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Management Committee 2024-2025

Chairperson	Mary Cook
Deputy Chairperson	Alice Nixon
Secretary	Jan Mullholland
Treasurer	Melody Rynne
Committee	Gregory Anderson Thuy Nguyen Kate Jackson Janene Banks Pauline Kerwick
CEO / Centre Manager	Cecily Brockhurst

Murilla Community Centre Staff

July 2024-June 2025

STAFF WHO WORKED / VOLUNTEERED PART OF, OR ENTIRE, FINANCIAL YEAR JULY 2024-JUNE 2025

Community Centre Administration

Centre Manager /CEO	Cecily Brockhurst	
Finance/Administration	Susie Bidgood Angie Viviers	Kara Norris Claire York
Reception	Juanita Bates	Tahliah Cordwell
Cleaner	Mary Simbron	Connie Crausos

Family Support Program

Family Support Workers	Cecily Brockhurst	Robyn Hartley
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Community Development Program

Community Development Workers	Robyn Hartley	Eileen Parker
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Murilla Respite Service

Coordinator Administration	Adrienne McDonald Katheryn Molyneux	
Respite Workers	Amanda Knight Darryn Campbell Helen Carseldine Peter Dangerfield Tahnee Wilson	Cindy Williams Emily Macklin James McCarthy Prashna Karki

Volunteers	Ann Gibbons Bev Bendell Deidre Richards Gail Kutasi Gunter Symanski Helen Cox Jennifer Singfield Noela Grierson	Anne Reid Ellen Hodges Fay Bidgood Gail Wilson Grant Mayo Jan Mullholland Lyn Ward Sonia Sheehan
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Community Bus Driver	Bruce Jackson	
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Family Day Care

Coordinator Educational Leader Administration	Melissa Jenkins Elizabeth Perkins Jessica Woodside	
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Educators: FDC (Self employed)	Amanda Matthews Bobbie Roux Cassandra Stahlhut Ebony Robinson Monica Taylor Rachel Muir Valerie Martin	Amanda Ward Britney Neumann Christine Stiller Michelle Ferguson Morgan Fribence Tracy Regan
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Murilla Community Centre Staff

July 2024-June 2025

Family Day Care (continued)

Educators:

IHC (self-employed)

Alana Gray
Ashlie Wyton
Cheyenne Sanders
Chloe Statham
Melanie Spall
Odette Telfer
Petrina Stiller
Sharni Edwards

Cheryl Alty
Chloe Ford
Laura Wacker
Monique Amadoro
Olivia Hall
Sally Noakes
Sophie Emery

Child Care Centres

Nominated Supervisor LDC

Nominated Supervisor OSHC

Kindergarten Teacher

Judith Mandebvu
Patricia Cespedes Edles

Tanya Little
Manish Karki
Laura Heath

Administration

Nicole Zimmerman
Susan Zajacek

Educational Leader

Judith Mandebvu

Lead Educators

Elissa Deacon
Judith Mandebvu
Karen Harbort
Petrina Stiller
Sandra Dascombe
Tara Bass

Jamie-Lee Knight
Juliet Fuentes
Patricia Cespedes Edles
Ruby Custorio
Surjit Kaur
Victoria McCullough

Support Educators

Charanjit Rai
Jackelyn Manarang
Paige Trenaman
Rhea Vonhoff
Shivonn Crous
Victoria McCullough
Lara Latcham
Nicole Zimmermann

Elissa Deacon
Karen Harbort
Petrina Stiller
Sandra Dascombe
Tara Bass

(Trainee)
(Trainee)

Cleaners

Mary Simbron, Connie Crausos

Community Grants Writer

Kate Bradley

Chairperson's Report

Mary Cook (Chairperson)

Good evening and welcome to the 33rd Annual General Meeting of the Murilla Community Centre. A very warm welcome to Kristen Coggan and Liam from Regional Tech Hub who are our Guest Speakers tonight. Many of you will know Kristen as a local face or as a former member of staff at the Centre. Welcome back Kristen ...

The more I look at the amazing list of services and programs available from the Murilla Community Centre, I feel very grateful to all those who have contributed over the last 33 years.

Today, whether you are a child, a youth, a family, a person with a disability or an aged person, the Community Centre provides for you through Rural Family support, financial counselling, Services Australia, Long Day Care, Kindergarten and afterschool care; Family Day Care, Respite services for Aged and NDIS clients, the Community Bus, Nils Program, Emergency Relief, Housing Support, visiting specialists and much more....

For all this...Our thanks must go to Cecily, our Centre Manager, and every member of the Community Centre Team - Our educators, our administrators, our Respite and Community Development Teams. In an environment of constant change where the need for compliance is a never-ending task, we thank them for their resilience, professionalism, and compassion. Their dedication is evident in the quality of services they provide and the kindnesses they extend to clients every day. As result of their programs, this year I witnessed a thriving community in action.

It was wonderful to see members of the community enjoying Bookfest and Women's Wellness Day. The Bookshop, in its new home and cared for by an amazing band of volunteers, has become a favourite space. The Centre Day for Respite members brings much joy to all. Apart from enjoying fabulous morning teas, Darryn and his group of Respite artists have provided a number of very professional window displays throughout the year and have been exhibitors on the Curved Wall in the art gallery. Not many communities can boast such community engagement.

The Community Centre has been very generously supported by Shell QGC in funding the Grant Writer position of Kate Bradley. Kate has worked successfully with the Community Centres' and many community groups across the Western Downs enabling them to secure funds for their projects. This enormous success has created opportunities, programs and facilities that contribute to improving the quality of life in our communities.

We thank Senex, Jemena, Arrow, Shell QGC and the Western Downs Council for their sponsorship of Women's Wellness Day. The day was an overwhelming success and the guest speaker Sarah Wheeler touched everyone in the room.

The Masonic Hall is in the process of renovation. We look forward to when this legacy will be fully utilized by the community. Thankyou.

A huge "Thank you" to Son and Thuy who support us in many ways, but especially with a home for the bookshop. Yellow seems to be just the right colour for such a wonderful place. Volunteers have always made an important contribution to the Community Centre. Apart from putting their hand up whenever the need arises, they are responsible for the day-to-day operation of the bookshop. Thank you for your tireless contributions to the Centre.

Thank you to the Members of the Management Committee. Without people volunteering to sit on the Management Committee, the Community Centre could not operate as it does. It is a very rewarding experience, and members contribute from many different backgrounds and experiences.

Centre Manager's Report

Cecily Brockhurst

Centre Manager's Annual Report – 2024-2025 – Cecily Brockhurst

Welcome! to our 33rd Annual General Meeting. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all - Members of our Board of Management, Councillors, our wonderful staff, dedicated volunteers and members of the community. It gives me great pleasure to present my 32nd Annual Report for our Murilla Community Centre Incorporated.

