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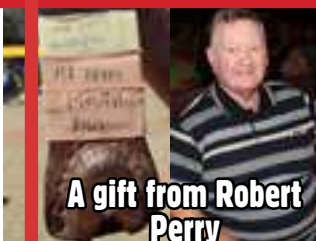


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The Blackall Cultural Association presents THE KENMORE SCHOOLHOUSE QUILTERS

VISITING BLACKALL

TUESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

We invite you to explore our common interests with a mini Quilt Show, participate in demonstrations of the stitching and quilting techniques we love and share your journeys.

Some of the Little Techniques we will be demonstrating are: • Wool Felt Applique • Kawandi • Fabric Collage • Hitomezashi • Hand Quilting just to name a few

We would love to see and share your stitching and quilting projects too, so please bring them along.

WHEN: TUESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

VENUE: The Gallery Room at The Living Arts Centre, Hawthorne Street, Blackall

TIME: 9.30am till 4.30pm

COST: Gold Coin Donation

CATERING: Please bring a plate towards a shared lunch (e.g. cold meats, salads, bread rolls, fruit etc.) and Smoko

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME ALONG

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Wendy Perkins 0428 668 489 (Kenmore Schoolhouse Quilters)

Alison Doyle 0429 638 187 (Barcaldine)

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an Angel Flight plane was waiting to take on a passenger. Other monies raised have gone to Choices based out of the Wesley Hospital in Brisbane.

A quilt is raffled which has an authentication certificate and has been put together by all the members. Each member contributes to its creation by providing a patch or patches. Proceeds always go to a worthy cause.

They will be bringing with them a series of A4 samples of different techniques, which also depict a challenge they set themselves called the 30 days of September. That is something to look forward to.

They also invited anyone who wants to just pop in for a chat. You don't have to attend the workshops if you don't wish to but bring examples of your work with you.

Putting it very simply, it is almost like show and tell and then a discussion or comparison of work afterwards. It is also a time out for everybody to embrace their craft, learn new skills and have a day away from the everyday grind.

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Perry family gift important memorabilia



A HAND-CRAFTED mouthpiece for a trapeze (referred to as an Iron Jaw in some circus circles) and used by Mary Ellen Perry (nee Atkins) after she ran away from Blackall to join the circus, has been gifted to the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council.

The gift was presented by Robert Perry, grandson of Mary Ellen, to the mayor of BTRC, Cr Andrew Martin, on Sunday night before the gala event by Bush Beatz members, "Bring on the Circus".

The mayor was pretty well stuck for words, thanking Mr Perry for his generous donation of what would

have to be a treasured family item and a very rare circus artifact to boot.

It has been handcrafted from leather and coated steel.

Mary Ellen was well known for her aerial acts. She not only swung precariously from high wire trapezes with her hands, legs and feet but performed using the mouthpiece clamped between her teeth, suspended by a cable attached to the roof of the Big Top. (see illustration which was supplied by the Historical Society, but it is not known which circus performer it is)

The act saw the performer swing in circles around the ring below or spin wildly in place, controlling speed by alternately extending her arms and legs out or bringing them in close to her body to speed up.

Along with these nail biting performances, she was known to have tamed tigers and rounded up runaway lions (one ending up locking itself in someone's outhouse, which Robert Perry confirmed) before eventually becoming a publican after buying a pub in Ballina. That was in her later years though, after she became the manager of the circus! In fact she became known as the 'Grand Old Lady of the Circus' in many circles.

They even toured New Zealand in the 1920s and at the start of the second world war, having to come home on ships all blacked out for safety's sake.

Mr Perry and his brother Alby eventually took over the circus. In the 1980s, he operated a three-ring show and attracted the talent of Tommy Hanlon.

In 1993, it was sold to the Stardust Circus.



Far right: Mr Perry is pictured holding the Iron Jaw that Mary Ellen wooed her audiences with. The actual mouthpiece is made from leather and her teeth marks are proof of its use.

Above is a photo of an artist using one (this is not Mary Ellen though)

Photo contributed.

