

RESTORING THE HEARTBEAT OF OUR COMMUNITY!

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Welcome to the second edition of the Murweh Mail! We've had a busy agenda at this month's General Council Meeting, with plenty happening as we move full steam ahead with our programs for the 2024/25 budget cycle. Our Council, alongside our hardworking Executive Team, is committed to ensuring that we get the "biggest bang for every buck" to keep our vibrant communities across the Murweh Shire thriving and livable. You can find the full minutes of the October meeting on the Murweh Shire website.

It's been an exciting and eventful month in the Shire, and we are in full preparation mode as we launch Get Ready Queensland for the upcoming storm season.

As we head into summer, it's essential for each of us to be prepared. I encourage you to read the article in this edition to help ensure your household is ready. Simply scan the QR code with your mobile phone, and it will take you to the Get Ready Queensland site, which has all the information you need to get started.

We also had the pleasure of hosting the inaugural Wings on the Warrego festival, celebrating Murweh's rich aviation history. Additionally, we saw the soft opening of several tourist attractions funded by the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) grant we received in 2021. These included the Charleville Airfield Museum, the WW2 Secret Base (Stage 3), the Augathella Experience, and new signage for the

Angellala Bridge Commemorative Site. These assets enhance our tourism offerings and reflect the unique heritage of our Shire.

As we head into the festive season, be sure to keep an eye out for the Shop Local initiative—a wonderful way to support the local businesses that contribute to our community all year long. There are also fantastic prizes to be won. Plus, we have the exciting Christmas Street Party and the Christmas Lights Competition to look forward to, bringing that Murweh Magic to the Shire once again.

Thank you for your continued support, and let's work together to keep Murweh moving forward!



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GET READY QUEENSLAND

Weather doesn't plan but you can. Make your emergency plan online today.

In Queensland, severe weather can strike at any time, and being prepared can make all the difference. Research shows that households with a solid emergency plan recover faster and more effectively than those without one.

That's why the 2024 Get Ready Queensland campaign "The Weather Doesn't Plan, But You Can" is focused on helping every household create a personalised emergency plan.

Severe weather doesn't just affect individuals—it impacts families, communities, and those in our care. Even if your home is spared, the wider effects, such as power outages and road closures, can create serious challenges.

It's crucial to think beyond your own safety and plan for how these disruptions may affect those who rely on you.

Running from 8th October to 16th November 2024, the campaign introduces a new online tool that makes planning easy. The tool helps you create a customised plan with local disaster information and essential contacts, ensuring you're prepared for any emergency.

With only 19% of Queenslanders currently having a written plan, now is the time to act. Visit www.getready.qld.gov.au/plan or scan the QR code above, and create your emergency plan today to protect yourself, your family, and those in your care.

The Get Ready Queensland website also includes information for people living with disabilities. Find tools for what to consider when making a Person Centred Emergency Preparedness (P-CEP) plan by visiting www.getready.qld.gov.au/prepare-disaster-disability.

As part of the project, emergency management and community service personnel worked with people with disabilities to co-design tools and resources to reduce risk and increase resilience of people with disabilities to disaster. Visit www.collaborating4inclusion.org/disability-inclusive-disaster-risk-reduction/disability-inclusive-emergency-planning for more information.



Our Get Ready Queensland team attended the Self Care, We Care Multicultural Festival held at Graham Andrews Park on 5 October. Further information sessions were held in Augathella and Morven on 10 October.

CHARLEVILLE GIRL GUIDES

Empowering girls and young women to discover their potential as leaders of their world.

Recently the Girl Guides joined forces with the Charleville Scout Group to hold a youth camp at the Mangalore Scout Campground just south of Charleville. The members of both groups were challenged with putting up their own tents and cooking their own food while enjoying the great outdoors, including canoeing, swimming and chariot racing.

Girl Guides provides a non-formal education program that is a dynamic, flexible and values-based training in life skills, decision-making and leadership. It is supported by trained volunteer leaders who are committed to Girl Guides Australia's mission statement: Empowering girls and young women to discover their potential as leaders of their world.