A special welcome to our Guest Speakers – Kristen and Liam from the Regional Tech Hub (which comes under the umbrella of National Farmers' Federation Ltd), who will speak to us about "Connectivity" and what we can do to improve our access to On-Line services in this region. On behalf of Murilla Community Centre and our community of Miles, we look forward to hearing your recommendation, knowledge and experience.

Centre Business Stone Partners who have been our very loyal auditors for the past 20 years advised us early this year that they were unable to continue with our audit due to the resignation of one of their senior partners.

McConachie Stedman have been engaged and will present our current financial statements.

During the past year, all programs including Family Support, Community Development, Child Care Centre and Kindergarten, Family Day Care, Outside School Hours Care/Vacation Care, Respite Services/Aged Care, NDIS, Centrelink, NILS, Fully Booked Bookshop and Community Buses, were staffed and delivered, sometimes with creative roster modifications due to absences and sickness. Swan Meetings in Chinchilla and Toowoomba were attended in person with the Cunnamulla Meeting via Teams.

Assessment & Accreditation MCC staff as well as staff working in the program areas such as Child Care, Aged Care and NDIS are continually ensuring services are delivered to the highest quality standard to meet assessment and accreditation.

Community Newsletter & Social Media During the past year, our Community Newsletter has been distributed to approximately 3,000 families and individuals on a monthly basis. Each publication includes details of community events, celebrating individual achievements as well as supporting local businesses from Chinchilla, Tara and Miles and outlying areas. The Community News celebrates its 30th year in circulation and is a **FREE monthly magazine** in the region. Early this year it became necessary to implement a small increase in the advertising costs in an effort to maintain viability.

The Newsletters are delivered to 67 pick-up points (such as the local business houses) between Taroom and Tara and east to Brigalow and west to Jackson. This practice has proven to be successful in keeping costs to a minimum.

Our Website and Facebook pages are maintained and include our monthly newsletter. Numerous enquiries are received via these mediums.

Visiting Services to our Centre Momentum – Mental Health, Optometrist, Flying Skin Doctors, Rural Child Health Nurse- Rebecca, Lives Lived Well - (Drug & Alcohol Worker), Busy At Work, Aim Big, TASC Family Law Solicitor and Correctional Services have all been available providing face to face appointments on a regular basis from our Centre.

Services Needed Miles continues to be in need of a Dentist (who is able to attend to private patients), and a Hearing Specialist. Our residents need to travel to these professional services, unless they are able to access the public dentist who does visit Miles.

Family Support During the past 12 months, families and individuals have been impacted by the housing shortage as well as the increased cost of living. The Family Support service is tailored to address the needs of each individual or family. **1079** occasions of assistance with information, support and referrals to other services happened during the past financial year. **1812** Hours of Case Management were provided by Family Support Staff and of course this is a free and confidential service. A number of families and individuals presented with complex matters including: housing support, mental health issues, anxiety and depression, domestic violence, child and family relationships, grief, loss and homelessness.

Some clients have been assisted with Back to School needs such as Books and Uniforms, which are purchased locally from Abrahams and Miles Newsagency. As per individual requests, funds have been accessed and distributed to rural families and individuals via Public Rural Crisis Funds through QCWA.

Advocacy Our Staff have advocated and supported clients regarding problems with Centrelink appeals, housing/rental problems, superannuation, as well as Legal Aid matters.

Community Development Our 10th Annual Women's Wellness Day – was recently held and our sincere thanks again to Jemena, Senex, Shell QGC, Arrow Energy and WDRC who co-sponsor the day. Trevor Robertson (Senex) has given an undertaking to guarantee ongoing funding for WWD for the coming two years ie. 2026 & 2027. The event was a huge success with increased attendance – in excess of 250 attendees and 27 stallholders. Sarah Wheeler who was the guest speaker for the day had the audience in tears as she shared the grief of her own personal losses of her Father and her Mother at a young age. Sarah rode her two horses more than 5500 kilometres across NSW and Qld raising half a million dollars for the Pancare Foundation. Since then, Sarah established a charity "A Daughter's Way" for young rural Australians who grieve for the loss of a parent.

Annual Bookfest 22nd June 2025 – great success raising approx. \$4600. Sincere thanks to the many volunteers who work so hard to ensure a professional presentation of books for sale.

Fully Booked Second-hand Bookshop has been operational for the past six years with a roster of volunteers. Our new premise at No. 5 Pine Street has provided so much more space for an amazing display. This small social enterprise attracts tourists as well as locals generating \$12,209 for this past financial year. Sincere thanks to our weekly volunteers, as without your help this would not happen. Congratulations to the bookshop team who won the best decorated window display at our recent Back to the Bush celebrations in Miles.

Men's Shed Miles Men's Shed and Women's Shed operating for 10 years from the Multi-Purpose Shed at Miles High School. Saturday mornings seem to be the popular time slot.

NILS Program **37 Loans** were approved during the past 12 months with many being repeat borrowers from Dalby, Miles, Wandoan, Meandarra, Roma, Chinchilla, Charleville and Mitchell. Essential items purchased include furniture, white goods, vehicle registration and vehicle repairs.

Good Shepherd A Financial Counsellor is now visiting our Centre to assist Clients with Budgeting and all matters financial.

Services Australia – Miles Agency (Centrelink, Child Support & Medicare)

During the financial year 2024/2025 our staff have assisted 1659 clients which involved 900 hours of support. Clients need help with understanding the system as well as the technology. Financial support is often needed as clients await the outcome of their applications from Centrelink. Our staff undertake regular training to keep abreast of the many Centrelink changes.

Centre Manager's Report

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Cecily Brockhurst

Emergency Relief **423 occurrences** of Emergency Relief were provided to individuals and families during the 2024/2025 Financial Year - \$18,573.85.

Family Day Care has been operating 29 years in the Miles area and currently Melissa Jenkins is Co-Ordinator with Jessica Woodside, admin support, and Liz Perkins as Educational Leader. The scheme supports educators in Chinchilla, Miles, Condamine, Dulacca, Roma, Taroom, Mitchell. During the past year, 13 Educators plus 15 In-Home Educators were supported from Murilla Family Day Care Scheme with a total of 183 children currently enrolled.

A huge challenge for our FDC Scheme is the Departmental requirement to transition to a centralised payment arrangement which has to be implemented by January 2026. We have been trying to source some additional funding to ensure a smooth transition.

Long Day Care and Kindergarten Twenty-One staff with varying qualifications work across the Long Day Care Centre & Kindergarten as well as the Outside School Hours Care.

Origin Energy have been so supportive of our organisation by assisting with funding to enable the recruitment of suitably qualified staff for the Child Care Centres. We now have three qualified Early Childhood Teachers as well as ten Diploma qualified Educators.

