

MILLMERRAN & DISTRICT NEWS

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STATIC DISPLAY
Campbell Street
Saturday 11th April
9am to 12noon

**EASTER WEEKEND
THURSDAY 9TH APRIL
TO MONDAY 13TH
APRIL 2020**





WORKSHOPS AND CONCERT

ENRICHMENT THROUGH MUSIC

EVENING CONCERT
TUES 24 MARCH 6.30PM-8PM

SCHOOLS PERFORMANCE
WED 25 MARCH 9.30AM

**MILLMERRAN COMMUNITY
& CULTURAL CENTRE**

FREE EVENT - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
MILLMERRAN COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICE
PHONE 4695 5650



**QUEENSLAND SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA**



Millmerran Commerce & Progress Inc. March, 2020 Report

I recall saying in the December report that all our community needs to function as it has done for decades is RAIN. We have been fortunate to receive good rain so far this year and our parched landscapes are showing some magnificent colours of nature as our Green returns. As usual the weather blotted it's copybook by throwing a curve ball with far too much rain for our drainage system to cope and some premises in town had an unscheduled spring clean. MCPI are going to contact Council with regard to the regular clearing of existing drains, to eliminate blockages and to promote further investigations into upgrading the storm water drainage.

Toowoomba Regional Council elections will be held later this month, being Saturday 28th March, 2020. MCPI is hoping to arrange a Meet the Candidates evening in Millmerran at the Cultural Centre. We are hoping to entice the Candidates to come to Millmerran and meet our community and business folk and deliver a 3 minute address to let you know who they are and why they believe they are worthy of your vote on election day. Keep your eyes on the shop windows and facebook pages for the date and time. The full list of candidates running for Councillor positions has not been finalised at the time of publication of this newsletter.

The Easter bunny will be here in a hop and a jump as this year marches along at a record rate. Hot Rods Inc. are returning this year, and I am sure that this will delight everyone in the community. Static display of vehicles will be held in Campbell Street on Easter Saturday and the usual dinner dance at the Millmerran Showgrounds. Check out the details on Page 5 of this publication and their website. Please go along and support this club, as they do in supporting MILLMERRAN.

The long awaited printed copies of the Millmerran Visitors Guide are now available at shops in Millmerran and a PDF copy is also available on our website. The loose insert town map and drives map should assist our travellers in finding their way around our Brilliant Skies and Broad Horizons. 4 new postcard photo designs are on sale and make a great gift to include in cards and letters, to friends. Well a huge sigh of relief as the last of the draft Heritage Walk Plaques has been signed off by the building owners. Now the brakes are off and the final designs will be emailed off to the manufacturers—Glassmetal Industries to manufacture our Vitreous Enamel Plaques. These should be all on display in time for the Easter visitors. The tourism website is now undergoing an edit and scrutiny by a team of 16 members and friends of MCPI, and our sincere thanks to Amanda Beatson from PAGESCAPES for her dedication to the project beyond her contracted agreement. So watch out MILLMERRAN is going to be headline news in the Travellers guides and the Grey Nomads circles. We don't know just how blessed we are to have such wide open spaces and freedom, even if the weather is always the main topic of conversation on everyone lips.

This year is Camp Oven Festival year, and MCPI is going to assist ACOF by providing part of the funding of the shuttle bus that travels from the showgrounds to the Business district from Wednesday 30.9.2020 to Sunday 4.10.2020. ALL businesses are requested to consider contributing to the cost of this service. If your business is able to provide some funding for the shuttle bus please contact MCPI secretary—Roselle by any of the methods below. Busking in Millmerran will also feature in Campbell Street, Millmerran on Friday 2nd October, 2020. Maria and Jan have volunteered to organise this event for 2020 and details of the application form and prizes will be available on our website and facebook pages as soon as they are available. So put a note in your diaries to remind all your talented family, friends and neighbours of the Busking in Millmerran date. 2018 proved to be a very popular event with a large crowd listening to the Buskers and remaining to enjoy some lunch and more music in Domville Place. **MILLMERRAN THE PLACE TO BE IN 2020.**

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MANAGEMENT MEETING 18th March, 2020, All members are welcome to attend. Please gather at the Bowls Club 5.30pm

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Service Established 18 April 1995

30-32 Campbell Street Millmerran

Phone 46955 650

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EVENTS FOR MARCH - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Summer Tunes ~ Cecil Plains Homestead on the Condamine River - 15 March 2020 from 10am - 1:30pm. Great music, great company and a great location. 'Flashback' will perform a huge selection of songs spanning from Elvis to Johnny Cash, Credence to the Beatles, plus a sprinkling of country greats.

Movie Night ~ Youth Connect TRC presents a FREE screening of the movie *The Secret Life of Pets 2*. Wylahra Grove Community Hall, 72 Primrose Drive Millmerran Downs on Friday 27th March 7pm.

Seniors Bingo ~ Brookstead Community Hall Tuesday March 17th. Free morning tea 9:30am; Bingo 10am-12pm! Great Prizes to be won! Bookings Essential and close 12th March. Please phone 131 872 and quote 'Seniors Bingo'. Millmerran Seniors interested in attending this event on the free bus, please book at Millmerran Community Support Service on 46955 650 to reserve a seat.

Millmerran Local Telephone Directory Update

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

Please contact Millmerran Community Support Service 46955 650.

Organisations Contacts Update

Call into Millmerran Community Support Service or phone 46955 650 with your organisations current contact details.

This will enable our service to inform your organisation of any current grants and of events taking place in Millmerran.

Need someone to talk to? Call the Lifeline Service

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

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

NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme):

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

Millmerran Community Support Service is a drop off point to **RECYCLE:-**

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

Recycle your ink cartridges - Bring along your empty ink toners and ink cartridges on behalf of Close the Loop 4 Planet Ark.

Do You need help and assistance with your English?

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

Gambling Community Benefit Fund Grants:

www.gamblingcommunityfund.qld.gov.au to submit an application. Closing dates each year: 28 February (29 February in a leap year); 30th April; 30th June; 31st August and 31st October.

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

Upcoming Events:

- 16th Annual Rods Inc Millmerran Hot Rod Runs Saturday 11th April - static display. 9am -12noon.
- Anzac Day march on 25th April -10am.
- Millmerran Health Expo 21st May 9am—2:30pm
- Australia's Biggest Morning Tea - date in May to be confirmed.

IMPORTANT Changes to Department of Human Services:

As from 1st February 2020 the Department of Human Services is now known as Services Australia. The website has changed from humanservices.gov.au to servicesaustralia.gov.au

What won't change:

As an Agent for Centrelink, we will continue to assist customers to use our service delivery. Customers can use the self service computer, phone, scanning, copy and printing facilities.

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



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**16th Annual Rods Inc.
Millmerran Hot Rod Run**

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**Easter
Weekend**
Thursday 9th April
to
Monday 13th April
2020

Millmerran 2020

Camping at
Millmerran Show
Grounds or stay at
the Motel or cabins
in Millmerran

Saturday static display held in
Campbell St, Millmerran
9am to 12 noon

Saturday night dinner and dance at
Millmerran Showgrounds Hall

For more information and entry forms contact:
Kerry Moreton
Phone 0435 398 708
Email: kerry@rodsinc.com.au
or our club website
www.rodsinc.com.au

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Landcare Get Together and General Meeting

Join us to hear all about what's happening in the Landcare world and also hear from Craig Hunter from Biosecurity Qld. Craig will be discussing drought feeding and weed spread and also the detrimental effect of fire ants and their identification.

