

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

There's been plenty happening across the Murweh Shire over the past few weeks, with some positive progress on a number of important issues and projects for our community.

We recently attended the second Insurance Round Table in St George, where Councils met again with the Insurance Council of Australia to continue discussions around the challenges regional communities face with insurance costs and coverage. There were some very honest conversations, which are important if we want to see real outcomes. One positive to come from the process was having representatives from Suncorp visit Charleville to better understand our

local situation and look at ways we can manage flood risk across the Murweh Shire moving forward.

It was also fantastic to see such a strong turnout for QMF's "Saddle Up" event in April. It was a great night, and it was good to see locals and visitors enjoying everything Charleville has to offer. Events like this are incredibly important, especially with our four communities across the Shire experiencing a slower start to the tourism season due to rising fuel costs affecting travel across Australia.

Another exciting step forward was Council holding a Special Meeting to appoint a contractor for works to begin on the Aurora Estate

Subdivision. This is a very important housing project for our region, and it was pleasing to see seven companies tender for the work, showing strong interest and confidence in the project. Funding for the development has been provided by the Crisafulli State Government through the Residential Activation Fund, and we look forward to seeing works get underway.

As always, thank you to everyone who continues to support our community, local events and local businesses. It's that community spirit that keeps Murweh Shire moving forward. As Winter creeps in, stay warm, check on your neighbours and take care of yourselves.

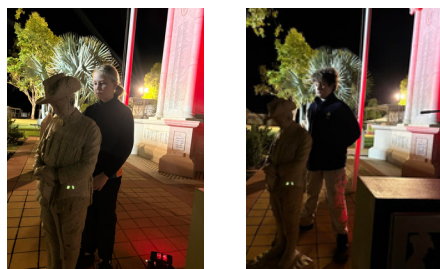
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LEST WE FORGET – CHARLEVILLE YOUTH KEEP WATCH IN POWERFUL ANZAC DAY TRADITION

To commemorate ANZAC Day, the RSL Charleville sub-branch granted the 1st Charleville Girl Guides and the Charleville Scout Group the ability to perform an ANZAC Eve Youth Vigil Ceremony as part of the Charleville services. With differing backgrounds and interests, youth members from both organisations, conduct a formal 'Holding Ground' Ceremony (a night-long, guard of honour around the town's War Memorial in ANZAC park) from 6.00 pm to 4.00 am between ANZAC Eve and ANZAC morning. In doing this, the youth continue their own ANZAC Day tradition that started in 2015. Just prior to Dawn our Guides and Scouts step down and attend the local Dawn Service.

The ANZAC Eve Youth Vigil stems from the military tradition of 'holding ground' whereby a reconnaissance patrol would find and hold strategic position in preparation for the arrival of their army. This would often involve an all-night vigil, keeping awake on watch, alert that the area of battle is secured against threat. During the Vigil, when not guarding,

participants also completed a range of educational activities, including learning to communicate, be resilient and finding out about history. Both groups would like to thank the Charleville World War II Secret Base for the loan of one of their educational Memorial Boxes containing artefacts and uniforms from World War II which was used during these activities.



After the Vigil and Dawn Service, Guides and Scouts participated in the town march.

The participants reported on the event in their own words, "With the ANZAC spirit we commemorated and reflected on the lives of all the service men and women". "With sore feet and tired eyes, we were happy to honour the ANZACs who risked their lives and fought, with many being

killed, so we can have our freedom and do the things we do today".

Guides and Scouts run weekly sessions for youth every Sunday from 3pm. Please contact Sam (CharlevilleDM@guidesqld.org) or Karl (293989@scoutsqld.com.au) for more information with new members welcome at any time.



CONSTRUCTION TENDER AWARDED FOR AURORA ESTATE STAGE 2 DEVELOPMENT IN CHARLEVILLE

At a Special Meeting held on Thursday 7 May, Murweh Shire Council accepted a tender from Durack Civil (Brisbane) for the construction of the Aurora Estate Stage 2 Development in Charleville under Contract MSC AE 13, at a value of \$6.59 million excluding GST.

Aurora Estate is a Council-led residential subdivision that will deliver 65 flood-free residential lots, each averaging approximately 1,000m², helping address the shortage of residential land in Charleville and supporting the attraction and retention of workers and families in the Murweh Shire.

Council's early investment in 2023 to investigate the project's feasibility helped secure \$578,584 through the Australian Government's Housing Support Program for the design phase, followed by \$13.2 million

through the Queensland Government's Residential Activation Fund to deliver construction.

