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From the Chamber

WELCOME to the September edition of the *Murweh Messenger*. There have been numerous exciting developments taking place within our Shire that we cover in this newsletter. Notably, the Charleville Racecourse is set to become an integral part of our community once again. This racetrack holds significant importance as it serves as a crucial piece of infrastructure for our region. It brings about economic advantages by attracting tourists, but also provide entertainment, and much-needed social interaction for our rural and remote population. We owe a debt of gratitude to the State government for their invaluable support in refurbishing the track, and we eagerly anticipate the grand opening scheduled for the 28th of October. We are hopeful for a strong turnout on this occasion.

In the subsequent pages, you will find information, news, events – past and future – as well as what's happening in the library and at the Cosmos centre. Additionally, within this issue, you'll discover essential updates from the Council. These include insights on managing feral animals, modifications to waste disposal charges, and an informative piece that all pet owners should take note of concerning responsible pet ownership. While perhaps not as exciting as the topic of racing, these subjects are important. We trust that you will find this issue both engaging and informative.

Happy reading!



Don't Miss the Great Masters

The Masters Exhibition at the art gallery is based around the great artists from various genres and across different eras and features replications and interpretations of some of their most famous paintings. It's opening was very popular, and well attended.

The Exhibition is on at the gallery until October the 1st. After that, an exhibition titled '50 shades of Black & White' will commence to coincide with Mental Health Week. If you haven't had a chance pop along before it's over.

SENIORS WEEK A HUGE HIT

The annual event is often filled with lots of laughter and good times. This year's was no different.

IT STARTED with a big turnout for the popular Mayor's Morning Tea at the Evening Star Tourist Park and ended a week later with lunch at the racecourse, with lots and fun activities in between. The week-long event was arranged and coordinated a run by the good people at Healthy Aging and by all accounts was enjoyed by all. Mayor Shaun Zoro Radnedge said it was a great opportunity to connect with everyone and share some stories together and was grateful to all those who worked to make it happen.

“Seniors are an important part of our community who have contributed a lot to society. They deserve to be looked after. A big thanks to all the agencies who came together to make this event a success this year.”



Seniors Month Coming Soon

Queensland is gearing up to enjoy the third annual Queensland Seniors Month. Beginning on Sunday 1 October, the United Nations International Day of Older Persons, Queensland's Seniors Month will include National Grandparents Day, on Sunday 29 October before ending on 31 October 2023.



LEGEND RETIRES

Here's a pic of our dedicated RMPC crew who organised a lunch for Brett Dighton. After 27 incredible years of service, Brett is bidding farewell to the Council as our esteemed RMPC Ganger. From all of us at the Council:

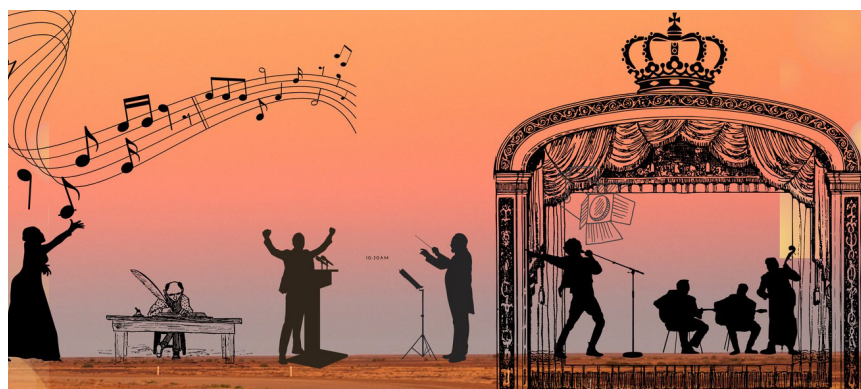
Thank you, Brett, for your dedication, leadership, and the indelible mark you've left. Happy Retirement



Bilby Goes to Parliament!