Staff are to be congratulated on their efforts to continue to deliver a professional service to our families. The management team for the Child Care Centre consisting of Judith Mandebvu – Director and Educational Leader, Karen Harbort - Assistant Director and currently Nicole Raciti -Administration Officer, as well as all staff members, have all done an admirable job. (Continuing on in memory of our beautiful, dedicated Terese).

Funding from various sources allowed us to upgrade the Kindergarten Playground and this area now provides the children with a valuable play space.
(Photos attached)

Over the past couple of years, MCC supported Taroom Kindergarten Association to expand to a Child Care Centre and Kindergarten. This process has been achieved, and they are now operating independently.

Murilla Outside School Hours & Vacation Care Patricia Cespedes has very capably taken the role of Nominated Supervisor. Attendance and participation has been quite high over the past 12 months.

Murilla Respite Service has **52 clients** registered with MAC, and 5 involved with the NDIS Scheme. Aged Care is going through a re-structure with a number of changes being implemented from 1 Nov 2025. Sadly, we have lost a number of clients during the past year with some moving into Aged Care facilities whilst some have gone to heaven. Darryn Campbell has again worked with Centre Day clients creating some amazing art projects – some of which have been utilized for our wonderful MCC window displays. Care is provided by a team of 6 supportive and professional staff. Ann Reid continues as a dedicated volunteer supporting the Centre day clients each Wednesday. MCC staff/volunteers deliver Meals On Wheels each Wednesday to those clients who access this service.

Centre Manager's Report

Continued..

Cecily Brockhurst

Partnerships Masonic Lodge - Thanks to some funding grants, I am pleased to announce that we have been able to provide upgrades to the kitchen and toilet (still a work in progress). Currently we are awaiting the outcome of an application for funding to install some cupboards at the Masonic Hall. Several staff members including myself participate and support a number of community groups, including Miles Chamber of Commerce, Back to the Bush, Chaplaincy, Pink up your town, Hospital Auxiliary to name a few.

MCC will continue to facilitate Miles Interagency meetings and encourage dialogue with our Police, Community and Child Health, Resource Companies, Churches, Schools, QCWA, WDRC, Meals On Wheels and Disaster Management Meetings.

Our **Grants Writer** Kate supports the Community Centres of Miles, Tara and Chinchilla with writing and sourcing grants, as well as supporting community groups in the areas of Dalby and Wandoan. Sincere thanks to Shell/QGC for funding this excellent program for the past 6 years. Kate Bradley, an employee of MCC, wrote or was involved with **98 successful applications** which returned **\$4,743,126 in funding for the region** over the past 12 months. (See Grants Writer report). Stats for MCC – 13 submissions - \$147,416 (some pending) at 30th June 2025.

Funding Sources Sincere Thanks for the following partnerships with our funding bodies who provide our Program Funding: Dept of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety, Dept Education and Training, Dept of Social Services, Services Australia, Dept Health and Aging, Good Shepherd Youth & Family Services. Thanks also to numerous sundry funding grants as well as some very generous donations from members of our local community. All very much appreciated.

Special Thanks must go to the volunteer members of our Management Board, Chairperson Mary Cook, an amazing support for the past 11 years. Thank you to our Secretary Jan Mulholland -31 years on our Board of Management, Melody Rynne - 23 years on the Board, our current Treasurer. Thank-You Melody – you will be sadly missed. Our very best wishes to you as you follow your farming dreams and pursuits. Other incredible volunteer members who generously give up their time for the organisation, Ali Nixon, Thuy Nguyen, Kate Jackson, Janene Banks, Pauline Kerwick and Greg Anderson.

Special Acknowledgements to staff. In closing I would like to especially mention our office staff, Susie, who provides invaluable support to myself and our Treasurer. Adrienne (20 years of service), Kath and Respite staff. Eileen, Kara, Juanita, Robyn and Tahliah all work to assist with arrangements for whatever event. Melissa, Liz and Jess – Family Day Care. Judith, Karen Harbort (who has been involved with the Child Care Centre 26 years), and all childcare staff. This long serving commitment is invaluable to the success of our organisation.

Thank you all so much for your efforts, dedication, diligence and support.

Every day presents a different challenge at Murilla Community Centre and we always endeavour to do our best to meet the needs of members of our community. **Thank-You all most sincerely for sharing this journey with me for the past 32 years.**

Cecily Brockhurst

Image from Women's Wellness Day 2025

L to R: Chairperson Mary Cook, Senex Representative Trevor Robertson, Guest Speaker Sarah Wheeler, Deputy Chairperson Alice Nixon, Centre Manager Cecily Brockhurst and employee Eileen Parker (Image taken by Jacinta Cummins)



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**Community
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Centres &
Kindergarten**

**Respite - Care for
Elderly (Centre
based & In home
care)**

NDIS

Housing Support

**Afterschool &
Vacation Care**

**Justice Of
Peace**

**NILS
No Interest Loans**

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Rural Family Support

MCC's Family support offers assistance to families and individuals in the Miles area and surrounding communities. Support that can be offered includes referral onto appropriate services, guidance to find out what the client needs assistance with and sometimes just a social chat. Many housing applications have been completed and submitted for our residents in the past year. Housing is getting dearer and more elusive in Miles.

The median rental price in Miles is currently \$478 per week, with only three rentals listed on realestate.com on the 2nd of October 2025. One bedroom unit for \$300pw, 3-bedroom house for \$450pw and a 4-bedroom 4-bathroom house for \$900 pw. This has left a few families and individuals struggling with housing and cost of living increases.

Women's Wellness Day

Once again, our annual WWD was a huge success. The guest speaker Sarah Wheeler was engaging and interesting. Lunch was delicious and the fashion parade was also entertaining. Without our generous sponsors- Senex, Jemena, Arrow, QGC and WDRC, WWD would not have made it to this year's milestone of 10 years. We did miss one year due to the Covid outbreak, let's hope we can do another 10 years. Feedback from attendees was all positive and most stated that they will attend again.



Bookshop/Bookfest

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the success of our Bookshop and our Bookfest. Bookfest this year was a great community event that anyone could attend to catch up over a cuppa and some delicious home cooking while contemplating just how many books, puzzles or DVD's would be purchased. Our Bookshop which is manned by volunteers Monday to Saturday is one of the nicest second-hand bookshops that I have ever entered. It provides clean well priced articles in a clean and well-ordered shop. Without our wonderful volunteers we would not be able to keep going with the shop and Bookfest. Proceeds from the Bookshop and Bookfest go back into our community through MCC.

Men's and Women's Sheds

Both sheds continue to operate but memberships are down and no one has stood up to be president and give the sheds some direction. MCC collects memberships and looks after administration duties. The facilities at the MSHS are wonderful so if you would like to go and have a look, Saturday mornings are best from about 8.30. If you have any questions regarding the Sheds please ask at MCC.

No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS)

Robyn Hartley



The No Interest Loans Scheme or NILS has been operating out of MCC for approximately 17 years.