When: Friday 20th March

Where: Rocky Creel Hall

Time: 5.30pm

Free BBQ dinner provided.

Please BYO drinks and family and friends.

Please RSVP to Rebecca on above contacts by 18th March.

Cultural Burning Workshop



Know your country, learn how to read what it is telling you about its needs and understand how to use fire to control weeds and regenerate a good balance of grasses, trees and shrubs.

Traditional Aboriginal burning practices achieved this balance and were the reason Europeans found such lush pasture all over Australia.

Victor Steffensen will present innovative and challenging ideas for managing land, which make a lot of sense to many local landholders and farmers. Victor learned these practices from his Old People and has been teaching them all over Australia for twenty years. At this workshop Victor will identify important aspects of the country and burn a significant area. Local Aboriginal rangers will also be present.

When: Thursday 11th March 8.00am to 2.00pm

Where: Halls property. Address will be advised when RSVP received.

Morning tea and lunch provided. Please BYO water, hat and chair

Please RSVP to Rebecca on above contacts by 10th March



dementia
friendly
communities

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.



From the Mayor's Desk



The recent storm in Millmerran whilst very intense showed the current storm drainage system did not cope in the circumstances and there is a need for our senior drainage staff to look at how we can manage future storms of this magnitude. It is not the first time the system has not coped and I am hoping we can get a review undertaken. The rain in recent weeks has certainly been of tremendous benefit to the whole region but there have been many similar events right across the whole area that are concerning. There were a number of houses in close proximity to Toowoomba that suffered in the particularly intense rain events we've experienced. At the time of preparing I have not been able to get our senior staff out there but hopefully we can work out a way of improving things.

Despite all of this, the rain has been a wonderful blessing with plenty of greenery and dams full or much better than they were. While the drought is far from over, the impact of that terrible dry spell lingers on and the financial and mental impact will hang around for a long time. We hope and pray that after such a difficult time we can see a period of better seasons in the coming month and years. The Australian climate has a bad habit of producing tremendous variation and I guess we've seen a good example of just that in recent years.

One of the sporting highlights of the year, especially for golfers, is the annual Coca Cola Qld PGA Golf Tournament held at the City Golf Club in South Street Toowoomba each February. It is a popular tournament and draws golfers from all over Australia and internationally. Many emerging players have taken part and have gone on to greater levels in the sport. It has been running now in Toowoomba for eleven years and it is hopeful that we are going to retain it well into the future. Golf is an important pastime for many people in our community and many small communities such as ours are fortunate to have a good quality course. Part of the reason for TRC's support of the event is to further promote sport in our community, and this year, with the coverage by Fox Sport on national TV, serious promotion of our broader community particularly from a tourism prospective has been wonderful. It was really amazing how many people I ran into who came from the regional areas particularly Millmerran.

You may have noted recently that the State Government, without any consultation with our council, announced that they would use our water supply system, which includes significant very expensive infrastructure to provide water to Warwick. It was an unfortunate non inclusive process and despite them getting a lot of information from our staff there was no discussion with our CEO or myself. Our Premier did eventually come to town for a discussion and we were able to settle things down considerably but certainly not completely. They have undertaken to consult more widely with us in the future in the process and work with us to get a better understanding of the impact on us. Water is a precious commodity and the rate payers need to understand the impact of the State Government plan. The Wivenhoe pipeline cost \$200 million and although the State Government of the day contributed over \$100million, the pipeline and the distribution system is still our asset. Anyhow the Premier and her staff are now, following the discussion, thinking of a water grid that includes Toowoomba, Warwick and all places in between. A connection to the Clarence River could also provide additional water for agriculture. It is going to be an interesting journey. The other good news is that recent rain has given Warwick an additional two years of water.

Fires in the rest of Australia particularly NSW and Victoria certainly overshadowed the difficulties in this area and I guess for that very reason it was difficult to get support from organisations such as "Blaze Aid" to our area. I do hope that we can learn from what happened and take the opportunity to reduce fire hazard at the appropriate time of the year. We are hoping to bring the local volunteer bush fire brigades together to develop a local plan to do just that. I was reading an article regarding the dangers posed by highways and the number of fires they start in the USA. Maybe that could be part of our local consideration. Our wonderful volunteers would be best used reducing hazard during the safe fire period rather than risking their lives in difficult times. You will no doubt hear more as the year progresses.

The latest news to me has indicated that DD Health is providing a good service in our community while we wait to see what the future holds. We all hope we can return to where we used to be for all those years with our own privately operated medical centre. It has been a difficult and divisive journey but a medical centre covering as many of the local needs is what every community needs. In saying that, the service level in Toowoomba in health is good and plans are for it to continually improve. A lot of work is being done in an effort to bring a wider range of skills to the area. I recently spoke at the 30th anniversary of Smithy's Gym where a big effort is going into getting a neurosurgeon to establish in town. Brendan and his wife lost their son following a brain injury in a boxing match and of course we lost the Deputy Mayor's husband Roger Taylor following a fall which caused brain injury. Timely surgical intervention is vital if these injuries are to be dealt with.

Finally, let's hope the recent rains are the beginning of a good productive season for all of us. We must remember how difficult it has been for people closely involved in farming, and the long term effect on the income and the mental health of all those people closely involved be it as a farmer or associated dependent businesses.

Til next month, Paul Antonio



Updates from the Toowoomba Region

Council meetings

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held 10 March 2020. There are no Committee Meetings scheduled for March. All meetings are at City Hall, 541 Ruthven Street, Toowoomba.

MobileMUSTER

Do you have an old mobile phone you no longer use? Mobile phones can be recycled. The MobileMUSTER program offers collection points to dispose of your old mobile and 95% of the materials are recovered and re-used again. We have MobileMUSTER bins at all our customer service centres, the Yarraman Library and the Greater Toowoomba Waste Management Facility.

Cashless waste facilities

Many of our waste management facilities are going cashless. From 30 March 2020 accepted payment methods will be EFTPOS, credit card, debit card and account payments. Cash will continue to be accepted at the Greater Toowoomba Waste Management Facility. Call us for more information or talk to staff at your local facility.

Urban and rural addressing

Clear numbering of urban and rural addresses is important for improving response times in the event of an emergency. It also assists with other services including mail delivery, Council services and administration. Please ensure your address is clearly numbered and visible from the roadside. For more information on establishing a rural address visit www.tr.qld.gov.au

Keep your weeds in check

With the recent rainfall there is a lot of new growth. Remember that you are responsible for ensuring any plants on your premises do not pose a health, environmental or biosecurity risk to the community. For further information or advice, give us a call and ask to speak to our Conservation & Pest Management team.

Free Movie Night

Youth Connect are pleased to bring a free screening of 'The Secret Life of Pets' for all to enjoy. Join us on 27 March at the Wylahra Grove Community Hall, 72 Primrose Drive, Millmerran Downs from 7pm. Food and drink are available for purchase, BYO camp chair or picnic rug. For more information or other locations.



