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# 99.7% LOCAL NEWS



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## Future plans for Yarraman's past

HAVE you been to Yarraman's Heritage Centre lately? There is quite a change in Heritage House and to find out what is going on 99.7% Local News had a chat to museum curator Angela Apperley.

The first noticeable thing is the change in the hallway, the old collections have been removed.

### So what's happened?

"We have attained a grant to upgrade and redevelop parts of the museum," Angela said excitedly.

"In the hallway the first step was to take down and examine each item to determine if it needed restoration or repair. This, as you can imagine, is taking a lot of time as caring for these items is paramount for us.

"Next we removed all the hooks and did a deep clean of the walls.

"Now I am finalising the proposal for the new display."

As the hallway display was removed each item was categorised into 'original' or 'copy'.

### What about the items?

"At present we are working with the photographic display. After the originals have been restored (if needed) they will be copied, then conserved and stored.

"It will be a copy that goes on display, that way the original will be safely and professionally stored for preservation," Angela said.

Unfortunately a number of the old copies which were on display have faded so there is a call out for anyone who has the originals of these photos to bring them to the museum to make fresh copies.

"These are wonderful snaps of our history, unfortunately over time the copies have faded and are not suit-

able for display, so if you have any of the originals we are looking for please contact the YHC," Angela said.

### What is the plan?

In the replanning of the museum Angela is hoping to flow history.

"Each piece of history will be placed in the area pertinent to that item.

"For example our beautiful little school house will be set up to display all kinds of school memorabilia.

"And the proud and honourable war history of those brave Yarraman residents who answered the call will be a centrepiece feature for visitors.

"We are designing our display so everything is about our history, that means the items will be relevant to Yarraman, Queensland or Australia," Angela said.

### Have items been removed?

Looking around the current display there are a number of duplicate items and damaged items beyond repair.

So what happens to them?

"We do not remove items from the museum unless the damage to them becomes a safety hazard for staff, volunteers and visitors.

"We have a number of policies in place which ensures each item is catalogued and recorded, and there is a paper-trail for each item.

"We also have a Deaccessioning Policy in place," Angela stated.

"With items which are no longer required or if there are a number of the same item we contact the donors to see if they would like them returned, if not, we then contact other museums which may like to house them, if we cannot find a home for these items we then offer them to op shops or sell them to raise funds for the museum.

"The only case where we would dis-

pose of an item, after the donor gives us permission to do so, is if the item could not be restored or if the damage has become a safety issue.

"Our job here is to maintain and look after historic items so that future generations can see them.

"My vision for the YHC museum is that the museum be a place the community is engaged with and proud of.

"I want it to be a museum that enhances visitor experiences, and promotes learning, dialogue and debate of the past, present and future.

"My objective is to make sure the museum continues to collect, document, research and ensures the collection is accessible and is representative of Yarraman.

"And to ensure the museum is sustainable for future generations," Angela reiterated.

Angela's love of history is evident by her past achievements.

"I have BA with a Major in History, and Minors in Art History and Theology; MA in War Studies; Grad Cert in Tertiary Teaching; and I am part way through a PhD which relates to World War I. Previously I worked at the AWM as an Assistant Curator."

It is this wealth of historical knowledge that Angela will bring to YHC when she plans the new layout.

She recently approached a number of regional museums to source mannequins and lockable display cabinets which will be utilised to upgrade the YHC museum.

"I visited the Gympie Museum to inspect cabinets they offered us to ensure these cabinets met with our requirements," Angela said.

Looking forward it would appear Yarraman's past is in good hands.



### On The Farm pages 8-9

WHEN Kirstie Schumacher came into the studios of Wild Horse FM she didn't know quite what to expect.

Host of *Shoot The Breeze*, Frank Hodgkinson, instantly put Kirstie at ease and before she knew it she was reminiscing about her childhood in Blackbutt and the 'boy' she eventually married.

If you missed the interview you can read all about it on page 8 in our new On The Farm pages.



### They came They saw They listened

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visit Yarraman  
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## WHAT'S ON

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Some arrived with baskets to give, share and swap, while others simply came for a chat — and both were equally welcome.

The Yarraman Harvest Share & Swap is quickly becoming more than just an exchange of goods; it's a place where stories are swapped, seeds of friendships are planted, and generosity is quietly flourishing.

Whether you bring something or not, you'll always leave with something — connection. Every Sunday from 9am





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**BLACKBUTT**

**Blackbutt Lions Market:** Third Sunday of the month from 7am at Les Muller Park in Hart Street. Nick 0423 882 405.

**Cuppa n Chat:** QCWA 65 Coulson Street, Blackbutt. Monday 9.30 to 11.30am. BYO craft.

**Blackbutt/Yarraman QCWA Devonshire Tea:** Every Wednesday, 10am - noon at the little blue house 65 Coulson St. \$12 for Devonshire Tea with bottomless tea or coffee. Ph 0494 038 066

**Blackbutt Lions Club Community Meals:** Every second week 7:30pm, Lions Den, Bowman Rd. Free. Dine in or take away.

**Taromeo Country Music Club:** Meet every fortnight, Tuesday 1.30 - 4.30 for practice. Public social, every 2 month on the 3rd Sunday 10am - 2pm at Blackbutt Golf Club. Phone 0403 156 536

**Timbertowns Woodworking Group Inc.** Wednesday and Sunday, 8am - 12pm, Thursday, 4pm - 7pm. Blackbutt Showgrounds.

**YARRAMAN**

**Yarraman Collective:** Meeting is open to all representatives of community groups and businesses. First Friday of the month, 3pm, Yarraman Library. Open discussion on issues concerning Yarraman and surrounds.

**Chattering Roses:** coffee and chat group, Information is on Facebook Yarraman Community Notices.

**Bingo Buzz Yarraman** on every second Monday at the Yarraman Memorial Hall 11 Browne St, door opens at 10am, eyes down at 11am.

**Yarraman Men's Shed:** Mill Street, Yarraman, 8am to noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

**Yarraman Craft & Chat - For the Oldies:** First Monday of the month for oldies. 1-3pm at the Yarraman Wellness Centre, 24 Browne Street. \$5 pp. Call Sharon 0402 980 857

**Yarraman Harvest Exchange:** Sunday 9am to 10am at The Pink Flamingo. Share your excess produce or seedlings. Text 0447 343 641

**Yarraman Country Markets:** Second Saturday of each month from 8am till noon at the Yarraman Memorial Hall. Phone Joe on 0459 638 282

**Yarraman Holistic Markets:** Last Saturday of each month, 8am till noon, Yarraman Men's Shed, Mill Street. Local products and fresh produce, health stalls and bric-a-brac. Phone Bianca 0447 343 641

**Yarraman Craft & Chat:** Third Saturday of the month for everyone. 1-3pm at the Yarraman Wellness Centre, 24 Browne Street. \$5 pp. Call Sharon 0402 980 857

**Meal Night:** Yarraman Heritage House, last Friday of the month, 6pm. Dinner and dessert for \$25 p.p. Lucky door prize, raffle, entertainment. Book on 41638111. Funds go to the running of Yarraman Heritage Centre.

**NANANGO**

**Taras Hall Bingo:** Henry Street, Thursday eyes down at 9.30am.

**Crafty Get Together:** Community Centre, fun craft session every Wednesday from 9.30am.

**Storytime In The Park:** family event from 10am - 11am on the first Wednesday of every month, Butter Factory Park, Drayton St.

**Nanango Men's Shed:** cnr Mt Stanley Road and Heathermore Lane, 8.30am to noon Saturday, Monday, Wednesday.

**South Burnett Community Share:** Nanango Cultural Centre, George Street, 9.30am, third Sunday of every month.

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** every Wednesday 10am to 11am, Catholic Church hall at the corner of Alfred and Gipps Street.

**Bingo Buzz Nanango** on every Saturday at the Nanango Cultural Centre 48 Drayton St. Door opens at 10am, eyes down at 11am.

**Nanango Country Markets:** First Saturday of every month 6am to 12 noon. Nanango Showgrounds.

**Pass The Yarn, Nanango QCWA:** Every Monday at 9am at the club rooms, 55 Fitzroy Street. Bring along your works in progress or start something new. Cost is \$5 for morning tea, coffee or tea.

**Nanango Art Workshop:** Every Tuesday at 9.30am at the old Scout Hall, 40 Henry Street. Cost is \$10 which includes all you need.