During this time numerous no-interest no-fee loans have been issued for clients on low incomes. NILS loans can be used to purchase essential goods like washing machines, fridges, furniture, educational items (computers), car repairs, registration and many other items.

NILS has allowed people to purchase these essential items without any extra expenses which has provided a sense of dignity, achievement and a sense of pride for those struggling with every day expenses.

Good Shepard Financial Counsellor (FC)

Good Shepard has a FC based in Dalby who comes out to Miles to have face to face meetings with clients who are trying to improve their financial situation. The FC will also do phone and team meetings.

This year MCC hosted a financial workshop where the FC had some interesting facts and figures to share with the group. We plan to have more of these free group sessions in the future.

Media

Eileen Parker



The Community Newsletter (CNL) is the only free monthly magazine available to the majority of the Western Downs region. The Murilla Community Newsletter has proudly been in circulation **since 1995 – 30 years.**

Distribution and Reach Since March 2023, the Community Newsletter has been available for pick-up **at 67 local businesses and popular town spots** across the Western Downs, including Miles, Condamine, Chinchilla, Tara, Taroom, The Gums, Meandarra, Wandoan, Dulacca, and Jackson. With the kind assistance of our dedicated volunteers, only three boxes are now posted each month.

This shift has led to a significant reduction in Australia Post expenses compared with the 2022/2023 financial year. Previously, "Unaddressed Mail" bookings cost an average of \$2,083.33 per month. The **current postage cost** has now decreased to **approximately \$80 per month.**

To reduce both landfill and printing costs, **the print quantity was adjusted to 3,000** copies per month in April 2025. The distribution numbers are being reviewed monthly to ensure efficiency and sustainability of the Community Newsletter.

Digital Access We continue to provide **free digital copies** of the current Community Newsletter and the five most recent editions on our website.

A **digital subscription** is also available via email and currently we have just over 70 subscribers and the number keeps on growing.

Each new edition and article is also promoted on our **Facebook page**, while printed copies of both current and past editions can be obtained from our office upon request.



Content and Community Involvement

The Community Newsletter has 11 editions per calendar year (February – December/January), featuring stories on upcoming and past local events (e.g. Australia Day Awards, Back to the Bush Festival, Miles Races, One Long Table), as well as updates from local police, council, businesses, and community groups from Miles, Chinchilla and region.

During the 2024/2025 financial year, editions ranged between 56 and 64 pages, depending on the number of advertisers, community events, public submissions, and internally written articles.

We are privileged to have the **ongoing support of numerous community groups**, clubs, and services who contribute regularly. Their efforts are invaluable, and we deeply appreciate their ongoing participation — the newsletter truly wouldn't be the same without them.

Frequent contributors include Noonga Community Association, Jackson Community, Miles Police Station, Murilla Garden Group, Myall Park Botanic Garden Group, Miles Fishing Club, Miles Historical Village Museum and Visitor Information Centre.

The Community Newsletter also supports local groups and not-for-profit organisations by offering one sponsored ¼-page advertisement per publication year. By providing a platform for these groups in form of articles and advertisement, we aim to increase awareness of their events and foster a more connected, engaged community.

Submissions and Advertising

We welcome submissions of articles and advertisements in person, by mail, through social media, or via our website.

Each month, we reach out to over 250 contacts in the region — including local groups and businesses — to invite contributions. Despite ongoing efforts, engagement from the Chinchilla and Tara communities remains a challenge.

Encouragingly, advertiser involvement has grown beyond advertising. Several have become regular writing contributors, resulting in new and valued sections such as:

- “Health” column with Rural Child Health Nurse Rebecca Bradshaw and Davida from Momentum Mental Health
- “On the Road with the Travelling Lawyer” by Rebecca Greenslade

This collaboration has enriched the newsletter's content and strengthened our ties with the community.

Advertising and Financial Overview

The newsletter provides affordable advertising opportunities for local businesses and individuals. In the 2024/2025 financial year, the number of advertisers increased by 10, bringing the total to around 60 monthly advertisers. Many choose to advertise for 11 consecutive months, which provides stable income and ensures the ongoing publication of the newsletter.

The ¼-page advertisement continues to be the most popular size.

Advertising revenue did not fully cover the production and distribution costs of the newsletter. A review of the current advertising rates is planned to help increase income and ensure the ongoing stability of the publication.

Website

Our website, www.mccm.org.au, serves as the digital face of **Murilla Community Centre Inc.**, offering visitors insight into our programs, services, events, and community support. It also functions as the online hub for the *Community Newsletter*, making current and past editions easily accessible.

The site is **reviewed and updated monthly**, with changes including vacant positions, program and event information (e.g. Bookfest, Women's Wellness Day).

Each month the **latest newsletter edition** is uploaded, and users can access it along with **five preceding editions**.

The **top four most visited pages** are: the **Homepage, Past Newsletters, Childcare Centre and Family Day Care/ In Home Care**.

In the 2024/25 financial year our website had **4567 visitors** (2023/24: 4067 2022/23: 3225). Highest number of visits of our website was on 2/12/2024 with 97 visits.

Google Business Profile

Performance report 2024/25:

- **2254** viewed our business profile mobile and on desktop (2023/24: 1647)
- 4.7 stars of 5 with 3 reviews – **More reviews are welcome**.

Facebook

In 2024 Facebook (FB) was the number one social media platform in Australia with over 21million users. (Source: www.sproutsocial.com). Facebook connects people and promotes businesses. We have an active community following our FB Page where we can share upcoming events, newsletter pages, news and important notifications. The Murilla Community Centre Facebook page continues to grow each year. At the end of 2023/24 financial year, our Facebook page has **1196 Followers** (June'24: 1167 June'23: 1054) **reached 23,701 people (increase by 31.8% to last year)** and **6597 people visited the Facebook page** (increase of 28%). Our **majority audience is between 25 and 54 years old** and predominantly female (82.2%). Considering the age bracket Facebook covers, our audience is sufficient and we don't consider expanding to further social media platforms.



We encourage clients who use Facebook to leave new reviews.

Some major Facebook post statistics are:

Post	Reach	Views
Good Shepherd Budgeting Workshop (12/6/24)	2085	4835
Bookfest Ad (9/6/25)	1133	1885

Murilla Respite Service

Adrienne McDonald & Katheryn Molyneux

Our aim at Murilla Respite is to provide quality care services to support elderly clients to allow them to remain in their own homes, live safely as well as participating in community activities. Our 6 staff are qualified and dedicated ensuring the services we provide meet our 52 Commonwealth Home Support Programme(CHSP) clients' needs.

