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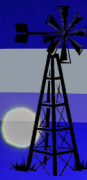


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Miles

The OIC Miles Police Station was honoured to be a part of the installation and unveiling of the Red Bench out the front of the Medical Centre on Marian Street on the 9th May 2023. The Red Bench is both a place for conversation, as well as a topic of conversation about Domestic Violence in all its shapes and forms that exist in our culture as Australians. As Australian citizens and members of the Miles community, we need to start the conversation about how to end domestic violence in our communities. We need to think globally and act locally for us to be successful at changing our culture where domestic violence is still largely accepted as people's private business. Whilst it could be argued that we as the greater community are becoming "bedroom police", the reality is that the impact of domestic violence is felt far beyond the doors of bedrooms; for example, domestic violence and women fleeing violent relationships, is the main cause for homelessness of children. Being homeless has a physical, economical and psychological impact on the children of parents who are involved in domestic violence behaviours. After all, how can you be expected to excel at school and sport and become a contributing member of any community if you don't have a safe place to sleep? If there has ever been an argument for the community to come together and say that enough is enough, this is it; the children of domestic violence relationships are our future. Emotionally and physically scarred children become adults to whom we will give over the reigns of our country. I, for one, want emotionally and psychologically healthy adults to run this beautiful country of ours. Let us work together to end domestic violence. Our success will be lived by the future leaders of our country. But we need to start at home, here in Miles. Never have police had to rely so much on community input to rid our homes of the scourge of domestic violence. Police cannot be successful in disrupting domestic violence, if we do not have the help of the public. Report DV by contacting Crime Stoppers or Policelink, or, best of all, by dropping into your local police station and tell police about your fears for yourself, your neighbours, your neighbourhood kids.

Property crime has, once again, been a hot topic, with young offenders being identified as the main cause of break and enters, stealing, and wilful damage in Miles and districts. Whilst police are doing what they can to hold the offenders accountable for their actions, police need to impress on the community that community safety and security is also your responsibility; look after yourself and look after your mates. Report suspicious behaviour. The more intel police can get, the better the chances of disrupting offenders and sending them to court where they can tell a magistrate why they believe it is fine for them to steal other people's property. On that note; there is a new method of gaining access to homes through locked security screen doors. The offenders utilise a "jet flame" lighter to melt the screen near the locking mechanism, so that they can poke a finger through and then unlock the screen door. Please ensure that you have a deterrent, like a Perspex shield, to protect the door lock. Lock the screen door with a key. In so doing you'll prevent the door from being opened by merely flicking the locking mechanism lever. Do whatever you can to make your house hard to break into. On that note, please lock your cars to prevent your property being stolen from inside your car. Cars are being stolen because people leave their keys in the ignition. Insurance companies do not pay out if you have left your keys in the car. Take responsibility for your goods and chattel and look after your neighbours, so that we as a community can work together to disrupt criminal behaviour and deter criminals from offending.

Police have been approached about the parking arrangements in the main drag between Dawson St and Pine St. Police are supportive of disability parking being made available along that stretch of road. Drivers have asked police about how to enter and exit the parking bays. The answer is simple; drive forward into the parking, and then drive forward out of the parking. Please do not stop on the roadway and then reverse park into those parking bays in front of the Hotel Australia and the Newsagent/pharmacy and Community Centre, as well as in front of NFW and Miles Auto Parts. There will be a massive crash if people continue to attempt



reverse parking into the "new" parking bays. Drive in nose first, park, and drive out nose first. It really is that simple, and it does not require any traffic to stop just so that you can park in the "old way". Please speak to your local police if you have any queries about the "new" parking arrangements.

Chinchilla

On a frosty morning on Tuesday the 9th of May 2023, local police and community members gathered at the Chinchilla Community Centre's function room, to listen to two important guest speakers discuss important topics related to Domestic Violence.

Eli Edwards from tasc kicked off with a broad-based talk around some of the legal aspects of domestic violence and he offered some sound insights into the processes and how he works with clients.

He was followed by Sergeant Costelloe, who gave an excellent talk on coercive control and new legislation that will soon be in force to assist police dealing with domestic violence matters.

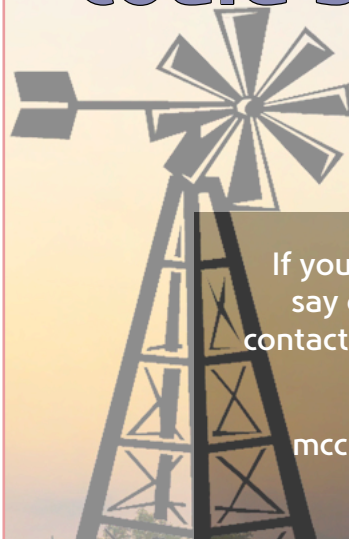
After the speakers concluded, people were invited to have a lovely morning tea provided by the centre.

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Planning One Long Table

Text by Bev Stuart Photo by Gerkies

Chinchilla's One Long Table Multi-Cultural Food Festival planning is well under way and we can promise a fantastic event is taking shape once again. Mark it in your calendar now for Saturday the 2nd of September from 3PM to 9PM. This year we have decided to start an extra hour earlier for families to enjoy the kids area even longer! Food Vendors will be serving from 3pm and Bar will open from 4pm.



SNEAK – PEAK - The fabulous Helly Hoops will be joining us with LED Hula Hoop performances, Giant Bubbles Workshops, Circus Play Spaces and Roving Entertainment!

The OLT Committee has been hard at work organizing all of the fun things you have come to expect as well as some new and exciting additions to this year's line-up. You can expect a visually MORE exciting event with MORE lights, MORE LED entertainment, MORE rides and activities for the kids and MORE first-class entertainment on the main stage!