**Nanango CTC Cuppa N Chat:** Last Wednesday of the month at 9.30 till 10.30am at 41 Drayton Street

**Nanango Church Yard Op Shop:** Fourth Saturday of each month 7.30am till 11.30am at the Anglican Churchyard at the corner of Drayton and Burnett streets. Phone Sue 0419 319 982

**EASTER IN BLACKBUTT**

**Friday, April 3 - 9.00am**  
Corner of Gladys and Douglas Streets.  
Special Remembrance followed by Hot Cross Buns morning tea

**EASTER FAMILY DAY**  
**Sunday, April 5 - 10.30am**  
Corner of Gladys and Douglas Streets  
Easter Celebration Service plus free Children's Easter Egg Hunt and Egg and Spoon Races.  
Followed by light refreshments.  
RSVP to Bill Turner by Friday, March 27 for organizing egg numbers please.  
Enquiries to Bill Turner 41630804.

**Let The Sunshine In with Jane**

**WEDNESDAY 9am-11am**




**COOYAR**

**Cooyar Community Cuppa Group:** Cooyar Hall, fourth Thursday of the month, 9.30-11.30am for a cuppa, chat and craft. \$2 donation, bring a small plate of morning tea to share. All welcome. Ph 0467 208 475.

**Yoga at Cooyar:** Every Tuesday at 9am at the Cooyar Memorial Hall on the New England Hwy. Phone Jane 0408 988 100.

**BOOKFEST IS ON AGAIN**



**BOOK FEST GARAGE SALE PLANT SALE**

**Saturday, May 16, 2026**  
**8am til 2pm**  
Yarraman Heritage Centre,  
26 Millar Street, Yarraman



# Year 10 returning to YSS

STUDENTS and parents are celebrating good news delivered by Member for Nanango Deb Frecklington.

Mrs Frecklington proudly announced that Year 10 will return to Yarraman State School from 2027.

At present, many students travel to Nanango State High School to complete their senior years - often passing directly through Yarraman to do so.

This commute places extra pressure on families, including transport costs and the need to purchase new uniforms for what may be just one additional year of schooling.

Both Yarraman and neighbouring Blackbutt continue to experience steady population growth, strengthening the case for expanded local schooling options.

"The return of Year 10 reflects the changing needs of the region.

"The community asked, and I'm proud to deliver this outcome for local families," Mrs Frecklington said.

"Our community has grown and so have the expectations of local families.

"This change gives students the choice to continue their education in a familiar, supportive environment."

Mrs Frecklington thanked Education Minister John Paul Langbroek for supporting the community's request and ensuring the needs of local families were clearly heard.

The decision follows clear feedback from the P&C and the school leadership team, which informed broader community consultation.

Yarraman State School has recorded strong Year 9 enrolments, and existing infrastructure is capable of supporting additional classes.

Year 10 will be reinstated from the start of the 2027 school year.



Celebrating the good news about Year 10 returning to YSS are Evelyn Green, Member for Nanango Deb Frecklington, Tanya Comerford, P&C President Jaime-Lea Stimpson.

# Blackbutt's comedy night raises funds for a serious cause



Some of the crazy costumes on display at the Comedy for a Cause night held in Blackbutt on February 14.

NOVEMBER'S wild weather postponed it but Blackbutt residents had the last laugh at the Comedy for a Cause night held on February 14.

While ticket holders braved the storms of November to turn up in support of the Greenhills Villas Project, the comedians were unable to attend.

"Even though things didn't quite go to plan in November, everyone had a great night out," Blackbutt Benarkin Aged Care Association (BBACA) president Jeff Connor said.

"The Comedy for a Cause part of the night was rescheduled for

February 14, so we adapted our theme to be *Love and Aging - Our Romantic Oldies*.

"Attendees were encouraged to dress as their favourite 'old' person and there were lots of giggles even before the comedy show began".

Three comedians, Craig Quartermaine, Mike Van Acker and Joshua Coutinho, entertained the audience.

"We need to thank a lot of people including our sponsors, donors, committee, workers, volunteers from local organizations, comedians, all those who attended, and our Mayor, Kathy

Duff and anyone who helped.

"Hopefully we can make this an annual event," Jeff said.

The night was to launch and raise funds for the BBACA's Greenhills Villas Project

"The two evenings (November 1 and February 14) helped raise more \$17,000 for the project.

"Our association's mission has always been to provide quality, safe and affordable independent living facilities for the elderly.

"The new stage sees further development which will be a welcome addition for the aging population in our area," Jeff concluded.



**Blackbutt Show - May 16, 2026**  
All the fun of the show at the Blackbutt Showgrounds. Ring events and side show alley. Woodchop photo courtesy Blackbutt Agricultural Show Society.

**Nanango Show - April 18**  
Featuring: Horses, Stud Beef Cattle /Led Steer or Heifer / Young Judges & Handlers, Prime Cattle, Poultry, Caged Birds, Dogs. Farm & Garden, Horticulture, Education, Lego, Needlework, Culinary, Fine Arts, Photography, Woodchop, Chainsaw, Harness.

## Shows and events for 2026

- Nanango Handmade Market - March 14**  
Saturday, 9am til 2pm. Ringsfield House Nanango. All local handmade stalls.
- Back to Nanango Reunion - March 14**  
Saturday, Ringsfield House Nanango  
See Facebook page for more information.
- Bookfest, Garage and Plant Sale - May 16**  
Yarraman Heritage Centre, 8am to 2pm.
- Live Well Community Expo - May 23**  
Yarraman, 10am-4pm, Memorial Hall, Browne Street  
see page 6 for more details.
- Heritage Nanango Country Muster - September**  
Country music on September 10, 11, 12, and 13.



**Shoot The Breeze  
with Frank  
WEDNESDAY at Noon**  


# Field day aims to bring fresh, positive energy

THE PROUD rural heritage of Yarraman has inspired resident Morgan Clark to develop the concept of a yearly field day.

"The *Yarraman Farm and Lifestyle Field Day* is a new community event designed to celebrate our strong farming heritage while bringing people together to share their knowledge in a practical and positive way," Morgan said.

"The inaugural field day plans to set a grounding for the future, it is where we can honour our farming past while creating a fresh and positive atmosphere for the whole community".

It will showcase local farmers, rural businesses, producers and

trades, as well as demonstrations and guest speakers relevant to landholders and lifestyle property owners.

The goal is to create a balanced day that is educational, engaging and welcoming.

At its heart, the field day is about community.

"It will provide an opportunity for local businesses and sponsors to be involved, encourage volunteer participation, and aims to attract visitors to support the town.

"With strong local interest building, we hope the *Yarraman Farm and Lifestyle Field Day* will become an annual event," Morgan said.

To volunteer or become a sponsor contact Morgan Clark on 04 74 037 110 or email [yarramanfieldday@gmail.com](mailto:yarramanfieldday@gmail.com)



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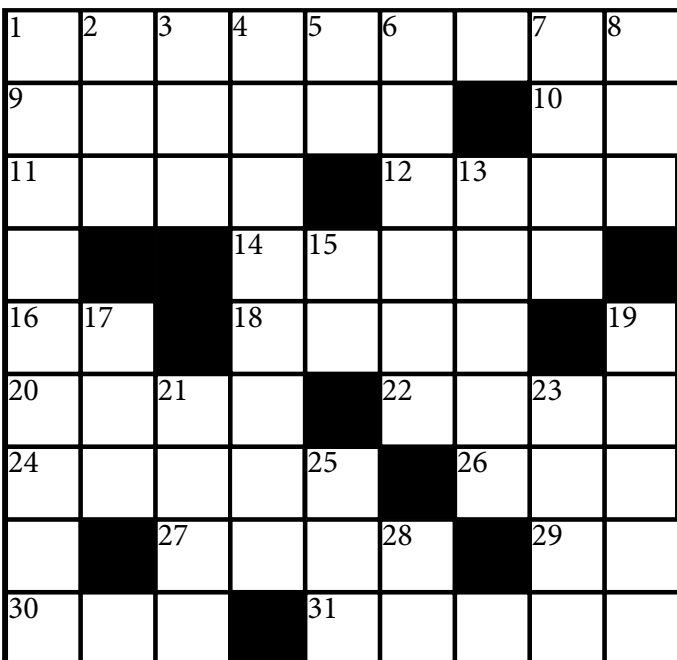
## QUICK CROSS #9