At Guides, girls aged between 5 and 17 have fantastic opportunities to develop new skills, try cool activities, gain confidence, to think and act for themselves, make new friends, acquire a greater respect for the environment and experience a sense of community while having fun. Guides also presents opportunities to attend state, national and international camps and events.

1st Charleville Girl Guides is a small unit of about 25 girls ranging from 5 to 16 years. We have five patrols (four 5 - 12 year old groups and one 13 - 17 year old group).

There may be only a few of us out here in the West, but it doesn't stop us from having fun!!

"Girl Guides is fantastic! You get to make lots of new friends, earn badges, learn to tie knots and have fun! The leaders are really nice and the skills you learn could help you in the future."

"I love Girl Guides because it is fun and I get to have lots of friends."

1st Charleville Girl Guides hold weekly meetings at the Guide Hut in Watson Street, Sundays 3.00-5.00pm during school terms.



The 1st Charleville Girl Guides in action.

Charleville's Self Care, We Care Multicultural Festival 2024

A Celebration of Culture and Well-being

On October 5th, as part of Mental Health Week, Charleville's Self Care We Care Multicultural Festival marked its fourth year, once again bringing the local community together for a day of cultural performances, wellness activities, and shared conversations about mental health.

The festival kicked off with a deeply meaningful Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony, led by Ray Robinson and Pat Fraser. From there, the atmosphere was filled with joy as attendees explored the event's many offerings, including food tastings from around the world. There were numerous self-care activities, from hair braiding and arts and craft

stations to a jumping castle and floral crown-making workshops.

Lifeline also made a powerful contribution, inviting the community to create a blue tree with their handprints, a symbol of mental health support, conversation, and well-being. This collaborative art piece served as a reminder of the strength and support within the Charleville community.

Unforgettable highlights included performances from the RAMO Boys of East Arnhem Land and the stunts of ARC Circus performers. Another special moment came as attendees contributed their handprints to a mural created by Bidjara artist Alara Geebung.

The success of the 2024 festival was thanks to the dedication of local community groups and made possible through the People of Post grant. Organisers also expressed gratitude to Queensland Government's Multicultural Affairs for their ongoing support.

As another year wraps up, the festival's impact continues to grow, showing that self-care and community care go hand-in-hand.



MORE THAN JUST RACING

Central Warrego Race Club - Charleville Cup

Every year, Charleville, prepares for the exciting Charleville Cup. On November 5, 2024, the Central Warrego Race Club will host its main race day, bringing the town to life with thrilling horse races.

The Charleville Cup celebrates Queensland with family-friendly activities, live music, and local food stalls, organized by the Central Warrego Race Club.



The Charleville Cup highlights community involvement, with dedicated volunteers ensuring it is more than just a race; it celebrates the spirit of Charleville, showcasing the best experiences in the outback.

For an unforgettable day of racing & celebration, attend the Charleville Cup on November 5th, 2024. The Central Warrego Race Club offers a great time for punters, fashion lovers, & those seeking genuine outback hospitality.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2025

Nominations NOW OPEN

It's time to acknowledge exceptional achievements and contributions to our Shire. Nominations for the Australia Day Awards are open, and we invite you to help celebrate those deserving recognition!

Categories are:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Arts and Cultural Award (Individual or group)
- Senior Sportsperson/ Administrator of the Year
- Junior Sportsperson of the Year
- Community Event/Organisation of the Year



For nomination forms go to www.murweh.qld.gov.au

Reflect - Respect - Celebrate

QCWA CELEBRATES 100 YEARS!

The Charleville Branch of the Queensland Country Women's Association (QCWA) is celebrating a momentous 100 years of service and sisterhood with a series of special events. As part of the centenary celebrations, a luncheon party was held in October at the iconic Hotel Coronas, a venue with deep ties to the QCWA's history.

The branch is also preparing to release a commemorative booklet filled with personal memories from local members, capturing the essence of their involvement with the QCWA.

To further honor the history of the association, a 2025 calendar featuring historical photographs

and stories will be available for purchase.

A favourite event this year was the Moroccan-themed International Luncheon, held at the Golf Club. It was a vibrant atmosphere, complete with authentic table decorations, date palms, and traditional Moroccan music. While the food was a little spicy, it was a hit with attendees!