This event is planned by a community committee and if you would like to come along and join us we would love to have you. Contact Bev at the CCCI on 0460 001 990 or email to events@chinchilla.com.au and we will let you know when the next meeting is being held.

Entry to this year's event is FREE. All rides and activities in the Kids Area are once again FREE! Meal tickets will be available for purchase online soon and at the gate on the day for \$7.50 each. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page "**One Long Table**" for updates on everything.

If you would like to be a part of the event – whether that be by way of sponsorship or even volunteering please give us a call at the CCCI and we would be thrilled to chat with you! We would not be able to bring this event to the Chinchilla Community without the ongoing support of our Major Sponsor and Event Partner Base Chinchilla and all of our business sponsors who have provided either financial support or in



SNEAK PEAK - The super SKY FLYER will be in the kids area in 2023! I think this one will be a huge hit!! And, it's FREE to ride!

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JUNE

Written by Helen Wylie and Paula Derksen Photos by Jane Nixon

Over 60 members and friends attended the MGG April Garden Day at Simon and Kylie Drury's home, "Condabri" Miles. Guest Speaker Bre Ziesemer from BZLA Landscape Architects spoke about the first stages of a garden design including hot tips for planning and analysing sites and landscape to create a solid layout. It was wonderful to have a speaker with such extensive knowledge topped with an understanding of country gardens and the problems we face. Bre was kind enough to participate in Kylie's garden tour for MGG Facebook Live allowing our followers

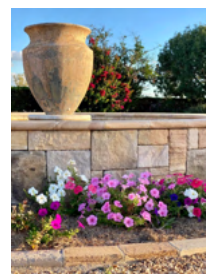


who weren't able to attend, a virtual tour of this beautiful garden. It has been such a pleasure to watch the "Condabri" garden mature to now create microclimates enabling Kylie to grow ginger and staghorn providing additional layers to the garden. A grove of Chinchilla White gums is a feature point in the northern area of the garden as is the Bunya Pine and the Australian Natives garden - a focal point for birds which can be heard throughout the garden. Additional arbours now fill gaps in the Murraya hedge directing visitors to different "rooms" within the garden. Surprisingly, healthy Gardenia thrive in the western gardens alongside Society Garlic and Port Wine Magnolias.



Jess Gorry contributed the vote of thanks to Bre and Julie Haslop thanked the Drury's for having MGG in their beautiful garden.

First prize in the raffle was donated by Pauline Hair with contribution from IGA and was won by Lindy Clark from Chinchilla.



Thursday 18th June 2023, saw people from near and far descend on Sharron and Anthony Colley's "Dogwood Bend" for the MGG Morning Tea fundraiser. This year over \$7000.00 has been raised. These funds will be donated to the Olive McMahon Lodge and Life Flight. As always there are many people to thank. Firstly, Sharron and Anthony, thank you for allowing us into your truly magnificent garden once again. It is always a pleasure to take a stroll and to fulfill the senses. I'm sure people have left feeling all the more relaxed from wandering around and taking in all the visual aesthetics of your garden. To all our sponsors, thank you! Without you, it would be difficult to hold such an event and raise so much money for such an important cause. Please see on the next page a

detailed list of our sponsors. To the Miles State High School students and their teacher, Al Turner, thank you for all your assistance in serving the food and drinks to help make

the day so enjoyable. Your help with cleaning up is also appreciated. To all the 'behind the scenes' volunteers, a massive thank you! Once again, without you, the event would not be able to go ahead.

Thank you all!





Murilla Garden Group

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Term two at Warra. This term has seen our numbers increase we now have 6 students attending our beautiful school.

Our PNC are working hard on fundraisers. Mother's Day Raffle and biscuit drive.

We Welcome Mrs Penny De Waele as Acting Principal, while Mrs Angel is on leave.



Haystack School visit



ANZAC DAY WARRA SERVICE



What's happening ?

Students this term are investigating how animals and plants adaptions, Australian Gold Rush and how our ancestors lived, comparing texts in English, discovering how to use fractions time in real life.

Mornings though cool, are fun with obstacle courses and table tennis.



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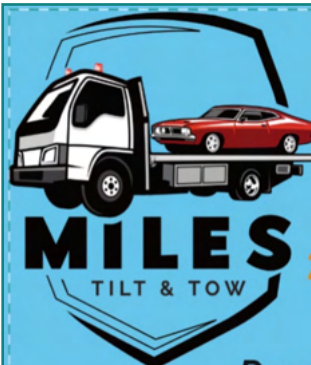
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DFV Brekky

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On Wednesday, 3rd May 2023 Chinchilla Police with the support of BASE Chinchilla and Chinchilla Show society held a DFV Brekky for the community.



"We thought, holding a Brekky event may capture some of the workers, who take off to work early in the morning. We

were lucky enough to sell 95 Brekkies on the morning. Raising some much needed money for our recipients Chinchilla Community Centre and St Vinnies Chinchilla".

A handful of residents attended the event at the showgrounds. District Crime Prevention Co-Ordinator Senior Constable O'Hara and District Domestic and Family Violence Co-Ordinator A/Sergeant Firman were amongst them.

This year's DFV - Domestic and family violence - Month theme is "It's in our control to end coercive control" A/Sergeant Firman briefly touched on how DFV has evolved and QPS commitment to ensuring that we're all informed and trained in Domestic and family violence. Ensuring the community is well informed and abreast of any changes in the DFV space.