Quilters bringing companionship to the Outback

THE Kenmore Schoolhouse Quilters have been going for about 30 years now and started out as a vehicle for like minded individuals (mainly those who liked quilting) to meet on a regular basis and share ideas and friendship.

They now spread the love by visiting other centres and Blackall is about to be the recipients of one of those visits.

Spokesperson Wendy Perkins said their scheduled visit on Tuesday, September 13, to the Living Arts Centre, would be their first ever visit to Blackall and they are extremely excited about coming here.

They have been out this way before, visiting Barcaldine, Aramac, Longreach, Isisford and Yaraka, and, in fact their largest ever contingent from the city was 50 who made the trek to Aramac.

They expect to exceed that, all things going well for their visit to Blackall.

While here they will hold nine workshops

in total and Wendy says all they ask is that you bring a basic sewing kit, consisting of a small pair of scissors for snipping thread, a pin cushion for needles to stick into and a thimble if you have one.

The workshops being offered are (1) English Paper Piecing (EPP) which is a hand sewing technique that uses paper shapes as a template for your fabric.

(2) Fibre Frolics will be hosted by Diana, and participants will get to explore the use of Angelina, Chrystalina, and more, to create a unique A4 piece which can be used to enhance your textile art adventures.

(3) Kawandi quilting is a traditional craft from western India and Pakistan where quilts are hand-stitched from scraps of fabric.

(4) You can opt to join Margot to create a stunning origami Christmas card.

(5) Chicken Scratch Embroidery is a variation of cross stitch that is traditionally

stitched on gingham fabric.

(6) Hitomezashi is a "one stitch" style of sashiko. Tracey will guide you through this technique.

(7) Wool Felt Embroidery is a beautiful medium as it cuts well, doesn't fray and can be easily used in an applique process. Joy will take you on this journey.

(8) Hand Quilting is the method of sewing together the layers of a quilt (top, batting and back) in patterns of stitches by hand using a needle and thread. Janet will guide you through your hand quilting journey. Last but not least Wendy will demonstrate Fussy Cutting.

Since 2017, after hearing about the hardships drought and the other elements of living in the Outback brings to its residents, the Kenmore Schoolhouse Quilters have been reaching out.

In 2018 they raised money for Angel Flight after landing at an airport where

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Father's Day Cook Off was circus cuisine



Above: the mayor got creamed by Principal, Sam Suthers

THE annual Father's Day Liturgy and Cook Off at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School took place last Friday morning and competition was fierce.

The standard of the food was excellent and varied. The theme was Circus Finger Food, and one team even made toffee apples!

Judging was hard and it was a long and arduous task undertaken by the mayor Cr Andrew Martin, new Blackall resident Matt Young and Editor of the Barcoo Indy, Ann Kirby.

Results were as follows:-

- Best dressed team was 'Runnin a Three

Ring Circus' featuring the Allen family with dad Danny, giving the official circus MC, Matt Young a run for his money costume wise! (top photo)

- Best Named Team was won by the 'Terrifically Magnificent Jackrobats' (Tahlia and Jack Rich) who were helped by their grandmother. They are pictured with their entry which was very creative.
- Best Named Dish: *Donut go Breakin my Heart* by the 'The Clown Arounds' (the Baron family). Nate helped his parents make Nutella filled donuts.
- Best Tasting Dish was made by the *Mystic McLane's* and it was Funnel cake. (bottom photo). Mum Steff helped Henry and Ivy with this dish, which was very different from anything else presented.
- An encouragement award went to the Nicholls family for their home-made lemonade.

There were hot dogs of all different types. Mr Young announcing that one entry was the 'real thing'.

There was corn on a stick, pancakes, Mexican food, meatballs on a stick with an amazing sauce, there were kebabs of all kinds, sweet, savoury and in between.

The imaginative dishes presented were an absolute credit to everyone.

Not everyone had an easy time presenting their goodies as the power kept tripping adding to the excitement (or stress levels) whichever way you wanted to look at it!