### ACROSS

- My ..... Won't Come Back, Charlie Drake song
- Type of skate
- '.. ya' Aussie saying meaning well done
- Young boys
- List showing meals available at a cafe or restaurant
- Aussie great spin bowler ..... Warne
- Nickname of former Aussie cricket captain who lead Australia to its first Cricket World Cup title in 1987
- Samantha ..... actress who portrayed Kylie in a TV series
- Second letter of the Greek alphabet
- .... Thompson actress in *Love Actually*
- Kitchen devices to cook roasts or cakes in
- Puppies and dogs do this
- Great Barrier ....
- Aussie 'thank you'
- Alcoholic drink ... and tonic
- Cars wheels are attached to these

### DOWN

- Waterway into which the swaggie jumped
- Old song ... *Clear Day*
- Elvis song ... *Shep*
- Mr Squiggle's offside
- Printer's measure
- The movie *A Star is Born* has been ..... three times
- Agatha Christie mystery *And Then There Were* ....
- Wildebeest (antelope family)
- Dennis Quaid movie ..... *Mine*



**Featured Favourites  
with Karen  
SUNDAY 6pm-7pm**



- A short laugh sound
- Abigail's character in TV series *Number 96*
- Spanish restaurant favourite
- Sea bird
- Aussie for friend or buddy
- Red or Dead ...

- Special effects abbreviation
- SOLUTION QUICK CROSS 8
- ACROSS: 1.Sty 3.Koala 7.Co 8.Baz 9.Ed 10.Helen 12.Pad 13.Gravy 15.Or Play 17.Lee 18.Rain 20.Ti 21.Don't Go 23.Igloo 25.En 25.Susie. DOWN: 1.School Tie 2.Toe 3.Kangaroos 4.Oz 5.Leaving 6.Addy 8.Be 11.Lope 12.Pa 14.Ryan 16.Reign 19.It is 21.Do 22.Ore.

## Wellness Centre adds new location

AN ENCOURAGING sign that Yarraman businesses are growing is the news that the Yarraman Wellness Centre has taken on another location.

"We are expanding into two locations to better support the community," principal operator of the centre, Bianca Smith said.

The centre now operates from 24 Browne Street (next door to the original space) and 12 Toomey Street (across from the library).

At 24 Browne Street, the centre concentrates on body-based therapies such as Spinal Flow, Emmett Technique, lymphatic drainage, and hot stone massage on Tuesdays and Fridays, with massage, Ayurveda, and iridology on Wednesdays and Sundays.

At 12 Toomey Street, practitioners provide holistic counselling, spiritual healing, natural therapies, kinesiology jaw reset, workshops, and support groups—available most days for ongoing support and deeper healing plus weekly offerings including:

- Monday – Neuro Art and Reiki
- Wednesday – Frequency healing (Rife machine)
- Friday – Naturopath
- Weekends – Grief and death support, workshops, meditations and Sharon's craft group



There is also a small health shop with fresh produce, teas, and essentials.

"Appointments only at this stage," Bianca said, "call 0447 343 641 for bookings or text your email to join our monthly newsletter and follow us on Facebook at Yarraman Wellness Centre for more information".



Yarraman Wellness Centre has added a new location, 12 Toomey Street, to expand some of its services and group activities. While massage and other services are available at the downsized rooms at the original location 24 Browne Street.

## Old But Interesting

Exploring history at the Yarraman Heritage Centre

Yarraman & District Historical Society Inc manages and administers the Yarraman Heritage Centre. For any enquiries or to help out and volunteer please phone 07 41638111 and leave a message.

HAVE you ever sat at a hairdressers, wearing an alien type bonnet with a reverse vacuum-cleaner-like pump blasting hot air onto your head?

Or maybe, as a small boy, you watched your mum undergo this process all the while thinking you have seen this on episodes of *Lost in Space* or *Star Trek*?

If you answer yes to either of these scenarios a visit to Yarraman Heritage Centre will bring back those, hopefully not too terrifying, memories.

Yarraman Heritage Centre is fortunate to have in its collection a number of bonnet hair dryers.

The first hair dryer was invented in 1888 by Alexandre Godefroy, for his hair salon in France.

Godefroy's hair dryer was large and not portable and consisted of a bonnet attached to a chimney pipe of a gas stove.

Since the 1920s, modifications to hair dryers have concentrated on the improvement of wattage.

In the 1950s bonnet hair dryers were instituted into the shopper's market.

These bonnet hair dryers were small and comprised of a portable box connected to a tube that was inserted into a bonnet with holes that was placed on the head.

In the 1960s with technological changes hair dryers were made of plastic whereby they were lightweight and embraced inspiring colour schemes.

Although bonnet hair dryers were lightweight and portable, they did not have today's hair drying features which allowed for a gorgeous blow-dry.



The bonnet hair dryers did not permit changeable heat settings, making it difficult to control the drying of hair which in turn saw hair overdried or overheating.

On your next visit to the Yarraman Heritage Centre, be sure to check out the bonnet hair dryer collection.

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|          | Monday                                   | Tuesday                           | Wednesday                         | Thursday                          | Friday                            | Saturday                         | Sunday                                                                             |                        |
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| 5-6am    | Aussie Music Weekly                      | Aussie Music Weekly               | It's Time                         | The Folk Show                     | Dirt Music                        | Blues, Roots, n Boots            | Let The Bands Plan                                                                 | 5-6am                  |
| 6-7am    | KAREN'S<br>Classic<br>Collection         | Start the<br>Morning with<br>MAYA | Start the<br>Morning with<br>MAYA | Start the<br>Morning with<br>MAYA | Start the<br>Morning with<br>MAYA | In The Groove<br>with<br>HEIDI   | Music Mix                                                                          | 6-7am                  |
| 7-8am    |                                          |                                   |                                   |                                   |                                   |                                  | It's My Country<br>Radio Show                                                      | 7-8am                  |
| 8-9am    |                                          |                                   |                                   |                                   |                                   |                                  |                                                                                    | 8-9am                  |
| 9-10am   | Music Mix                                | KAREN'S<br>Classic Collection     | Let The Sunshine In<br>with JANE  | One Hit Wonders<br>with GREGO     | Aust Music is<br>Bloody Great     | It's Time                        | Shoot the Breeze<br>from the archive                                               | 9-10am                 |
| 10-11am  | Dirt Music                               |                                   |                                   | A Breathe of Fresh Air            | In The<br>Groove<br>with<br>HEIDI |                                  | CREATE A SHOW<br>AND JOIN US<br>PH 41638 997<br>FOR INFORMATION<br>OR TO VOLUNTEER | The Local Source AMRAP |
| 11-noon  | The Folk Show                            | Rock The Kazbar                   | AMRAP Wrap Up<br>GREGO            | GREGO'S<br>Aussie Music           |                                   | Happy Hour 2                     |                                                                                    | 11-noon                |
| Noon-1pm | Monday                                   | Tuesday                           | Shoot The Breeze                  |                                   |                                   | ANNE'S On This Day               |                                                                                    | HEIDI'S Hour           |
| 1-2pm    | Melodies<br>with KATHY                   | Tunes<br>with KATHY               | Corner Country                    | Today's Hits with ANNE            | Aussie Music Weekly               |                                  |                                                                                    | 1-2pm                  |
| 2-3pm    |                                          |                                   | Happy Hour                        |                                   | Friday<br>Feel Good<br>with KATHY |                                  |                                                                                    | Music Mix              |
| 3-4pm    | Your show<br>could be here<br>contact us | How You Growing?                  | Pop Heads                         | PETER'S Music Legend              |                                   | Stafford's<br>World              | Sunday Session<br>with<br>ASH                                                      | 3-4pm                  |
| 4-5pm    |                                          | New show                          | AddyZ Music Hits                  | Interviews                        |                                   |                                  |                                                                                    | 4-5pm                  |
| 5-6pm    |                                          | needed ... contact us             | YSS Radio Club                    | Music Mix                         | Raised on                         |                                  |                                                                                    | 5-6pm                  |
| 6-7pm    | Evening with MAYA                        | Evening with MAYA                 | Evening with MAYA                 | Shoot The Breeze (rpt)            | Rock                              | Rock The Kazbar                  | Karen's Featured Favs                                                              | 6-7pm                  |
| 7-8pm    |                                          |                                   |                                   | ANNE'S Subject Matters            | The Music Room<br>BRIAN AVERY     | Music Mix<br>through the night1p | Shoot The Breeze<br>from the archive                                               | 7-8pm                  |
| 8-9pm    | Music Mix<br>through the night           | The Music Room<br>BRIAN AVERY     | Music Mix<br>through the night    | Music Mix<br>through the night    | Deadly Beats                      |                                  | Music Mix<br>through the night                                                     | 8-9pm                  |
| 9-10pm   |                                          | Karen's Featured Favs             |                                   |                                   | HEIDI'S Airways                   |                                  |                                                                                    | 9-10pm                 |
| 10-11pm  |                                          | Music Mix                         |                                   |                                   | Music Mix                         |                                  |                                                                                    | 10-11pm                |

## Listen to your local volunteers

THE shows listed below are made possible by local volunteers who just love to share music, stories and fun times with the community.