We also drew our DFV Month Multi Draw Raffle, where a whopping 35

prizes were up for grabs all donated by businesses in Chinchilla! We would like to thank all the businesses that donated to the raffle. We raised over \$2,400 for Chinchilla Community Centre and St Vinnies Chinchilla. All monies raised will aide these organisations to support families and individuals that are experiencing DFV in our community. The money raised stays in the community to support our community.

DFV events don't go ahead without the support of community, in saying that we'd like to thank the following organisations/businesses and community members for supporting our Brekky.

- BASE Chinchilla particularly Rohan Woodforth who donated the items for the Brekky and sent along staff (Jordan and Wariba) to cook. BASE Chinchilla has been a huge supporter of DFV Month the last couple of years. We look forward to working with them again in the future. Rohan has always been committed to supporting community events & community groups. We appreciate your generosity.
- Chinchilla Show Society, particularly Valerie Stanke, who set up the pavilion ready for the event and organised for the Bumble Bean coffee van to be in attendance to serve up some beautiful coffees for the event.
- QGC/Shell donation of \$100 gift card to purchase paper plates, cups, juice and serviettes for the event.
- Community Activation Officer WDRC Hannah Conroy for all her support and advertising throughout WDRC networks.



Rebate Scheme

The Horticulture Irrigation Pricing Rebate Scheme provides rebates of 35 percent to horticulture producers to offset the cost of water used to irrigate horticultural crops.

The Queensland Government has allocated \$81.6 million over the three years 2021-22 to 2023-24 to provide financial support to irrigators.

A 15 per cent discount has been applied to calculate prices for all irrigation customers supplied by Sunwater and Seqwater, with a further discount of 35 per cent to be made available for horticultural growers through the Horticulture Irrigation Pricing Rebate Scheme.

Rebates are available to customers who have been issued tax invoices (irrigation invoices) by Sunwater, Seqwater or Pioneer Valley Water Co-operative Limited in which some, or all of the prices have been calculated to include a discount of 15 per cent.

The rebate is available in relation to irrigation water charges for the three-year period 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24.

For more information about the funding and how rebates will be calculated see guidelines and Supplementary Information on the website: <https://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/program/horticulture-irrigation-pricing-rebate-scheme>

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Surat Basin Energy Awards

On Thursday, 11th May 2023, Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise (short TSBE) hosted, with the event partner Western Downs Regional Council, the second Surat Basin Energy Awards at Dalby Events Centre.



Cecily Brockhurst, Kate Bradley with QGC Community Liaison officer Jennifer Severns

Murilla Community Centre was a finalist with the Community Grants Program in the category "Social Performance and Community Award". Centre Manager Cecily Brockhurst and Grants Writer Kate Bradley attended the event.



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Miles District Fishing & Recreation Club Inc. won 2023 Surat Basin Energy Award in the category Social Performance and Community.

Peter and Deb Delaforce represented the club on the evening.



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ANZAC Day Gunfire Breakfast

Text & Photos by APEX Chinchilla, Amy Patterson-Kane (President)

The sun has not risen yet but the Apex Club of Chinchilla is at full attention prepping the BBQ, setting out the egg rings and plugging in the toasters to start cooking as the first rays of light streak out across the sky on another emotionally charged ANZAC morning.



President Amy Patterson-Kane at the march

ANZAC day means a lot of different things to a lot of people. For Apexians in Chinchilla it is a day we remember and give back to those who have served our great country and to the Chinchilla community who come together at Dawn Service by providing a free breakfast also known as Gunfire Breakfast. The 5 Bs

are on offer, Bangers, Bacon, Bumnuts, Beans and Burnt Toast. It is a proud tradition that the club looks forward to providing every year and we are thankful to the RSL for allowing us to continue the tradition.

ANZAC Day does not end though when the washing up is all completed and we have had some fellowship back at the Apex Shed. We are back to business again marching in the Parade representing Service Clubs in Chinchilla and paying our respects by laying a wreath at the Cenotaph in the Botanic Parklands.



Life Member Trevor Austin on the BBQ.



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Univeristy placement to boost regional health care

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Southern Cross Care Chinchilla (Illoura Village) Aged Care home has welcomed its first Psychology student for placement, giving allied health students an opportunity to enhance their rural education directly with residents. Established last year, the facility is a partnership between Southern Queensland Rural Health and Southern Cross Care Queensland and gives nursing and allied health students an opportunity to work together at Illoura Village to enhance their rural education.



Rachael Brice in front of Chinchilla's landmark "The Big Melon"

University of Southern Queensland Master of Clinical Psychology student Rachael Brice has recently commenced the inaugural placement in the 'Melon Capital'. Rachael said, "The highlight so far has been enhancing the general understanding of what a psychologist can do and the role they can play – especially in small communities like this one. I've loved being able to spread my wings and collaborate with other students and industry professionals to bring medicine and allied health together to help the residents at Illoura Village."

Southern Queensland Rural Health Director Associate Professor Geoff Argus said the partnership would see an increase in students coming to the town and grow the local health and aged care workforce. "This initiative will make a difference for not only aged care residents, but also local health professionals and students on placement," Associate Professor Argus said.

"A major refurbishment of Illoura Village is in development and will soon boast more than 80 residents and an education centre which will host more nursing and allied health students interested in aged care and healthy ageing. We're very excited about providing quality contemporary placements that will hopefully attract students to a career in rural and remote Queensland upon graduation", he said.

With serving and supporting rural and remote Queensland at the heart of Southern Cross Care Queensland, Chief Executive Officer Jason Eldering is thrilled about the prospect of the additional education and training opportunities helping the wider region.

Ms Brice said "Everyone has welcomed me with open arms and made this feel like my home away from home – it didn't take any time at all before residents were remembering my name, waving to me and looking forward to seeing me again. My experience in Chinchilla has been wonderful and shown me the huge impact that psychology can play in a rural setting – a setting that I plan to continue working well into my future career."