To receive assistance, it is necessary to be registered with My Aged Care. Their phone number is 1800 200 422. Our CHSP services provide low level support provided by the Commonwealth Home Support Program to help older Australians remain independent and live in their own home. Services include practical assistance like social support with housework, shopping, personal care as well as transport. Most of our clients are over 80 or even over 90 years old and sadly we have lost quite a few during the past twelve months, but we have also had new ones join and now receive our services. Staff have looked after one client since 2011 and others for more than ten years. During the year two staff resigned, and one staff has replaced them. Each Wednesday our Respite staff volunteer to deliver Meals On Wheels in Miles and enjoy the interaction with this community activity.

Respite is registered with the government, and our services are supplied to clients in areas from Jackson to Chinchilla, Condamine to Wandoan, as well as in Miles and the surrounding areas with our clients registered with My Aged Care to receive help with the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP). During the year the aged care system was due to change but these dates have altered several times. We are now told the new system is commencing on 1st November this year. Many people, including our Respite Staff have continued to struggle to fully understand the system, how it operates, how to apply and access appropriate services for the 65 year olds and over, and 50 year and over Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We are told the new system is going to put the rights of older people first, be more accountable and easier to understand. We will eagerly wait and see.

The referral process for prospective clients and also for our office, continues to be daunting, confusing and very time consuming. Initially, there is a lot of paperwork to complete, and after a referral is made there can be a wait before there is contact from an assessor who will visit the client or conduct a phone interview taking up to two hours and asking a lot of questions similar to the information previously given before the approval is granted for the required service. Our service needs the appropriate referral codes to enable us to accept the service and commence working with a client. We are always happy for prospective clients to make appointments with our Respite Office, and we will try and assist in the referral process to speed up the approval for services with My Aged Care (MAC). We charge clients an hourly fee of \$8 for household assistance, shopping, personal care and attending local medical appointments.

Our Respite Service is also a Registered provider for the National Disability Insurance Scheme and has 5 registered NDIS clients as well as another client who is on a special disability package. The NDIS scheme operates jointly between the Commonwealth, States and Territories and currently the scheme supports 717,000 Australians with a disability and approximately half are under 18 years.

As we need to do the best we can for our clients, staff have the training and necessary skills and compassion, as well as the need to keep learning as situations change. Because of the spread of our clients the community vehicles travel a huge distance of km each year, and we also have an out-of-town staff member who always uses their own vehicle. The Community Centre also provides a twice monthly travel service for clients who need to attend specialist appointments in Dalby and Toowoomba, and this is a much used and appreciated service. Respite is also making regular trips with clients to Roma for specialist appointments using Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme forms.

Murilla Respite Service

Continued..

Adrienne McDonald & Katheryn Molyneux

Our volunteer Ann Reid kindly helps on Centre Day Wednesday with the varied activities. We also have a young volunteer Chanchira Cawley assisting. Attendance has been very good with some of the clients bringing themselves to the Centre or being collected from their homes by Darryn. Ann provides a lavish morning tea with birthdays celebrated. This year the group have participated in various activities like art and games, Council Seniors morning tea, attended the Anzac Day ceremony and presented a wreath, had an Anzac and Miles Show display in the centre window, exhibited a display in the Miles show, decorated the window with crafts made on Centre Day mornings for the Back To the Bush Festival gaining highly commended, enjoyed an exercise morning with a Physiotherapist, had bus trips out of town for morning teas and barbecues, visited local gardens for morning tea and lunch, attended the regular Forget-Me-Not sessions at the gallery with Amy who explains each exhibition and encourages those present to discuss, reminisce and enjoy the art, do an activity connected to the display and enjoy a lunch provided by the Council. This outing is very beneficial for those with dementia.

Respite produces a monthly newsletter that is given to our clients. This gives information about what is happening in the Aged Care Industry, government rules, our Centre Day activities and other information that we feel may be interesting or useful.

Our year has been filled with many happy highlights. We have also dealt with sad farewells with losses of dear ones close to us. It is with thanks to all our dedicated staff members that we can provide varied suitable services, and this would not be possible without the devotion of our all our hard-working volunteers, staff, and Community Centre Committee volunteers who continue to work tirelessly, giving their time and talents and we sincerely thank them.

Kath and Adrienne

Family Day Care

Melissa Jenkins, Liz Perkins & Jessica Woodside

Educators choose to partner with Murilla Family Day Care & In Home Care to access comprehensive support in quality assurance, professional guidance, and ongoing monitoring. Care delivered under our scheme is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy (CCS), enabling more families to access high-quality, affordable early childhood education and care.

The coordination team submits attendance records fortnightly to Services Australia. These records are assessed to determine CCS entitlements, which are then disbursed through the scheme. It is important to note that all educators are independent sole traders and retain the autonomy to select the approved scheme under which they operate.

Murilla Family Day Care & In Home Care continues to be led by a consistent and dedicated team:

- Missy Jenkins serves as the Nominated Supervisor and Coordinator
- Liz Perkins continues in her role as Educational Leader
- Jess Woodside provides administrative support



This stability in leadership ensures continuity of service and the maintenance of high standards across all areas of care and education.

Throughout the reporting period, our Family Day Care scheme has successfully navigated operational demands while implementing all recommendations from the 2019 National Quality Framework (NQF) review. In collaboration with educators, we have strengthened policies, reviewed and updated risk assessments, and aligned with new requirements from family day care venues. Our educators remain committed to delivering exceptional care and learning experiences, and we are proud of the service we provide to families across our region.

Significant progress has also been made within the In Home Care program, particularly with the implementation of the In Home Care Safety Standards. Policies have been thoroughly reviewed and redeveloped to meet these new requirements, bringing In Home Care into closer alignment with other approved forms of care.

Family Day Care

Murilla Family Day Care delivers approved early childhood education and care within the homes of registered educators, offering a nurturing environment tailored to each child's individual development. With smaller group sizes and a home-based setting, the program promotes high-quality learning experiences and strong educator to child relationships.

The scheme operates in full alignment with the National Quality Framework (NQF), encompassing National Regulations, the National Quality Standard, approved learning frameworks, and the assessment and rating process. Eligible families may access the Child Care Subsidy to support their participation.

During the 2024–2025 reporting period, 13 affiliated Family Day Care Educators provided a total of 56,241 hours of care to 151 children across the communities of Mitchell, Roma, Dulacca, Tara, Miles, Chinchilla, and Condamine. Monthly monitoring and support visits are conducted to ensure ongoing compliance, quality improvement, and educator support.

In Home Care

Murilla Family Day Care's In Home Care program offers flexible, educator-led childcare delivered within the child's own home. This model is designed to support families with complex needs or limited access to mainstream services. Unlike other care types, families must first apply through the Department of Education and undergo assessment by the In Home Care Agency. Once approved, they seek a suitable educator and formally join an approved scheme.

The program is overseen by the Coordinator of Murilla Family Day Care & In Home Care, who provides ongoing monitoring and support to ensure high-quality outcomes for children and families.

