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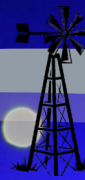
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Miles

The 12th of December 2022 will forever be a day of remembrance for police, as well as citizens of Tara township. On that day an innocent citizen went to a neighbour's property to help three monsters who killed him in cold blood by shooting him. All he did that day was to see if he could help his neighbours, and this was how they repaid his kindness. His name was Allan DARE. Two police officers were also murdered that day by the same criminals who shot Mr DARE. They were Constables Rachel MCCROW and Matthew ARNOLD. They were shot and executed in cold blood when they, too, were only at that property to help someone that was listed as a missing person. Two other police officers escaped from the ambush with mental scars that will haunt them the rest of their days.

In response to the tragedy the communities of Tara, Chinchilla and Miles covered their local police with love and care and well-wishes for the future. Thank you all. It was at times very difficult to keep emotions in check when members of the community approached police with condolences and shock at what had occurred. Thank you all for the care packages, the fresh cakes and so many beautiful messages in the cards and flowers brought to the police station. There will be a time of mourning, as well as a period whereby police officers will depart from the Southwest Police District. Be assured, however, that your local police will continue to provide the service that is rightly expected from them by the communities they serve. Police look forward to working in collaboration with the community to make the community a safer place; a place where people can feel safe on the street and inside their homes.

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OAM for Eric Geldard



Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM with Eric Geldard after he received the Medal of Order of Australia from her.

We previously reported, in the August 2022 edition, about our local legend Eric Geldard being awarded the OAM in last year's Queen's Birthday Honours. Finally the day was here! On Thursday, 1st December 2022 Governor of Queensland presented Eric Geldard OAM with the Medal of the Order of Australia in a special private Investiture Ceremony. Many of Eric's family and friends joined to celebrate Eric on his extraordinary day.

Eric's recognition is extended for efforts at a grassroots community level in organisation's such as, Miles Show Society, Miles Freemasons, Miles RSL, Dogwood Fire Brigade and Miles Historical Village Museum- in particular his instigation, procurement and curation of the amazing War Museum collection at the Village. Eric also served in our Armed Forces in World War II.

Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM was joined by Mayor, Councillor Paul McVeigh for the ceremony as well as for the visit to Miles State High School and Miles Hospital, a tour of the Miles Historical Village Museum as well as a community morning tea at the Dogwood Crossing Gallery.

Staff and students of the Miles State High School with her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM and Mayor, Councillor Paul McVeigh Photo from Miles State High School



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Miles Christmas Lights

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A big congratulations to the winners and everyone else who has helped to light up our community for the Festive Season.

Several great neighbourly displays were adjoining houses, particular in the western end of Daisy Street and north of the corner of Dawson and Edith Street. A Neighbourhood Award was not awarded this year, but it will be looked at again in the future.

The winners were:

*Local Residence – Tie between Mrs Jan Mullins at Cnr Edith & Wallen Streets, and Alyssa Mirabito & Jamal Hazard at Lawton Place. Jan has since donated her prize money to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

*Local Business/Community Service – Carinya Hostel Southern Cross Care

*Encouragement Award – Cody Schwerin at 29 Racecourse Rd, for the way he lit up his WB Holden Ute. During the day it looks like the old Ute he's going to rebuild, and at night time it's a flashing Dream Machine Christmas display.



Annie Cardillo and Scott Cawley in Jan Mullins' light and bright backyard.



Annie Cardillo with winner Alyssa Mirabito & Jamal Hazard



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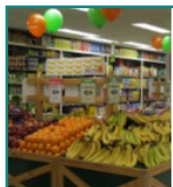
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Dance Academy shines

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This year's concert was themed "A night at the movies" and dancers performed individual items to a standard that fully showcased the steps they had learned and further developed throughout the year.



Thankyou once again to the dedicated group of high school volunteers who helped me backstage during the dress rehearsal and the concert – there would be no concert without you. And a special thanks to Ken Gray, Sally Presnell and Ronnie Gray for their organisation and running of the sound and lighting.

In December we were fortunate enough to be asked to perform at the Miles Christmas Carnival. Thankyou to the Miles Chamber of Commerce and Miles Football Club for putting on such a wonderful event and allowing us to show our community a snippet of the talent our dance school produces.



I hope that everyone had a restful break over Christmas and is as excited to see what 2023 brings as we are here at Madonna Moore's Academy of Dance.

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Miles Christmas Carnival

On Saturday, 3rd December 2022, Miles Footy ground was in full swing with Christmas cheer.

Miles & District Chamber of Commerce organised the yearly event with the Miles Devils - Miles and District Rugby League Football Club. After a two year break due to CoVid, a sizeable crowd visited the Miles Footy grounds. Local stalls, Face painting, Children's choir, Petting Farm, kids horse riding, and much more were offered on the evening. The highlights were Santa's visit and Madonna Moore's Academy of Dance Show.

The evening finished off with musical entertainment from Memphis Moovers. Bar and BBQ were available thank to the Miles Footy Club.

Thanks to the Miles & District Chamber of Commerce, Miles Devils, all sponsors and volunteers, who made this event as successful as it was.



Geldard family met Santa Claus at the Miles Christmas Carnival.

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St. Luke's Christmas Market - Fashion Parade (10th Dec'22)

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Child Care Staff at MCC Christmas Party at Miles Golf Club (15th Dec'22)

L-R: Chanchira Cawley with baby Darcie Archinal, Natalie Kirby, Jody Sanders, Tara Bass, Karen Beleville, Nisa and Elise Young, Georgie Gyemore, Laura Heath, Karen Harbort, Judith Mandebvu, Cecily Brockhorst and Susie Bidgood.



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Origin Community Update

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Late in 2022, we were proud to attend the Miles Primary School annual awards evening to present the 'Origin All Rounder' award to Lulu Walker. This award recognises Lulu's participation and passion across a wide range of areas including goal setting, perseverance and demonstrating fairness and respect for others. Well done, Lulu!

Please also join us in congratulating Seth Gerke, recipient of the Origin/APLNG sponsored 'Youth Merit Award' at the 2022 Western Downs Regional Artists Exhibition held at the Dogwood Crossing Gallery in Miles. Seth was acknowledged for his work across photography, digital, and new media art and received the Youth Merit award for his time-lapse documentary 'Domination 3', which involved collecting, editing and composing more than 100,000 photographs to capture the immense scale of nature in a continuously changing environment. Fantastic achievement Seth, congratulations!