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There are so many stunning Australian native flowers that surround us here on the Western Downs, from bottlebrushes to kangaroo paw and everything in between that it's easy to see why local florist, Emma Boyd of Wattle & Wax has a love for beautiful, flower arrangements featuring native stems.

"Nothing brightens a room like a gorgeous flower arrangement," said Emma.

Emma has a long love of nature, plants and flowers which saw her open Wattle and Wax in 2020 and she is now sharing her knowledge of them through her Flower Arranging Workshops.

Following on from a very successful event at the Wandoan Show which saw ticket holders arrange an Autumn Table Centrepiece, Emma wants to continue her love of sharing and guiding others through the art of floral design.

"The workshops give people the opportunity to take some time out,



create something lovely and meet some fabulous new people," said Emma.

During the hands-on workshops, participants are guided through the art of floral design by Emma, a qualified florist. They produce a beautiful piece with their own sense of style whilst learning basic arranging techniques.

"Suitable for beginners and all abilities, I show the best tips and tricks so you can create a balanced masterpiece of your very own," said Emma.

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Emma is working with Business Navigator Western Downs on expanding her service offering.

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Regional Australia Institute Maranoa and Western Downs Childcare Study

Funded by Origin Energy as Upstream Operator of Australia Pacific LNG and conducted by the Regional Australia Institute, this study focused on the accessibility, availability, affordability and quality of childcare and the subsequent impacts on workforce participation, liveability, population attraction and retention in the Maranoa and Western Downs Local Government Areas in South-West Queensland.

Importantly, the purpose of this study was to collate evidence and share this back with the communities in which we operate, to facilitate further discussion and aid decision making between key community stakeholders. The Maranoa and Western Downs Childcare Study has now been finalised and can be found on the Regional Australia Institute (RAI) website www.regionalaustralia.org.au.

Helping families and students

Through our site battery recycling program and partnership with Amalgamated Rehabilitation Recycling Group (ARRG), we were proud to donate \$3,000 to Chinchilla High School in support of Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence Month (May). The funds will be used to support local families impacted by domestic violence, including helping with the purchase of uniforms, shoes and other necessities.

Miles District Fishing and Recreation Partnership update

It's been a busy month for the Miles District Fishing and Recreation Club with the Hooked on Miles Fishing Competition taking place 29 April – 1 May. With 27 new members joining the club on the weekend, 109 competitors and 223 carp removed from local waterways, along with some great catch and releases of eel tailed catfish and yellow belly – it was a fantastic weekend for the region.

On 9 May, the first Karingal Reserve Masterplan Stakeholder Workshop was held to brainstorm ideas for the future of the Reserve. This workshop is the first step in bringing together a shared vision by the members and key stakeholders to guide how the Reserve should be developed over years to come.

Surat Basin Energy Awards

Additional to the great work mentioned above, we are excited to share that our environmental partnership with the Miles District Fishing & Recreation Club Inc. was awarded the 2023 Surat Basin Energy Awards Social Performance and Community award at a prestigious celebration in Dalby on 11 May. This is an important partnership for us and the Club and includes working collaboratively on the Weir to Weir Rehabilitation Project and the Karingal Reserve Masterplan, as well as sponsoring and supporting clubs events. Well done to everyone involved in this exciting partnership and we look forward to sharing more news about the project's progression in future newsletters.

Congratulations to the other finalists and winners and to the Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise for supporting and promoting businesses of all sizes to grow and support sustainable economic growth in our region.

Operational update

Ground preparation is underway for our seismic program taking place across Dalwogan, Miles and Condabri.

Keeping in touch

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



The Maranoa and Western Downs Childcare Study has now been released



Great to support local families impacted by domestic violence in Chinchilla



Fun was had by everyone at the Hooked on Miles Fishing weekend



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Take a seat to take a stand

On Tuesday, 9th May 2023, Miles own Red Bench was unveiled by students of the Miles State High School, Councillor Kaye Maguire and Werner Crous OIC of the Miles Police Station.

The Red Bench Project was launched in 2019 by the Red Rose Foundation, encouraging the installation of red benches as permanent reminders that domestic violence occurs within our communities - but that we have the power to change the ending.

The first Red Bench in the Western Downs Region was installed in Dalby in October 2021. Western Downs Regional Council has partnered with Miles State High School and Queensland Police Service - Miles Branch, to deliver Miles' first Red Bench. Students from Miles State High School Trade Training Centre have built and painted a new red bench. The students gave the bench a personal touch by adding positive affirmations like survivor, friendship, compassion and strength.

If you experience Domestic Violence please visit or contact your local Police station or your local Community Centre. In Miles: Police Station, 32 Constance St, Miles, Phone: 07 4622 9797 - Murilla Community Centre, 73a Murilla St, Miles or call 07 4627 2027.

DVConnect have a 24 hours Helpline Call 1800 811 811.

You can find Red Benches in the Western Downs region in Chinchilla, Dalby, Miles and Tara.

Find out more on <https://www.redrosefoundation.com.au/red-bench-project>



L-R, Back to Front – Cr Kaye Maguire with students of Miles State High School; Community Centre Manager Cecily Brockhurst, Robin Derksen, Werner Crous OIC Miles Police Station and WDRS employee



L-R – Werner Crous OIC Miles Police Station, Constable Luke Waters and Senior Constable Linette Swales

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L-R: Dan Fitzpatrick, Denis McGuire, Frank Couper, Adrian Daveson, Shirley Makin, Charles Parsons



Veteran Roger Wickham holding his speech.