Demand for In Home Care has grown significantly over the past year, with the scheme doubling in size and continuing to expand. During the reporting period, we supported 15 approved educators delivering care to 32 children across the districts of Wandoan, Taroom, Mitchell, Wallumbilla, Miles, and Condamine. Collectively, these educators provided 13,371 hours of care in family homes.

Funding

The Scheme generates its own funding through educator and parent levies. All deductions are directed into the costs of running the scheme.

Murilla Family Day Care continues to operate as a self-funded scheme, with revenue generated through educator and parent levies. These contributions are fully allocated to cover the operational costs of running the scheme.

Family Day Care

Continued.. Melissa Jenkins, Jessica Woodside & Liz Perkins

Centralised payments remain a strategic priority, with implementation scheduled to begin in mid-November. However, sourcing funding to support this transition has been a significant challenge. The process has been both stressful and time-consuming, with limited external funding options available. A CCCF (Community Child Care Fund) grant application is currently in progress, and we remain hopeful for a positive outcome.

While recent levy increases have helped ease operational pressures, they are not sufficient to fully support the move to centralised payments. Additional financial support remains critical to ensure a smooth and sustainable transition.

Training

Educators and staff engaged with Murilla Family Day Care & In Home Care are committed to ongoing professional development, with a minimum requirement of three In-Service training sessions annually. Due to the geographic spread of our scheme, in-person team training is not feasible, however, Zoom sessions have proven to be an effective platform for both training delivery and peer networking.

Online training modules are regularly provided to all educators and revisited during support visits to ensure continued competency and alignment with best practice. To uphold the highest standards of care, all educators are required to maintain current certification in Child Safety, Safe Food Handling, and Safe Sleep Practices. These qualifications are renewed annually as part of our commitment to quality and safety.

Future Goals

We strive to create and implement programs that engage every child, fostering their active participation in the community while celebrating their diverse cultures, values, and beliefs.

We aim to positively promote our service to families in the community, providing numerous opportunities for family and community member input and participation. Our goal is to expand our service, delivering high-quality childcare to more families in need.

Celebration

We would like to make special mention of our wonderful educator in Mitchell, Valerie Martin who not only has delivered care under our scheme for 10 years but also has met the major milestone of 30 years in our industry. Val has a kind caring approach to education and she has cared for hundreds of children throughout her career. Congratulations Val and massive thank you from us all!

Thank You

To every Murilla Family Day Care & In Home Care educator thank you for all that you do. Your dedication to putting children first is the very essence of what makes Murilla Family Day Care & In Home Care such a special place.

Each year we thank the committee for their ongoing commitment to early childhood. It never seems to be a big enough token of our gratitude because maintaining a voluntary commitment to this not-for-profit organisation is a huge undertaking.

Finally, thanks must also go to the families who trust us to support, nurture and guide their children on the crucial first steps in their lifelong learning journey.

Missy Jenkins, Nominated Supervisor / Coordinator

Liz Perkins, Educational Leader

Jessica Woodside, Administrative Assistant

Murilla Long Day Care & Kindergarten and Murilla Outside School Hours Care are community-based services seeking to respond to our community needs. We operate as a 'not for profit' service, ensuring that fees are reinvested back into the centres.

Our centres are committed to providing care and education of the highest quality. The Murilla Community Centre Inc Board of Management is responsible for the overall management of both centres, including finance, staff, and the provision of services.

The Nominated Supervisors are appointed by the Murilla Community Centre Inc Board of Management and are responsible for the effective day-to-day management of the centres.

Murilla Long Day Care & Kindergarten



Murilla Long Day Care is licensed for 55 children, between the ages of 6 weeks and school age, operating Monday to Friday - 6.00am to 6.00pm. The centre is closed on all recognised Public Holidays and closes two weeks over the Christmas break.

Our early childhood educators provide a rich and stimulating Play Based educational program which meets the National Quality Framework approved teaching and learning guidelines, the Early Years Learning Framework. We are an early learning community

which offers a safe, happy, and nurturing environment where children can play, explore, discover, learn, and grow to achieve the best possible start in life. We have three designated rooms - Butterfly Room (0-2yrs), Busy Bees (2-5yrs) and Kindergarten (3.5yrs to pre-prep)



The Kindergarten Program runs from 8:00am to 3:30pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursday during the Queensland School Terms, with Wednesday and Friday being an additional non-Kindy day (Koala). Whilst the Kindergarten is closed during school holidays, parents are welcome to enrol children into our Long Day Care Service, (Koala room).

Our dedicated Kindergarten program is Play Based and meets the National Quality Framework approved teaching program of the

Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guidelines. Our kindergarten will prepare your pre-prep child for Prep. The years before school are such an important time in a child's life. It has a specific emphasis on play-based learning and recognises the importance of communication and language (including early literacy and numeracy) together with social and emotional growth.

Since last year, the Kindergarten program has been free for all eligible children, offering 15 hours per week over 40 weeks. This year our Kindergarten attendance has been steady, averaging 13-15 children per day out of a total room capacity of 22.

The recently renovated Kindergarten playground has provided much-needed upgrades, creating inviting spaces that encourage exploration and inquiry among the children.

2026 Enrolments for the Butterfly, Busy Bees and Kindergarten are now open, and we have available spots for all age groups.



Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)



Outside School Hours Care

Outside School Hours Care is licensed for 30 children a day and caters care for Prep to 12 years. The centre operates 3.00pm to 6.00pm, Monday to Friday during the Queensland School Terms. The program does close on public holidays. At outside School Hours Care, our qualified and caring staff walk children from the school grounds to the OSHC building.

Our fun and educational program follows the "My Time, Our Place" framework with a focus on learning through play and leisure, where children are challenged to be curious about their interests. Afternoon tea is provided with a variety of nutritious and healthy foods being offered each day. Special dietary needs are also catered for such as allergies and cultural beliefs.

Vacation Care is offered to children aged Prep to 12 years, during Queensland school holidays, 8.00am to 6.00pm. This program is closed on public holidays and over the Christmas holiday period for two weeks.

Our vacation care programs include a variety of experiences ranging from excursions (where we go out into the community), incursions (where a provider comes to us), physical activity, project work and more. We will develop an engaging weekly program for each school holiday period.

Educators

Our centres employ qualified, experienced, and caring educators. We currently have 20 staff members across our two centres, including 3 Early Childhood Teachers (ECT), 10 Diploma-qualified educators, and 7 with a Certificate III qualification.

We actively encourage and support ongoing professional development, with educators regularly attending seminars and online workshops relevant to early childhood education.

Our monthly staff meetings provide an opportunity for collaboration, discussion of key issues, and regular review of policies and procedures. We have recently introduced virtual meetings via Microsoft Teams, allowing educators who live out of town to participate. This initiative has enhanced communication and engagement within our space.