A delegation from South West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (SWQROC) was at Queensland Parliament a few weeks back. Mayor Shaun Zoro Radnedge used the opportunity to attempt to convince the Premier, as well as the deputy Premier, that the beloved Bilby should be the mascot for the Brisbane Olympics. Mayor Radnedge said that while nothing's set in stone, he's not giving up. "I reckon the Bilby is a perfect mascot and I'll keep trying to convince the powers that be," said the mayor.

Share the hashtag [#gothebilby](#) to support the Bilby for 2032.



PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

At the end of August, the racecourse complex hosted the Charleville Performing Arts Festival. Musicians, dancers, ensembles, and soloists sang, spoke and danced their way into everyone's hearts. Well done to the Charleville Performing Arts Association for such an outstanding event. **Can't wait for next year.**



WANT TO BE A FIREY?

The Qld Fire and Emergency Services has a call for assistance!

Summer's coming and our community needs to be prepared. We need community members, including government employees, to join the QFES and become Auxiliary Firefighters! You'll not only be helping others but also getting paid for making a huge difference in the safety of our community and the welfare of its members. If you value the community and believe you can make a difference, don't miss this opportunity!



**Visit your local station
or head to the website
for more info:
www.qfes.qld.gov.au/**



Girls from the Ville Rally Home

Last month the famed outback car rally, the Mystery Box Rally, putted and spluttered into Charleville.

The mystery box rally is so named because each leg of the rally is a mystery until the day of departure.

Starting in Bundaberg with cars over 25 years old, every day participants embark on a new leg of the journey, discovering their next destination only as they hit the road.



Beyond the exhilarating journey and the vibrant community spirit, the Mystery Box Rally was deeply rooted in a noble cause. Since its inception, the Cancer Council has benefited greatly from the event's immense success. With the rallying cry to raise \$1 million, at time of writing, the rally had raised well over a million thanks in no small part to two Charleville locals who partook in the rally. Under the name of the "Girls from the Ville", Bettys Murphy and Leith Brennan raised a staggering \$35,800 for the Cancer Council.

Big round of applause. Excellent effort, girls. Well done. More info: www.mysteryboxrally.com.au



OUTBACK

QUEENSLAND MASTERS

OUTBACK MASTER'S RETURNS IN 2024

Following the excitement of the 2,800-kilometre golfing adventure of this year's Outback Queensland Masters, locations for Australia's most remote and amateur golf series in 2024 were announced and Charleville will once again host a leg of this prestigious and popular event. Since its inception in 2019, the Outback Queensland Masters has gone from strength to strength, generating millions of dollars in visitor spend for the remote communities of Outback Queensland, and in 2022 generated 13,062 visitor nights and contributed \$1.89M to the Queensland economy.



**Their future
is in our
hands**

BILBY DAY

Sunday the 10th of September was **National Bilby Day**, a day that our nation collectively considered the dire situation of this very cute marsupial. Often called Australia's version of the Easter Bunny, the Bilby has lived harmoniously with Aboriginal people across 70 percent of Australia for 60,000 years.

Bilby's are endangered in Queensland and listed as vulnerable nationally. Thankfully its plight is gaining support thanks to the likes of our very own Save the Bilby Fund.

Let's continue to promote the Bilby, and the good work happening in our Shire.

Charleville Hosts Darling Downs Southwest Queensland Regional Community Forum

A FEW WEEKS AGO, Charleville hosted Darling Downs Southwest Queensland Regional Community Forum, the third such forum of 2023. Housing, health, education, training and employment pathways, infrastructure, economic diversification, and the Q2032 Procurement Strategy for regional Queensland was on the table for discussion.

The forum was attended by community members, local dignitaries as well as Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing Grace Grace, and Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities Mark Furner. The forum was co-chaired by the State Member for Ipswich Jennifer Howard MP and the State Member for Ipswich West Jim Madden MP.

Forum members visited Charleville's WWII Secret Base and an agricultural showcase including a shearing demonstration and a presentation on agriculture, land management and conservation innovation.