The Chinchilla Melon Festival is back

After a pandemic break, it's great to see excitement building for the iconic Chinchilla Melon Festival this month. We are proud to be sponsoring live entertainment at the festival and will again host our in-demand gas asset tours. Visit <https://www.melonfestival.com.au/> for more information and to make your booking.

Watch out too, for a new Origin mascot after 'Angas' was put out to pasture. What will it be? Our teams have been working hard on this one, and we are looking forward to participating in the parade and sharing the excitement as friends, family and visitors get together to experience the Western Downs and all the region has to offer.

Words out West School Day 2023

Words Out West returns to Chinchilla in March, offering a novel approach to storytelling with a host of events for all ages and interests. We are pleased to again sponsor the Chinchilla School Day, encouraging curiosity, creativity and enquiry without barriers for students across the Western Downs.

Fantastic presentations by Morris Gleitzman, Dave Lowe, and Aleesah Darlison, performances by Mr Snotbottom and workshops by Orgital Swan to suit prep through to year 6 will engage students with key literacy themes and help ignite their love of reading and writing.

Community Sponsorship applications now open

Origin's Community Sponsorship Program, managed on behalf of Australia Pacific LNG, offers organisations and groups the opportunity to access financial assistance and in-kind contributions to support events and programs which make a positive contribution to the community in the areas of economic development, natural resource stewardship, community safety and wellbeing, and/or regional growth and liveability.

There are four rounds of the program each year. Applications should be submitted by 30 April 23, 31 July 23, 31 October 23, or 31 January 24. For more information, contact our team on 1800 526 369 or email community.sponsorship@originenergy.com.au.

Keeping in touch

As always, please contact us if you have any questions.



Congratulations Lulu Walker - Origin All Rounder at Miles Primary School



Congratulations Seth Gerke 2022 Youth Merit Award winner



Angas is out to pasture...what will Origin's float look like in 2023?



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Racegoers farewell 2022

Written by: Jacinta Cummins

The Murray Builders New Years Eve Races saw more than 3000 revellers and punters descend on Taroom to welcome in 2023.



The event was a sell out with people travelling from Charters Towers, Winton, Tambo and even as far away as Douglas-Daly near Darwin.

Revellers and fashionistas alike embraced the 1920s Great Gatsby theme taking part in the Senex Energy Fashions On The Field event as well as the five race programme and two fireworks displays to mark the New Year.

A special thanks goes to Kelly O'Leary from Injune and the Federal Member for Flynn, Colin Boyce of Taroom for stepping in to judge when the judges were struck down by illness!

Senex Energy Community Relations Manager Trevor Robertson said Senex was proud to sponsor a great community event which boosted Taroom's economy. "This is about Senex working with the Dawson Jockey Club and our local community to host an event which provides a fun day out for locals and visitors alike," he said. "Exciting local events like this support local businesses such as retailers, accommodation providers, fuel stations, grocery shops and the pub all benefit from increased trade which in turn contributes to the sustainability and vibrancy of Taroom".

The number 7 jockey Brooke Richardson's lucky number with her riding five-year-old mare "Was Met" and three-year-old filly "Emirate Pride" to victory in Races 1 and 2 and placing third in Race 3 on "Raspberry Bullets" (all three horses wore number 7!).

But the real upset came when "Dinny's A Suspect" overcame awful form at Warwick earlier that week to beat the odds and win Race 5.

It was the first time the six year old gelding had raced at Taroom and he backed it up on January 12 when he won the \$19,000 Searle Garden Products Class 2 Plate at Kilcoy, his most significant career win.

Dawson Jockey Club President David Parry-Okeden said the great day of country racing had only cemented Taroom's reputation as a must do fixture on the country racing calendar.



"The crowd was well behaved and it's great to provide country horses, jockeys, trainers and owners a top quality meeting with many Taroom winners going on to achieve in the wider racing circuit," he said. "But

as with anything, it doesn't just happen. We couldn't do it without all the generous sponsorship from businesses such as Murray Builders and Senex Energy and our local businesses and vendors. A huge thanks has to go to all our committee members and the volunteers who spend hours and days in the lead up to host the event and then clean up afterwards," he said.

"We look forward to seeing you at the Taroom Cup in September!"

Best Dressed Lady Tara Bentley with Valerie Robeyn, Taroom winning Best Dressed 1920s Lady and Roma's Katie Hancock winning Best Millinery.
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The Careers in Agriculture Magazine

The Careers in Agriculture Magazine – is an initiative of Queensland Farmers' Federation (QFF) and the Queensland Government in conjunction with the Rural Jobs and Skills Alliance (RJSA). It was launched at the end October 2022 and is a resource that raises awareness of agriculture and aquaculture careers, education, training and job opportunities for young people.

The plan, developed by QFF in partnership with Jobs Queensland and in collaboration with RJSA, identified actions to assist the agriculture sector to be productive, innovative and profitable by investing in workforce development.

Mark Furner, Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities welcomed the magazine as an important contribution to building the future agricultural workforce.

The Careers in Agriculture Magazine is available from <https://www.careerharvest.com.au/qff-careersinag>



New \$10 million Queensland Microgrid Pilot Fund

The Queensland Government has announced the release of guidelines and opening of applications to the two-year program. It offers grants for communities on the edge of the electricity grid to deliver shovel-ready microgrid projects or provide support to develop future projects through feasibility studies.

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- contribute to the decarbonisation of these communities, which are generally reliant on diesel generation.

Grant funding from \$250,000 is available for feasibility studies

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Australia's National Action Plan for Production Animal Health

Australia's first national action plan for production animal health consolidates themes from over 30 existing strategies, action plans and frameworks—including both the Commonwealth Biosecurity 2030 roadmap and recently-released National Biosecurity Strategy.

The priority animal health activities in the plan were developed and agreed through extensive stakeholder engagement with governments, industry organisations and animal health experts.

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BRING ON 2023

We trust our readers have had a great start to the New Year. We look forward to once again welcoming our visitors, new and returning to explore the unique collections on display here at the Historical Village Museum. If you have family or friends visiting Miles we would love you to bring them in for a visit.

AGM – 2023 COMMITTEE

Thank you to all our members who have supported our facility throughout the recent years. The AGM was held on 18 December 2022 and we wish to congratulate and thank our incoming Committee members for 2023.