Professional Development 2025

Our educators have been actively engaging in webinars and online training to enhance their skills and knowledge, ensuring they remain up to date with the latest industry trends. This ongoing professional development has been invaluable in maintain high standards within our team.

Throughout the year, workshops and webinars focusing on managing children's behaviour, trauma-informed practices, and child safe organisation principles have been key areas of professional growth.

We pride ourselves on providing a child-safe, family-friendly, and nurturing environment where children can grow, learn, and play. Our goal is for every child to develop a strong sense of belonging and connection through engaging developmental, educational, and recreational programs that foster their growth as confident and successful learners. Building meaningful relationships with educators and peers is an important part of each child's experience at our centres. We recognise and value each child as an individual, and our educators work with patience, care, and respect to establish secure and reciprocal relationships that support every child's unique journey.

Staffing Arrangement

With the support and initiative of the Management Committee, together with the Migration Assistance Program funded by Origin, our staffing arrangements have significantly improved. This program has provided much-needed relief for many of our educators, enhanced staff wellbeing, and strengthened the quality of care and best practices across our services and within the community

Assessment & Rating (A&R)



The Early Childhood Education and Care Department is responsible for assessing and rating the quality of Queensland early childhood education and care services against the National Quality Standard (NQS). The NQS is a key aspect of the National Quality Framework and sets a national benchmark for early childhood education and care services. The Australian Children's Education and Care Authority

(ACECQA) is the National Authority overseeing the NQF, including the NQS, in Australia.

Both LDC and OSHC have had several spot checks throughout the year from the Department of Education. No breaches were identified in both Services.

Improvements & Sustainability

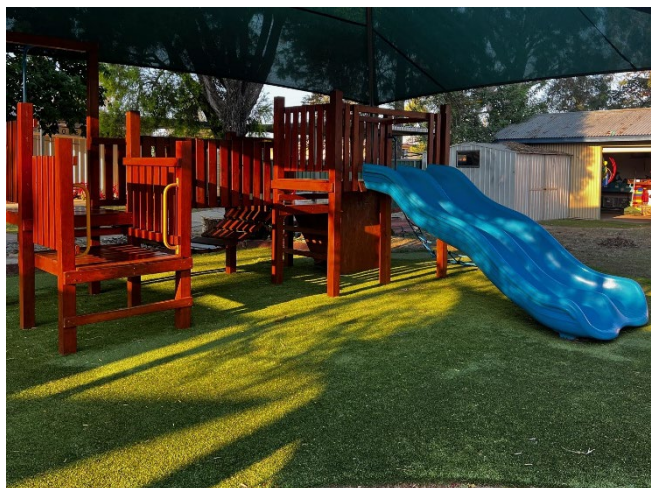
We continue to incorporate sustainability into our Program, with both Reggio Emilia and Montessori approach of leaving our environment better than we found it. We deliver this through our extensive gardens, reducing waste and continually teaching the children about environmentally friendly habits.

Thank you

On behalf of Murilla Long Day Care & Kindergarten and the Outside School Hours Care & Vacation Care Programs we would like to thank the children who make our time at the centre so enjoyable. We also thank the parents/caregivers for utilizing our service and working closely with Educators to provide feedback about our service.

Our gratitude also extends to the Management Committee for your encouragement and support of our services together with our local community, who enable the children to be involved in locally based excursions and activities.

Finally, we commend our educators for their dedication and hard work throughout the year, contributing significantly to making our Centre a child-safe and nurturing space it is today.



Community Grants Writer Service

The Community Grants Writer program has now achieved 6 years of service delivery and over \$14.8 million in successful funding.

We would like to acknowledge and thank Shell's QGC Business for continued support and funding of this valuable service.

Outcomes below are for the year 6 funding period, September 2024 to end August 2025.

BREAKDOWN OF FUNDING APPLICATIONS

	\$ AMOUNT	# APPLICATIONS
Submitted	\$2,768,354	131
Successful*	\$4,743,126	98
Unsuccessful*	\$218,575	18
Pending	\$844,843	26

*Data includes applications that were pending at end of year 5 with outcomes known during year 6.

BREAKDOWN OF FUNDING RECIPIENT

	\$ AMOUNT	# APPLICATIONS
Murilla Community Centre	\$112,866	12
Community groups	\$746,403	65
Traditional Owner groups	\$3,081,957	3
Chinchilla Community Centre	\$350,360	9
Tara Neighbourhood Centre	\$80,400	6
Collaborative applications between all three centres	\$371,140	3



Geographical distribution of successful funding to community groups (excludes community centre totals).



Number of community groups who received advice (total = 98)



Management Committee 1992 – 2024

2024	2023	2022	2021
Mary Cook Alice Nixon Jan Mulholland Melody Rynne Cecily Brockhurst Gregory Anderson Thuy Nguyen Kate Jackson Janene Banks Pauline Kerwick	Mary Cook Alice Nixon Jan Mulholland Melody Rynne Cecily Brockhurst Vern Crous Thuy Nguyen Kate Jackson Janene Banks Pauline Kerwick	Mary Cook Alice Nixon Jan Mulholland Melody Rynne Vern Crous Thuy Nguyen Kate Jackson Janene Banks Teegan Milson Cecily Brockhurst	Mary Cook Tamara Uebergang Jan Mulholland Melody Rynne Vern Crous Samantha Clayton Thuy Nguyen Wendy O'Brien Rod Rafter Cecily Brockhurst

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Kay Taylor Jan Mulholland David Uebergang Noreen Bourne Anita Bolton Rev. Jeff Balnaves Rowena Gill Ann Johnston Lucinda Maher Melody Rynne Cr Andrew Smith Cecily Brockhurst	Melody Rynne Jan Mulholland David Uebergang Noreen Bourne Cr George Moore Cr Andrew Smith Rowena Gill Rev Jeff Balnaves Ann Johnston Lucinda Maher Megan Jelichich Kay Taylor Jim Logan Julie Smith Ann Hoare Anita Bolton Cecily Brockhurst	Melody Rynne Jan Mulholland David Uebergang Noreen Bourne Cr George Moore Cr Andrew Smith Rowena Gill Rev Jeff Balnaves Ann Johnston Lucinda Maher Megan Jelichich Kay Taylor Jim Logan Julie Smith Ann Hoare Cecily Brockhurst	Melody Rynne Jan Mulholland David Uebergang Noreen Bourne Rev Kathy Hammer Cr George Moore Cr Andrew Smith Ann Johnston Julie Smith Rev Jeff Balnaves Rowena Gill Cecily Brockhurst	Melody Rynne Jan Mulholland David Uebergang Noreen Bourne Rev Kathy Hammer Cr George Moore Cr Andrew Smith Ann Johnston Stephanie Perkins Julie Smith Cecily Brockhurst	Melody Rynne Jan Mulholland David Uebergang Noreen Bourne Rev Kathy Hammer Cr George Moore Cr Andrew Smith Ann Johnston Stephanie Perkins Cecily Brockhurst