Presentations to forum members included an overview on the Southern Queensland Rural Health Centre Clinical Training Facility, and the establishment of the Southwest Primary Health Alliance.

There was also a presentation about the Q2032 Procurement Strategy whereby Queensland-based businesses will be prioritised to share in an anticipated \$180 billion in government procurement from now until the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. By all accounts, the forum was a success, said the Mayor of Charleville, Shaun (Zoro) Radnedge.

"Everyone enjoyed themselves and a lot of good came out of the forum for our region."



Racing Returns to Charleville

After a two-year pause, racing is bounding back to Charleville and everyone's excited

AND THEY'RE OFF... After two years of being inoperative, Charleville's horse-racing track will begin hosting races in October with a grand opening at the end of the month. The announcement was made in August by the Minister for Education, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing Grace Grace, and the Mayor of Murweh Shire, Shaun (Zoro) Radnedge at the newly refurbished racetrack.



Considered one of the best racetracks in Western Queensland, over the last two years the track has overcome engineering challenges but will begin operation again with a grand opening race day on the 28th of October thanks to the support of the State government. Minister Grace said that the Government had invested heavily to ensure the track was world-class and she was excited to see racing return to Charleville, saying she would return for the big day. "It's fantastic to see that racing will soon return to Charleville," said the Minister. The Mayor of Charleville, Shaun (Zoro) Radnedge, said the return of racing was a very positive event for the town and the region. "Racing is a major event in Charleville for lots of reasons. It's a great place to socialise, have a few drinks with friends, maybe meet some new ones. It's an



important part of county life, so its return is great news," said the Mayor. Local racing will begin on the 1st of October with the official opening day coming on the 28th of October. Make Sure you turn up for a big party.

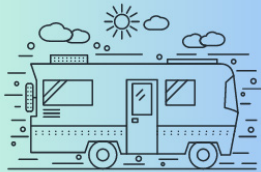


Home to the Charleville races, The Central Warrego Race Club, is currently accepting new members at a reduced rate. Scan the code to head to their FaceBook page.



Lots to Do in the Library

Membership is free for everyone, you're never too young to sign up (proof of address required). Tourist cards are available for people travelling throughout Rural Queensland, join for free and take your reading on the road!



ROADTRIPPING AROUND QLD? GET A TOURIST CARD!

JOIN FREE AT ANY RURAL LIBRARY AND ACCESS ALL OF OUR RESOURCES INCLUDING BOOKS, E-BOOK, AUDIOBOOKS, COMPUTERS

CHARLEVILLE STORYTIME

Charleville Library -
Every Wednesday
10am

Come talk, read,
sing & play with
us every week!



Augathella

Tuesday 29th August 9am
Tuesday 12th September 9am
Tuesday 26th September 9am
Tuesday 10th October 9am
Tuesday 24th October 9am
Tuesday 14th November 9am
Tuesday 28th November 9am

Morven

Thursday 31st August 9am
Thursday 14th September 9am
Thursday 28th September 9am
Thursday 12th October 9am
Thursday 26th October 9am
Thursday 16th November 9am
Thursday 30th November 9am



Charleville Library & kids' room



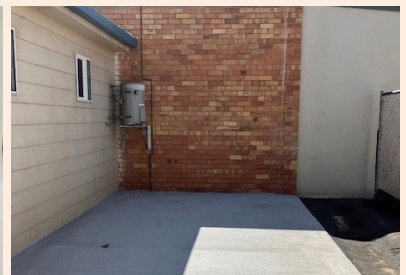
Come check our exciting new **kid's cave mural** (see if you can spot all the animals).



Need a quiet place to read? Check out our cosy little **book nook** reading space at the Charleville Library.



With the weather starting to warm up, it's a good time to stay indoors and do some **puzzling!**



New space coming! Keep an ear out on our social media pages (outdoors area. Hopefully will be able to provide more seating for parents, people needing a quiet space and another area to run First 5 Forever messy play sessions).