Beyond the special events, the Charleville QCWA continues to foster friendships and community spirit with regular social lunches and monthly craft groups.

Meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Blue Care Building.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Five Cup Slice

Ingredients:
1 cup self raising flour
1 cup sultanas or mixed fruit
1 cup coconut
1 cup milk
1 cup brown sugar

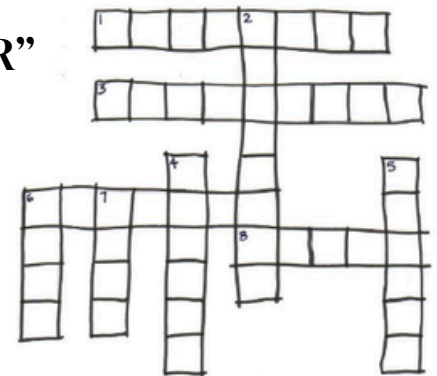


Combine all ingredients in a bowl, mix well. Place mixture in a tray, and spread evenly. Place in oven at 180°C.

Icing: Icing sugar, add lemon juice. Mix together put on slice when cool.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar Crossword Puzzle

“KID’S KORNER”



WORD BANK

Cross these words off after you've used them.

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|-----------|-----------|----------|
| APPLE | CHEESE | LOLLIPOP |
| BUTTERFLY | CUPCAKE | PLUM |
| CAKE | ICE CREAM | SALAMI |

DO YOU OWN A RURAL PROPERTY IN THE SHIRE?

The Murweh Shire Council is urging all rural property owners to complete the form at the link below or by scanning the QR code. This form is essential for updating property details in the Disaster Management system, ensuring accurate and efficient responses during emergencies.

Your participation helps keep our community safe and prepared.

Scan the QR code or visit: <https://forms.office.com/r/MpejEUqMCN>

Murweh Shire Council Rural Property Contact Details



LIBRARY NEWS

Mark your calendars! Our 0-5 years Storytimes are packed with talking, reading, singing, and playing – perfect for your little ones to enjoy every Wednesday at 10am!

We've got some exciting sessions coming up to close out 2024, including a spooky Halloween edition and a jolly festive Christmas Storytime! Be sure to bring the whole family to check out the spooky decorations at the Charleville Library – perfect for getting into the Halloween spirit! You won't want to miss these special events!

Celebrating Our Library Leaders!

We're thrilled to announce the launch of the Library Leaders program, a partnership between the State Library of Queensland (SLQ) and the Queensland Public Library Association (QPLA). This exciting six-month program offers participants an incredible opportunity for personal and professional growth through event participation, project work, and mentorships. We're especially proud to see participants from our rural communities—Quilpie, Charleville (Murweh Shire Council),

and St George (Balonne Shire Council)—among those selected from across Queensland. The chosen leaders recently enjoyed a week packed with events, including the IFLA Information Futures Summit and the ALIA (Australian Library and Information Association) mini conference. IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) is a global organisation that represents libraries worldwide, with annual summits held in various countries.

The 2024 summit, hosted in Brisbane, brought together delegates from over 70 countries, with speakers from across the globe.

Our leaders proudly represented our region alongside library professionals from State Library of Queensland (SLQ), the Queensland Public Library Association (QPLA), and the broader library and information sector from around Australia. Here's to a bright future for libraries, both locally and globally!



STORYTIME
0-5 year old's
Charleville Library
2024 sessions:

- Wednesday 16th October 10am
- Wednesday 23rd October 10am
- Wednesday 30th October 10am – Halloween session!
- Wednesday 6th November 10am
- Wednesday 13th November 10am
- Wednesday 20th November 10am
- Wednesday 27th November 10am
- Wednesday 4th December 10am – Christmas session!

Logos for State Library of Queensland, Queensland Government, and Murweh Libraries are included at the bottom.



Mulga Lands Gallery

If you would like to use our beautiful gallery space or hold an exhibition, Please get in touch, we'd love to hear from you - mail@murweh.qld.gov.au



The BIG Exhibition

JOIN US FOR AN EXHIBITION OF WORKS FROM THE CHARLEVILLE ART GROUP, GOING OUT OF THEIR COMFORT ZONE AND GOING LARGE ONTO THE CANVAS!