Summer Tunes 2020

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CHECK OUT
www.tr.qld.gov.au/summertunes
FOR MORE INFO

Join us to enjoy free live music from local band Flashback at the Cecil Plains Homestead on 15 March from 10am-1.30pm. Flashback perform a wide variety of genres with songs spanning from Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Credence, Beatles and country greats.

For more information on the Summer Tunes program visit www.tr.qld.gov.au/summertunes

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



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Living, Loving, Learning

Welcome to 2020 at St Joseph's!

What an amazing start we have had to the year here at St Joseph's. How wonderful it has been to come back to green grass and happy and eager students. Being small in size, but big in heart and spirit, St Joseph's is an amazing place for students to grow and learn. Our students and staff should be commended on a wonderful start to the year, with many amazing activities and rigorous learning having taken place already in 2020. At St Joseph's we believe that every child should experience success and growth; spiritually, culturally, through sport and in academics. Our results from 2019 stand testament to this. In 2019 NAPLAN 95% of our Year 3 and 5 students were above the national benchmark in Grammar and Punctuation and 100% of Year 3 and 5 students were above the national benchmark in all the remaining areas of Reading, Spelling, Writing and Numeracy. This is a fantastic achievement. This data was reinforced by the results of our whole school testing at the end of 2019, which enables us to track student growth from year to year. This year 48% of students in Year 3-6 experienced growth above what is expected within a year's worth of schooling in Mathematics and an amazing 92% of students in Year 3-6 experienced more than a year's worth of growth in reading. A fantastic effort, which is a testament to the hard work of our students and the dedication and diligence of our teaching and support staff.

Have a wonderful and prosperous 2020,
Lawson Short
Principal

Welcome to our Classes of 2020

Below- Our Prep / Year 1 Class



Below- Our Year 2/3 Class



Above- Our 4/5/6 Class

Right- Our New
Prep Students



PAST EVENTS

- Meet the teachers information evening and welcome BBQ.
- ARTS Council Performance- Brilliant at Being Resilient
- Opening School Mass

Coming Events

- Easter Celebrations
- St Joseph's Day Celebrations
- National Day Against Bullying
- Orchestra visit and workshops

Right- Our 2020
School Leaders



Learning is a journey! Start it here.

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MILLMERRAN MEN'S SHED

We still have not moved into our new shed but this is imminent. We are just waiting for the power to be connected and other electrical work to follow. Members have made garden bed boxes for the grounds from sleepers which were donated by TRC.

We are currently working on animal "cutouts" for the Show Society. Most are completed but just need to be painted. We plan on holding a display at the show where we plan to sell off some items of restored furniture and sundry. We have another major project – a job for the Historical Society - which we hope to commence once we are in the new shed.

Thank you to Linda Weymouth for assisting with the application of grants for equipment for the new shed.

On Tuesday 11 Feb we held our monthly meeting. Membership dues were collected.

Confucius say, "Man who stand with both feet placed firmly on ground-can't get pants off."

President: Gary Schultz

Vice President: Mike Antonio

Secretary: Bob MacIntosh

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YALLAMBEE AUXILIARY.

Thank you for recognizing the Auxiliary on Australia Day!

The Auxiliary is simply a Bunch of Girls, happy to be part of a great organization, Yallambee, full of superb staff working for an amazing group of Residents.

What more could you want?

Come and be part of this Auxiliary!! Why not??

We shall still be part of Yallambee after the transition, after all, the Rezzies still have Birthdays, and many other needs!! And they are the people who matter!!

Mother's Day Markets.

Time to plant a pot.....NO!.....Pot a plant!!

Time to make a jam, or a chutney, or a pickle.

In no time, we shall have a good Raffle on the go.

Maybe you could sell some tickets, and catch up on the latest News in the Street!!

March shoppers: Trish (4th); Kay (11th); Lyn H (18th); Lyn (25th).

March birthdays: Jill Wright (10th); Val Simmons (23rd).

MILLMERRAN ARTS & CRAFTS

Our AGM was held on 15/2/20

All office bearers were re-elected unopposed.

Nell MacQueen was our guest speaker

And spoke to us about the formation of

Arts Council and their activities past and present.

On March 17th Ben McClune will be holding a workshop on machine quilting

Commencing at 9am.

Also a reminder of our dying and painting workshop on April 7th.

Fay Schwarten 0419 673 279



Millmerran Historical Society

Millmerran Museum - A Great Place to Visit

Make a time and come down and explore your local Museum. Lots of wonderful displays for young and old. Lots of great old photos from past events to look though. Bring a picnic and sit under the beautiful old trees. Just contact one of our volunteers and they will come down and open for you.

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

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

*Next Meeting: Tuesday 10th March 2020 5pm
Fay Twidale – 0427588587 Pat Walsh – 0438174714
Email: millmerran_historical@hotmail.com
www.millmerranmuseum.com.au*



MILLMERRAN GARDEN CLUB

At our Annual General meeting on 14/2/20 Office bearers for 2020

President: Margaret Dalton

Secretary: Evelyn Woodbury

Treasurer: Margaret Arnold

The next meeting will be held on Friday 13th March at the home of Margaret Arnold, 13 Mill Road. 9.30am for 10am start.

Raffle - Lois

Flower of the month - Flower of choice.

Enquiries: Evelyn 4695 1616

Margaret A. 0407 769 572

MARLENE ERBS

The Family of the late Marlene Erbs wish to thank family and friends for their expressions of sympathy, cards, phone calls and support at this time.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

Allison, Stephen & Marlene, Peter & Karen, Monica & Gerald and Families.

MARK EDWARD CALDICOTT

21/3/1960 - 10/1/2020

Words cannot express our heart felt gratitude to all those who offered their love, support and expressions of sympathy on the sad loss of Mark. It is comforting to know he touched so many lives.

Born in Millmerran, Mark spent his childhood at "Monmouth", between Millmerran & Goondiwindi.

After studying at Emerald Pastoral College, he spent some time in Canada & Denmark before returning to the family property. He settled back into the district, cultivating interests in various fields including rifle & clay target shooting, campdrafting & Kindon sporting club.

Although 80kms from Millmerran he devoted many hours through Apex & Lions to community service,

After he and Cheryl (dec'd) married, they moved to the Bundaberg area where Cheryl would be closer to her daughter. Mark found employment in the agricultural sector, with sugar cane, macadamia & small crops etc. He enjoyed the new challenges and responsibilities that came with this.

Unfortunately, his life ended too soon, less than a year after his wife Cheryl.

Please accept this as our thank you for your support, which has been a great comfort to us at this difficult time

MILLMERRAN GOLF CLUB inc

March 2020

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

Chase the Ace continues as the jackpot every Friday fortnight, thanks to all.

Sorry missed last month's deadline, so two months have passed this year already, memberships are now due and please be diligent in paying as the Club still has to pay Golf link / Capitation fees to Golf Australia for every member.

Well what about the change in the weather, just when you think it's not going to rain again, the heavens opened and the rain came. What a joy, it certainly puts a smile on your face. It has been a great relief for our ground staff with the creek being dry and reduced input from the town effluent to green grass again. A great start to the year hope it continues, it's been a long time between drinks.