The engineering design and planning work, completed by Harrison Infrastructure Group, includes roads, drainage, water and sewer infrastructure, earthworks and associated civil works.

Seven conforming tenders were received and assessed by a panel comprising Engineering Manager Richard Cuffe, Project Manager Leigh Hansen and external advisor Sam Altermann from Eagle IQ.

Murweh Shire Mayor Cr Shaun Radnedge described the development as a "game changer" for Charleville's future.

"These additional 65 flood-free residential lots will enable the

building of new homes for people in our community who are desperately needing housing, including those providing essential medical, teaching, emergency and social services," Cr Radnedge said.

Cr Radnedge also thanked both the Australian and Queensland Governments for their investment and support of the project.

"Aurora Estate will change the outlook for our community into the future, and Council is extremely grateful for the confidence shown in Murweh Shire Council to deliver this important project on time and on budget."



CHARLEVILLE NAMED QUEENSLAND'S ONLY FRRR NEXTGEN ANCHOR COMMUNITY

Charleville has been selected as Queensland's only Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) NextGen Blueprint Anchor Community. This is an exciting opportunity that will bring new support, learning prospects and practical programmes focused on youth and intergenerational leadership across the Murweh Shire.

The initiative includes access to a three-year \$350,000 funding pool that will support local organisations, projects and community-led ideas aimed at strengthening leadership pathways for young people and building stronger connections between generations.

Our Councillors have worked alongside local stakeholders and community members to help secure Charleville as a pilot community for the programme, and this achievement is something the entire region can celebrate.

The NextGen Blueprint programme focuses on bringing generations together to share knowledge, encourage leadership and create more opportunities for young people to become actively involved in their communities. A key part of the programme is listening to local voices,

recognising the great work already happening, and developing practical projects shaped by the community itself.

As an Anchor Community, Charleville will help guide the direction of the programme by sharing local experiences, testing new ideas and contributing to future approaches that support youth engagement and community leadership in rural Australia.

Over the coming months, FRRR's Youth Futures Team will spend time in Charleville meeting with local residents, organisations, schools and community groups to better understand local priorities and explore what future support for young people could look like in our region.

FRRR will visit Charleville on May 27-28 to host community sessions where people from across the Shire are invited to come together, share ideas and help shape the next steps.

If you would like to be involved or stay informed, please register your interest by scanning the QR Code. More information and formal invitations will be shared soon.



For further information contact FRRR Youth Futures Coordinator Elise Lane at e.lane@frrr.org.au



“SADDLE UP” DELIVERS A BOOST FOR MURWEH SHIRE

The Charleville Racecourse came alive on Friday night, April 24, as more than 1,300 people gathered under a vast Outback sky for the Queensland Music Festival’s “Saddle Up” celebration. With the unmistakable energy of a true country icon, Lee Kernaghan took the stage as the headline act, delivering a powerhouse performance that had locals, visitors, and Outback Trail travellers singing along well into the night.

“Saddle Up” also showcased wonderful performances from the Charleville Dance House, Cracker, Jess, Harry and Chloe, country rocker Luke Geiger and rising country star, Tori Darke. Leilani Beth also got the crowd to their feet with a fun-filled line dancing session!

Among the crowd were around 300 participants from the Outback Trail, an epic 15-day journey spanning 12 events and 8 towns, culminating in Mount Isa on May 9. For many of them, “Saddle Up” was a standout moment, a chance to connect with our community, experience authentic Outback hospitality, and enjoy world-class entertainment in one of Queensland’s most storied regions.



For Charleville and the wider Murweh Shire, the event was far more than a night of music. It was a welcome economic and cultural boost, injecting valuable tourism dollars into local businesses, accommodation providers, and community organisations, creating a sense of pride and momentum that will linger long after the final notes faded.

Local volunteers, council teams, and community groups played a crucial role in bringing the event to life, showcasing the resilience and warmth that define Outback Queensland. For many residents, “Saddle Up” was a reminder of the power of shared experiences and how music can bridge distances, spark conversations, and strengthen the fabric of regional towns.

As the Outback Trail continues its journey north-west toward Mount Isa, the spirit of “Saddle Up” travels with it and leaves behind the memories of a celebration of country, community, and the unmistakable magic of gathering under the stars in Queensland’s heartland.



IT’S CENSUS YEAR AND THEY’RE LOOKING FOR STAFF

Become a Field Officer for the 2026 Census!