Entry to the Gallery is through the Charleville Library

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Mulga Lands Gallery logo and an illustration of a paint palette and brush are also featured.

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS!



2024
Shop Local &
WIN

Shop at any participating local business & go into the draw to WIN!
Simply shop local, write your name & number on your receipt or entry ticket, and drop into the Shop Local Entry Box to enter EVERY DRAW.

Weekly Prize Draws:
1, 8, 15 & 22 November

MAJOR PRIZE DRAW
Friday, 29 November
at the Charleville Community Christmas Street Party

SHOP LOCAL THIS CHRISTMAS

Support the Local Businesses that Support You



Charleville Community

CHRISTMAS STREET PARTY

SAVE THE DATE!!

FRIDAY
29 NOVEMBER

Food, Market Stalls, Live Entertainment
Shop Local Prize Draws

Contact Sandra 4656 5832 or Ang 4654 1411 for information and stall bookings



Why don't you ever see Santa Claus in hospital?
Because he has private elf care.

Christmas Lights Competition and Tour: Light Up the Season!

It's that time of year again, when our town lights up with holiday cheer! The annual Christmas Lights Competition and Tour is back!

In previous years, this event has been a fantastic success, with homes and businesses across the community transforming into stunning Christmas wonderlands. Residents have come together to tour these magical displays, making it a highlight of the festive season.

This year, we're encouraging even more participants to join in the fun and help make our town sparkle. There are amazing prizes up for grabs, so why not give it a go?

Whether you're decking out your home, creating a festive masterpiece with pallet trees, or decorating your business or car, there's a category for everyone. Prizes will be awarded for Best House, Best Pallet Tree, Best Business, and Best Car, with a runner-up prize in each category.

To enter, simply email robyn_richen@murweh.qld.gov.au with your details.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to spread some Christmas joy, bring a smile to your neighbors' faces, and maybe even take home a prize. So, grab those lights, get creative, and let's make this year's competition the best one yet!



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION & TOUR

Categories and prizes:

Best Home:	\$150	Runner up:	\$75
Best Business:	\$150	Runner up:	\$75
Best Pallet Tree:	\$100	Runner up:	\$50
Best Car:	\$50	Lucky Lights:	\$50

ENTRIES CLOSE 8 DEC.
JUDGING TO TAKE PLACE 9TH & 10TH DEC.

Join the convoy and enjoy the street light tour on:

DEC 11 2024 Winners announced on Dec 11, prior to the tour.

email: robyn_richen@murweh.qld.gov.au to enter.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

The first load of mail being transported from the railway station to the post office after the first rail strike in 1925.

Using a 1-ton T-model truck, owned by the Radnedge family, they carried a significant load of 91 mail bags, ensuring that communication for the region could continue despite the disruption to the rail services.

The driver of the truck on that memorable day was Walter Radnedge, with Alf Radnedge riding on top of the load.

Accompanying them on the journey were C. O'Brien, a traveling postman on the railway line, and Charlie Illguth, an examiner of railway coaches.

This snapshot from history is a reminder of the resilience of our community and the hardworking individuals who ensured essential services continued, even in the face of adversity.

If you have a Murweh Shire memory or story, we encourage you to email it through to daryl_kirkup@murweh.qld.gov.au



Telecross - A phone call each day to check you're OK

Red Cross is a not-for-profit organisation that delivers services to those who wish to live independently in their own home.

The Telecross service is a daily phone call which provides peace of mind if you are at risk of an accident or illness during the night that may go unnoticed, such as falling and being unable to call for help.

A friendly volunteer will call and check on your wellbeing 365 days per year.

Is this service for you?

In particular, people who:

- are frail and elderly
- isolated
- are housebound
- are recovering from an illness or accident.

About the service

Friendly volunteers make calls each morning, 365 days a year.

If the call is not answered, Red Cross will take action to make sure you are OK.

Eligibility

This social support program is funded through the Commonwealth Home Support Program and is available nationally through My Aged Care referrals.

Participants must be over 65 yrs of age or ATSI over 50 yrs of age. (and not on a Home Care Package)



**Australian
Red Cross**

Contact us

Contact My Aged Care 1800 200 422 or call Red Cross on 1300 885 698

Until next season, Bilbies!