We are always happy to welcome more volunteer presenters so why not join us. Come in and discuss your idea for a show, it can be a chat show, information show or just fill the hour with music you love.

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| 6pm-8pm   | Evening with Maya                                                        |                                                                                     |
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| 9am-11am  | Karen's Classic Collection                                               |                                                                                     |
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| 9am-11am  | Let The Sunshine In with Jane                                            |                                                                                     |
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| 9am-10am  | One Hit Wonders with Grego                                               |                                                                                     |
| 11am-1pm  | Grego's Aussie Music                                                     |                                                                                     |
| 1pm-2pm   | On This Day with Anne                                                    |                                                                                     |
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| 3pm-5pm   | Peter's Music Legend Interviews                                          |                                                                                     |
| 6pm-7pm   | Shoot The Breeze with Jon and Frank                                      |                                                                                     |
| 7pm-8pm   | Subject Matters with Anne                                                |                                                                                     |
| Friday    |                                                                          |  |
| 6am-9am   | Start the Morning with Maya                                              |                                                                                     |
| 10am-1pm  | In The Groove with Heidi                                                 |                                                                                     |
| 1pm-2pm   | Radio Remedy with Bianca and Chris<br>information on how to stay healthy |                                                                                     |
| 2pm-5pm   | Friday Feel Good with Kathy                                              |                                                                                     |
| 7pm-8pm   | The Music Room with Brian Avery                                          |                                                                                     |
| 9pm-10pm  | Heidi's Airways                                                          |                                                                                     |
| Saturday  |                                                                          |  |
| 6am-9am   | In The Groove with Heidi                                                 |                                                                                     |
| 6pm-7pm   | Rock The Kazbar                                                          |                                                                                     |
| Sunday    |                                                                          |  |
| 9am-10am  | Shoot The Breeze                                                         |                                                                                     |
| Noon-1pm  | Heidi's Hour                                                             |                                                                                     |
| 3pm-6pm   | Sunday Session with Ash                                                  |                                                                                     |
| 6pm-7pm   | Karen's Featured Favourites                                              |                                                                                     |
| 7pm-8pm   | Shoot The Breeze                                                         |                                                                                     |



Cr Tim McMahon, Christie Orme (YSS P&C), Frank Hodgkinson (YHC and WHFM), Michael Apperley (Driver Reviver), Cr Edwina Farquhar, Matt Gibson (YDPA), Brad Little (Bowls Club), Cr Trevor Manteufel, and Cr Gary Gardner.

## Councillors listen to Yarraman's voice

THEY came, they saw, they listened.

Councillors from the Toowoomba Regional Council showed up in Yarraman recently, not to talk about their achievements but to listen to members of the community, to find out the issues important to the region, but more importantly, to show residents that they are prepared to work with the community to find solutions.

First stop was a meeting at the Yarraman Library where members of community groups, under the banner of the Yarraman Collective, presented a number of those issues to the councillors.

Councillors Tim McMahon, Edwina Farquhar, and Gary Gardner (this year's Northern Districts representatives) and Trevor Manteufel, joined Michael Apperley (Driver Reviver), Brad Little (Bowls Club), Lynette Little (RSL), Anne Clarke (WHFM), Matt Gibson (YDPA), Christie Orme (YSS P&C), Mandee Canniford (Yarraman Kindy & YDPA), and Frank Hodgkinson (YHC and WHFM) at the meeting.

Several issues were raised including the state and aesthetics of the main street, traffic speed, pedestrian crossings, transport and infrastructure, access to health services and employment.

Following these discussions, matters that are within council's control will be considered further:

1. A fence for the children's playground at Errol Munt Park,
2. The possibility of council subsidy for a taxi service in Yarraman, as they acknowledged that Yarraman was somewhat isolated/disconnected from the services afforded to other residents.
3. Better pool access for elderly and people with a disability.
4. Inclusion of Yarraman footpath construction on the Strategic Walking Master Plan and a commitment to consultation with the community to the aspects of the Public Transport Levy that would be relevant to Yarraman.

The need for a Customer Service Centre/Visitor Information Centre in Yarraman was raised and

the councillors suggested a petition as the best way to bring the matter to council's attention.

Councillors then toured Station Park and met with residents for more discussions and lunch. They also visited the Catholic Church in association with the Collectives efforts to validate the various heritage listed properties in Yarraman.

The conclusion of the visit was a tour of the Yarraman Heritage Centre and community radio station, Wildhorse FM.

99.7% Local News took the opportunity of the visit to give each representative councillor a quick, on-the-spot quiz:

**In one word describe Yarraman:**

Tim - pretty; Edwina - leafy; Gary - beautiful.

**What are Yarraman's attractions:**

Tim - BVRT, platypus (creek) and outdoor spaces; Edwina - platypus; Gary - old buildings/history

**Do you have a connection to Yarraman?**

Tim - yes, mum's friends live here; Edwina - no; Gary - yes.

**Where did you grow up?**

Tim - Caloundra; Edwina - Goondiwindi; Gary - Brookstead (a railway siding)

**Have you ever lived in a small rural town?**

Tim - no; Edwina - yes; Gary - yes

**What do you want to do for Yarraman during your time as our representative?**

Tim - make sure it gets looked after as equally as other centres in the TRC; Edwina - to lobby for slower, safer roads and to pursue other key issues; Gary - follow up on the health services issues

**How do the people of Yarraman impact your life as a councillor?**

Tim - if people are not happy it reflects on my efforts as a councillor; Edwina - Yarraman people are friendly and willing to help me become aware of local issues; Gary - at this point in time there is no 'impact' but possible solutions to be found for issues



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# Expo to showcase ways to live well

A CASUAL comment? A spoken idea? No one can quite remember how or when the idea of a health expo was put forward, but when Bianca, Kelli and Hazel agreed it was a good idea there was no stopping this determined trio.

The Live Well Community Expo planning committee of Bianca Rose Smith, Kelli MacAlpine and Hazel Christie Small have been working tirelessly to make sure the inaugural Expo has a strong base for forthcoming years.

"We envisage quality holistic wellness providers, readers, homeopathy, reiki, spinal flow, permaculture, herbs, natural cleaning products, electro magnetic field information, will participate and interact with the public to explain the benefits each one gives," Hazel said.

The location, Memorial Hall, Yarraman, provides two smaller rooms perfect for workshops and talks.

"There will be a number of practitioners and providers who will give talks and workshops on the services they provide," Bianca said.

"It will be a great opportunity for people interested in what a practitioner has to offer to sit in, listen,

learn and to ask questions so they can gain more comprehensive knowledge," Bianca explained.

"Seats in each of the rooms are limited so it is advised you sign up for the workshop/talks as soon as we publish the program," Bianca recommended.

The day will be filled with experiences and education.

"We will strive to provide a day where people can gather knowledge and education on alternate therapies and remedies," Kelli said.

"Highlighting the importance of taking care of oneself, both mentally and physically incorporating fresh foods, exercise and lots of fun.

"Health and wellbeing is such an important issue and to bring this to the general public in a collective expo is what we consider a progressive and empowering project for Yarraman," Kelli said.

While this is the inaugural expo for Yarraman, the planning committee have been doing continuous research into similar gatherings in other towns.

"We are confident that the numbers of exhibitors and visitors to our expo will give us the momentum

to continue year after year, and hopefully grow bigger and better with each year," Hazel said.