Have you heard the news? Field Officer jobs are now available in locations all over Australia, including our capital cities, regional towns and remote areas. The best part? No prior experience is required.

As a Field Officer, you’ll be the local face of the Census. You’ll deliver Census letters and forms, answer questions from the public and follow up households that haven’t yet responded.

Field Officer jobs are temporary and suit a variety of schedules, from students to

part-time workers and retirees. You can earn extra money and work flexibly across weekdays, weekends and evenings.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is looking for a broad range of people to apply to reflect the diversity of Australian communities.

Join the Census team and help collect the data that informs local services for your community.

To apply and see all Census job opportunities, visit census.abs.gov.au/jobs.

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SPORT HQ – FREE RESOURCES TO SUPPORT YOUR CLUB AND COMMUNITY

Sport HQ is the Queensland Government's free online hub designed to support organisations, athletes, coaches and volunteers across the state.

It offers practical tools, templates and resources to help clubs grow participation, strengthen operations, improve inclusion and support athlete pathways.

New resources are now available, with a focus on supporting athlete pathways and increasing participation at all levels of sport and racing.

Whether you're running a club, coaching a team or supporting your local community, Sport HQ provides the guidance and support to help you succeed.

To explore the resources, visit: gld.gov.au/recreation/sports/club-support



GRAHAM ANDREWS PARKRUN - BUILDING A STRONG, ACTIVE COMMUNITY

Graham Andrews parkrun takes place every Saturday morning at 7:00am, offering a free, weekly, timed 5km walk, jog, or run. Since launching on 25 May 2019, it has grown into a vibrant community event, welcoming people of all ages and fitness levels.

What started as a small gathering has developed into a consistent group of around 50 walkers and runners each week. The event is entirely volunteer-run, creating a friendly, supportive atmosphere where everyone is encouraged to participate at their own pace.

Whether you're a seasoned runner, just starting your fitness journey, or simply looking to connect with others, parkrun is for you. There's no pressure to be competitive - you can walk the course, build up gradually to the full 5km, or get involved by volunteering. All roles are clearly explained, making it easy for anyone to help out and be part of the event.

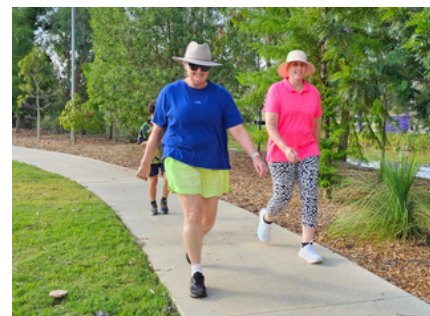
Registration is quick and free. You only need to sign up once, and your registration can be used at any parkrun event across Australia and beyond - whether you choose to walk, jog, run, or volunteer.

Steps to Register for Parkrun:

- **Visit Website:** Go to parkrun.com.au/register to fill in your personal details.
- **Receive Barcode:** After submitting the form, you will receive a confirmation email containing your personal barcode.
- **Prepare Barcode:** Print the barcode or save a digital copy to your phone. This barcode is essential to track your time.



The event takes place at Graham Andrews Parkland, Mitchell Highway, Charleville. See Course page for more details. We can't wait to welcome you to Graham Andrews parkrun soon!



A CELEBRATION OF SKILL, SPEED & SHEARING

Coming up on Saturday 6 June at the Charleville Showgrounds, Warrego Shears will bring high-energy shearing, tough competition and true outback spirit to the Murweh Shire.

The event will showcase some of the region's best shearers and wool handlers, alongside the strong sense of pride and community that continues to define life in the outback. Fast hands, big hearts and a whole lot of country atmosphere promise a fantastic day for locals and visitors alike.

Celebrating the rich wool and grazing heritage of South West Queensland, Warrego Shears is shaping up to be one of the standout events on the Charleville calendar. See you at the pens!



WELLNESS MY WAY - HEALTHY HABITS START HERE

Are new health goals on your mind this year, but you're not sure where to get started?

Wellness my Way is a free program to help you build healthy habits that last. Whether you're looking to get back on track or make a fresh start, now's the best time to take charge of your health.

Already participated in Wellness my Way? You're welcome to return anytime to check in and get support.

Here's what's involved

- Complete a free health check
- Receive a call from a friendly telephone-coach
- Make a personalised plan and connect with free or low-cost programs



Take the health check

Get started today: scan the QR Code or phone 13HEALTH (13 43 25 84) and ask for the Way to Wellness service (Monday – Friday, 8am – 8pm).