March 2020

Sunday 1 st	Club Trophies Oakey Open Carnival
Saturday 7th	Ezzy & Bliss Trophies 2 Person Ambrose
Saturday 14th	1 st Round Club Championships 18 Hole Stroke
Sunday 15th	2 nd Round Club Championships 18 Hole Stroke
Saturday 21st	3 rd Round Club Championships 18 Hole Stroke Mens A,B,C & Ladies
Sunday 22nd	Open Carnival Timesheet AB & TA Crank Trophies Mug & Goblet
Sunday 29 th	Club Trophies 18 hole Stableford

Millmerran Lions Club



We Serve

Thank you to all the patrons who made our GARAGE

Sale at the shed in the Millmerran Lion's Park on 22/2/20 such a success.

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. 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.

At our last meeting it was decided that we would give some support to local farmers who were doing it tough in the drought. And also, to the people who were needing help after the local bushfire.

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.

The Lion's shed has finally had the extension completed and now houses our trailers and cold room. Thank you to B. McKINLAY FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

If you would like to become a member of the Lion's club, and thus give a little back to your community, please contact one of the below numbers

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

C. Gibson on 4695 1532

Yours in Lion's Ros Richter



MILLMERRAN STATE P-10 SCHOOL



Email: principal@millmerranss.eq.edu.au

Website: www.millmerranss.eq.edu.au

Thank you to everyone who has welcomed me into the school community. It has been a great start to the school year with student attendance well above 95%. Between the school and the P&C it looks like being a fantastic year for students at Millmerran SS.

A massive thank you to all those who volunteer at our tuckshop (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) and our breakfast program (Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings). If you are able to volunteer an hour or two to assist please let the school office know and we will pass your details on to those coordinating.

Our year 10 students have begun work on their Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways which when completed will contribute 4 points towards their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).

The school, like a lot of the region, is looking great with some green grass again. Let's hope it's a sign of the great year to come.

Regards

Rob Michel Principal Millmerran State P-10 School



Mark this date in your calendars and bring along a chair or picnic rug, your whole family and your appetite. Sausage Sizzle \$2.00 and Hot chips \$1.00. Movie commences at 7pm. Millmerran & Districts all welcome.

St. Patrick's Day 17th March,

2020

72 Primrose Drive, Millmerran Downs. For more information Phone: 0417 782 810.

Wylahra Grove Hall is holding a St. Patrick's Day themed HIGH TEA afternoon tea commencing at 2.30pm. No entry fee. Bring along a plate of cake, biscuits or slice to share with fellow community members. Dress up for the occasion. Prizes for the best dressed and most inventive outfit. Hot Beverages will be supplied and GREEN CORDIAL. Soft drinks \$1.50
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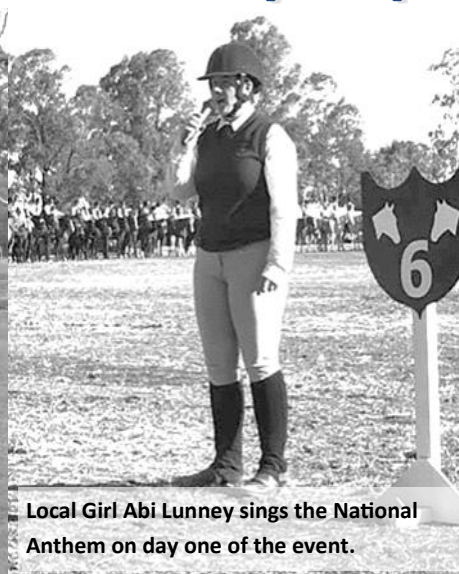
We are now looking into branching out with our company to other locations and are excited to meet and work with a new range of clientele. We dedicate 100% to our quality of work.

Renee & Eddie Ugljesa PH: 0457247229

Community EVENT OF THE YEAR—Millmerran Pony Club State Championships.



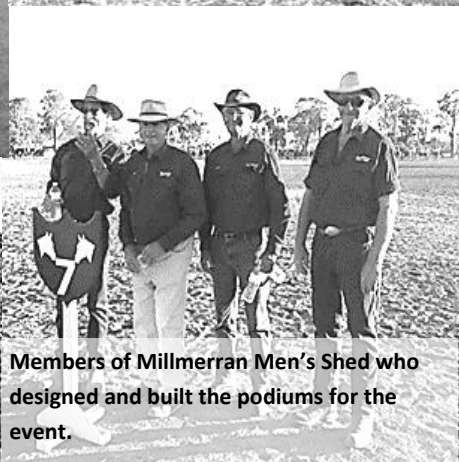
Accepting their award at the Australia Day Ceremony in Millmerran
Millmerran Pony Club representatives.



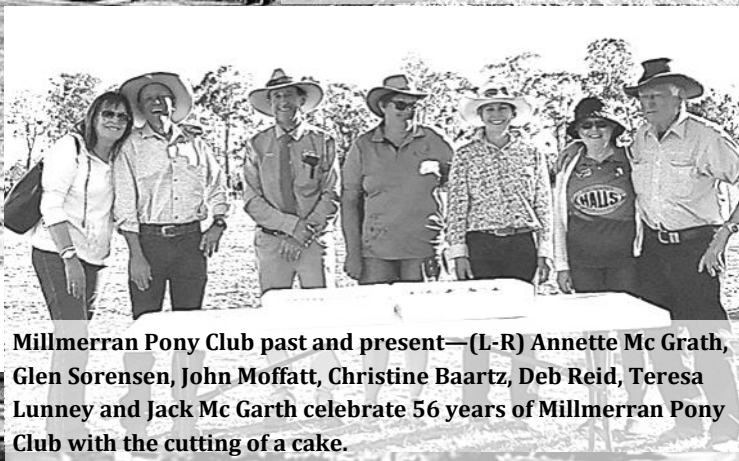
Local Girl Abi Lunney sings the National Anthem on day one of the event.



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



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



Millmerran Pony Club past and present—(L-R) Annette Mc Grath,
Glen Sorensen, John Moffatt, Christine Baartz, Deb Reid, Teresa
Lunney and Jack Mc Garth celebrate 56 years of Millmerran Pony
Club with the cutting of a cake.



Day one overall presentation and Grand Parade.

PONY CLUB QUEENSLAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS, held at MILLMERRAN. 30th September—4th October 2019.

March report from Wylahra Grove Progress Assoc. Inc. and Wylahra Grove Community Hall,
72 Primrose Drive, Millmerran Downs. Qld. Phone 0417 782 810. Email: w.g.progress72@bigpondcom

Elected committee 2020-2022—President—Vince Alberry, Vice President-Peta Anderson, Treasurer— Joe Crellin, Secretary— Roselle Crellin.

Next General Meeting—Sunday 8th March, 2020, members and visitors are welcome.

Everyone from Wylahra Grove, Millmerran and Districts are welcome to attend any of the planned events at the hall over the next month. Hall is open for General Use free of charge Tuesday and Wednesday 9am to 4pm Saturday 10am to 4pm, Internet gold coin donation—NO excessive data use/download of applications/games, you tube or movies is permitted in this gold coin donation. FREE beverages.