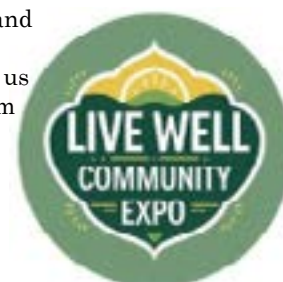
The committee was excited to receive confirmation from Toowoomba Regional Council that Mayor, Geoff McDonald will attend to open the Expo on May 23.

Entry will be a gold coin donation.

This is your opportunity to experience what alternative therapies and remedies are available and to meet the people providing them.

This expo is for people in need of help, for people who are curious or for people who are healthy and want to stay that way. There will be something for everyone.

Mark the date: May 23, 10am-4pm.



Expo planning committee member Kelli MacAlpine.

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# Body ~ Mind ~ Spirit

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## What is a birth chart?

By **BIANCA SMITH**  
Yarraman Wellness Centre

YOUR birth chart is like a snapshot of the sky at the exact moment you were born.

Using your date, time, and place of birth, it maps where the Sun, Moon, and planets were positioned across the zodiac signs and houses.

From that single chart, an incredible amount of insight can be gathered.

Your Sun sign (for example Taurus or Sagittarius) reveals your core identity and life direction.

Your Moon sign uncovers your emotional needs and subconscious patterns.

Your Rising sign shows how you approach life and how others tend to see you.

Beyond these three, each planet tells a story.



Mercury highlights communication style and thinking patterns.

Venus speaks to love, relationships, and values.

Mars reveals drive, motivation,

and how you handle conflict.

The outer planets point to generational themes and deeper soul lessons.

The 12 houses in a chart show where life experiences unfold, including career, family, partnerships, finances, spirituality, and more.

The angles between planets (called aspects) reveal strengths, challenges, talents, and growth points.

Altogether, a birth chart offers insight into personality, emotional patterns, relationship dynamics, career inclinations, life purpose, and even repeating life themes.

It doesn't predict fate — it reveals potential, helping you understand yourself with greater clarity and compassion.

See Bianca's 'Star Guide' on page 11

## The surprising benefits of meditation

HAVE you ever watched someone meditate and thought 'how does that help?' well science has the answer.

Research suggests that over the long term, meditation can play a role in biochemical changes that contribute to healthy aging, overall well-being, and physical quality of life. Some of the benefits of meditation include:

**REDUCED STRESS.** Reducing psychological stress is one of the main reasons people turn to meditation. It is suggested that with 15 - 20 minutes of meditation, you can unwind and go to a calmer, peaceful state of mind.

**ANXIETY MANAGEMENT.** One review and meta-analysis found "consistent and robust evidence" that meditative therapies may be an effective treatment for people with anxiety symptoms.

**DEPRESSION RELIEF.** The sustained focus of meditation can help alleviate negative thinking and emotions.

**HEIGHTENED SELF-AWARENESS.** Meditation can help you recognize your emotions and how you respond

to them, both physically and mentally.

**BETTER FOCUS AND ATTENTION SPAN.** Concentration meditation teaches you how to focus on a single thing and redirect any wayward thoughts back to that thing. Every time you redirect your mind you're strengthening your attention span and ability to stay focused.

**ENHANCED COGNITIVE FUNCTION.** Meditation is linked to improved cognition, job performance, and decision-making.

**BETTER SLEEP.** Because meditation helps control spiraling thoughts and emotions while paving the way for calmness and relaxation, it also promotes improved sleep quality.

There are many more benefits meditation brings to the mind, body and emotions.

Look for local meditation groups to help bring this peaceful practice into your busy lifestyle.

## The Grounded Life

by **MELANIE McNAUGHTON**

Melanie McNaughton is a local counsellor and founder of Ground & Grow, supporting rural people with gentle, down-to-earth wellbeing care.



## Values that shape us

LATELY, I've been thinking about my Grandad.

He had a big, booming voice and a laugh that echoed like a cooee off the Bunya Mountains.

Broad and strong, warm in his presence, with piercing green eyes that both saw you and sparkled with generosity.

There was kindness in him and a firmness that never wavered from his values.

Community wasn't something he talked about. It was how he lived.

Farmer or townie, rich or poor, local or passing through were met the same.

There was no space for ego or hierarchy - just connection.

He never locked his front door.

At the gate, he sold fruit and vegetables from an old cart with an honesty box and a handwritten sign, 'Pay what you can'.

No cameras, no suspicion, just trust. As a child, I assumed that was normal.

Today I sit at my kitchen table,

boots by the door, laptop open connecting with women across paddocks and towns through a screen.

And sometimes I wonder what he would make of that.

But the more I reflect, the clearer it feels.

You see while the tools may have certainly changed the values haven't.

Where he gathered people at the gate, I gather them online.

The setting is different, the heart is the same.

Blending old and new isn't about choosing between tradition and progress.

It's about carrying forward integrity, warmth and trust and using what's available now to extend.

Farmer or townie, rich or poor, on the doorstep or online, we're still just people wanting to feel seen and valued.

What values shaped me? And how am I honouring them now?

Until next month, carry the good forward,  
*Mel*

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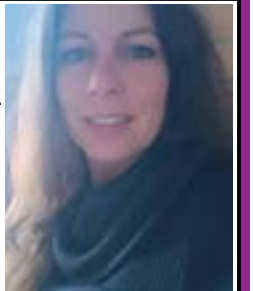
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# International spotlight on women farmers

THE UNITED Nations has declared 2026 as the International Year of the Woman Farmer turning the spotlight directly on the achievements and efforts women put into keeping resources growing.

Women are central to agrifood systems, from production and processing to trade and innovation.

But who are these women, where do they live and what inspires them to take on such an important role?

They include small-holder farmers, seasonal workers, fishers, pastoralists, beekeepers, foresters, processors, traders, scientists, traditional knowledge holders and rural entrepreneurs.

They are young women, mature women, intelligent women, strong women, women with disabilities, women from every race and religion, refugee and displaced women, they are women who have lived on the land for generations, they are women who were raised in the city and moved to the land, they are refugees and displaced women, they are women raising families, and they are women living in and contributing to our communities.

The contributions they make sustain food security, nutrition and economic resilience, and yet these women often remain unrecognised.



The International Year of the Woman Farmer will promote action to close gender gaps, improve access to resources and services, and support women's leadership in agrifood systems.

The global launch of the #YearoftheWomanFarmer was held at Food and Agriculture Organization headquarters in December 2025.

This initiative, supported by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), seeks to address the challenges faced by women farmers and promote policies that ensure their rights and contributions are recognized and valued.

In 2026, this International Year provides a moment to learn about and recognise the work carried out by women farmers and to turn the spotlight on their achievements.



## PROFILE: Kirstie Schumacher

DESCRIBING Shuey Acres as "our red-dirt family farm, home to Kirstie, Wayne, Decklan and Grace, where we grow vegetables, avocados and fatten cattle with family and care for the land at the heart of everything we do" Kirstie Schumacher is happy and content sitting in her new 'green machine' while working the farm.

Recently interviewed by Wild Horse FM's Frank Hodgkinson on *Shoot The Breeze*, Kirstie recalled her childhood in Blackbutt and growing up in the area.

"I loved growing up in Blackbutt, riding my bike, going to the primary school, where I was school captain in Year 7, an honour," Kirstie fondly recalls.

"Highschool years were spent in Yarraman, that is when I fell in love with the town and my future husband, Wayne.

"He won me over with the 'Yellow Dragon', a VK Commodore.

In her early teenage years Kirstie worked in a few part time jobs which sparked the love of farming.

"I worked on a persimmon farm where I repaired the nets, I also planted olive trees on a friend's property.

"After I graduated I was a trainee at the Nanango State School and enjoyed the experience, then I worked for the Nanango Shire Council as a customer service officer.

"I experienced the challenges and changes of the amalgamation period, and stayed on working with the newly formed South Burnett Regional Council," Kirstie said.

It was at this time Kirstie and Wayne built their home in Yarraman and welcomed their first child.

Life and employment changes lead the couple to move to their now home, Schuey Acres where, along with working at Stanwell, Kirstie spends her days concentrating on family and farm.

"Kids grow up so fast and so my priorities now are spending time with family and I am loving our farm.

"We are diversifying, we have vegetables, squash, watermelons and avocados, and cattle," Kirstie added.

Frank asked Kirstie what advice would she give to young women today.