The winning decisions were all very difficult and the result was the mayor getting 'creamed' at the end.



Rotary brings AEDs for Tambo

THE recent tag along trip by Rotary Next eGen members, who come out for the Good News Muster, proved to be a bonus for Tambo residents as the incoming president, Fran (who hails from the Gold Coast) brought out with her two automated external defibrillators or AEDs which were placed out the front of Foodworks and in the main pavilion at the rodeo grounds. Another Rotarian had obtained a grant to purchase ten AEDs with two being allocated for Tambo.

The Rotary Club is also one hundred percent behind the construction of a shed at a halfway point between Tambo and Blackall to be used for ambulance transfers and other emergencies.

Tambo now have a total of eight devices located in very handy places throughout

the village such as the Post Office, Multi-Purpose Centre, the race club, the pool and the sports centre.

It is believed that if one of these devices can be accessed while someone is having a heart attack, they have an 80% chance of survival. Unfortunately, normal survival rate (without intervention) can be as low as 10%. It is believed to be the leading cause of death in people over 40 years of age which is a scary thought.

Fran's trip was a quick one, which saw her drive to Tambo from the Gold Coast on the Thursday, arriving late, but in time for Friday and the concert before getting in her car early Saturday morning and making the return trip because she had to catch a plane to Perth. She brought out her two husky dogs with her for company.



BLACKALL BeefUP FORUM

Tuesday 6 September 2022

Venue: Blackall Saleyards – 164 Evora Road, Blackall QLD 4472

Time: Tuesday 8.00am to 6.00pm followed by drinks and dinner

Cost: MLA Members \$25. Non-members \$50

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SUNDAY WALKING GROUP

On the first Sunday of every month a walking group commences at the Blackall Tennis Courts for an 8:00am start.

Members of the public are encouraged to join this free event to enjoy a morning stroll with friends, followed by a light breakfast.

There are long and short course options available for you to walk, run, cycle, or bring your well-behaved dog (on lead).

For more information contact Jane Scobie on 0429 367 271.

The next walking group is meeting on **Sunday 4 September**.

HEAVY VEHICLE BYPASS

Work on the Heavy Vehicle Bypass is progressing with the subgrade complete, and a majority of the gravel hauled.

Please be advised that Council has provided a minor detour around the roadworks on Evora Road, and residents are asked slowdown in this area to ensure the safety of workers and other road users.

We thank you for your patience as the works are carried out.

TAMBO CEMETERY GATES

The Blackall Work Camp have restored the gates to the Tambo Cemetery, and these have been reinstalled by the Tambo Crew.

Council would like to thank the Blackall Work Camp for such a terrific job.

NOTICE TO RATEPAYERS

Ratepayers of the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council are hereby advised that rate notices for the period 01/07/2022 to 31/12/2022 were issued on 9 August 2022.

Please note: -

- Two discount periods will apply as follows:
FULL DISCOUNT closes on Wednesday, 7 September 2022 at 4.30pm.
HALF DISCOUNT closes on Thursday, 22 September 2022 at 4.30 pm.
- It is the responsibility of the property owner to advise Council of any change of address.
- Any person not in receipt of their rate notice/s should contact the Council Office immediately.
- Prepayment booklets can be obtained from the Council Office for those Ratepayers wishing to prepay rates during the year.

2022 GARDEN COMPETITION

Council's annual Garden Competition for 2022 is fast approaching. A reminder if you are thinking of entering entries close at 4:30pm on Friday 16th September 2022.

Entry forms are available on Council's website and at the Blackall and Tambo administration offices.

R U OK? DAY

Thursday 8 September 2022

R U OK? Day is Thursday 8 September 2022. It's our national day of action when we remind Australians that every day is the day to ask, 'are you OK?' and start a meaningful conversation whenever they spot the signs that someone they care about might be struggling with life.

<https://www.ruok.org.au>

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It's bash time again

THE annual Variety Bash is wending its way from Winton to Yeppoon via Birdsville this year (it started in Winton last Monday). It's not a race or a rally but an adventure which sees teams driving 30-year-old plus cars through regional parts of Australia. They have committed to raising \$8,500 for kids in need as a sort of 'entry fee'.