GET ON BOARD WITH HEALTHY HABITS.

Authorised by the Queensland Government, Brisbane.

QUEENSLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA RETURNS TO CHARLEVILLE

Join members of the Queensland Symphony Orchestra for an intimate evening of music at the Charleville Town Hall.

Presented as a dynamic string quintet, *From Serenade to Tango* explores music as a shared human experience - bringing people together across time, place and culture.

Moving from elegance and lyricism to rhythm and dance, the program traces a journey from tradition to the present, celebrating music as something we create and share together.

The concert will also showcase three combined school string ensembles, ranging from beginner to advanced, highlighting the outcomes of education workshops led by QSO Connect conductor and strings specialist, Mark Sullivan.

Whether you're a long-time classical music lover or simply curious, this engaging and accessible performance promises a memorable night of connection through music. Scan the QR code to get your tickets.





CHARLEVILLE COMMUNITY CONCERT

28 MAY 2026 • 6PM

CHARLEVILLE TOWN HALL

BOOK NOW



GOLDEN SUNBIRD - THE PLANETARIUM TOUR

Let all sense of space and time depart, as we teleport you through the cosmos...

Strap in your seatbelts and prepare for a cosmic journey through space and time. Golden Sunbird take their multi sensory live planetarium show across Australia, presenting a unique performance that fuses original space-inspired rock music with immersive astronomical environments.

This Lutruwita/Tasmanian psych rock outfit have repeatedly sold out Tasmanian Planetariums over the past 4 years. Immersing audiences with hypnotic guitar solo's, interstellar space rock jams, wailing theremins and synth soaked walls of sound, intertwined with sci-fi narratives, space-age poetry and cosmic visuals.

Taking inspiration from Pink Floyd, Hawkwind, King Gizzard and the Lizard Wizard and Tangerine Dream, Golden Sunbird creates soundscapes that explore the parallels between the unknowns of space and the depths of the human subconscious.

The Charleville Cosmos Centre's Astro Dome, is the largest Planetarium in Queensland, and the show promises to be electrifying.

Golden Sunbird and Charleville Cosmos Centre welcome people with access needs. For further information, please contact Charleville Cosmos Centre or scan the QR code for tickets.

AN IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE OF LIGHT AND SOUND



THE PLANETARIUM TOUR

CHARLEVILLE COSMOS CENTRE ASTRO DOME

28 JUNE 2026 | 2PM & 4PM



Strap in your seatbelts and prepare for a cosmic journey through space and time. Experience the multi sensory live Planetarium show that fuses original space-inspired rock music with immersive astronomical environments. Let all sense of space and time depart as we teleport you through the cosmos...

POLICE BEAT – Keeping Our Kids Safe on Motorbikes

Over recent weeks, we’ve received a number of concerns from community members about children and young people riding motorbikes within town areas, including along the levee bank.

Firstly, this isn’t about stopping kids from enjoying themselves. We know that riding motorbikes is a big part of life out here, and there are appropriate places where it can be done safely, like designated dirt bike tracks.

However, riding motorbikes in town is a different story.

There have already been two accidents, and unfortunately, it’s only a matter of time before someone is seriously hurt if this continues. Riding on the levee bank is also causing damage to important infrastructure that helps

protect our community during flood events.

We’re asking parents and guardians to have a conversation with their kids about where they are riding and the risks involved. What might seem like harmless fun can quickly turn into a dangerous situation.

It’s also important to remember that riding an unregistered motorbike, or riding without the appropriate licence, is an offence. While we use discretion proportionately and where appropriate, riding within town will not be tolerated due to the safety risks to both riders and the wider community.

We want everyone to enjoy living in Charleville, and that includes making sure our young people can



DIRT BIKING RIDING

DO'S AND DO NOT'S

- Ride safely and responsibly
- Always wear a helmet
- Keep speed under 40 km/h when riding along the side of the road to access tracks
- Stick to designated riding areas/tracks
- Be respectful of residents, pedestrians, and other road users

- Do NOT ride on the road
- No mono's (wheelies) or fishtails
- No reckless or dangerous riding
- Do NOT disturb the community or create unnecessary noise

REMEMBER!

Safe riding keeps everyone protected and helps ensure dirt bike access remains available in our community.

To report dangerous activity, call QPS on 13 14 44

RESPECT THE RULES. RESPECT CHARLEVILLE. RIDE SMART.

have fun in a way that doesn’t put themselves or others at risk.

We appreciate the community’s support in helping us keep Charleville a safe place for everyone.