"Don't think too hard, don't take too long, if you have a dream, an idea, then have a go. Have a crack at it, that's my philosophy in life," Kirstie advised.

Shoot The Breeze WHFM Wednesdays at noon

**How You Growing?**  
*with Michelle*  
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- ~spot new opportunities to innovate and grow your business;
- ~track your progress and make confident decisions for the future;
- ~apply for a Drought Preparedness Grant. These grants offer 25% of the cost of purchasing new or upgrading permanent capital infrastructure (up to a total of \$50,000) to increase drought preparedness.

### Writing your plan

If you need to review and update an existing plan or write a new one, you can use templates and checklists from:

Department of Primary Industries  
Queensland Farmers' Federation  
Growcom.

Producers from all in-

dustries can get support to develop, implement and review Farm Business Resilience Plans and access information for associated grants and loans through Rural Solutions Queensland for southern Queensland.

Other programs and service providers can help you develop your plan, including natural resource management bodies and agricultural consultants.

Or attend a workshop or get one-on-one help from a professional advisor.

### Hear from other producers

Many primary producers have prepared and implemented Farm Business Resilience Plans to make infrastructure improvements and prepare for severe climate events.

On the DPI website you can watch short videos to hear some of their stories.

## AddyZ Music Hits



Listen to the young sound on WHFM  
**Wednesday 4-5pm**





## Peta swaps city for paddocks and loves every minute of it

by MICHELLE OVENDEN

WHEN some people change their lifestyle, they opt for a sea change or even a tree change, but when Peta Schloss married a beef producer, she chose a cow change.

"I'd always lived and worked in towns," Peta said, "but I love animals, so it was pretty natural for me to become involved with the cattle."

"One of the nicest surprises for me was discovering that they are not all the same, they each have their own personalities and I've loved getting to know them."

Peta's husband, Warren, obtained most of the Blonde Aquitaine cross beef herd from his family's farm.

Now, Warren and Peta manage Warreta Station at Neumgna, building on the Tarlalin legacy.

"Peta has become a very proficient cattle woman," Warren explained.

"Doing everything from inoculations, ear

tagging, branding and anything else."

Peta has learned a great deal, but appreciates that learning, in the cattle business, never stops.

"I've certainly come to realise how much has gone into building up such a beautiful herd," she said.

All crosses are carefully selected to add health and improvement.

"Aquitaines are very well suited to the country here, and they have a leaner, but still tender meat that the health-conscious market love," Peta said.



## Action delivered on feral pig management

A STRONG plan is being delivered by the Queensland Government to help primary producers, landholders and councils manage feral pig populations.

A draft Queensland Feral Pig Management Action Plan 2026–2031 is now open for public feedback.

Landholders, industry and community groups are invited to have their say on how Queensland tackles

one of our most destructive pest animals.

This draft plan has been shaped through regional workshops and consultation and aligns with the National Feral Pig Action Plan to ensure a coordinated approach.

Feral pigs cause major damage to crops, livestock, native wildlife and waterways, and they carry serious diseases that threaten

both animals and people.

Queensland Minister for Primary Industries Tony Perrett said the plan brings everyone together behind a practical, coordinated approach to protect Queensland's primary industries and environment.

Have your say before March 12, 2026 via Department of Primary Industries Queensland's Feral Pig Management Action Plan.

## March 28 workshop on 'How to Plan a Burn'

REGISTER now for your chance to learn how to plan and prepare for controlled burns on your property.

This important informative workshop is a collaboration between Healthy Land & Water and the Toowoomba Regional Council.

It is a free workshop which will be held at Emu Creek Hall on Saturday, March 28.

This interactive outdoor walk-and-talk workshop

covers site assessment, regulations and permits, fuel hazard assessment, ignition techniques, and safety protocols.

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Build your understanding of the decision-making process for burn planning!

Registrations are essential and close on March 23.



## LET'S TALK DIRTY

by Horticulturist Katrina Wood

*It's time to talk dirty again!*

So you get your soil test back and low and behold it is a total disaster, the years of abuse have finally taken a toll on your soil and the lifeforce there in it.

Your calcium levels are non existent, magnesium and sodium levels are through the roof, verging on toxic, and you have so much zinc you could potentially start making more money from sunscreen than farming.

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Your agronomist that processed your soil test will suggest a fertiliser programme for you and should guide you through the process of soil improvement.

There are so many different ideas, trials, methods of farming and soil improvement it can become an absolute mine field of information with rabbit holes to go down at every turn.

Start with the most simple and one of the most important elements in your soil - Oxygen.

Like us, soil needs to breath, to get oxygen in your soil you need to make space and calcium helps create space.

Calcium is a large positively charged element that moves very slowly, it is vital in every part of soil and plant life but it is a difficult element in both distribution and uptake.

If your soil PH is ok and you don't want to change it then start with perhaps a gypsum fertiliser, gypsum won't change PH.

If you have a soil tending towards acidity or low PH then you will start with a lime/calcium carbonate fertiliser.

If your soil is tending towards alkaline or high PH then dolomite will be an option .

Find the option that suits you and your machinery the best, calcium comes in many forms, powder, prilled, liquid just to name a few and they all work at different rates.

Start improving your most productive land first and maintain the rest, your productive land will give you the quickest return and potentially fund further improvements.

Once you have made your good land GREAT, then start improving the rest .

*Thanks for reading*



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## HEAR MICHELLE'S GARDENING TIPS ON WHFM 99.7 3pm TUESDAYS



by MICHELLE NAYLOR



# How you growing?

HELLO Gardening friends,  
Weeds are one of the most common frustrations in the garden, often growing faster than the plants we actually want.

While pulling them out can be satisfying, it usually involves a lot of bending, kneeling and strain.

Thankfully, there are simple, low cost ways to both kill existing weeds and stop new ones from taking over.

Wet it down to help it mould to the ground, then cover with 50–75mm of mulch. This blocks sunlight, prevents germination and improves soil health as the materials break down.

Mulches such as sugarcane, pea straw, bark, woodchips or leaf litter all work well. Groundcovers and living mulches also help fill space and keep weeds at bay.



One surprisingly effective option is plain white vinegar. When sprayed directly onto weeds on a sunny, dry day, vinegar acts as a contact herbicide.

The acid burns the leaves and, with the help of the sun, most weeds will wilt and die within 24 hours.

There's no need to soak the plant—just a targeted spray will do.

Adding a few drops of dishwashing liquid helps the vinegar stick to stubborn or waxy leaves. Take care, though: vinegar doesn't discriminate and will damage any plant it touches.

For longer term weed suppression, covering the soil is key.

Bare soil is an open invitation to weeds.

A proven organic method is to lay cardboard or several layers of newspaper directly over weeds or grass, overlapping the edges so no light can get through.

In the end, successful weed control is less about constant effort and more about smart prevention. If the soil can't see the sun, weeds simply can't grow.

Write in with your gardening questions and I'll be sure to answer them here.

Until next time, stay happy and safe in your gardens and **Keep on Growing**.

### WHAT TO PLANT THIS MONTH - MARCH: prime vegetable month

- Carrot
- Peas (late month)
- Beetroot
- Radish
- Pak choi
- Turnip
- Mustard greens
- Spinach
- Strawberries
- Citrus
- Leeks
- Passionfruit
- Herbs
- Lettuce
- Chives