Sunday March 1st—Brekky in the Bush—commencing from 9am Prices start from \$1.00 up to \$6.00 for a full Brekky. Invited Guest is Mike Flanigan who is running in the upcoming Toowoomba Regional Council Elections, being held on 28th March, 2020. Come and have a chat with Mike. Mark your calendars— next Brekky in the Bush Sunday 5th APRIL.

Every Tuesday from 9am Hobbies at the Hall \$2.00, incl. morn/tea, men and ladies bring along a large range of hobbies they are interested in. Every Friday 7pm Darts/Rummikub. Darts \$3, Games \$2, Kids \$1 incl. nibbles,—children must be supervised by a parent or guardian.

NEW EVENT—Wednesdays in March— 1pm to 4pm—Pool Players, Table Tennis Players, Card Players, Texas Holdem Poker, Chess, Board Games, Outdoor Tennis, Fitness Equipment or Playground.\$1.00 incl. a/noon tea.— Come along if you can already play or assist others.

ST. PATRICKS DAY—Tuesday 17th March, 2020— HIGH TEA—afternoon tea. No entry fee. Bring along a plate of cake, biscuits or slice to share with fellow community members. Dress up for the occasion. Prizes for the best dressed and most inventive outfit. Hot beverages and green cordial will be supplied, Soft drinks \$1.50. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT—Friday 27th March, 2020—THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS 2—this movie is being supplied by Youth Connect—TRC. Bring along a chair, your whole family and your appetite—Sausage Sizzle \$2.00 Hot Chips \$1.00. Movie commences at 7pm.

NEW FUND RAISING VENTURE—support Wylahra Grove Progress to continue to maintain and improve facilities at the hall and in the district. We are going to run two minor raffles on a continuous cycle. \$2.00 Raffle Board numbers from 1-50 on squares, choose your number and put your name and phone contact in the square—Prize \$50.00. \$5.00 Raffle Board numbers from 1-50 on squares, choose your number and put your name and phone contact in the square— Prize \$125.00. When the Raffle Boards for either purchase value have all the numbers taken, we shall draw out a lucky number and contact the WINNER. If you want to be in every draw you can arrange forward payment with our Treasurer. Lucky winners will be announced in this publication and Wylahra Grove Community News available in stores in Millmerran, Wylahra Grove Hall and on line <https://wgprogress72.wixsite.com/2017> Phone Joe for information 0427 759 010.



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Yallambee News

Well I did say last month that February may be the last edition of Yallambee News and I left the door open for a **final wind up of news from Yallambee Aged Care**. Brace yourselves however because Millmerran Centenary Retirement Village Inc lives on until that association is wound up by the financial members. I guess I will be reporting on that as it evolves. So here I am back again with some more of 'it'. On 3 March 2020 Maclean Care Limited (MCL) will formally take over the operation of our local aged care facility. You will note that I say '**operation**'. This is important because under the Constitutions of both Millmerran Centenary Retirement Village Inc (MCRV) and MCL, the assets of the facility can never be sold for gain by any individual or by any organisation unless the profits of such a sale are applied to a similar purpose. In the absence of some diabolical change in legislation or circumstances our local aged care facility will continue to operate and cater for the elderly in our community as it always has, hopefully even better and with less 'bumps and bruises'.

No chance of an overrun this month and I'll try to avoid too much sadness and melancholy. And no foreboding either although we, and MCL, have always been upfront about the possibility of changes. MCL will put their own stamp on Yallambee Aged Care and it stands to reason that they will make operational adjustments. But they have a very good past record with the regulation and compliance agencies and like all providers, they will fall under the new regime that stems from the Aged Care Royal Commission. That is one thing that the retiring Board of Management did not believe they, or future Boards made up of local community members would be able to navigate without significant stress. It would also almost certainly require a substantial outlay on an additional senior staff member in the form of a professional compliance officer.

Last month I paid a special tribute to our **staff**. It has occurred to me since then that too many long good-byes, thanks and tributes might indicate that all Yallambee Aged Care **contributors, volunteers and supporters** are a thing of the past. Not so. **All will be just as important and just as valuable to the aged care facility in Millmerran and to its residents. It's about the residents**. The residents and their families are the beneficiaries of good management, good care and a supportive and involved community. Maclean Care will need and value our local community support just as much as MCRV Inc did for 35 years.

With that said, on behalf of all the Boards of Management of MCRV Inc who have gone before me, I offer heartfelt thanks to our wonderful Ladies Auxiliary, our tireless Bargain Boutique team, our sponsors, donors and volunteers and all who have contributed to the first life of Yallambee Aged Care. Many have been on the journey for the entire 40 years. Many have come and gone. The job however goes on. Where is the next wave? Something for all in our community to consider. One day we will all need aged care. Become involved, have a say, lend a hand.

As we wind down now to the transition of local control and operation of Yallambee Aged Care I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Millmerran community for their unwavering support during the difficult times we experienced over the last few years. Most people were able to see beyond the headlines and sensations and anyone who took the time or interest to visit Yallambee could very quickly see that our aged care facility was a modern, safe and happy home for our elderly residents. Thank you for disseminating the facts and making informed judgement. We have never shied away from the fact that some management decisions have disaffected some people and some staff performances and behaviours have also at times created problems and failings. There was 'pain' along the way but also undeniable 'gain'. We hand over Yallambee Aged Care with safe and happy residents, wonderful staff, financially viable and fully accredited. I will always wish that there had been an easier road to this very satisfying destination.

Much work is being done to restore a long term, fully resourced and integrated medical service to Millmerran. It will benefit Yallambee Aged Care and the entire community. QH/DDHHS are working tirelessly behind the scenes to make this happen. I have been part of a group of stakeholders in this process and I can assure you of the genuine best efforts of the DDHHS team in this regard. They are looking at various models including private providers, public health and joint ventures. There are many unanswered questions in this story that only a few are privy to and there is misdirected blame. In the fullness of time I hope that the end result is clarity on many issues. Some of this clarity may be uncomfortable for many of you.

The rain is the good news. People are apparently presenting at optometrists with eye problems. The sudden shock of green is causing adjustment disorders in their ophthalmic nerves. And 'pig-weed rage'. Remember though '*one swallow does not a summer make*'. Lots more needed. '*Send 'er down huey*'. Young people won't get either of those.

So that's it. If I was full of 'it' I'm now empty. And duly flushed. No more Yallambee Aged Care News from me.

John Rogers



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New Listing

2 Ott Street Millmerran - Stylish 4 Bedroom Home - 3 Living Areas - Shed - \$350,000 - Area - 1017 sqm—Modern 4 bedroom home has built-ins & ceiling fans in all b/rs, main b/r has walk-in robe & ensuite. Large kitchen with ceramic cooktop & wall oven, pantry & plenty of storage. The breakfast bar joins the dining & living area, split system a/c. Formal lounge room, utilities room (games or extra living room). Bathroom with shower & bath, separate toilet, laundry, linen cupboard. Undercover outdoor living area, double garage, concrete drive-way. Located close to the school, hospital and sporting facilities.



Price Reduced

15 Stanley Street Millmerran - Renovator at an affordable price - Large allotment- \$115,000 - 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 and close walking distance to the sports centre and Foodworks.