Several cars started passing through Blackall last week and on Friday and Saturday the Indy caught up with two teams and spoke with them.

Gavin Ryan is a paramedic in Brisbane who makes the trek every year in his fully equipped 4WD ambulance which was donated to the Bash by the QAS. This year he brought a driver along, Nathan Johnston so he could concentrate on his life saving duties.

When not 'bashing' the ambulance is used for other treks, such as the Jet Trek and the

4wd Explorer. Gavin said him and the 4WD raise money during the year by working at the Gatton

Speedway as well and getting paid to do so. It all goes to the vehicle's upkeep.

The other team were from Newcastle and had to drive a gruelling 1700 kilometres just to get to the start! They couldn't get accommodation along the way, so by the time the Indy caught up with them, they were really looking for a nice comfy bed! For Shane, Darren, Victor and Jeff it was their very first bash. They borrowed their 1965 V8 Chevy and had driven almost 20 hours non stop without the old girl missing a beat!

It had a lot of previous signage on it, some of it was from the days the Newcastle



Shane Simpson, Darren Lambert, Victor Bento and Jeff Adams stand behind the Chevy after a very long night and previous day of driving.

Knights had sponsored its owner. They said they were looking forward to their next ten days (and a good sleep before they started).

One of their overnight stops will be in Tambo on September 5.

The Bash finishes in Yeppoon on September 7.

See Gavin and his ambulance on the front page .

Sewing is Janelle's greatest love



From back left are Angela, Janelle, Deb, Brenda (holding a finished piece) Ruth, Rosie, and Margo. Gwen is seated at her machine.

JANELLE Boko has come out from Emu Park for a week of workshops here at the Living Arts Centre in Blackall. She has a little shop there called Lyn Jelle Crafts so she has brought a lot of 'stuff' with her!

In fact the sewing room, which is a hive of activity, has lots and lots of beautiful materials and other bits and pieces in it, all for sale. Something to take this Editor's eye was these tiny irons which look perfect for smoothing out seams just stitched. Big irons are bulky and really only good for simple garments, these irons look ideal for those seams that go at different angles (e.g. armholes etc.)

For more than 30 years ago, Janelle Boko's passion has been sewing.

She and her sister-in-law Lynette began spending weekends at local markets and sewing together throughout the week so the next logical step was to open a shop.

Janelle comes to Blackall every year. This year her students were either working on quilts (as was she) but most were stitching up rope place mats and bowls.

These are made from rope covered in beautiful fabrics, a craft ideal for someone who has lots and lots of fabric off cuts from other jobs.

Monday was spent wrapping their material around the rope and when the Indy caught up with them on Tuesday they were busy creating their place mats and bowls.



Beware of scam texts

This is the latest scam going around. This really had me thinking as my son was out and about picking up stuff we needed for a project.

I didn't recognise the BSB so dismissed it, but not straight away I have to admit.

In the past two months, in Western Australia alone, WA ScamNet at Consumer Protection has received 47 reports, with 25 people losing a total of almost \$120,000.

It's clever as they only ask for small amounts.

Don't get caught.

If in doubt, authorities advise you ask a question that only your family member would know the answer to.

Barcy re-vitalises CWA

LAST Saturday night, the new Barcaldine QCWA committee held a fund raiser at the Radio Theatre in conjunction with Barcaldine Arts Council.

Projectionist at the theatre and a CWA member herself, Kate, is pictured beside Barcy's newest resident, Erica who has only been in town one month. They are pictured in the beautiful old theatre.

The movie *Where the Crawdads Sing* was screened in the stately old girl and was accompanied by cheese platters, wine and punch. There was hot finger food on offer as well.

The new committee is just five months old, so they have been fund raising. The night was very well attended with many commenting that it should be held more often.

Information obtained from different stories in *The Western Champion* say that the timber arches in the facility span 68 feet and are constructed from oregon pine and hardwood. There are eight arches which weigh between three and four tonnes each.