Executive team:

President: Mr Kerry Mulholland

Vice-President: Mr Scott Franklin

Secretary: Ms Elizabeth Upton

Treasurer: Mr Peter Williams

Committee Members:

Mrs Robyn Coleman; Mr Peter Dunn; Ms Shirley Makin;

Mrs Carla Ramos-Skinner; Mr Ross Uebergang;

Mrs Karen Williams

We extend a big thank you to Mrs Margaretta Morgan for her assistance and time on the Committee over the last three years. We wish you well. We also extend our welcome to Mr Peter Dunn for rejoining us on the committee this year. We are looking forward to another busy and exciting year in 2023.

A major event ahead of us will be the 52nd Anniversary of the Village to be held in conjunction with the Miles Back to the Bush Festival from 7-10 September 2023. Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar.

VOLUNTEER AWARDS

It was wonderful to have two of our volunteers receive recognition for their volunteering endeavours recently.

Congratulations to Julie Weger who reached the Finalist shortlist for the Volunteer category at the Galleries and Museum Awards (GAMAA) in December 2022. We were very honoured to have one of our volunteers recognised at such an occasion.



Julie Weger -
GAMAA Award

An excerpt from the media release: Julie takes pride in looking after the collection items in the various buildings and ensuring that they are well maintained. Attendance at the 2020 Queensland Small Museums Conference informed and inspired Julie to confidently restore a number of badly deteriorated leather artefacts. It set Julie on a journey of rehabilitating many of the Museum's artefacts – she has recently undertaken, of her own accord, to restore the Museum's mannequins. Julie strives to maintain the authenticity of the displays, and eagerly engages with visitors within the Historical Village Museum to explain or discuss many of the artefacts and the restorative projects she is working on.

Shirley Makin was awarded the Western Downs Regional Council Volunteer of the Season. Shirley volunteers on a regular basis at the Miles Visitor Information Centre whilst also being a committee member for the Miles &



Shirley Makin – WDRC
Volunteer Award

District Historical Society Inc, assisting with many varied events and tour guiding.

Congratulations to both Julie and Shirley on receiving these awards in recognition of their valued time and efforts.

Volunteer Birthday: It was lovely to celebrate Juliana Stiller's 21st birthday with her at our Village Christmas party. We wish Juliana a fantastic 21st year.



Juliana Stiller -
Happy 21st

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COMMUNITY UPDATE



Previous Communities Fund recipients – Chinchilla Historical Society

COMMUNITIES FUND RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

- Shell QGC Communities Fund opened for applications on 1st August and closed 9th September 2022.
- 23 eligible applications were received, with the request for funds totalling ~\$1.3m.
- An independent assessment panel scored each application.
- Six organisations have been notified that their projects were successful for the 2022 round of funding.

2022 Communities Fund Recipients

Miles District Rugby League Club	Upgrade Floodlights at Centenary Oval
Taroom Kindergarten Association Inc	Improvements to ensure the safety of the Taroom Kindergarten Building
Taroom Cancer & Palliative Care Group Inc	Kookaburra Place – Guttering replacement
Wandoan and District Kindergarten Association Inc	Playground Upgrade
Chinchilla Tennis Association	LED Lighting Upgrade for two courts
Dalby RSL	Installation of Air-conditioner system

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AGE CARE EXPANSION

Sod-turning an exciting moment in redevelopment and expansion of the Illoura Village, Chinchilla

Written and Photos by: Southern Cross Care



The first sod has been turned at Illoura Village Aged Care Home in Chinchilla, which is set to open its doors in 2024.

This is the first stage of Southern Cross Care Queensland's (SCCQ) vision and master plan which includes building a new purpose-built contemporary aged care home to accommodate up to 81 residents.



The first sod was turned by local Federal MP, Member for Maranoa, the Hon David Littleproud, SCCQ Board Chair Francis Price, SCCQ CEO Jason Eldering and SCCQ Regional Residential Manager for the Western Downs Lance Payne, along with members of the community.

They were joined by the Member for Callide, Bryson Head; Lord Mayor Western Downs Regional Council, Paul McVeigh, and representatives from Southern Queensland Rural Health, Goondir Health Services and the Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise.

Leader of The Nationals and Maranoa MP David Littleproud said the sod turning was a huge milestone in a new era for aged care in Chinchilla.

"I am thrilled the former grant of \$14 million I secured before the election is now locked in and the physical works are beginning," Mr Littleproud said.

"Ultimately, this project is about people and about being able to age in a place close to family, reinforcing the future of care for senior residents here and across Maranoa."

The development will also include a new Training and Education Centre to provide vital training opportunities for people in the region who are embarking on a healthcare career and responds to the need for more aged and healthcare workers in regional Australia.

SCCQ Chief Executive Officer Jason Eldering said that it was a great moment to witness the first sod being turned, after many months in the planning and consultation phase.

"Growing communities where people can live their best life and serving and supporting Queensland communities is our core mission, and this is a very exciting moment in the evolution of this project," Mr Eldering said.



Members of the local community attending the sod turn celebrations



“What is so exciting about this particular project in Chinchilla is that it is being purpose built to meet the clinical needs of the residents, while at the same time having that ‘home-like’ feeling.

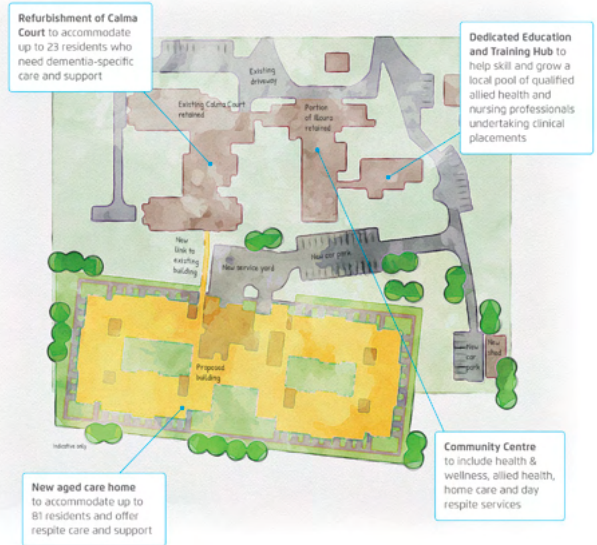
“This new facility will accommodate more residents and will boost access to high quality aged care services to the local community, so residents can maintain their established connections to the area, their families and loved ones.

“The new home comprises two wings and features 81 single bedrooms each with an ensuite. Residents in each wing will have access to internal courtyards, sitting, living and dining areas and nurse stations situated in close proximity to resident common areas and rooms.

“While the new dedicated Education and Training Hub will help skill and grow a local pool of qualified allied health and nursing professionals undertaking clinical placements in aged care through a partnership SCCQ have with Southern Queensland Rural Health (SQRH).