Inspections by appointment - Office 07 4695 1355

Jan Fitzgerald: 0428 951 056

Jason Fitzgerald: 0428 951 355

Office: 07 4695 1355



New Listing

26-28 McKenzie Street Millmerran - 2 Houses - Large Allotment - Ideal Location - \$190,000 - Area - 9105 sqm—This versatile property has 2 cottages on a large allotment. The property has access off McKenzie Street and Bruce Road. 26 McKenzie Street is a larger 3 bedroom cottage, with a large open plan living area, bathroom, separate toilet. There is an outside laundry, double garage and garden sheds. 28 McKenzie Street is a small 3 bedroom cottage, the interior has been painted through out. This property is currently tenanted, with the tenant paying \$170 / week. This is an excellent opportunity to purchase a property with dual living facilities, or to live in one property and rent the other.



Price Reduced

6 Walpole Street Millmerran - Cosy Cottage - Quiet Location - Scenic Outlook - \$99,000 Area: 1011 sqm - This cosy two bedroom cottage has a screened front entrance, front sunroom, lounge room with wood fire, eat-in kitchen, bathroom with shower and vanity, small office or storage room, separate toilet, single lock-up garage, carport, yard fenced on 3 sides, solar hot water. The house is set in a quiet location and is walking distance to the main street.



Price Reduced

7 Alfred Street Millmerran - Affordable, Neat & Tidy Home - \$165,000 - Area: 1139 sqm - Affordable, Neat & Tidy Home - Great Location—Renovated 2 Bedroom home, wall air-conditioner in main b/r, lounge room with split system a/c, eat-in kitchen with gas stove, laundry, separate toilet, bathroom with shower and vanity, ramp access to the front of the house, large under cover outdoor area, 2 rain-water tanks, 1 connected to tap in the laundry, 1 connected to aviary, single carport, fenced yard, large bird aviary, garden shed, 4 single aviaries, vegetable garden. Located opposite the Foodworks.



Price Reduced

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



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MILLMERRAN PONY CLUB

Welcome to 2020 with Millmerran Pony Club! Firstly I'd like to welcome all new and old members to our club. Rally's will be held once a month at the Showgrounds. For all updates and what's happening please follow our Facebook page.

It was great to see so many faces attend our first rally. Our year is kicking off with a nice wet start and hope you are all receiving this lovely rain! And how cool is it to see green grass!

I'd like to introduce our committee to you. Firstly Patrick Lunney is our President, so any questions feel free to contact him on 0428 052 254.

Kallen Burgess and Troy Ball are both Vice President, Ariarna Sauverain Secretary. Vanessa Lunney is treasurer. Anyone wishing to join pony club it's very easy. Jump online to Omni Sport- My pony club and sign up to be a member. \$100/riding member and any persons under age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult who must be in turn joined as a social member. The cost of that is \$30.

We look forward to a fun exciting 2020 with you all!

Happy Riding!

Cheers Natasha Sauverain & Chris Hubbard



A few members
Zoe, Abi, Bella,
Olivia & Amelia.

SCRUBBY CREEK RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Hi Readers,

Well what change in the wet weather has been so good and it is good to see some green stuff and not brown any more hope it keeps coming. We'd like to thank Jamie Pratt and Richard Turna for going on deployment down south, they have learnt how other states do things and came back with some knowledge for our brigade well done to you both. We still need members so come along we have training on Thursday and Friday nights at 7pm. Our meetings are on the third Sunday of the month at 9.30 all welcome and morning tea. We will also be at the show. We like to thank the RFBAQ for the two grants we received. You can go on Facebook to see what we are doing or if there is any changes happening. Our new members are doing well at training. The 51 unit is having some upgrades carried out on it to help us out on the fire ground. **If it is flooded forget it , if you see fire ring 000.**

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MILLMERRAN SES

(State Emergency Service)

TRAINING DATES FOR MARCH 2020

Thursday 5th and 19th

Commencing at 7pm

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

For further information feel free to send us an email at sesmillmerrangp@gmail.com or call VIV on 0488441425

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MENSLINE	1300 789 978
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SERVICE— www.financialfirstaid.org.au —apps and online enquiries available.	
RELATIONSHIPS AUSTRALIA	1300 364 277
Monday— Friday 8am-10pm / Saturday 10am-6pm	
National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) - for information.	1800 800 110
National Centre for Farmer Health	03 5551 8533 or
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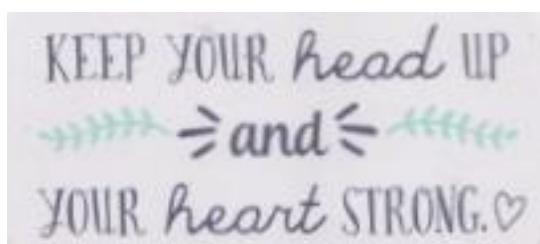
SENIOR CITIZENS

12th March - meeting followed by WOGS

26th March - Normal Activities of:

Bowls, cards or board games

All Activities at Cultural Centre at 1pm.



Forest Pines Rural Fire Brigade

Forest Pines Rural Fire Brigade only had one call out this month, things have been pretty quiet since all this rain of which we are all enjoying so nice to see green grass and dams full.

We would like to make people aware we are looking for new members to train to be future fire fighters our meetings are every 3rd Sunday of each month, training dates will be available on people's request.

Until next time keep safe



QUEENSLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Excitement is building as Millmerran, Pittsworth and Cecil Plains schools and Pittsworth Community Band - Black Ink, prepare for workshops with 14 QSO musicians. What a valuable opportunity for our young musicians. You can join this one-in-a-lifetime event at a **FREE** evening concert at the Cultural Centre on the 24 March. See Poster for details as concert bookings are essential. As well, Yallambee will be entertained by the QSO on 23 March. How good is that!

ARTIST TRUDY BROOKS GIFTS MILLMERRAN

Following a presentation of her artist journey at our AGM last month, ex-Millmerranite Trudy Brooks gifted the Millmerran Community Art Gallery with a beautiful water-colour painting of All Saint's Church, Yandilla. Details to come of where it will be hung in our next Newsletter.

LIBRARY FOYER DISPLAY FOR MARCH

The craft of our very talented Yallambee Residents will be on display during March, so drop in and support their work.



MILLMERRAN ARTS COUNCIL
performances | exhibitions | workshops

PRESIDENT: Nell Macqueen 4695 6191
SECRETARY: Leanne Brittan 4695 1138
TREASURER: Beris Shelley 4695 1392
PO box 386 Millmerran 4357
Email: leanne@rigpabt.org

CALENDAR DATES

COMMUNITY EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

MARCH, 2020

- 1st Brekky in the Bush—Wylahra Grove Hall
- 6th World Day of Prayer, Catholic Church
- 11th Cultural Burning Workshop—Millmerran Landcare
- 15th Summer Tunes— Cecil Plains Homestead
- 17th St. Patricks Day High Tea afternoon tea—Wylahra Grove Hall
- 17th Seniors Bingo Brookstead Hall
- 17th Millmerran Arts & Crafts—Machine Quilting Workshop.
- 24 and 25th Qld Symphony Orchestra—see page 2 for details.
- 27th The Secret Life of Pets 2— Outdoor Movie— Wylahra Grove Hall.