The arches are laminated, which to an ex sawmiller who bases himself in Blackall said was a mighty feat for back in those days as technology and glue science was not near as advanced as it is these days.

Mr David Stibbard was the owner and driver of the theatre back then, its floor when constructed was originally gravel



and it was possible that the builder was a Mr A Schneider.

Official opening night was April 10, 1926.

Kate told the Indy the facility is now owned by Barcy's Arts Council.

If you would like to read more on the theatre and its history go to <https://barcaldine-peopleplacethings.org/things/entertainment/picture-theatres/radio-theatre/>

It rained

SOME good soaking rain fell in the district early this week, with reports of around 40 mls coming out of both Tambo and Blackall.

Consistent falls were widespread for a change, however some people were still unlucky and still missed out.

Roads were closed, which affected those going to Birdsville for the races.

Some roads in our district were only open to four wheel drives (as you can see by the pic) They were the Isisford road,



Tambo to Alpha and Springsure roads and Avington, Tumber, Neverfail, Langlo, Ward, and Mt Playfair roads.

The Adavale, Ravensbourne, Emmet and Caldervale Roads were closed due to boggy conditions and rain.

Nutrien and AusAgritech announce ambitions

NUTRIEN Ag Solutions and the Australian Agritech Association (AusAgritech) have today announced Nutrien Ag Solutions's membership of the Association as a Corporate Partner to further nurture the potential of the rapidly growing agritech sector and the emerging talent within it.

Nutrien Ag Solutions has a keen interest in digital agriculture and belief in the potential for technology in making a tangible impact on farms is what attracted Nutrien Ag Solutions to membership with the rapidly growing AusAgritech.

With around 4,000 employees across the country, Nutrien Ag Solutions provides agricultural services and inputs to farmers in Australia. Nutrien Ag Solutions Head of Digital, Mike Efron, says Nutrien Ag Solutions is investing in digital tools

and innovative solutions that improve outcomes for farmers.

"Our team at Nutrien Ag Solutions visits many paddocks and agricultural sites all around Australia. We have a substantial role to play as the industry rapidly shifts to digital solutions and technology to support the growth and sustainability of their farms," said Mr Efron.

"Nutrien Ag Solutions is looking forward to working with AusAgritech to progress the industry and unlock further opportunities for our growers to access the right tools, technology and data to deliver a more productive, sustainable and profitable farming business."

Tracey Martin, CEO of AusAgritech, said that gaining the support of Nutrien Ag Solutions was an indication of the strong position and growth potential of

the AusAgritech membership and wider agritech ecosystem, and the possibility for rural and regional growth and emerging talent in the sector.

"Agritech poses an incredible opportunity for rural and regional economic growth and development, as well as the development of talent that will contribute to further innovation in the agricultural sector and agritech ecosystem in Australia," Ms Martin said.

"AusAgritech is excited to welcome Nutrien Ag Solutions as Corporate Partners. We look forward to working together on our shared objective of providing farmers and producers with opportunities and avenues for growth using agrifood technologies and innovation."

Novel way to get to know the locals

A TAMBO police officer has hit upon an effective work strategy for connecting with some of his harder-to-reach community members.

Senior Constable James Webber and his family moved from Brisbane three years ago, after spending his first five years of policing in Upper Mount Gravatt and Coorparoo.

He said finding himself in this friendly community 850km west of Brisbane has been like hitting the jackpot.

"Tambo is a great place. Crime is relatively rare among the residents and the community has a very positive attitude towards police," Senior Constable Webber said.

Tambo is a two-officer station and while the Tambo division has a great community spirit, almost half of its 500 or so residents live beyond the little town's urban footprint.

With such a spread-out community, Senior Constable Webber said getting to meet and interact with many of these rural community members was a challenge.

"There are only a few streets in town, but the division includes approximately a hundred large properties operating as cattle and sheep stations," he said.

"My wife, kids and I have become involved in the community through the school and volunteering to help at community events or with mustering on some of the properties.