“The challenges of providing quality aged-care in Australia’s rural and remote regions continue to grow for various reasons, including the ageing population, a declining workforce, lack of housing options for new workers and uncertainty over training and immigration.

“A recent detailed economic study from Evaluate, has showcased the opportunities for better aged-care



outcomes in Australia’s rural and remote towns if they are underpinned by strategic and innovative investment in healthy ageing.

“Our new Hub will also accommodate Goondir Health Services who play a critical role in providing integrated allied health, community and wellness services to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in South East and South West Queensland.

“This sod turning is an important step for the future of Chinchilla and surrounding regions, where our deeply valued Illoura Village residents, families and the community can live their best lives,” Mr Eldering said.

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Go Girls



Emma Jackson and Bree Craven both play for UQ Cricket Club in the Brisbane Premier League.

Both girls have had a very successful season so far. First half of the season saw the girls playing T20 competition, which UQ went on to win against Valley's.



Emma was named in team of the tournament. Bree is currently playing representative cricket in Canberra for Queensland Country.

Bree and Emma also played in the Brisbane Premier League (BPL) for Western Power during the September Holidays.

The girls are looking forward to club cricket starting back, playing one day games, where UQ is currently on top of the Table.

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Body Clock

Your body clock, also known as your “circadian rhythm” governs not only your sleep-wake cycle, but

also your physical, mental, and behavioural changes within a 24-hour period. The circadian rhythm is dictated largely by light (both artificial and natural).

Here are a few tips to get your body clock on track so you can feel alert during your waking hours, and get quality sleep throughout the night. For shift workers and those with irregular sleep times, these tips can still apply to you! You may just need to get creative with how you put them into action.

Tips to reset your body clock

Set a bedtime and stick to it daily.

Limit exposure to light an hour before bed.

Try to get some natural sunlight as soon as you wake up.

Exercise daily, but not within the 1-2 hours before bedtime.



Serotonin

It's the brain hormone that controls your mood and makes you feel happy. But how does serotonin work?

This hormone works throughout your body including your bones, blood, brain and digestive system. It acts as a messenger in the brain to help create feelings of happiness and keep your mood stable.

Around 90% of serotonin is found in your intestines, where it's released into the blood.

Here are some hacks to naturally boost serotonin in your body.

HOW TO BOOST YOUR SEROTONIN LEVELS

Aerobic exercise

- swim
- walk
- hike
- ride a bike

Stress-relief

- meditate
- listen to music
- practise deep breathing exercises

Supplements

- St John's Wort
- Probiotics
- Nutmeg
- Ginseng

Diet

- eat salmon, eggs, cheese and nuts
- pair these foods with carbs

Sources: Queensland Health; The Cleveland Clinic (2022). Serotonin; Healthdirect (2021). Serotonin; Healthline (2022). Everything you need to know about serotonin | 11 ways to boost serotonin without medication; Very Well Mind (2022). How to increase serotonin | How to increase serotonin: 6 natural remedies

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Buzzing Noonga

Written by: Polly Leahy

December was a BIG month of accomplishments for Noonga. Youngster Tom York (son of Claire & Scott York) was voted in as Miles State High School captain for 2023, and he commenced a school-based apprenticeship as an Auto Electrician. Cory Leahy graduated Year 12 at Miles State High and took many awards at the School Awards Night, including the Defence Force Award in Mathematics, and won School-based Apprentice of the Year Award.

Cory's oldest Sister Marnie Leahy graduated her university degree from CQU a week later, becoming a fully qualified teacher, Marnie graduated a Bachelor of Education -specialising in Early childhood, which gives her the tools to teach Kindy to year 6. Marnie has chosen to stay on as the Teaching director of the Jason Richards Kindergarten in Miles.

Noonga celebrated the end of another year with the annual Noonga Christmas tree evening. This year the community dedicated the evening to Leigh Phelps, a fellow Noongaite who lost her long battle with cancer during the year. Around 26 years ago, Leigh along with Fiona Sinnamon were the instigators of creating the Christmas tree and the Noonga community has celebrated it in country style ever since. Leigh's husband Stephen thought it was a fitting tribute to his late wife in honouring her memory while everyone charged their glasses and toasted to Leigh, unfortunately Leigh & Steph's boys were unable to make the community event this year.



Pat Devlin as Noonga Santa

Then 2023 rolled in.....WELL! Noonga OPENED the new year with a bang! The Sheryl Sinnamon Memorial Cricket Day hit off on January 7th 2023 with a total of 17 teams entered and most dressed in theme for the big event – Everything PINK! This year the community's Charity of Choice was the McGrath Foundation. The

money raised will be donated to the worthwhile cause to help keep Breast Cancer nurses in rural areas. The community raised \$15,000 in 2022 and donated it all to the Miles Hospital for the new palliative care unit, this year a WHOPPING \$20,500 was raised for the McGrath Foundation. \$5,000 of this was donated by Leigh Phelps's family of Noonga, who wanted to give back to the McGrath foundation for the love and care the nurses provided to Leigh during her breast cancer journey. Big



Thank you to Stephen Phelps and his family for this amazing contribution. Hundreds of families and friends came from everywhere to attend Sheryl's Cricket Day 2023. There were many people and strangers that the Noonga community had never seen before, but who all wanted to participate in this fabulous "original" annual event.

Sheryl's Father Malcolm along with her brother Milton, sister Karyn and nephew Jason all travelled out from Toowoomba to be there, bringing with them Sheryl's much loved therapy dog "Daisy" the Snag dog, who now resides with Malcolm for companionship. The annual Sheryl Sinnamon Memorial Cricket Day was created by Sheryl's husband Barry and sons Clancy and Henry along with the Noonga community members to dedicate a day to remember the much-loved mother, devoted wife and cherished friend, neighbour and



Noonga volunteer, who was taken way too early after her battle with cancer. It was through the Sinnamon boys (dad Barry included) love for cricket that the idea eventuated into an indoor/outdoor court, cricket competition and that all the money raised each year would be donated to a much needed charity of choice not-for-profit organisation so that it can help better the lives of people living in rural areas. The four artificial grass tennis courts famous at Noonga, become transformed into 4 indoor cricket nets and the fun just kept rolling with every ball bowled. People of all ages and genders couldn't get enough of the community invented fun.

being "Abbey's Ballburners" and in last place was "Sticky Wickets" from Roma.