FORWARD PLANNED FOR 2020

- 7th April Workshop Genesis Creations
- 9th-13th April-Easter Weekend-Millmerran Hot Rod Run-Saturday 11th April Static Display, Campbell St., Millmerran.
- 25th April Anzac Day March in Campbell Street.
- Date -TBA May, Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
- 21st May Millmerran Health Expo
- 23rd May Debutante Ball
- 1st October Cabaret "Sugar , Sugar"
- 2nd October-Busking in Millmerran 3rd-4th October-Camp Oven Festival

DEBUTANTE BALL NOTICE

The combined Millmerran Debutante Ball will be held on Saturday 23rd May 2020 at the Millmerran Show Pavilion, Music by Rae Blinco.

Planning has commenced and more details will appear in next months Newsletter.

Young Ladies wishing to be presented at the Debutante Ball are very welcome, please contact Fran Folker 0429 419 195, Mary Tosswill 0437 279 962, or Aileen Taylor 0427 779 613, or Lynnda on the Millmerran Debutante Ball Site on Facebook.

Offers to be involved in this great night in anyway, be it Participating in the Presentation, as Debutantes, Partners, attendants or training, decorating and Dancing, you will be welcome and all offers gratefully received please contact the above Ladies.

Times and dates for training will be arranged after we have spoken to all involved in the presentation.

Please text or call Aileen with your suggestions.

Regards Mary, Fran and Aileen.



MILLMERRAN LOCAL AMBULANCE COMMITTEE

Lucky tickets will be available over the show weekend.

QAS (Queensland Ambulance Service) CPR trainer - Susette Daikon,
will be present over the show weekend at the show to promote CPR.

Next meeting 9th April at 6.30pm at the Centre.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

We are most grateful to Queensland Health for opening the Primary Health Centre

And the staff at the hospital for all the extra care given to the public.

Our March meeting will be on 17th at 1pm. On the verandah.

President: Ross Lindenmayer (0417 854 919)

Vice: Michael Swinton (0422 819 795)

Secretary: Ini Lindenmayer (0418 187 600)

Treasurer: Kris Dent (0427 312 650)

Important dates:

Tuesday 3rd March @ 5pm—training commences (10s & up only) (fitness & tackling)

Thursday 5th March @ 5pm—training commences (all grades)

Sunday 8th March—Ipswich Jets coaching clinic/ sign-on day 10am-12pm @ Millmerran Footy Field

Saturday 28th March—first week of fixtures

Check the Facebook pages "Millmerran Junior Rugby League—new one"

and "MIT Jets JRL" for updates





MILLMERRAN CUBS & SCOUTS GROUP

Cub Scouts Age 7-11 meet 3:30- 5:00 PM Fridays
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Queries contact: Leonard Thomson,
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Paul was being persecuted by Satan and experiencing numerous troubles and trials as a result, that tried to wear him down so he'd give up sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. Those trials and troubles included being imprisoned, stoned, beaten, shipwrecked and attacked by angry mobs (2 Corinthians 11).

Three times Paul asked the Lord, *Take this from me!* And each time God responded, *My grace is sufficient for you...* We hear that and think God is saying, *You're just going to have to put up with it, Paul.* That's not what God is saying at all. Paul was asking God to remove Satan's persecution from him.

I always wondered why God wouldn't or couldn't just remove the persecution Paul was experiencing. As I searched the Scriptures, I saw it's because we're not redeemed from persecution. God in Jesus redeemed us from sin, sickness and poverty but not persecution. How do I know? 2 Timothy 3:12 *anyone who belongs to Christ Jesus and wants to live right will have persecution from others.*

We often hear grace defined as God's unmerited favour...but it's so much more. Grace is God's power, strength and ability that He willingly gives to help us with what we could never do on our own. It's His willingness to use that power, ability, strength, on our behalf. It's

God making you into what you could never be by yourself It's God's empowerment, His power, working in your life.

When God said to Paul, *My grace is sufficient for you,* He was letting Paul know he was empowering Him to take command over Satan's attacks. He was saying to Paul, Trust in, have faith in, the love I have for you. It is enough to strengthen you to withstand whatever attacks come.

We're not required to have anything but faith and trust in God's incredible and unconditional love for us. We're told in 1 John 4:10 *perfect love...or the love God loves you with...casts out fear.* What kind of fear? Well, in this case, the fear we won't win over persecution, over what we're facing.

If you're feeling overloaded and stressed out with so much going on in your life that you feel like you can't keep up, God wants to enlarge your capacity to handle the stress of daily living while giving you peace and comfort. He said in 2 Corinthians 12:9 *My grace is sufficient for you...* That word *sufficient* means an *overwhelming provision.* God gives us what we need to deal with the problem...not to avoid it.

Knowing God's grace is sufficient for us to win over what life brings means we can have a bold confidence to take on life. When we have used our faith to stand against persecution or pressure, we don't run from it in fear but stand in confidence in God's faithfulness, in His grace, in His power, knowing it is sufficient.

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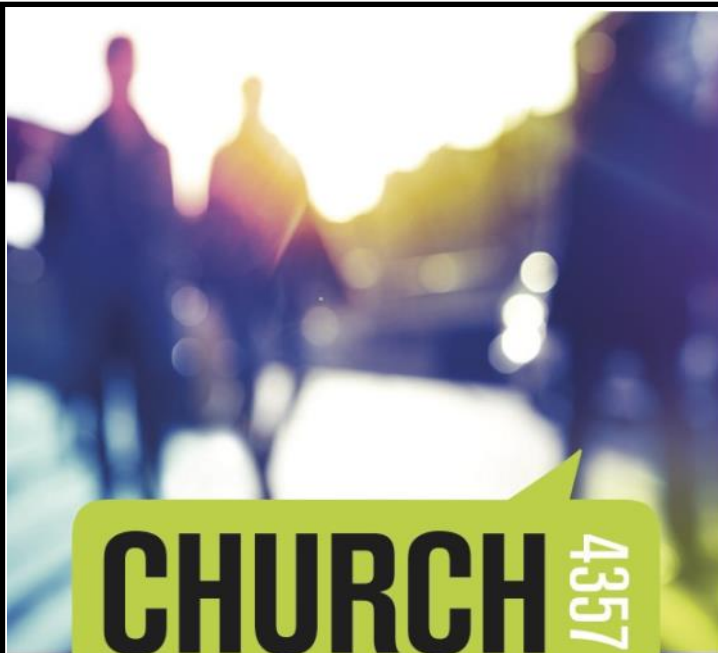
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ROMANS 8:21-23

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WE KNOW THAT THE WHOLE CREATION GROANS AND TRAVAILS IN PAIN TOGETHER UNTIL NOW. (Refers to the common longing of all the elements of the Creation). NOT ONLY THAT, BUT WE ALSO, WHO HAVE THE FIRST FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT, GROAN WITHIN OURSELVES WHILE EAGERLY WAITING FOR ADOPTION, THE REDEMPTION OF OUR BODIES. (The Believer groans because he knows the cause of so much suffering (sin) and as well, the only deliverance, The Lord Jesus Christ.

The Believer travails with the expectation of Deliverance. Believers know that Jesus is coming, that is if they truly know the Bible, and they know that He is the Answer to all things, hence, all True Believers say with John the Beloved, Even so, come, Lord Jesus (Rev. 22:20).