"While I've had lots of interactions and been able to get to know quite a few graziers, there are still many people on the rural properties surrounding Tambo I haven't had any contact with.

"They are good people who I'd like to build relationships with, but they fly under the radar."

To help meet and build rapport with these community members, Senior Constable Webber has launched an initiative that involves the simple pleasure of stopping

work to share a morning tea and a chat.

"I've called it 'smoko with a cop' because 'smoko' refers to the time-honoured tradition of downing tools and taking the time to relax and have a cuppa.

"People work hard out here, and as I'm the one doing the travelling and providing the morning tea, I'm hoping they'll take up the opportunity to have me around for a bite to eat and a chat.

"There are a large number of properties I've never visited, so if it works out that I have one 'smoko with a cop' per week, I'll be busy for at least the next year."

Establishing good relationships with the community is important in all settings, but even more so in rural and remote environments according to Senior Constable Webber.

"In such a spread-out division, you rely on the whole community to be your eyes and ears.

"Issues such as trespass, poaching and damage to property can be a problem in the area, but we can't act if we're not aware of it.

"Many rural community members may be reluctant to report problems, but if they've met me first when there are no pressing issues, then they'll be more likely to pick up the phone when there is.

"We can do a better job of policing when we have good connections and the support of our community. It's 'community policing 101'," he said.

If you own a property within the Tambo police division and would like your local police to drop by for a cuppa and a chat, contact Senior Constable Webber at the Tambo Police Station by phoning 4652 5116.

Senior Constable Webber said country policing offered a unique and richly rewarding lifestyle that he hadn't considered when he initially joined the QPS he said he wishes he had done it sooner.

(Source: myPolice south west)

e-Scripts

AN eScript is a prescription that is generated electronically and sent to you by your doctor via email or SMS, allowing you to conveniently access your scripts from your smartphone or email.

An eScript replaces your paper prescription. (<https://ufsmmedical.com.au/patient-information/escripts/>)

This 'new' way of getting your script from the doctor and getting it filled at your local chemist is available Australia wide, and not all that new really. The Commonwealth Department of Health introduced the technology over 12 months ago.

You can, of course still get a paper prescription. Your doctor can write one out or your chemist can give you a paper version once you have presented your eScript. The beauty of getting your scripts this way is that you have them at your fingertips, no more worrying where you put your paper prescription. It's on your phone, and don't worry, if you accidentally wipe it, you just ask for it to be re-sent.

Unfortunately for Blackall residents, eScripts aren't available from the GP Practice yet with a spokesperson for Central West Hospital and Health Service (CWHHS) saying, "CWHHS actively seeks to implement new technologies to support quality care and delivery of services to the community.

"The implementation of electronic transfer of prescriptions and digital prescriptions requires the latest of technology to be implemented for all parties, namely the consumer, the provider and the pharmacy.

"CWHHS has been focussing on the migration of our digital systems that support General Practice onto new infrastructure, which has been an essential component necessary for a more broader rollout.

"This migration recently went live and we are in the "bedding in" phase of the new technology.

"We have the implementation of digital prescriptions in our forward workplan and look forward to working with our Community Advisory Networks and local pharmacies in the near future."

eScripts are very safe and consumer friendly.

For more information go to: <https://www.digitalhealth.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/electronic-prescriptions>

Chalk Art at Tambo and Blackall

WINNERS have been decided for the Chalk Art competitions held in Tambo and Blackall, however organisers don't want to let everyone know until the winners and placegetters have been advised, so we will bring you the details next week.

The Brophy family (Jasmine who is a descendant of the Perry family, her husband Warren and her youngest son, Matt), drew on the outside footpath, but unfortunately the rain washed it away.



Warren was snapped by Wendy Just adding his bit to the Brophy family's chalk art exhibit.

The Carnival is over...



FROM all reports the Circus Carnival held over the extended period from August 1 to 28 in Tambo and Blackall, was a huge success. No negative comments have passed by the Indy's desk, just positive ones and smiles of delight on everyone's faces, young and old, have been testament to what a wonderful 27 days it has been. Both towns in the shire started preparing at the beginning of August with workshops to make bunting and wooden animals and clowns with which to decorate the streets with.