Teams Daisy Snag Dogs & Run 4 Beer

Prizes were awarded for best dressed team in Theme which was taken home by the Curran family of Drillham and best dressed individual went to Lulu Walker of the Westrex team @ Jackson. The winning team of the day was won by "Pitch it Up" from Miles. The runners up

The Noonga Community Association in conjunction with the Sinnamon & Bazley families want to express a MASSIVE thanks to the whole of the Noonga Community and its members who work tirelessly for these events. To everyone who attended and supported Sheryl's Day, whether it be through sponsorship, donations for raffle or Auction, volunteering on the day or before & after.

Our community is extremely proud of the outcome and we know that this money will help assist many rural families in their saddened time of need.



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Senex Community Relations Manager Trevor Robertson and 2022 Wandoan Photo Challenge Coordinator Helen Golden congratulate Donna Reading on "Dino Racers" coming second in Open Category: Adults at Play in 2022. Photo: Jacinta Cummins

2023 Senex Wandoan Photo Challenge will put Wandoan in the picture again

The Senex Wandoan Photo Challenge is back to showcase life in Wandoan and surrounds with a \$5500 cash prize pool up for grabs, so get snapping!

Heading into its seventh year, the competition is getting some fresh perspectives with Hope Powne and Leesa Rathbone coming onboard as coordinators this year, a new judge and two new categories: *Faces* and *Places*.

Senex Community Relations Manager Trevor Robertson said Senex is delighted to once again sponsor this competition which has attracted entries from amateur and professional photographers as far away as Sydney and Brisbane previously as well as a host of local entries.

"This competition has become a staple on the Wandoan calendar and is a community favourite which was shown by its continued success when it went online during Covid," he said.

"Wandoan and surrounds offers a great lifestyle for people from all walks of life and what better way to illustrate this than with photos of everyday people, places and events out here?"

"Senex is proud to play a role in promoting life in our community and I look forward to seeing this year's photos."

The two new Open Categories *Faces* and *Places* give people an opportunity to capture the people and the places which make Wandoan such a unique area.

The ever popular *Small Town, Big Country* is back once again for any photos which don't fit into these two categories.

Junior shutterbugs can also enter with \$500 on offer in the youth category *Small Town, Big Country* and a \$200 encouragement award.

Heidi Morris, the Moree based photographer behind the renowned social media account "Lens Of Rosie" and who has worked as a photographer across Australia and in New York is judging this year's competition.

The top 30 photos she shortlists will be displayed at the Wandoan Show on April 14 and 15 for the public to vote for their favourite to win the *People's Choice* prizes.

All photos must be taken within a 100 kilometre radius of Wandoan as the crow flies since March 2022.

For more information, follow Wandoan Photo Challenge on Facebook and Instagram or head to www.wandoanphotochallenge.com



Miles BOWLO

Written and Photos by: Karen Jones

December was a busy month at the Bowlo with the clubs Committee AGM, The Men's AGM and the Ladies AGM. The outgoing committees have done a wonderful job over the past 12 months and the new committee members look forward to an exciting and successful year ahead.



Wednesday Night Bowls Club

It's wonderful to see so many people turning up on a Wednesday night for our Social Bowls night, we are seeing a lot of new faces each week coming down for a roll and

a bit of fun. If this interests you come down and see what all the fuss is about from 5pm every Wednesday. Register before 5.45pm, games start at 6pm and go until 7.30pm. The bar is open from 5pm and you are more than welcome to take a bevvie out onto the Green with you whilst you bowl, you can even kick the shoes off in this warm weather!! We are a family friendly club and welcome you all.

Come down to The Bowlo on Friday nights and try your luck at taking home one of our raffle prizes....meat trays, fruit trays, 6 packs of beer or the occasional tray of prawns. We also have a Members Draw, Pick the Card and cut throat raffles, so lots of opportunity to snag yourself a prize or some \$\$ to take home with you!



Bob Wise presenting Dallas Brown with his cheque

Stay tuned for some exciting 2023 news (ok, here's a wee bit of the news....we are getting a new chef!!!!....and we'll be opening 4 days a week!!).

We are planning some exciting new things at the club this year...so watch this space! More news to come on opening days/times/menus very soon.

It is with great pleasure that the Bowls Club was able to support our youngest bowler Dallas Brown with a \$500 sponsorship donation for his participation in the Qld Juniors State Championships in Bundaberg from 15th - 20th January 2023. Bob Wise (Club Chairman) recently presented Dallas with his cheque. We wish Dallas all the very best in this tournament and we know he will do Miles Bowls Club proud!



Natalie Best, Bob Wise and Jessica Gorry

Also in December Bob Wise presented a \$2,000 donation cheque to Miles State Primary School P&C Committee Members Jessica Gorry (President) & Natalie Best (Secretary) which will go towards their fundraising goals for a new shed to house the school bus.

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"Where did the year go?"

Written by: Paula Derksen

With the conclusion of last year and the beginning of this one, it's time to take a trip down memory lane and remind ourselves of just where 2022 took the Murilla Garden Group.

UPCOMING GARDEN DAYS – MARK THEM ON YOUR CALENDAR!

March 2023– Currently we have no garden locked in for this month. Consider becoming a member of the Murilla Garden Group Facebook page to stay informed.

Thursday, 6th April 2023- Kylie and Simon Drury "Condabri", Miles

A shout out to all gardeners – whether your garden is big or small, young or established, Murilla Garden Group would love to visit. Remember, in the words of Jen Sturrock, "Every garden has something special to offer, and someone who loves it, whether it is large or small, simple or elaborate, manicured or overgrown." So don't be afraid to come forward and share your garden.

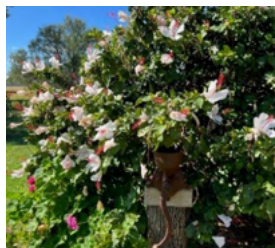
Currently we have a number of dates on the calendar that we would love to see filled. If you are at all

interested in showcasing your garden, please contact Vanessa Geldard, at vanessarydon@gmail.com

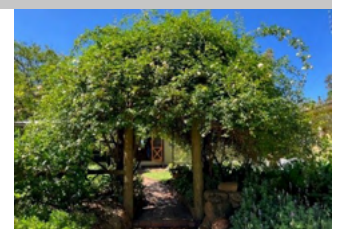
FEBRUARY GARDENING TIPS February, with it being so hot, is typically a difficult time of year for gardening. Now however, is the time to take the opportunity to get your garden beds ready for the planting season that is just around the corner. Maybe rise with the sun and enjoy a few beautiful hours out in the garden before it gets too hot. There is much to be said for the "siesta", if your lifestyle permits!

