARD PLANNED EVENTS FOR 2020.

10th January, 2020—Yallambee Auxiliary Meeting Pg. 9. _15th January, Men's Shed Resumes Pg. 20,
 20th January, Millmerran State School & St. Joseph's School Offices OPEN __25th January, RSL Meeting Pg 29
 26th January AUSTRALIA DAY LIONS PARK MILLMERRAN 7.30am to 11am FREE Pg 3.
 26th January AUSTRALIA DAY DINNER—Wylahra Grove Hall Pg 6
 2nd February, 2020 BREKKY IN THE BUSH—Wylahra Grove Hall Pg. 6
 9th February, Annual General Meeting Wylahra Grove Progress Pg 6.
 11th February Millmerran Historical Society meeting Pg 27
 20th February Tentative booking Lions Club GARAGE SALE 29th February and 1st March MILLMERRAN SHOW.

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