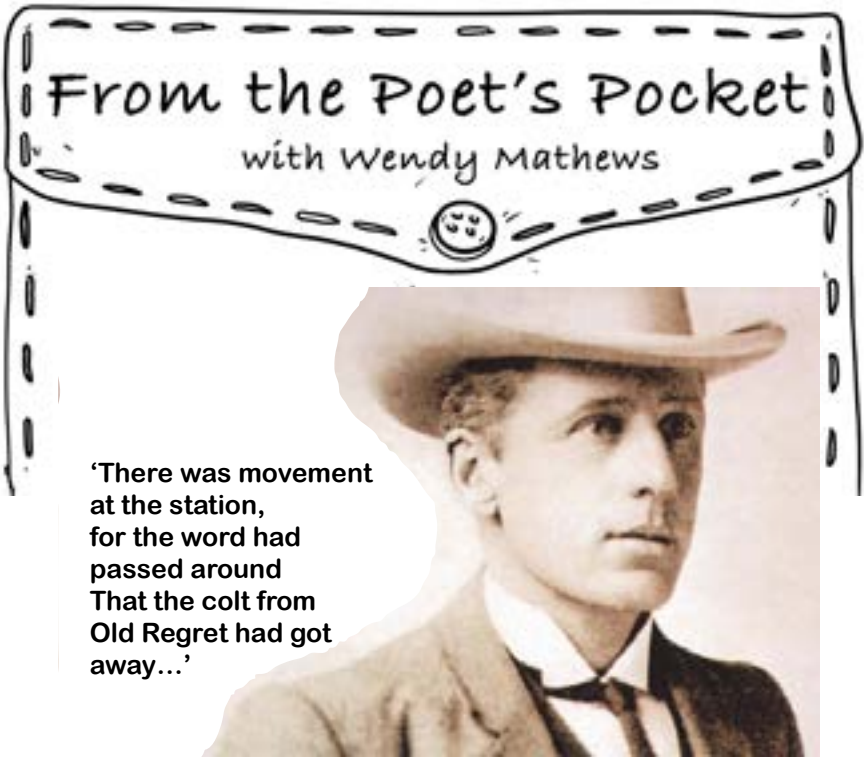
### Plant your brassica seedlings

- Cauliflower
- Cabbage
- Kale
- Broccoli

**FLOWERS GUIDE:** For an Autumn show: pansy, viola, dianthus, sweet-pea, nigella, linaria, sea holly, baby's breathe, clivias, stock.

### JOBS

- Cabbage moth protection begins
- Fertilise leafy crops fortnightly



'There was movement  
at the station,  
for the word had  
passed around  
That the colt from  
Old Regret had got  
away...'

Most of us would have heard these words from the legendary poem

**'The Man from Snowy River'**  
by A B Banjo Paterson,  
but have you heard of The Man from Snowy River Bush Festival?

This annual event is held in the beautiful, little country town of Corryong, Victoria (pop 1300).

Among the many varied horse-related and bush-themed events held over four days, is the Victorian Bush Poetry Championships.

With \$8000 of cash and prizes on offer (yes, there is money in poetry), it attracts our country's best performers and writers of bush poetry.

The competition boasts categories of Novice, Open, Classical, Modern, Original Serious, Original Humorous, Juniors etc, and even has sections for Yarnspinning and Recitals of *The Man from Snowy River* poem.

This year, the event will be held from April 16 to 19.

You can check out the website or face book page for more details

of the entire festival.

There's nothing more Aussie than this!

Perhaps you can put TMFSR Bush Festival on your bucket list, I certainly will be!

To help get you inspired, here's a few more lines from that iconic Aussie poem –

**He sent the flint-stones flying,  
but the pony kept his feet,  
He cleared the fallen  
timbers in his stride,**

**And the man from Snowy River  
never shifted in his seat –  
It was grand to see that  
mountain horseman ride.**

**Through the stringy barks and  
saplings, on the rough and  
broken ground,  
Down the hillside at a racing  
pace he went;**

**And he never drew the bridle  
'til he landed safe and sound,  
At the bottom of that terrible  
descent.**



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# It's never too late to follow a dream

IF YOU need proof that it's never too late to reach your goals, 90 year old Janice Millar is a perfect example.

The long term resident of Blackbutt was inducted into the Anglican Mothers Union of Australia on February 15.

"I wanted to become a member nearly 40 years ago," Janice said "but every time I tried to join, something prevented it.

"Then the local chapter closed down and I never got another chance to join.

"It is something that I've always regretted," Janice admitted.

That was until Marilyn Oulds, a member of the Anglican Mother's Union (SEQ), heard of Janice's unfulfilled dream and offered to make it happen.

"I was able to tell Janice that I could make that happen since I am an executive member of the AMU," Marilyn explained.

Janice was thrilled to finally join the organization along with her friend Cecily Gault, another 90-year old from Blackbutt.

"When Janice and Marilyn were talking about the Mothers Union, I thought it sounded like a wonderful organization," Cecily said.



"They support and help families in need, that's why I decided to join."

Janice and Cecily are proof that it is never too late to try something new, especially when it helps somebody else.

Since it's inception in 1876, Mothers Union has over four million members, worldwide.

It aims to help through initiatives towards improving literacy and development, parenting, micro finance and campaigning against violence against women and the trafficking of women.

ABOVE: Fulfilling a lifelone dream are Cecily and Janice with AMU executive member Marilyn.

For more information, contact [www.muaustralia.org.au](http://www.muaustralia.org.au)

## Have your say on highway improvements

HERE is your opportunity to voice your opinion to the Queensland government.

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington is inviting communities to have their say on safety improvements along a high-risk section of the D'Aguilar Highway.

Community feedback is being sought to help identify priority locations for safety upgrades between Nanango and Blackbutt, a stretch that has recorded a high number of serious injury crashes in recent years.

This planning project, funded under the Crisafulli Government's Transport System Planning Program, places community input at the centre of decision-making, ensuring local knowledge, in combination with known crash data, helps guide safety upgrades.

"The upgrades are part of the Crisafulli Government's commitment to making travel and roads safer for Queenslanders.

"I am so proud this government is delivering these crucial improvements to ensure Queenslanders have safe roads."

"This is all part of our government's plan to make Queensland safer," Deb said.

"We are doing this by delivering the reliable roads regional communities deserve."

"This planning work is about listening to locals so future projects deliver real results that reduce the risk of serious crashes and protect lives on this key inland route that links the Bruce Highway with the Bunya Highway," Deb said.



## Star Guide

Astrology has been around forever, it has been utilised in almost every culture around the world, it takes the patterns of the sky and how those frequencies affect us on a collective level. On a more personal level we must consider our birth chart that has much more than just our sun signs (what most people call their star sign). For the most accurate guidance please read your sun, moon and rising signs and blend the information for your situation. You can google how to find these placements.

### Overall March Message

March says: Feel it first. Then act on it.

Don't rush the emotional processing at the start of the month. The clarity that comes from reflection will fuel confident action later.

And if you've been feeling like you're in limbo lately? This month breaks the spell.

March carries that in-between energy. We're not quite at the fiery push of full autumn here in Australia, but we're definitely feeling a shift. There's movement in the air. A sense of "something's changing." And honestly? It's about time.

Astrologically, March begins in the dreamy waters of Pisces season and then moves into bold, action-oriented Aries season around the equinox. So we start intuitive and reflective... and end ready to take action. It's a month of emotional insight followed by courage. Let's move through the signs.



ARIES

YOU are about to feel your spark reignite. Early March asks you to rest and recalibrate, don't rush it. By late month, you'll feel clarity returning. Perfect time to start something new, just don't bulldoze people in the process.



TAURUS

MARCH nudges you out of your comfort zone socially. New connections, new conversations — say yes more than usual. Financial clarity improves mid-month. Keep your long game in mind.



GEMINI

CAREER and public visibility are highlighted. You might feel pulled in different directions, but the key is focus. What actually matters? Cut distractions, you'll thank yourself later.



CANCER

YOU'RE craving meaning. Travel, study, spiritual growth — something needs to expand. Don't ignore that restlessness. Late March could bring a bold decision that feels scary... but freeing.



LEO

TRANSFORMATION month. Not dramatic (well... maybe a little), but deep. Finances, shared resources, or emotional entanglements come up for review. Boundaries are your superpower right now.



VIRGO

RELATIONSHIPS are under the microscope. Whether romantic, business, or friendships — are they balanced? Honest conversations early in the month prevent bigger issues later.



LIBRA

YOUR routines need a refresh. Health, habits, daily structure — what's draining you? Small changes now create big results by April. Don't overcomplicate it.



SCORPIO

CREATIVE and romantic energy builds. You're magnetic this month. But the lesson? Play. Not everything has to be strategic. Let yourself enjoy something without analysing it to death.



SAGITTARIUS

HOME and family themes take centre stage. You may feel pulled to declutter - physically or emotionally. Clearing space now opens unexpected opportunities next month.



CAPRICORN

COMMUNICATION is key. Contracts, conversations, learning — it's all highlighted. Be clear. Be direct. And maybe soften the delivery just a touch.



AQUARIUS

MONEY and self-worth themes surface. You're being asked to value yourself properly — financially and emotionally. Negotiate. Ask for what you're worth.



PISCES

IT'S YOUR season, and you're shedding skin. Early March is introspective, powerful, and intuitive. By late month, you'll feel lighter. Trust what you're sensing. You're more accurate than you think.