- Remove those pesky weeds that have taken hold and then mulch to reduce weed growth.
- Ensure the soil is at the right pH – add lime or dolomite to raise the pH or sulphur to lower, if necessary.
- If you want to have a go at planting vegetables this month, try tomatoes, capsicums, eggplants, beans, cucumbers, zucchinis, beetroot, silverbeet and radish.

Until next time, happy gardening



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Everything NEW

Written by: Sue Akeroyd

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The first working bee of the year, in March, will see improvements to the main road through the Garden and better and more visible tracks to hidden gems within the Garden Circuit.

In April a much larger working bee will see improvements to some more of the Heritage buildings, a new water tank installed while old tanks are removed and one of our garden areas will receive lots of attention, new plants, more plant labels and weeds removed. There will be a community planting in the township of Glenmorgan during this same period. We would love to see lots of local people coming to help with the planting and the celebrations. More details next time.



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Update from the Wind Farm

Written and photos by Robert Gardiner



Progress to date on the farm has matched initial expectations and the project is drawing towards completion. As many of our readers may have noticed, the Dulacca Wind Farm now has 43 standing turbines in situ. The turbines are undergoing commissioning and full load testing, gradually the turbines will be switched on and come into full production over several months as they are brought on line.

Readers may be interested to know that the turbines can be turned on and off quickly so over the next few months passing motorists will start to notice individual turbines turning and not turning as the individual turbines are fully commissioned.

Recycling as the Dulacca Wind Farm Decommissions: To date the Dulacca Wind Farm has provided via direct donations well over 120,000 kgs of steel to the Miles High School, individual landowners and local organizations for reuse as building materials. Some of the local projects include steel water tank stands, steel sculptures and steel fencing posts (however, these materials are rapidly running out). In terms of timber, the volume of high quality pine timber and hardwood pieces has now exceeded 50,100 kg, which has included industrial timber pallets, domestic timber pallets, very large timber frames (suitable for immediate use as construction materials) and hundreds of large sized offcuts of builders ply (over 80 sq metres). There are no longer any large blue tarps available (over 300 were provided locally for use as heavy DUTY covers for silage and building protection etc. Over 400 strong lifting straps were also donated (but they are no longer available). Last week alone over \$15,000 (about 150 brand new light fittings were provided to the Miles High School for community projects). They are brand new 240 Volt appliances, which have just been superseded by the latest LED light fittings and are perfectly suited for multiple uses in sheds, outdoor garden tables and shelters and domestic homes. These light fittings were received as excess stock and rather than being disposed of as e-waste, were provided to the Miles High School for local projects within the community.

There are still opportunities for local individuals and organizations to collect many hundreds of other reusable sources of building materials, such as fence palings, large steel cable drums, timber cable drums (great for outdoor BBQ furniture) and other items (far too numerous to mention). If you are interested, do not procrastinate and SMS Robert Gardiner (0422 159 753) to arrange collection or to borrow the community car trailer to transport to your own location. Please SMS Robert rather than ring as mobile reception is very poor near Dulacca and he will call you back when he is in the office.



The Dulacca Wind Farm Community Car Trailer (designed and built by the Miles High School) is available for use to transport materials to local people and community organizations. The trailer (shown above) is loaded with 38 timber pallets. If you have your own transport, then large cable drums with a mass of up to 1400 kg. can be loaded onto your truck.



Santa visited QWCA Jackson

The QCWA Jackson Community Christmas Party was held on Saturday 10th of December 2022.

Thank you to everyone who attended and to our sponsors, Maranoa Regional Council, who contributed to the event.



Locals and members of our neighbouring communities of Noonga, Yuleba and Wallumbilla and families gathered for a delicious meal. A beautiful range of food was put together prepared and served by our members.

The night was a wonderful way to come together and celebrate the year past and share Christmas as a community.

We were fortunate to have our MP, Ann Leahy, attend.

We thank Steve Scott, Bendemere Director, and his wife Michele and LDO Madonna Mole and her husband, Paul for attending and for their help and support throughout the year.

It was extra special to have Santa make a visit with treats and gifts to hand out. We thank Santa for coming and wish him and his helper happy travels.



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The Business Navigator team is happy to announce that Shell QGC has extended funding for their pro-bono small business coaching and advisory program until 2025.

Lead Business Coach, Paulene Rorich said "We are so thrilled that Shell QGC has committed to refunding the Business Navigator program for another 3 years. It really is an acknowledgement of the importance of small businesses in our local economy."

The Western Downs Business Navigator program is an initiative of Shell QGC's business and delivered by Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise. It has been successfully assisting local businesses with marketing and business support since 2018.

"Our clients are very diverse; they range from metal fabricators, tourism operators to clothing boutiques and therapists!"



From L to R: Marketing Advisors' Tim Entwistle and Ailsa Cass with client.

The Western Downs Business Navigator team consists of two generalist business coaches who provide free, tailored coaching and support to local businesses in such areas as strategic planning, product development, business diversification, and scaling for growth. The team also has two marketing advisors helping business owners with both traditional and digital marketing.

Business Navigator is now accepting new program participants for 2023. For more information, please email paulene@navigatorwesterndowns.com.au

Business Navigator Western Downs is supported by Shell's QGC business and delivered by Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise. The social investment program, supported by Shell's joint venture partners Tokyo Gas and CNOOC, contributes to a strong and diverse economy within the Western Downs.



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January 2023 NEWS

With a new season almost upon us, it is great to see a few enthusiastic young Rugby League players training every Tuesday and Thursday night at Centenary Oval. Coaches Tom Chaplain and Ryan Rayner have been appointed for the 2023 season and the Miles Devils Club is looking forward to continued improvement and a more competitive year in the Roma and District Competition.

As well as winning the QRL XXXX community Club of the Year in 2023, the Miles Club has also been recognised by the Western Downs Regional Council by being awarded the Local Community Organisation Achievement Award for their outstanding contribution to the Miles region. The Club is very proud of their achievements and are continually encouraging the young men in the Club to aspire to do their best, both on and off the field.

Over the last few years, the Miles community has witnessed a very productive and proactive Devils committee transform Centenary Oval into a very well maintained and proud asset for the township of Miles to be proud of. With the inclusion of a Grandstand, BBQ shed, turfing of bare dirt areas and continued upgrades of the Clubhouse this facility really is taking shape.