L-R: Christian Singfield, Bob Gunning, Eric with his grandson Michael Geldard



Miles Police station representatives and SES Miles
L-R: Tom Morfee, Scott Pogan, Jason Iles, Len Sharp, Werner Crous OIC Miles Police Station, Kerry Rabone, Cindy Williams, Claudia Stiller



C27 Spartan flying over Wandoan

Photo by Leesa Rathbone, Wandoan.

By our diggers

In 1916 the 25th day of April was officially named ANZAC Day, one year after Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of an allied expedition to capture the Gallipoli peninsula. On another cool autumn morning on the same day in 2023 at 5:45am many people gathered to pay their respects at the Dawn Service in ANZAC Park, Miles. It was the 108th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings.

Adrian Daveson led the veterans in the Dawn Service and acted as MC.

Slowly the sun rose and so did the spirit "They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."

At 11am, the parade was held along the Murilla Street and ended at the ANZAC Park for this year's Commemoration Service.

The parade was again led by President of the Miles R.S.L. Sub Branch Adrian Daveson and other Army veterans, amongst others locals Eric Geldard OAM, Shirley Makin, Roger Wickham and Bob Gunning followed by Police, SES, Miles State School and High School, Murilla Long Daycare & Kindergarten, Murilla Kindy and Chinchilla Christian College.

Cr Kylie Bourne was the MC of the service at ANZAC Park and started by inviting 98 year old Eric Geldard to the rostrum. He received an honourable recognition of his 75 year R.S.L. Membership.



Warrant Officer I Darren Goldsmith from Oakey delivered the commemorative address and was happy to be here in Miles for ANZAC Day for the second year in a row. Student Leaders Thomas York and Harper Little from the Miles State High School read the listed names of all servicemen from the district who fell in WW I, WWII and Korea and fellow students Ivan Fuentes, Ciara Delphin and Rosie Courte read "the uniform resolution". MAID 2 Sing Choir sang amongst other songs the national anthem during the service. "The Last Post" and the "Rouse" were played by Adrian Nixon with his bugles. Veteran Roger Wickham delivered a heartfelt speech which "challenges with honesty, passion and compassion" as Cr. Kylie Bourne said.

Each parade representative and others including GWCA, Murilla Respite, and Robyn Derksen honoured the fallen by laying down a wreath.

At 12:05pm a fly past of a C-27J Spartan flown by Flight Lieutenant Brendan Lohman – Royal Australian Air Force 35 Squadron – C27 J Tactical Aircraft – Amberley impressed all spectators. The same aircraft flew over Wandoan just 10 minutes later.

The service ended with "Waltzing Matilda".

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New path, new lights

Text & Photos by Ken Brown

The Miles Devils are continuing their quest to have their home ground Centenary Oval become an asset to the town of Miles that everyone can be proud of.

The lights are on and somebody's home.



Training nights are much brighter now after the Miles Devils and Shell QGC got together and upgraded the Floodlights at Centenary Oval. Night games are now a lot better for the spectators and players alike, and the Junior Rugby League have already had two rounds of Friday Night Football at the Complex.

With the old lights starting to show their age and slowly getting dimmer. The new floodlights were installed by CRC Electrical with equipment also from Master Hire.

Funding was provided by the Shell QGC Community Grants Fund. The Miles Devils also contributed a substantial amount to now have a much brighter complex at night. A few neighbours have commented that they may have to get thicker curtains.

Easier Access to facilities with Concrete pathways.

It was identified during the last year that since the entrance to grounds was turfed, access for wheelchairs, mobility scooters and prams was becoming difficult. The Club with the help of GrainCorp through the GrainCorp Community Infrastructure Project Grant received funding to construct a pathway to link the Entrance, Clubhouse, Grandstand and Toilets. This makes it so much easier



for the disabled and elderly folk of our region to access all areas of the facilities. The work was carried out by local concreter Anthony Brown from Western

Downs Concreting and the players from the Club.

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Street Names of Tara - FRY ST

Text & Photos supplied by Ian Campbell, Tara Historical Society

Have you ever wondered about the person behind a street sign's name? Tara Historical Society will take you on a little Tara street name tour. First up Fry Street.

Fry Street is named after Frank Fry, the first Chairman of the Tara Shire Council. Frank's father had been a farmer in Banwell, Somersetshire in England. He migrated to Australia in 1853 and in the same year married Sarah Poole in Gelong. Frank's birth register states that Sarah also came from Banwell. Frank was born in Learmouth about 10km north of Ballarat.

Frank Fry married Elizabeth Lyons on 10-10-1889. Their first child Blanche (Birdie Wilson) was born at Ballarat on 7-2-1891 and the second Myrtle (Neal) was born at Donald on 25-8-1892. So one presumes they moved to Donald in early 1892. Two more children, Franklin (24-8-1895) and Dorothy (Boag) (4-1-1900) were born at Narracan. Frank's wife Elizabeth died at Narracan on 5-1-01 when Dorothy was 1 year old. On 2-4-1902 Frank married Margaret Jane Kennedy. On 15-4-1903 twins Keith and Clarence universally known as Mick were born at Narracan. Another child Elsie was born on 14-6-04 at Narracan and on 14-8-05 Margaret (Madge Lindquist) was born at Gloucester. Their mother Margaret died twelve days later.

It appears the family had moved to Gloucester early in 1905. About the same year land in the Tara area was advertised in Victoria and it appears that a significant number of Melbournians were interested. D T Kennedy

made a trip to Queensland to inspect the area. He was accompanied by Frank Edwards Fry, his son-in-law and E A Smith. We have no idea why or how they were chosen to do the inspection, but it was probably because they were farmers. They were able to travel by train as far as Jandowe 42 miles north of Tara. From there they used horses to travel through the bush, as there were no roads at that time.