Murweh Libraries

CHARLEVILLE LIBRARY

MONDAY-FRIDAY
9AM - 12:30PM
1PM - 4:30PM
SATURDAY
9AM - 12PM
CONTACT:
0458 641 319
OR (07) 4656 8361

MORVEN LIBRARY

TUESDAY
1PM - 5PM
FRIDAY
8AM - 1
2PM
CONTACT:
0436 526 021

AUGATHELLA LIBRARY

MON, TUES, THURS
8:30AM - 12:30PM
1:30PM - 4:30PM
TUESDAY
8:30AM - 12:30PM
1:30PM - 3:30PM
SATURDAY
9AM - 12PM
CONTACT: (07) 4654 5244



WE HAVE TWO SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES FOR ALL THINGS LIBRARY:



Murweh Libraries



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Grant Enables EarthCheck for Sustainable Tourism



State Government Grant Allows Griffith University and EarthCheck to Foster Sustainable Travel and Tourism in Murweh Shire

EARLIER THIS YEAR, the Queensland Government provided Murweh Shire with a financial grant to establish itself as a Sustainable Destination – one of only 14 Shires across Queensland to receive this grant. Through a strategic partnership with Griffith University and EarthCheck Australia, Murweh Shire now has the opportunity to engage with EarthCheck. This exclusive program serves as Australia's sole global benchmarking and certification initiative focused on promoting sustainable practices within the realm of travel and tourism. It's important to note that this program holds official recognition and accreditation from the highly-regarded Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC).

EarthCheck offers a set of guidelines intended to bring key stakeholders together to achieve common sustainability outcomes. The EarthCheck Program serves as a tool for us to review our performance as a Council and Shire against specific criteria, such as energy, water, air quality, waste, cultural sites, and social and economic factors related to transport and tourism.

The primary objective of the EarthCheck Program is to facilitate responsible and sustainable Environmental, Cultural, Social, and Economic (ECSE) outcomes for destinations.

These outcomes align with the aims and objectives outlined in the Shire Corporate Plan (2021-2025) and Operational Plan (2022-23) for a sustainable future for the Shire.

The EarthCheck Program provides a framework to benchmark our ECSE performance and identify avenues for continuous improvement. This program can be used to support our vision for the Shire, as well as to focus on sound policy and action plans that contribute to achieving that vision.

The Program is designed to empower our local community to take ownership of sustainability goals and build on local initiatives. The program recognises the benefits of community collaboration in achieving sustainable outcomes.

The project will be managed by a Project Coordinator from Griffith University, who will closely collaborate with Council and representatives from four areas of the Shire: Business, Community, Council, and Environment – specifically, the Sustainability Team.

If you're interested in more information or wish to be part of the Sustainability Team, please reach out to Sheila Peake at s.peake@griffith.edu.au.



EARTHCHECK

Promoting Responsible Animal Ownership in *Our Community*



Get ready to learn about responsible animal ownership! These guidelines, aligned with the Council’s Local Law for Keeping of Animals, are here to help us create a happy balance between our beloved pets and our wonderful community.

Here are the key points to note:

- 1. Proper Identification:** Ensure that each animal under your care is adequately identified with your contact details, including name, address, and telephone number.
- 2. Waste Water Management:** Properly manage waste waters from enclosures to avoid inconvenience to others. Keep runoff away from neighboring properties or follow guidance from authorized personnel.
- 3. Waste Collection:** Collect excreta, food scraps, and any potentially offensive materials daily. If not immediately removed, store them in an authorized waste container.
- 4. Enclosure Maintenance:** Maintain animal enclosures to be both clean and sanitary. Additionally, ensure they are visually acceptable to the community.
- 5. Noise Management:** Make every effort to prevent your pets from causing noise disturbances. This includes limiting:
 - Noise for more than a total of 6 minutes from 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM.
 - Noise for more than a total of 3 minutes in any 30-minute period after 10:00 PM or before 7:00 AM.
- 6. Adequate Space:** Ensure that the area available to your pets on your premises is appropriately sized for their effective and comfortable housing.