These projects are made possible by the generosity from sponsors, supporters and through various funding programmes. This year will see the upgrade of the floodlights at Centenary Oval. This project will see the Club work in partnership with Shell QGC – who have provided funding for this project. The current floodlights at the oval were installed in 1976 by well known local electrical contractor Earl Wallis. These lights will be replaced by more modern user friendly, and economical lighting. This job will be undertaken by CRC Electrical who are the major sponsor of the Miles Reserve Grade team.

The 2023 season kicks off on the 18th of March with the annual Miles Charity Trials. Beneficiary from this carnival will be the Miles Palliative Care Unit. Entry to the grounds by donation and the Miles Hospital Auxiliary ladies will be conducting a multi draw raffle. The following weekend (25th March) is the annual Terry Charles Shield where the Clubs from the old Western Downs Rugby League play for the annual trophy. This year it is Miles' turn to host the carnival, and hopefully the opening Carnival for the Western Downs Junior Rugby League will be on the same day – watch our Facebook page or Miles Community News.

Even though the Miles Devils is a Rugby League Club – it isn't all about playing footy. The Club encourages social interaction in the town. This is why we love hosting other events at Centenary Oval. The Back to the Bush Festival was a well-attended event, and the Miles Christmas Carnival – held at the oval for the first time in partnership with the Miles Chamber of Commerce in 2022 was a huge success. So if you are new to town, or just want to meet and mingle with other people, come and have a beer, a feed and a yarn. There's plenty do see and do on a game day. We look forward to seeing you all on the hill in 2023.

Miles Devils Rugby League Club



Miles Rugby League Pre-Season Trials

(Proceeds from the day to go to Miles Palliative Care Unit)

18th March 2023

Centenary Oval – Miles

Entry by Donation to the selected Charities at the Gate (Buckets at Gate)

Prizemoney for Winners and Runners Up

First Games kick off at 1pm – Final played at 7pm

Miles Devils Merchandise Stall

Multi Draw Raffle



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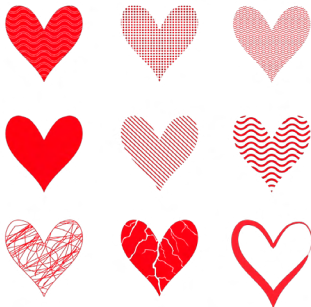
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- Make your partner laugh.
- Tell her/him "You're amazing. Thanks for being there for me."
- Write a sweet little note for her/him
- Pick or buy some flowers
- Cook dinner or invite her/him to dine out
- Repeat on other occasions.



Valentine Smile

By Joanna Fuchs

On Valentine's Day we think of those

Who make our lives worthwhile,

Those gracious, friendly people who

We think of with a smile.

I am fortunate to know you,

That's why I want to say,

To a rare and special person:

Happy Valentine's Day!

Best Valentine's Day Jokes from goodhousekeeping.com

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Why couldn't the mineral water ever get a Valentine?

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What Valentine's message can you find in a honeycomb?

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Why are artichokes so beloved?

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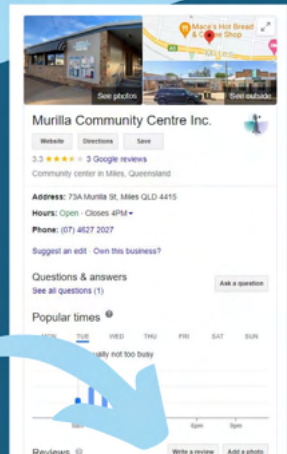
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Keep the ball rolling

We had a roller coaster of a year in 2022 with the wet weather but here is to hoping for a good season in 2023!

Firstly, we would like to thank all our members & congratulate our 2022 season winners!

Golfer of the Year: Gary Howson

A Grade Champion: Warren Tribe

B Grade Champion: Anthony Colley

C Grade Champion: Alex Hartigan

Best Nett: Gary Howson & Ross Gundry

Another congratulations is in order for our current Treasurer, Mavis Klein. At our recent AGM Tribey moved that Mavis be presented with a Life Membership of the Miles Golf Club. Of course, we were all in favour! Mavis has been a huge part of our club for many years and we wouldn't be where we are today without her. She is always there to lend a hand, share some advice and give some cheek. We couldn't imagine a more deserving person to join our current Life Members Amy & Fay.

What's new in 2023 you may ask? We are starting up a 9 Hole 2 Person Ambrose Summer Sporters every Saturday leading up to our 2023 season. Names in by 2:30pm if you want to join us for a hit followed by a cold one.

You yelled and we listened! Trivia Nights will become a more consistent event held at Miles Golf Club! Our first event was a huge success and hopefully you guys will put your thinking caps on and join us for one of our future events.

Keep an eye on our Facebook Page @milesgolfclub for our latest events.

Hope to see you on the course!

Right photo: Warren Tribe,
Alex Hartigan & Gary
Howson

Below: Mavis Klein



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To find out more, please contact your closest community centre:

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Church Services

<p>Catholic Church - Dulacca</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd Sunday 9:00am <p>Ph: 4627 1139</p>	<p>Catholic Church - Miles</p> <p>Cnr Dawson & Edith Streets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Sunday 8:00am Mass • 2nd Sunday (Sat. vigil) 6:00pm Mass • 3rd Sunday 8:00am 	<p>Catholic Church - Miles</p> <p>Liturgy with Communion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th Sunday 8:00am Mass • 5th Sunday 8:00am Ecumenical Service • Ph:
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<p>The Gums Church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd Sunday 9:30am <p>Ph: 4669 4336</p>	<p>Presbyterian Church - Wandoan</p> <p>Moore Street</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sundays 9:30am <p>Contact Rev Laurie Peake</p> <p>Ph: 0438 274 157</p>	<p>Wandoan AOG</p> <p>23 Royd Street</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00am Every Sunday • 5th Sunday 10:30am <p>Wandoan Churches together</p> <p>Ph 0429 200 589</p>



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Community Grant Writer- Kate Bradley

Need assistance with a grant application?

The Community Grants Writer is a free service offered to not-for-profit community groups, organisations, and Traditional Owner groups in the Western Downs.

The service is funded by Shell QGC and delivered through the Murilla Community Centre. Appointments are available in Dalby, Chinchilla, Miles, Tara, Wandoan, or via phone/email anytime.

For more information, contact Kate at mccmgrants@bigpond.com or 0499 805 858 to book an appointment to meet during an upcoming Community Days.