On their return to Melbourne their report was apparently favourable as a number of Victorians bought land and settled in the district.

The Fry and Kennedy men arrived back in Tara in 1908 and settled on Undulla Creek. Frys on Laurendel and Kennedys on Dandaraga. The respective families arrived not long afterwards.

Life was hazardous in those days. After having buried two wives and one child, and moved to an untamed land, with three teenage children and three little children, Frank died suddenly six years later in 1914. But despite all this he had been active in community life.

Most of this account is quoted from the Memoirs of Keith Fry, supplied by courtesy of Leslie Fry.

If any family members of people in who's honour a street in Tara has been named could send a little account of that person the Tara Historical Society would be grateful please contact Murilla Community Centre 07 4627 2027.

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LEST WE FORGET - The communities of Jackson and surrounding districts gathered at the Play Shed, Jackson memorial site to remember and reflect.

The Master of Ceremonies for the service was Scott Cawley. Community member Terry Hyland gave a very interesting talk about his family history.

The service was followed by morning tea, catered for by QCWA members and community volunteers, at the QCWA hall. Maranoa Councillor Cameron O'Neill attended the service. Over 60 attended the service including students, returned service personnel, local business houses and community members laying wreaths at the memorial.



Thank you to the Maranoa parks and gardens staff, and overseer Thea Griffin for ensuring the park was looking its best for the service. The council have upgraded the watering system,



planted new garden beds and improved the general appearance of the area around the 'Play Shed' and the memorial.

Jackson Community recycles to support the Jackson branch of the QCWA. - 208 items were recently recycled in one donation from the McCrae family. Other local families and members continue to donate their bottles and cans etc. to assist the Jackson branch to

support the wider Jackson community with the monthly community BBQ and other activities at the hall.

Monthly Community Gathering - The monthly gathering at the CWA hall in May was a day to celebrate and acknowledge the fantastic work that our volunteers do in the community. It commenced at noon and there was a BBQ to enjoy for a small fee of \$5. Everyone is welcome to join our monthly gatherings.

Reminder not to forget our upcoming Trinidad and Tobago day on Sunday the 25th June. This will be a lunch time affair. Watch this space and check out our Facebook page for updates.

Baptism of Charlie Jack Amor - There was every reason to celebrate at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church at Jackson on Saturday evening the 6th of May 2023, when this uniquely beautiful country church was filled to capacity for the baptism of Charlie Amor. Charlie, who turns four in August, is the fourth child of Todd & Brooke Amor and much to their surprise, behaved angelically throughout the Mass.

Close friends, Angela Kibble & Scott York were chosen as Charlie's Godparents. Father Tom Duncan officiated



the Mass and sacrament of Baptism which was spiritually uplifting and thoroughly enjoyed by all attending.

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2023 Season

Text and photos provided by: Polly Leahy

The Noonga winter tennis fixtures hit off the 2023 season on Sunday May 7th. Noonga tennis players and community spectators were treated to perfect weather to mark the start of the season. Most players are annual team members but there were a couple of new faces on the court as well. Noonga tennis hosted the May biggest morning tea for cancer on May 21st 2023. All ball fees, raffle, canteen & bar proceeds are all donated to the Cancer council.

Happy 18th Birthday:

May 11th 2023 saw one of Noonga's younger members reach a milestone birthday. Cory Leahy got to buy his first legal drink at the Q Hotel Miles, where he celebrated with family, a few old school mates and his CRC Electrical work family with Beer & nibbles! Happy 18th Cory from the Noonga community.



Noonga to receive more funding to continue Pilates on Friday's:

Noonga received the exciting news that Maranoa Regional Council will be contributing funding of \$2300 to continue the much enjoyed **Pilates @ Noonga** on Friday mornings. Pilates @Noonga is conducted by fully qualified Pilates instructor Rowena Gill, which is followed by morning tea provided by Payton's Pantry.



Sessions start at 10 am every Friday at the Noonga Hall. Cost is \$10 p/p to assist with funding additional sessions once funding is completed. BYO – pilates mat & water bottle. Contact Polly Leahy 0427 276483 for any enquiries.

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Textile Taster

Text and photos by: Penny Eamer

The 'Textile Taster' day held on the 7th of May 2023 at the Dogwood Center, was very successful.

Participants discovered many different approaches to using fabrics, some new ideas and new tools. By the end of the day they had made an assortment of small projects.

"We made a glorious and creative mess...every surface and even part of the floor was covered in fabrics, threads, tools, projects or sample artworks." No one wanted to stop for a lunch break and grabbed drinks and food while they were working or just didn't eat...

"The day was so 'full on' that unfortunately I forgot to take enough photos."

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ANZAC DAY 2023

Our staff and students represented the school proudly at the Miles, Dulacca and Jackson ANZAC Day Services yesterday both at the Dawn and Remembrance Services. Well done to all the students and staff who attended and thank you to our School Leaders for taking part in the services. LEST WE FORGET.



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Congratulations to all our students who ran the Cross Country or walked in the Fun Run. Our students actively participated and displayed outstanding behaviour. A shout out to the Miles Golf Club for once again allowing us to use the course and facilities for this event.

Well done to our Age Champions: 😊 12yrs Lulu and Levi, 13yrs Gretel and Luke, 14yrs Talia and Marques, 15yrs Gabrielle and Riley, 16yrs Macy and Daniel, 17yrs Stephanie and Izaya and 18yrs Sarah and Tom 😊.

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Tipple & Tea

Text and photos by: Kathy Currin

The Drillham State School P&C recently hosted its inaugural Tipple and Tea, Mother's Day High Tea. The weather could not have been more ideal for sitting on the lovely expanse of lawn in the pretty gardens of the school under the shade of the sprawling gum trees.