Requirements for Proper Enclosures:

A proper enclosure must be appropriately sized to house your animal comfortably and effectively.

The enclosure must be suitably fenced, considering the species and breed of your animal. The fence should effectively enclose the animal at all times.

Suitably fenced means the fence must:

- Be made of strong enough materials to prevent the animal from escaping.
- Be of sufficient height to prevent jumping or climbing.
- Include barriers to prevent digging or climbing.
- Have closed and latched gates, except when in immediate use.

Consequences of Non-Conformance:

Failure to adhere to these guidelines may lead to an authorized Council officer cancelling an approved excess dog permit. As an animal owner, you would then be required to remove all excess animals within seven days of receiving Council’s notice.

We believe that responsible animal ownership benefits both pets and our community, ensuring a peaceful and enjoyable living environment for everyone. Let’s work together to create a community where pets are cherished members and harmonious living is a priority.

Feral Animal Control Program

Council will be undertaking a Feral Animal Control Program, commencing on Monday 15 November and concluding on Monday 20 November 2023.

This program will assist with the control of feral cats, foxes, pigs and wild dogs on your property. Council is implementing processes that will reach out to all rural properties within the area, providing an opportunity for landholders to participate, together with up-dating information on its database, so as contact can be made much quicker than sending surface mail. Feral animals may have a direct impact on livestock and production and by carrying disease onto and around your property. Council would like to work collaboratively with its landholders to reduce these known risks.

Please note that you must be in attendance at the baiting station to sign for your ordered meat, and to provide the pilot with direction as to where baits are to be dropped. There will be no treatment of meat at any of the baiting stations, due to the change in legislation where all treatment of meat is by injection only. Should any landholder want to have meat treated, is to be organised by making contact with an administration officer of Council on 4656 8355.



WASTE DISPOSAL CHARGES 2023



Cattle Travelling the Stock Route

Council currently has 3100 head of cattle walking on the stock route network – Augathella and Morven areas. Motorists are advised to take care when travelling within the Shire. The cattle at times will be on the roadway or on the road verge, slow down and drive through the mob slowly. Do not overtake within the middle of the mob of cattle, as the animal/s may become confused and cause an accident. There will be signs to advise that cattle are walking on the road, slow down as there maybe drovers working dogs in the grass that you do not see immediately. The stock will only be on the road in daylight hours, however if the animals get a fright whilst yarded at night, they maybe on the highway. If the signs are out to alert traffic of stock on the road, please slow down in this area. Stock will be supervised at all times.

DISPOSAL OF CONSTRUCTION/ INERT MATERIAL

1-5 tonne per load

\$61.00 plus gst

5-8 tonne per load

\$80.00 plus gst

Over 8 tonne per load

\$142.00 plus gst

Contaminated soil

(low level contamination)
\$45.00 per tonne plus gst

**Oil inceptor sludge and
grease trap sludge** \$0.05 cents
per litre or part thereof plus gst

Asbestos \$135.00
per cubic metre no gst

Since October 22, a contractor has overseen operations at the Charleville waste facility, orchestrating a significant site cleanup in the process. Exciting changes are on the horizon, including the implementation of a ring road that will enhance user experiences and bolster safety by diverting residents away from the active disposal area.

As part of an ongoing site improvement initiative, the transition program is in full swing, with plans for future site enhancements to create a greener environment. However, please take note that Morven and Augathella sites are unmanned. To ensure proper waste management, the Council kindly requests that construction and demolition waste, along with commercial and industrial waste, be directed to the Charleville facility.

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF SERVICE!

Murweh Shire Council
congratulated
Jill Usher and Linda Smith during a
morning tea, acknowledging their
remarkable dedication. Thank you both
for your valuable contributions.

Pictured: Linda & Jill



'Your Gateway to the Galaxy'

What's On AT THE Cosmos Centre?