The Charleville Bilby Experience has wrapped up another fantastic tourist season in 2024!

This year, we were delighted

to welcome both returning visitors and new travellers from near and far. It's always wonderful to see familiar faces coming back to support our conservation

efforts, and we are equally excited to meet newcomers eager to learn about the plight of the endangered bilby.

A special thank you to the locals who visited this season—we've seen a great number of you come through, and your continued support is appreciated.

National Bilby Day 2024 was a huge success, with plenty of fun for families, and we're already hard at work planning our 2025 event.

We also welcomed our newest resident, Mr N.T, a beautiful male Bilby who joined us recently all the way from the Northern Territory. With his arrival, we're keeping our fingers crossed for the exciting possibility of welcoming Bilby joeys soon.

The 2024 Bilby Experience will end on the 15th of November and return on the 1st March 2025. During this time the Bilbies enjoy their Christmas break burrowing deep down in the outdoors.



Lifeline Darling Downs & South West Queensland Ltd is a not-for-profit organisation operating from Toowoomba and extending across South West Queensland to towns as far west as Thargomindah and Quilpie.

We provide a range of professional Counselling and Community Services to people living in this area.



Lifeline

Darling Downs & South West QLD

Need to talk??

Unhappy in your relationship?

Not coping?

Feeling down?

Need parenting support?

DEALING WITH A DVO?

Have concerns about your child's safety?

Got a Court Order?

Need support during a separation or divorce?

Concerned about your Mental Health?

Need a new direction?

LOST A LOVED ONE?



Contact us....

Head Office - 1300 991 443

Charleville - 07 4688 3735

www.lifelinedarlingdowns.org.au



Lifeline

Darling Downs & South West QLD Ltd

What we do.....

We host a range of government funded counselling and support programs



Safe Connections

Our Safe Connections Team provides support and counselling for Domestic and Family Violence, Sexual Violence and Children's Violence, along with programs specialising in Men's Behavioural Change, Women's Wellbeing, Court Support and DFV Community Awareness.

TO JOIN THIS PROGRAM:

Queensland Police Service, Health Services, Individuals (self-referral) and Community Service Organisations.



Changing Lanes

This program provides support to young people to assist with community integration and overcoming barriers by providing knowledge and skills to allow young people to address life through positive means.

TO JOIN THIS PROGRAM:

Changing Lanes receives referrals from the Department of Youth Justice, Queensland Police Service, Schools, Queensland Education and Individuals (self-referrals) including young people and the parent or guardian of a child.



My Connections My Way

This program provides individual and group treatments to people with, or at risk of experiencing, low to moderate level mental health issues. This evidence based program has been developed specifically for people with mild mental to moderate mental health illness who might not be able to seek the traditional services provided through existing primary mental health care intervention pathways.

TO JOIN THIS PROGRAM:

This program receives referrals from Queensland Police Service, Medical Centres and Queensland Health, Schools and Individuals (self-referral).



Family & Child Connect

This program is a community based service designed to specifically listen to you and help you to connect with the right support at the right time. The geographical scope of this program extends across SWQ, including Augathella, Charleville, Chinchilla, Cunnamulla, Eulo, Thargomindah, Miles, Morven, Quilpie, Roma, St George, Wyandra and surrounding towns.

TO JOIN THIS PROGRAM:

FACC receives referrals from Child Safety and Schools. Community members can also make a referral through the FACC website at www.familychildconnect.org.au.



Rural Family Counselling

Our Family Counselling Team specialise in family counselling in regional/rural areas. Based in Charleville, this program provides outreach to surrounding towns, providing safe, confidential counselling to families facing a broad range of issues, including, grief and loss, social isolation, relationship problems and parenting. Counselling sessions can be provided face-to-face, by phone or online.

TO JOIN THIS PROGRAM:

This program receives referrals from Medical Centres and Queensland Health, Individuals (self-referral), Community Service Organisations and Government Agencies.



Growing Connections

Funded by the Commonwealth Attorney General's Department, the program provides a safe space for children to maintain their relationship with their non-residential parent through a series of supervised and monitored visits. Contact Visits can be either face-to-face, with one party online, or with both parties online, providing support for families who are geographically isolated or are experiencing safety concerns.