The P&C provided some amazing food fitting of a High Tea. Guests were entertained with some hilarious prize categories and a dabble with some garden games. The contest for best dressed table was highly contested with a huge array of tea sets, floral arrangements and other table décor on display. In the end, the fabulous Mad Hatters took out the coveted prize!

Thank you to our wonderful raffle sponsors: Lisa Kennedy Collections, GK Skin, Shelley + Jane, Dulacca Foliage, Uncommon Collective, Pure Romance, Callie's Jewellery and the Mt Myrtle Rural Fire Brigade.

We hope everyone had an entertaining afternoon and we are looking forward to doing it next year!





200 new plants

Text and photo by: Sue Akeroyd

The most recent working bee at the Garden occurred during the last two weeks of April. Volunteers came and went during that period and so much was achieved. Maintenance on the structures and buildings occurred and more than two hundred plants were added to the Garden.

The Anzac Day March and Service to commemorate 50 years since the end of the Vietnam War was held on the morning of 25th and after lunch many local people, school students, garden volunteers and visitors walked down to The End of the Line to plant some trees and shrubs in the new garden.

The garden was prepared earlier with money received through a Queen's Jubilee grant. We hope many of the trees and shrubs planted will grow happily there and contribute to the beautification of Glenmorgan.



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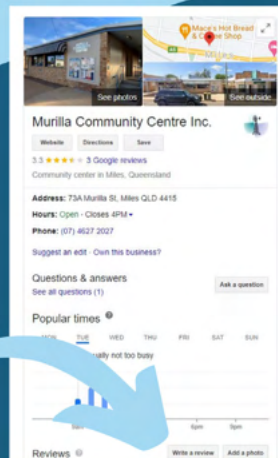
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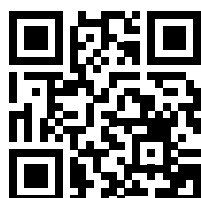
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Murilla Community Centre, 73A Murilla St, Miles. We're open Monday - Friday from 9am to 4pm or call 07 4627 2027 to make an appointment.

In Chinchilla, you can visit the **Chinchilla Family Support Centre** in 67/71 Middle St. Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4pm or call 07 4662 8528 to make an appointment.

Tara Neighbourhood Centre at 41 Day Street is open Monday to Friday 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm. Please call 07 4665 3508 to make an appointment.



Congratulations to Kylie Bourne and her daughter Sophie.

Kylie celebrated her 50th birthday along with her daughter Sophie's 21st birthday on Sat, 29th April 2023. They invited family and friends to their property "Sunnyview" to celebrate a joint 71 years.

Photo by Susan Jacobs Photography

Congratulations to David Mundell

David celebrated his 90th birthday on Sat, 13th May 2023 at his home in Toowoomba.

David had been a long-term and well respected citizen of the Condamine district. David and Priscilla lived at "Nelgai" where they raised their four beautiful children.

Photo 1: David with his wife and three of their four children. Andrew was sadly absent. P2: Emma Jackson and Elizabeth Beeton hand over David's gift a property sign.



Welcome Morgan Alexander Hartigan

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APPLICATIONS
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- Supporting the elderly, mental health, youth and families;
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- Regional Connectivity;
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2022 Communities Fund recipients



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CONTACT DETAILS

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110 years of Miles Show

Text and photos supplied by: Amy Bevan

BRITISH FORD CAR CLUB



Much to the delight of the volunteers, staff and long weekend visitors thirteen classic cars were lined up along the village streetscape for passers-by to admire. The large British Ford Car Club of Queensland stopped into the Village to explore the various displays and exhibits as they travelled through the Western Downs for a long weekend adventure.

AURORA COACH TOUR

It was wonderful for the Village to once again host the Aurora Coach Tour Group. The visitors enjoyed a Devonshire Tea prepared by a small team of volunteers. With a few freshly baked scones and tea tucked away the group did a self-guided tour through the Village and enjoyed the gift shop before departing to continue their travels across Queensland.



110 YEARS OF MILES SHOW

On the 23 May 2023 the Annual Miles and District Show was held. The very original meeting for the Miles Show was held on 20 July 1912. At this meeting it was decided that a Show Society be formed and a subcommittee was to be formed to select a site for the Show and recreation purposes. The committee applied to the government to acquire 15 acres of land, formally known as Station Masters Paddock.

This application was successful and the Show Society was able to hold the first Show in 1913.



Picnic Lunch at Miles First Show in 1913

From its humble beginnings the Show has continued to be a great community event that celebrates agriculture, stock and local produce, as well as giving talented bakers, creatives and gardeners the opportunity to show off their expertise. Over the years the Show has had its ups and downs but has only been abandoned on several occasions due to the First and Second World Wars and significant weather events. Whether you attend for the traditional Dagwood Dog, rides or events



Show Jumping at Miles First Show in 1913

the Miles and District Show is still a great place to make memories.

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End of financial year 2022-23

Another financial year is coming to an end on 30th June 2023.

Before you prepare your tax return, find out what is new or has changed this income year. To find out more you can visit the website www.ato.gov.au or talk to your tax agent.

If you lodge your tax return online using myTax, you will need to link your myGov account to the ATO. Just keep in mind, if you're lodging your own tax return, you need to lodge it by 31st October 2023.

Some might have to find out if they need to lodge a tax return. Reasons why you may need to lodge a tax return include:

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Super co-contribution

Have you heard of the super co-contribution? Eligible people can boost their retirement savings.