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John Uebergang Jan Mulholland Scott Swalling Jim Logan Melody Rynne Judi Wallis Marshall Gill Noreen Bourne Stacey Daveson Steve Beard Cecily Brockhurst	John Uebergang Jan Mulholland Scott Swalling Boris Mlikota Jim Logan Marshall Gill Noreen Bourne Sr Marie Carroll Steve Beard Wilma Tait Cecily Brockhurst	John Uebergang Jan Mulholland Scott Swalling Boris Mlikota Jim Logan Marshall Gill Noreen Bourne Sr Marie Carroll Steve Beard Wilma Tait Vicki Anderson Cecily Brockhurst	John Uebergang Jan Mulholland Greg Kadel Bronwyn Rynne Jim Logan Fr Graham Moran Noreen Bourne Vicki Anderson Cecily Brockhurst	John Uebergang Jan Mulholland Paul Butler Bronwyn Rynne Jim Logan Fr Graham Moran Noreen Bourne Vicki Anderson Cecily Brockhurst	John Uebergang Jan Mulholland Sylvia Krumins Bronwyn Rynne Jim Logan Fr Graham Moran Noreen Bourne Cecily Brockhurst

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AGM Agenda

13th October 2025 5:30pm

Miles Bowls Club, Miles

Welcome: President Mary Cook

Apologies

Minutes of the last meeting: Tabled

Reports:

- Chairperson's Report: Mary Cook
- Centre Manager's Report: Cecily Brockhurst
- Treasurer's Report: Melody Rynne

Declare positions vacant

Representative called to chair the meeting:

Nominations for positions

Nominations from the floor

New Committee to take up positions

General business

Set annual membership fee / Life Membership

Appoint Auditor

Guest Speaker Regional Tech Hub

Vote of thanks to Guest Speaker

Invite everyone to supper

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MURILLA COMMUNITY CENTRE INC – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 17th October 2024

Leichhardt Hall, Miles

Meeting Opened: 5:37 pm

Present: As per attached list

Apologies: As per attached list

Welcome: Chairperson Mary welcomed everyone to the 32nd meeting and our guest speaker Russell Gibbons and all in attendance.

Minutes: Jan Mulholland moved that the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held 8th November 2023 be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded Janene Banks. **Carried**

Reports:

Chairperson's Report: Mary Cook presented her Chairperson Report (as per Annual Report 2023-2024).

Centre Manager's Report: Cecily Brockhurst welcomed everyone to her 32nd Annual General Meeting, fellow members of committee, staff and volunteers as well as the Guest Speaker Russell Gibbons. Cecily thanked Origin in helping the Centre sponsor new staff (immigration sponsorship program). Cecily thanked Darryn Campbell who has worked on some amazing displays with our respite clients. Thanks to HHP for their continued support. Sincere thanks to all partnerships with our funding bodies as well as local community members. Cecily presented a detailed overview of all the organisational program areas.

Treasurer's Report: Melody spoke briefly to her report. Total expenditure 3.5 million dollars. Melody handed over to Susie Bidgood who explained the financial overview provided in the booklet. Melody moved that the financials be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded Noreen Bourne **Carried**

Melody Rynne moved that Stone Partners be nominated as auditors for 2024–2025. Seconded Adrienne McDonald. **Carried**

All Positions Declared Vacant: Kerry Mulholland took the floor and acknowledged the Centre and Staff and also the volunteers. Kerry declared all positions vacant and the election of management committee. Kerry called for nominations and read received nominations. Kerry Mulholland acknowledged the Centre and Staff and also the volunteers.

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Nominations Received:

Chairperson: Mary Cook

Deputy Chairperson: Ali Nixon

Secretary: Jan Mulholland

Treasurer: Melody Rynne

Committee: Thuy Nguyen, Kate Jackson, Janene Banks, Greg Anderson, Pauline Kerwick

Nominations received as above. Moved Susan Bidgood. Seconded Melody Rynne. **Carried.**

Nominations from the floor Pauline Kerwick. Kerry congratulated Cecily and the new committee.

General Business: Melody Rynne moved membership fees remain as follows (same as last year).

Corporate with 20 or more employees - \$200

Business with 10 – 19 employees - \$100

Business with 9 or less employees - \$50

Community Group/Not for profit - \$50

Individual - \$10

Members who have held 10 years plus membership - \$85 (life membership)

Life Membership - \$200

Seconded Thuy Nguyen. **Carried**

Cecily awarded certificates as follows. Mary Cook – 10 years, Darryn Campbell – 15 years, Karen Harbort – 25 years, Sandra Dascombe – 20 years, Jan Mulholland – 30 years.

Guest Speaker: Russell Gibbons – Huds & Toke mission is to make people happy by spending time with their pets. How? By creating nutritious products. Why? To build a business and life for the family. Wanted to be involved in Agri business and build a brand Huds and Toke (something unique). All about Australian products. Started with dog treats. Big industry in the USA for horse treats (couldn't import them, so started their own) now manufacturing. 15 to 20 staff, 12 years on and getting bigger and very successful.

Special Acknowledgements: Melody and Mary thanked Russell for sharing. Mary thanked everyone for coming and invited all to stay for supper.

Meeting Closed: 7:20 pm

Mission Statement & Objectives

Murilla Community Centre Inc STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2027



Murilla Community
Centre

Vision

A resilient, empowered and inclusive community.

Mission

We are a caring, inclusive, and collaborative community-based organisation that delivers support and activities which builds a resilient and diverse community.

OUR VALUES

Respect: we embrace the diversity of our community with dignity and compassion

Inclusion: we welcome value and involve all members of the community (no wrong door?). We help with transitions throughout life.

Empowerment: we facilitate capacity building and resilience. We advocate for the community through collaboration with all levels of government and industry groups.

Wellbeing: we strive for a positive state of wellbeing for all people and that is influenced by social, economic and environmental factors.



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Advocacy

- People centered
- Advocating for community needs
- Policies and strategies to support rural and regional communities

Capacity Building

- Organisational governance
- Board staff and volunteer skill development
- Community capacity building

Service Delivery

- Delivering services that are informed by the community
- Creating clear access between our service to improve the client experience.
- Measuring our impact (continuous improvement innovation)

Supporters

Proudly Supported by:

Acrow Formwork & Scaffolding	Powerlink
Arrow Energy	Public Rural Crisis Fund (QCWA)
Enegen Field Solutions	QLD Mental Health Commission
FKG Civil	Senex
Goombi Energy Holdings	Shell QGC
Jemena	Syntech Resources
Miles & District Chamber of Commerce	The Foundation for Rural & Regional
Mitchell Energy & Water	Renewal
Neighbourhood Centres QLD	Vena Energy
Origin Energy	Western Downs Regional Council



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