MORVEN MATTERS

A lot happened in Morven in the last month. A new café opened at Sadlier’s Waterhole from 6am-9am which slots in nicely ahead of the Morven Café which caters for the rest of the day.

ANZAC Day was a little quieter than last year, but the beautiful Dawn Service conducted by Senior Constable Diana Verstandig, with the address delivered by Kelly Smith RN/Midwife, was still well attended as was the Community Breakfast that followed. The main service, conducted by Will Roberts, saw Harry Mackenzie deliver the address. Harry is the grandson of Lex Darcy Winten, one of the RSL Local Heroes featured at the WWII Secret Base Charleville.

As always the kids from the Morven State School participated beautifully, not least when they laid their handmade wreath of connected photographs of their joined hands...

But that was not the only event at which some of the kids shone. The week before ANZAC Day, after a hiatus of more than twenty years, the Morven Gymkhana romped back! Delivered as a joint initiative of the Morven Progress Association and the Morven State School P&C, it was a ripper day, with 150+ nominations across horses and motorbikes and a steady stream of spectators through the gates. Huge congratulations to all winners

and runners-up across the events, with special mentions to the inaugural Bush Sprint Champion, Willie Drenan, and Motorbike Stampede Champion, Charlie Richards. The organising committee is pleased to have this opportunity to once again thank every sponsor, supporter and competitor for their outstanding support in 2026. The Committee is thrilled to confirm it will be back in 2027. The Morven Gymkhana also launched the newly created Murweh Champions circuit, alongside the Augathella, Charleville and Cooladdi Gymkhanas. Keep an eye on the Facebook pages for dates and more information. See you in 2027!



ANZAC Day wreath made by Morven State School learners.



Above: Tam Jenyns



Right: Willie Drenan, Bush Spirit Champion



Top left: Charlie Richards Motorbike Stampede Champion, Russel Tickell and Dave Warby
Above: Hugh Ryan

SMOOTHER ROADS AND SAFER CROSSINGS COMING TO CHARLEVILLE CBD

Council will soon commence road rehabilitation and resurfacing works on Alfred Street from Sturt Street to Burke Street, and on Wills Street from Alfred Street to Edward Street, including the Alfred Street–Wills Street intersection.

Works will include pavement milling, asphalt resurfacing, line marking, construction of concrete medians, and relocation of pedestrian crossings. This project marks Council’s first large-scale asphalt resurfacing in Charleville’s CBD, delivering a smoother, more durable road surface and improved long-term protection for the underlying pavement.

Construction is expected to begin in early June, and asphalt works completed by early July, weather permitting. Temporary traffic changes and some disruption to nearby businesses may occur during works.

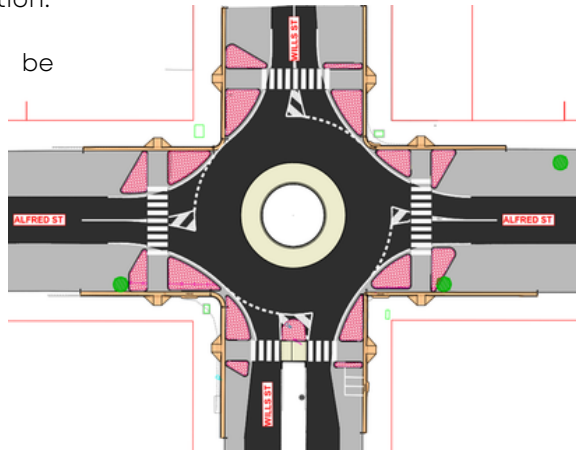
Council will minimise impacts through staged construction, traffic management, and maintaining access wherever possible.

The project also includes the introduction of a trial roundabout at the Alfred Street / Wills Street intersection, the first in Charleville’s town centre. The change responds to ongoing concerns about traffic movement, vehicle speeds, and pedestrian safety at this busy location.

Initially, the roundabout will be established using a raised asphalt profile with line marking and delineation, allowing the community to experience the new layout before any permanent construction. If successful, Council intends to deliver a permanent concrete centre island and apron as part of the final design.

Pedestrian safety has been a key focus of the upgrade, with improved crossing locations, setback kerb ramps, and concrete islands designed to improve visibility and reduce exposure to traffic.

Council appreciates the community’s patience and cooperation during these important works and welcomes community feedback throughout the trial period.



GET TO KNOW THE GOLF CLUB

If you’re after a relaxed round of golf with plenty of outback character, the Charleville Golf Club is one of those places that quietly delivers exactly that – and a bit more.