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Find these and further information on the websites: <https://www.ato.gov.au/individuals/super/in-detail/growing-your-super/super-co-contribution/> and <https://www.ato.gov.au/rates/key-superannuation-rates-and-thresholds/?page=26>

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Community Grant Writer- Kate Bradley



JUNE 2023 Dates:

Tara (Tara Neighbourhood Centre)-6th June

Dalby (Myall Youth & Community Network Centre) - 14th June

Chinchilla (Chinchilla Community Centre) - 16th June

Miles (Murilla Community Centre)- 21st June

Update

During the final weeks of June, I am hosting online information sessions about upcoming grant opportunities, new resources that will help you write evidence-backed applications, and emerging technology that (may!) make grant writing faster and easier.

Please contact me (details above) to register your interest to attend one of these free, online sessions.

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.

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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

May		June		July		August	
Tuesday	9	Tuesday	13	Tuesday	11	Tuesday	8
Thursday	25	Thursday	22	Thursday	27	Thursday	24
September		October		November		December	
Tuesday	12	Tuesday	10	Tuesday	14	Tuesday	12
Thursday	28	Thursday	26	Thursday	23	Thursday	28

Chinchilla Markets

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

St Luke's Markets

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

Community Markets



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Sudoku

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Herbs & Spices

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 SAGE
 PAPRIKA
 OREGANO
 ROSEMARY
 BASIL
 CAYENNE PEPPER
 DILL
 CUMIN
 BAY LEAF
 TURMERIC
 CLOVES
 FENNEL
 ALLSPICE
 STAR ANISE
 TARRAGON
 NUTMEG
 CINNAMON
 THYME

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Slow cooker Diane potatoes



Makes 6 servings | 15min prep | 6h cook

Ingredients

- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 cup tomato paste
- 2 tsp Dijon mustard
- 2 tbsp plain flour
- 1 tsp Massel Beef Stock Powder
- 125ml (1/2 cup) Bulla Cooking Cream
- 1kg desirée potatoes, thinly sliced
- 1 medium brown onion, halved, thinly sliced
- 200g swiss brown mushrooms, sliced
- 50g butter, cut into cubes
- Fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves, to serve
- Sour cream, to serve

Method

1. Combine garlic, Worcestershire sauce, tomato paste, mustard, flour, stock powder and cream in a jug. Grease the bowl of a slow cooker with a little oil.
2. Layer 1/3 of the potato, onion and mushroom in the slow cooker, drizzling with 1/3 of the cream mixture. Repeat to make another 2 layers. Dot over butter cubes.
3. Cover and cook on HIGH for 6 hours. Sprinkle with parsley leaves and top with sour cream, to serve.

Find both recipes and others on their website:
www.taste.com.au



Irish apple cake

Makes 10 servings | 20min prep | 70min cook

Ingredients

- 375g (2 1/2 cups) plain flour
- 150g butter, chilled, chopped
- 155g (3/4 cup) caster sugar, plus 55g (1/4 cup), extra
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 4 (about 750g) Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored, coarsely chopped (about 2-3cm pieces)
- 2 eggs
- 60ml (1/4 cup) milk
- Vanilla custard or double cream, to serve

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180C/160C fan forced. Invert base of a 22cm (base size) round springform pan. Grease the base with melted butter then line with baking paper. Secure the base back in pan, allowing paper to overhang the edge. Grease side of pan.
2. Place the flour and butter in a large bowl. Use your fingertips to rub the butter into the flour until the mixture resembles fine crumbs. Add the sugar, baking powder and cinnamon. Stir until well combined. Add the apple and stir until well combined. Whisk together the eggs and milk in a jug. Pour the egg mixture into the flour mixture and stir until well combined. Spoon the cake mixture into prepared pan. Use the back of a spoon to firmly press and spread mixture over base. Sprinkle the top with the extra sugar.
3. Bake for 1 hour 10 minutes or until a skewer inserted into centre comes out clean. Set aside in the pan for 10 minutes to cool slightly. Transfer to serving plate and serve with custard or cream.



June 2023

June 2023	
1st	Miles Chamber of Commerce, MCC Meeting Room 5:30pm
2nd	Speaking for Fun, 10-11:30am at Senior Citizen Hall, Miles \$5/pp
6th	Community Grant Writer Kate Bradley at Tara Neighbourhood Centre
7th	Optometrist Lincoln Wagner at Murilla Community Centre, to book appointment call 4627 2027 CWA Miles Branch Meeting, Miles RSL contact: 0438 690 359 Social Bowls at Miles Bowls Club, 5:30pm weekly event
10th	St. Lukes Markets - Miles, Phone 0419 779 686 Drive In Movies at Miles Football Grounds, Gates open 5pm, Movie 6pm, free event
13th	Miles Community Bus transport available, for more info/ book call 4627 2027 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 at Myall Youth & Community Network Centre, Dalby
16th	Speaking for Fun, 10-11:30am at Senior Citizen Hall, Miles \$5/pp Community Grant Writer Kate Bradley at Chinchilla Community Centre
17th	Murilla Community Centre's BOOKFEST, 8:30am - 3pm at Leichhardt Hall, Miles
20th	Connect with Council - Dalby Toy Library, Myall Creek Parklands (Eileen Street) from 5:30pm
21st	Community Grant Writer Kate Bradley at Murilla Community Centre
28th	Senior Citizen Meeting 9:30am at Senior's Room, opposite Foodworks
22nd	RSL Meeting 11am, 26 Marian St, Miles Low Impact Exercise 10-11am at Mary MacKillop Hall, Miles \$5/pp
24th	Start Winter holidays, end on 9th July 2023
29th	Miles Show Meeting, Walsh Pavilion 7pm. All welcome.
30th	End of financial year 2022 - 23 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.