What's Up?

September 23:

Spring Equinox

The equinoxes are a day where daylight and night time are of equal length and is an astronomical event that signifies the onset of fall (autumn) in the Northern Hemisphere and the arrival of spring in the Southern Hemisphere. On the day of the equinox, the Sun appears to rise "due east" and set "due west".

October 20 – 21:

The Orionid meteor shower peaks

On around 20-21 October 2023, you should be able to see up to 20 meteors per hour. Orionid meteors are brief streaks of light emitted by plasma created as dust impacts the Earth's upper atmosphere at a speed of 66 kilometres per second. To spot the Orionids, look toward the constellation Orion.

October 24:

Moon, Jupiter, and Saturn visible

The moon and the two gas giants the most impressive sights in the night's sky and appear in the sky early in the evening, perfect for viewing on Cosmos tours.



What's On

The Cosmos Centre has plenty to see and do for the entire family. Here are some of the exciting shows you can see at the centre. Head to our website for more information.

Oasis in Space – Planetarium Film

Oasis in Space will take you on a rich and fascinating journey through our celestial neighborhood, as we look for one of organic life's key ingredients – liquid water.

Why is Venus considered the hottest planet in the Solar System? Is Saturn the only Solar planet with rings? And what can possibly hide under the icy surface of Jupiter's moon, Europa? These and more questions are answered, as we visit the Sun in its cradle, the Earth as it used to be, the neighboring planets as they are today, and maybe even a yet undiscovered world which awaits our visit in the future.

When: Daily: 11:30am **How Long: Duration:** 30 mins

Big Sky Observatory

A mesmerising sky filled with thousands of stars, combined with the beauty of deep celestial objects all come alive in front of your very eyes during your adventure to the Big Sky Observatory.

The beauty of a thousand stars in a dark sky is inspirational for all ages, but when combined with telescopes to peer into the depths of space itself, it has the power to transcend the soul. Your guides will show you sights like the Rings of Saturn and so much more as you journey across the beautiful big sky over Charleville.

Departs: Charleville Cosmos Centre

Time: April – October: Times vary throughout the season.

Most common times are 6.30pm, 7.30pm & 9.00pm - Daily

Duration: 1hr

Astrophotography Competition

To all photographers out there, get your camera ready - the Charleville Cosmos Centre 2023 photo contest is now underway!

We are inviting all amateur and talented photographers alike to submit their pictures of space. Show us your best shots of the moon, a spectacular view of the milky way, or the amazing deep sky object you managed to snag, all is fair game! Winner gets a feature on a wall at the Cosmos Centre and published here in the Messenger.

Contact: cosmoscentre@murweh.qld.gov.au

Submissions close the 1st of December 2023, 23:59 AEST.

For more information: <https://www.cosmoscentre.com/>

LET THE *Good Times Roll*

As we take the run up to Christmas, there's much fun to be had across the Shire. Here's a list of upcoming events, and fun-filled get-togethers that make the Shire a fun place to live.

September



Charleville Sunday Markets

24 September

All manner of craft and treats make for a beautiful day out for the whole family.



Remote Australians Matter - Conference

27 September

The Conference will bring together people who live in remote Australia, the advocates who support them, and the politicians and advisors who make the decisions that impact their remote lives.

October



Public Holiday (King's Birthday)

2 October

King Charles was born on November the 14th. But in Queensland we celebrate the Monarch's birthday on the first Monday in October. Other States take the day in June.



Brittany Elise at Charleville RSL

6 October

Crowned the Gympie Music Muster Talent Search Winner, and a Toyota Australia Star Maker Finalist, Brittany will be performing at 7pm.



Racetrack Official Grand Opening

28 October

And they're off and racing with the racetrack back in official operation. Promises to be a big day.

October



Soft Opening of the Charleville Racetrack

1 October

Enjoy the sounds of thundering hooves at the racetrack's non-official opening.



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