## Horoscope Forecast by BIANCA ROSE



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*with Karen*  
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## Nanango pool closure

ESSENTIAL maintenance and improvement works will bring about the short-term closure of the South Burnett Aquatic Centre at Nanango.

The pool will be closed to the public from the close of business on Sunday, March 15 and is scheduled to reopen on Wednesday, March 25.

During the closure the following works will be undertaken:

- replacement of the Hydro Pool heater and circulation pump
- repairs to the ventilation system to maintain air quality and comfort for patrons and staff
- cleaning of the Hydro Pool tiles, grates, and handrails to maintain hygiene and safety standards.

Due to the full closure of the complex, contact the Pool Manager regarding classes and lessons.

Council's swimming pools in Blackbutt, Kingaroy, Wondai, Murgon and Proston will be open during this closure and offer a range of classes and lessons.

For further information contact Council's Facilities, Parks, and NRM Team on 4189 9100.

## Rates notices issued

SOUTH Burnett Regional Council has notified ratepayers that rate notices for the period January 1 to June 30, 2026 have been issued with a discount date of close of business Wednesday, April 1, 2026.

Property owners who are unable to pay their rates by the due date have the option to enter into a payment plan by completing the Application to Pay Rates by Instalments form on Council's website.

If you are experiencing financial hardship you are encouraged to apply for assistance by completing the financial hardship rates application on Council's website.

For further information regarding rates, rate payments, or changes to Council's payment options, contact Council's Rates team on 1300 789 279, 4189 9100 or email [info@sbrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@sbrc.qld.gov.au)

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## COME ON ... GET ACTIVE

**WILD HORSE WALKING CLUB:** MONDAY Walking Club meets up at 7am at the BBQ hut next to the playground in Errol Munt Oval on Margaret Street. Leisurely 1 hour walk on a paved walking circuit. Phone Jane on 0408 988 100

**POP TENNIS - BLACKBUTT:** MONDAY, 4pm. Pop Tennis at the Blackbutt Tennis Club, 61 Hart Street. Phone 0407 378 795

**LINE DANCING - BLACKBUTT:** MONDAY night and Wednesday morning. Blackbutt Memorial Hall, Bowman Road.

**DARTS - NANANGO:** MONDAY 7pm. Nanango Darts Club, Elk/George Streets. Phone 4163 2255.

**CHAIR YOGA - NANANGO:** MONDAY 9.30am. Nanango Community Centre.

**DARTS - BLACKBUTT:** TUESDAYS from 5.30 till 8pm. Blackbutt Darts Club, the Lion's Den, Showgrounds. Phone 0468 354 163

**INDOOR BOWLS - NANANGO:** TUESDAY 12.45pm. Nanango Cultural Centre, George Street.

**MAT/CHAIR YOGA - COOYAR:** Tuesdays at 9am at the Cooyar Memorial Hall.

**INDOOR BOWLS - YARRAMAN:** TUESDAY at 9am, Lutheran Church Hall in Daniel Street. Phone Murray on 4163 9182.

**SELF DEFENCE/FITNESS - YARRAMAN:** TUESDAYS 6.30pm-7.30pm. Yarraman Memorial Hall.

**SELF DEFENCE/FITNESS - BLACKBUTT:** WEDNESDAY 6.30-7.30pm. Blackbutt State School Hall.

**SOCIAL TENNIS - BLACKBUTT:** WEDNESDAY 8am, social tennis, Blackbutt Tennis Club, 61 Hart Street. Phone 0407 378 795

**LINE DANCING - BLACKBUTT:** WEDNESDAY morning at the Blackbutt Memorial Hall, Bowman Road.

**ACTIVE SENIORS - YARRAMAN:** WEDNESDAYS 9-10am. Exercise classes for seniors by seniors. Yarraman Memorial Hall, \$5p.p. Helen 0434 243 085.

**TAI CHI - NANANGO:** THURSDAY 8am, Ringsfield House's gardens, 41-45 Alfred St, (or Nanango Showgrounds if it's raining).

**SELF DEFENCE/FITNESS - YARRAMAN:** THURSDAY 6.30pm-7.30pm. Yarraman Memorial Hall.

**PARKRUN - NANANGO:** SATURDAY 7am. 5km run/walk Ros Gregor Trail, Tipperary Flat, Nanango.

**PARK RUN - BRISBANE VALLEY RAIL TRAIL:** SATURDAY at 7am starting adjacent to Roy Emerson Museum Bowman Road Blackbutt. 5km run, walk, spectate or volunteer along the rail trail. Free to join.

**SOCIAL TENNIS - BLACKBUTT:** SATURDAY, 8am. Social tennis, Blackbutt Tennis Club, 61 Hart Street. Phone 0407 378 795



## Rugby league ignites community spirit

By **CHRISTIE ORME**  
Registrar Blackbutt Yarraman JRLFC

BLACKBUTT Yarraman Rugby League Club is proving that community spirit is alive and thriving, with a strong focus on developing young players and rebuilding for the future.

In the 2026 season, the club is proudly running Under 6, Under 7, Under 9 and Under 11 teams, giving local kids the opportunity to learn the game, build confidence and be part of a supportive team environment.

Behind the scenes, a dedicated committee and an incredible

group of volunteers are the backbone of the club.

From coaching and team management to canteen duty and game-day organisation, their commitment ensures the club remains welcoming, inclusive and well run.

Adding to the excitement, the club has officially announced the return of a senior team in 2026.

Backed by a passionate and motivated senior committee, this marks a major milestone and a positive step forward for rugby league in the region.

With juniors thriving and seniors returning, the future of Blackbutt Yarraman Rugby League has never looked brighter.

## A sport for (almost) all ages

By **JOHN WATSON**

ONE annoying thing about ads on TV are those relative mainly to the 'older' generations.

What annoys me most is they feature images of older people playing lawn bowls.

Lawn bowls is a fully inclusive sport with respect to gender, age and many physical disabilities.

It is not just a game for the aged.

The Australian Jackeroos, the national bowls squad has an average age of 26 for the women and 33 for the men.

When I started bowls last century in New Zealand, I was classed as a Junior for the first five years of playing even though I was in my late 40's.

There were separate Championships for Juniors.

Whilst this category still exists, the name of it has changed to 1-5 Year Bowlers whilst there is still a Junior category but that caters for those aged under 19 years.

Bowls Australia (BA) recognises a junior participant to be aged under 18 years.

They recognise three categories

within that group:

Junior-Primary 5-9 years old

Junior-Intermediate 10-13 years old

Junior-Youth 14-18 years old

Locally there are two bowls clubs within the distribution area for this publication.

They are the Nanango Bowls Club and Yarraman Bowls Club.

Both clubs offer Barefoot Bowls where everyone is invited to come along and try out the sport.

Each club supplies the bowls including junior size bowls for younger participants.

Nanango – every Friday 5pm for a 5.30 start, cost \$6

Yarraman – First and third Fridays at 4pm, cost \$15 which includes a burger. The clubhouse bar is also open from 4pm for a 'Social Hour'.

Both clubs offer Social Bowls for those bowlers who want to progress and become a little more 'serious' about the sport.

Nanango – Tuesday 9am for 9.30 start, cost \$12 and Saturday noon for 12.30 start, cost \$6

Yarraman – Wednesday and Saturday 8.30am for 9am start, cost \$10 for each session.

## Tennis anyone?

YARRAMAN Tennis Club is serving up another exciting season and inviting players of all ages and abilities to join in the fun.

With fixtures held on Monday nights, the club offers both summer and winter competitions, providing a welcoming, social environment for beginners to seasoned players.

Whether you are looking to improve your game, enjoy some friendly competition or simply stay active, the Yarraman Tennis Club has a place for you.

The club is currently taking names for its upcoming winter fixtures, which will run from April 27 through until June.

Organisers encourage anyone interested to register by March 31.

For those unable to commit to playing every week, the club also welcomes reserve players. Being a reserve is a great way to stay involved, meet new people and enjoy a hit when available, without the pressure of a full-time commitment.

A yearly membership fee of \$20 applies to all players, with a \$5 ball fee payable on the nights you play.

Monday night tennis is known for its relaxed atmosphere, good sportsmanship and strong community spirit. Spectators and supporters are always welcome to come along and cheer from the sidelines.

To register or for further information contact Helen on 0417 724 932.



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