TO JOIN THIS PROGRAM:

Growing Connections receives referrals from individuals (self-referrals), Counselling Programs, Queensland Police Service, Family Mediators and Family Court (court orders).



Family Intervention Service

Funded by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, this program seeks to support families by strengthening their parenting skills and providing strategies for positive family relationships.

TO JOIN THIS PROGRAM: This program receives referrals from the Child Safety (CSSDS) Department.





Events in November

02 Augathella Hospital Auxiliary Fete
Augathella Racecourse

05 Charleville Cup Day
Charleville Racecourse

09 Historic House Markets
Historic House

15 Shrek The Musical
Charleville Racecourse

16 Charleville Swimming Carnival
Charleville Swimming Pool

29 Christmas Street Party
Will Street, Charleville



gems to our visitors which look stunning through our telescopes!

The last Supermoon of the year will occur on November 15th, also known as the Beaver Moon. This lunar phase got its name from early Native American tribes who would set their beaver traps during this time of year. This bright moon will reduce visibility of the stars but there's no better time to check out the moon and its many craters.

Grab your telescope or join us at the Cosmos Centre for an eventful evening under the stars!



Stargazers in Charleville are in for a treat mid-November as the Leonids meteor shower will be at its peak, offering a dazzling display of shooting stars. The best time to catch the Leonid meteor shower will be on the night of November 17th, before the near-full moon rises at approximately 8:30pm.

The New Moon will be on November 1st which is the ideal time to observe celestial wonders like Saturn (visible until 4 AM), meteor showers, nebulae, and the Milky Way. These summer nights are a favourite among our guides as Saturn and Jupiter are up at a decent time, allowing us to showcase these celestial

Mango Fundraiser

Charleville State High School P&C

Return Form: Monday 21 October

Contact: Lana Holley 0409 265 515



Price \$26/tray

Delivery date: 9 December

Deadline for the submission of articles or stories for the November edition of the Murweh Mail is Friday, 15 November.

Send all submissions to Daryl Kirkup, Editor of the Murweh Mail, at daryl_kirkup@murweh.qld.gov.au

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES CONTACT LIST FOR MURWEH SHIRE



HEALTH

Charleville Hospital 46 212200
CWAATSICH 46 543277
Mental Health 1300 642 255
Carer Gateway 0422 029 296
Drug Arm 0428 815 635 / 0436 913 602
Head to Health Western QLD 1800 595 212

HOUSING

Charleville Neighbourhood Centre 46 541307
Department of Housing 46 994600
Ray White Real Estate 46 212888

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1800 Respect 1800 737 732
DV Connect 1800 811 811
Elder Abuse Helpline 1300 651 192
Far West Indigenous Family Violence Service 0428 600 677
Lifeline 1300 991 443

HELP LINES

Beyond Blue 1300 224 636
Mensline 1800 600 636
Relationships Australia 1300 364 277
Parents Helpline 1300 364 100
Sexual Assault Helpline 1800 010 120
Lifeline 13 11 14
Family & Child Connect 133264
Child Safety Intake 1300 683390
Centrelink 132 850

LEGAL SERVICE SUPPORT

Charles Legal Service 46 541 144
South West Solicitor 46 543 805
Islander Legal Service Rural Women's Legal Service 1800457 117 / 1800 957 957

FIRST NATIONS SUPPORT

Centrelink Indigenous Call Centre 1800 136 380
Goolburri Family Wellbeing Service 0746 379 953
13 YARN 13 92 76
Brother to Brother 1800 435 799
Aboriginal Family Legal Service 1800 185 950
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Legal Service 46 541 721

OTHER

Murweh Shire Council 46 568 355
St Vinnies De Paul 1800 846 643
Charleville Lifeline Shop 46 88 37 12
Charleville Neighbourhood Centre 4654 1307

For more information, please contact Sandra Gurney, Community Service Coordinator: 0458 809 294 / sandy_gurney@murweh.qld.gov.au

In an emergency call Triple Zero (000) to be directed to Police, Ambulance or Fire Brigade