Chinchilla (Chinchilla Community Centre) – 17th February 2023

Dalby (Myall Youth&Community Network Centre)- 16th February 2023

Miles (Murilla Community Centre)-14th February 2023

Tara (Tara Neighbourhood Centre)-22nd February 2023

Update from the Community Grant Writer

Feedback provided in a survey that was circulated last year indicated that 'finding grants' is one of the most useful services that I offer. With this in mind, I have developed a calendar that details grant opportunities during 2023. This interactive resource allows you to select location, project type, and amount of funding required to then narrow down grant programs that may be a good fit. Please contact me (details above) to receive a copy.



St Luke's Markets
 St Luke's Church
 Dawson Street, Miles
 Second Saturday of the month
 8:30am - 12 noon
Contact 0419 779 686

Chinchilla Markets
 Chinchilla Showgrounds
 Gaske Lane
 Third Sunday of the month
 Starts 7am
Contact 0439 074 088

Community Markets



Miles Community Bus

The Murilla Community Bus is transport facilitated by the Murilla Community Centre. Transport is available from Miles to Dalby or Toowoomba including stops, when requested, in Dalby.

This bus assists members of the community who are unable to drive, do not have a vehicle, or do not have family or friends to assist with transport to non urgent medical appointments in Dalby or Toowoomba.

These appointments can include X-rays or other tests, specialists appointments and/or hospital appointments. One bus is equipped with a wheelchair lifter.

Transport is available the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday of each month (departure times will depend on the time of the first appointment). See bus timetable below for an outline of all dates for 2022.

Ask your referring doctor for a Patient Travel Subsidy form (PTS) to receive a rebate on the cost of travel. Please visit or contact the Murilla Community Centre on 07 4627 2027 for bookings or information.

Community Centre Toowoomba Bus Timetable 2023

January		February		March		April	
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RIDDLES

from www.riddles.com/best-riddles

The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?

What 8 letter word can have a letter taken away and it still makes a word. Take another letter away and it still makes a word. Keep on doing that until you have one letter left. What is the word?

What has a head, a tail, is brown, and has no legs?

David's father has three sons: Snap, Crackle, and _____?

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4 Ingredients Sausage Rolls



Makes 16 servings | 15min prep | 30min cook

Ingredients

- 500 grams chicken mince
- 1 carrot peeled and grated
- 1/4 cup honey
- 2 sheets puff pastry

Pineapple relish

- 1/2 small fresh pineapple, peeled, cut into 1cm pieces
- 1/2 red onion, finely chopped
- 1 long fresh red chilli, deseeded, finely chopped
- 1 lime, rind finely grated, juiced

Method

1. Preheat oven 200°C.
2. Mix together mince, carrot and honey, seasoning with sea salt and cracked pepper.
3. Lay a sheet of pastry on a flat surface. Cut the sheet in half.
4. Spoon the mince mixture down the centre of each pastry half.
5. Fold the pastry over the filling, overlapping the edges, placing the join underneath to enclose.
6. Cut into 4 short pieces. Place on a baking paper lined baking tray.
7. Repeat with remaining pastry and filling.
8. Bake for 30 minutes or until golden.

Recipe Notes

Optional: An easy way to make the recipe go further is to grate in extra veggies; we added zucchini and onion. Or simply add 1 grated apple and 1/2 cup grated cheddar cheese to the above – Sensational!

Find this recipe and others on their website:
www.4ingredients.com.au/

Pink Lemonade Scones

Makes 12 servings | 10min prep | 15min cook

Ingredients

- Butter, to grease
- 450g (3 cups) self-raising flour
- 1 tsp rose pink liquid food colouring, to tint
- 250ml (1 cup) lemonade
- 600ml carton pouring cream
- Raspberry jam, to serve
- Pure icing sugar, to decorate
- Fresh raspberries, to serve

Method

1. Preheat oven to 220C/200C fan forced. Grease a baking tray with butter. Sift the flour into a large bowl. Make a well in the centre. Combine the food colouring and lemonade in a jug.
2. Add lemonade mixture and 250ml (1 cup) cream to flour. Use a flat-bladed knife to stir until a sticky dough forms (do not overmix).
3. Turn dough onto a lightly floured surface. Sprinkle with flour. Use clean hands to gently press dough into a 2cm-thick disc.
4. Use a 7cm-diameter (at the widest point) heart-shaped pastry cutter dipped in flour to cut 12 scones from the dough. Press the scraps together to form the last scones. Place on the greased tray 1cm apart. Bake for 12-15 minutes or until scones sound hollow when tapped on top.
5. Use electric beaters to beat remaining cream in a bowl until firm peaks form.
6. Split scones and fill with jam, cream and raspberries. Dust with icing sugar to serve.

Recipe credit: www.taste.com.au





February 2023

1st	CWA Miles Branch Meeting, Miles RSL contact:0438 690 359 Social Bowls at Miles Bowls Club, 5:30pm weekly event
2nd	Miles Chamber of Commerce, MCC Meeting Room 5:30pm
3rd	Speaking for Fun, 10-11:30am at Senior Citizen Hall, Miles \$5/pp
6th	Wings 4 All Shapes Workshop start at Wings Shop, contact Alicia 0435 938 370
11th	St. Lukes Markets - Miles, Phone 0419 779 686
14th	Miles District Hospital Aux. Inc. Bingo, 9:15am Senior Citizens Rooms. All welcome. Miles State Primary School P & C Meeting 5:30pm School Admin Building, Update on Facebook page Miles Golf Club Monthly Meeting 7pm at the Golf Club
14th	Community Grant Writer Kate Bradley in Murilla Community Centre. More info/dates page 44
16-19th	Chinchilla Melon Festival, more info website: www.melonfestival.com.au
17th	Speaking for Fun, 10-11:30am at Senior Citizen Hall, Miles \$5/pp Community Grant Writer Kate Bradley in Chinchilla Community Centre. More info/dates page 44
18th	QCWA Saturday Craft Mornings 9:30am at the Miles RSL, any enquiries contact 0438 690 359
22nd	Senior Citizen Meeting 9:30am at Senior's Room, opposite Foodworks
23rd	RSL Meeting 11am, 26 Marian St, Miles Miles Show Meeting, Walsh Pavilion 7pm. All welcome.
24th	Miles District Hospital Aux. Inc. Bingo, 9:15am Senior Citizens Rooms. All welcome. Miles District Hospital Aux. Inc. Meeting 2pm, Hospital Conference Room. All welcome ; Bingo, 9:15am Senior Citizens Rooms. All welcome.
25-26th	Wandoan Arts Council Inc. - Creative Arts Escape weekend, more info on their Facebook page
28th	Low Impact Exercise 10-11am at Mary MacKillop Hall, Miles \$5/pp