With around 70 members, the club has a friendly, down-to-earth feel where regulars and visitors are welcomed straight onto the course. It’s a unique layout too, featuring a mix of grass and sand greens set across an open parkland-style course framed by native bush, red soil, and big Queensland skies.

The course itself offers a genuine test for all skill levels, with a layout sitting around par 71–72 depending on the setup, stretching roughly 6,400–6,500 yards. It’s known for being fair but interesting – the kind of course where local knowledge helps, but a good sense of humour helps just as much.

Weekly golf, local rhythm

There’s a strong social heartbeat to the club, with regular competition and social days throughout the week:

- Wednesday – Veterans: 8:00am tee off
- Thursday – Sporters: Names in by 2:00pm, tee off 2:30pm
- Saturday – Competition Day: Names in by 12:00pm, tee off 12:30pm
- Sunday – Competition Day: Names in by 12:00pm, tee off 12:30pm

And for those who don’t take their golf too seriously, the club also runs regular FUN DAYS, open to both golfers and non-golfers – a great way to get involved, have a laugh, and enjoy the social side of the sport.

More than just golf

Charleville Golf Club isn’t just about the game – it’s about connection. After a round, the clubhouse becomes the real meeting place, where cold drinks, yarns, and plenty of laughter are part of the tradition.

The club has also proudly stepped onto a bigger stage, hosting the Outback Queensland Masters in 2019, 2021, and 2024.

These events bring players and visitors from all over, showcasing not

only the quirky charm of the course but also the warmth of the Charleville community.

Whether you’re chasing a scorecard, passing through, or just keen to soak up some outback hospitality, the club offers a genuinely relaxed golf experience where the scenery is just as memorable as the shots.

Come and say hello!

Visitors are always welcome, and the club is active with updates, photos, and events on its Facebook page – a great way to keep up with what’s happening out on the course.

Because at the end of the day, Charleville Golf Club is exactly what it promises: a bit of golf, a cold beer, and a whole lot of good company.



LOOK UP - QUEENSLAND'S LARGEST PLANETARIUM IS BETTER THAN EVER.

Two brand-new, award-winning Planetarium films are now showing at the Charleville Cosmos Centre, and winter is hands down the best time to visit. Clear skies, cool nights, and the Milky Way stretching right overhead – it doesn't get much better than this.

Blast through the solar system in **The Great Solar System Adventure**, a thrilling ride for the whole family or follow humanity's greatest journey in **One Step Beyond** and learn about what it will take to get to Mars.

We are still showing **Unveiling the Invisible Universe**, a science favourite that explores dark matter, radio waves, and all the things we can't see but new space technologies can show us.

Films screen daily from 11:30 am.



COSMOS CENTRE
Charleville Outback Queensland



And don't forget; locals get 20% off all experiences, bookable online, by phone, or in person.



CHARLEVILLE GIRL GUIDES LAUNCH MURWEH SHIRE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Charleville Girl Guides are excited to announce their photography calendar competition.

We are inviting the community to submit photographs of people, places, events, attractions and / or wildlife across the Murweh Shire.

Twelve photographs will be selected to be included in a 2027 calendar, which will celebrate all things Murweh, and sales of the calendar will raise funds to buy kayaks and canoes for the Charleville Girl Guides.

Photographers responsible for the winning entries will receive a complimentary copy of the calendar and will have their credit appear alongside their photo in the calendar.

Competition closes 31st August, and you can enter as many photographs as you like, so get your camera out and get snapping!

Copies of the competition rules are available from your local library, or via email at CharlevilleDM@guidesqld.org



Are you a member of a local community or sports group, government organisation or local business? Do you have a story to tell or an important message to share with our community? Contact the Murweh Mail!

This is your monthly publication, distributed to all residents throughout the Murweh Shire, so let us help get your message out. Contact mail@murweh.qld.gov.au

MURWEH SHIRE LAUNCHES NEW VISITOR GUIDES

Murweh Shire Council is proud to launch their new Visitor Guides, under the Experience Charleville tourism umbrella.

These guides are a beautiful showcase of everything our region has to offer. Filled with local characters, attractions, maps and handy business directories, the guides are a valuable resource for visitors planning their stay and a great reminder for locals to rediscover the incredible experiences, people and places right here in our own backyard.

And on that note, don't forget that locals qualify for a 20% discount across our tourism attractions. Check in with the Charleville Visitor Information Centre for more details.