All that Jesus paid for and accomplished in the Atonement at Calvary's Cross, has not yet been realized, and will not be fully realized until the Resurrection/Rapture.

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We must continue to trust and believe.

Hope is a guarantee of something which is coming to pass in the future, but not known exactly as to when. We have now been Sanctified and we have been Justified; however, we have not yet been Glorified. That great event will take place at the Coming Resurrection/Rapture, when we will then realize the totality of what Jesus did in the Atonement at Calvary's Cross (I Cor. 6:11).

We have not seen and neither can we see, at least at the present, that which is yet to come, except by Faith. The Truth is, that the Believer has not even remotely seen all of that which is yet to come (I Cor. 2:9).

What is coming is so far beyond that which is here at the present, as to be no comparison. Hope is the absolute conviction and assured expectation.

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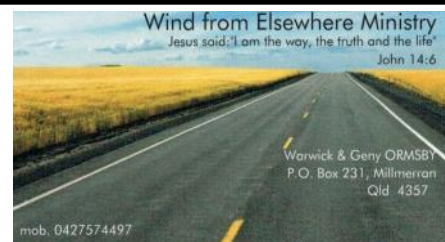
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Without Jesus in our heart, none will ever enter Heaven.. Some people joke about St. Peter, waiting at Heaven's gate for us when we die. The joke goes that he will give us a test, and depending on our answers to his questions, he will direct us to purgatory, to hell or he will open the gate of Heaven. But, if Peter was really waiting for us at Heaven's gate when we die, he'll most probably will have a stethoscope in his hand, ready to listen to our heart...tick,tick,tick...Get it!

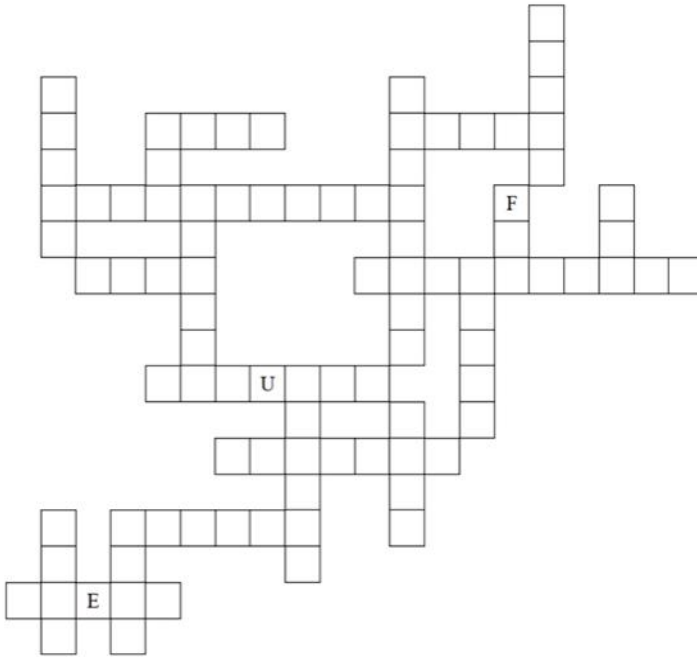
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Here we read about the first family. As the first parents, Adam and Eve have two sons. The first-born son was called Cain, and the second-born son was called Abel.

Abel became a shepherd, and took care of sheep, while Cain became a farmer and took care of growing crops and working the ground. One day when it came time for them to offer their best to the LORD, they both brought a gift to sacrifice on the altar. Abel brought a healthy young lamb, but Cain just brought some fruit that he had grown. This offering from Abel was worth a lot, and meant more to God because this was a life. The life of a healthy young sheep that could have grown and been a good healthy sheep for many years. Cain's offering didn't cost Cain much at all, and God wasn't pleased with this offering. A sacrifice must cost something to be a true sacrifice, and the cost of Cain's sacrifice was very small compared to Abel's. When God told Cain that his sacrifice wasn't enough, Cain got angry, instead of being humble and admitting that he had done the wrong thing. He was angry at God and angry at his brother, instead of thinking about the wrong type of offering he had brought. God speaks to Cain and asks him why he is so angry on the inside and looking so angry on the outside. The word "countenance" means our face. Just by looking at Cain's face, God could tell that Cain was angry from his expression. God gives Cain a warning, and with that an opportunity to change his attitude. Cain had to make the decision to stay angry, causing hate toward his brother, or stop himself from feeling this way and choose to fix what he had done wrong. Cain could have said sorry to God, sorry to his brother and offered his best to the Lord instead of what he had plenty of. Sadly, Cain ended up staying angry, and one day that anger got so bad and the hatred of his brother so strong, that he killed Abel. Abel had done nothing wrong toward Cain. It was just the jealousy, hatred and bitterness that caused Cain to do this. This is a very sad story, and Cain now becomes the first murderer because he held on to his anger and would not show love. We need to be careful where our anger can lead us. It is far better to forgive, and do right, then to allow ourselves to do more wrong. 1 John 3:11-12 KJV "For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother..."

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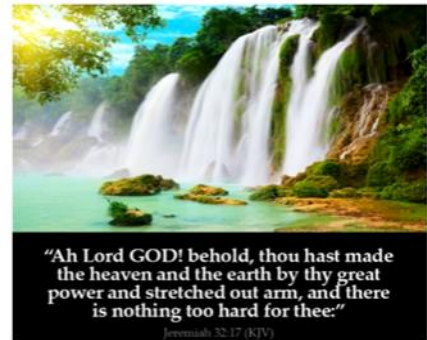
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In the book of Psalms and chapter 55, we find that King David was going through a tough time. When he wrote this psalm, he was dealing with a son that had turned the people against King David. David was now on the run from his son, and even one of his best friends had turned his back on David as well. This friend was supporting David's son, and not the King. For David things could have looked too hard. Things were not fair. King David was forced to leave his own kingdom after his own son had betrayed him, and his trusted friend had become disloyal. So, David writes this psalm and pours out his heart and feelings to the Lord. In verse 22 he writes "Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved". David knew that God could do what David could not. He just had to trust God to take care of things. As his last 6 words in that chapter says "...; but I will trust in thee." It is only God that can handle the things that are too hard for us. He has the power where we do not. He is the Creator; we are the creation.

Another story is that of Abraham and Sarah. Abraham was 99 and his wife, Sarah was 90 when they were told they would have a baby boy. This was incredibly hard to believe because of their age. So much that when Sarah heard it, she laughed in disbelief, to which God replied in Genesis 18:14 KJV "Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son." This thing that was too hard for Abraham and Sarah to accomplish, certainly was not too hard for God. The next time we are faced with a trial, a struggle, a difficulty that we may find too hard, may we pour out our heart to the Lord – to the one that doesn't see it like we do – **too hard**. Even better we don't have to wait until it gets too hard, but rather give it to the Lord earlier. Why get worn out trying to use our own strength to overcome, when we have God right there who would love to help his children. If God is our God, we can apply these verses into our life - "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." (Psa 46:1 KJV) and "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." (1 Peter 5:7 KJV) God is loving, and very able to do those things that are "too hard" for us – why not see if he can do what you cannot.

Nah 1:7 KJV - The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.



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