The Big Top went up in Tambo to start with, got pulled down and re-erected in Blackall.

Eroni Brothers circus, a small but talented troupe, are descendants of George Perry, who traded his little pub in the scrub on the Barcoo halfway between Tambo and Blackall way back in 1888.

Both towns benefited from the festivities and both communities pulled together to bring their residents some wonderful entertainment and activities with which to be take part in.

Chair of Red Ridge, Cr Andrew Martin said he realised his problem and that was that he was an adrenalin junkie and it had been in overdrive ever since the Big



Top had gone up.

"This whole concept was about circus and I think we achieved what circus means to many and that is it is all about families and bringing them together.

"To top it off we had several

branches of the Perry family here as well. "Some had not seen one another since the circus was last out here in June 1989 when Perry descendants came back to the area on a commemorative trip to celebrate the anniversary of their 100 years.

"That is the last time Blackall and Tambo had been visited by a circus from what we could establish.

"We really love the fact that there were tourists here as well, but as far as our communities went, it was a great show of families attending all the events." he said. From Magic shows to Flipside and their workshops, plus the shows by the members of Eronis, it was just wonderful to see both communities embracing it all.

"After all, the concept was to capture imaginations and gauge our local folk's interest in becoming a cultural capital of circus tourism in Australia." he added.

"So we must ask why can't we go down this route every two years? That's what it was all about. To see if Blackall and Tambo could celebrate being the home of Australian circus.

"It would appear that both communities



have embraced the celebrations with a third (Isisford) converging on Blackall on Sunday night to bring it all home."

Barcaldine folk also made the trip over to enjoy all the fun of the fair.

Cr Martin said, "I cannot thank everyone personally as I will leave someone out, which I don't want to do.

"Saying that, a big thanks must to all the volunteers from all the venues right across both communities, all the council employees, the incredible work done by the Worc Camp boys and everyone who turned up. It wouldn't have been much of a show without an audience!



Aspects of the circus: the circus photographer, juggling by Joe, Ropes with Kelly, Chantelle very graceful on the aerial silks

"To you all I express my extreme gratitude. There were around 2000 tickets sold on line for the circus alone, without counting the walk ins.

"The take away from the circus people was could we hold the event every year, to which I said 'no, only every two!'

"The spreading of the joy across towns-between those that made bunting, painted pieces for displays, the community groups that got on board, just everything both communities did, and again, all those who turned up, - to you all - a huge Thank You." Cr Martin concluded.



Globe of Death and Kelly on the trapeze



Circus Carnival

Ready to set off for the Circus



Flipside Fun

ON Saturday, the Circus Parade kicked off from out the front of the Blackall State School, led by Polly being ridden by Charlee Rose. Children had dressed up, they had decorated their bikes and their scooters. Prior to setting off they had also practiced some routines with those wonderful people from Flipside, featured in last week's edition. They were able to showcase their skills once they got to the Circus grounds and put on a great little show. It had a touch of slapstick to it. The photo below, well that looked like someone was going to jump over them all, however, as you can see they are in the process of getting away so as not to be jumped on! They had all lined up beautifully too, only to change their minds at the last minute! (Photos of parade and Flipside by Ann Kirby)

Flipside Fun



Flipside Fun



The Illusionist in action



Photos below are all by Photographer, Richard Birchley



Principal Tom Black with Tambo State School choir at their first appearance in front of Grasslands Gallery. Right: Kate Doyle and Daurae Fulton caught up at the circus in Tambo. Richard Birchley



Above: Lucy and Braeden Shaw took their children Tyler and Lilly to the circus in Tambo. Richard Birchley

Bringing home the circus

The closing performance of the festivities was brought to us by Bush Beatz featuring children from Tambo, Blackall and Isisford



An initiative of Red Ridge Interior starring all the students plus Matt Young. Director/Dance Instructor/Choreographer Brittany Wightman.



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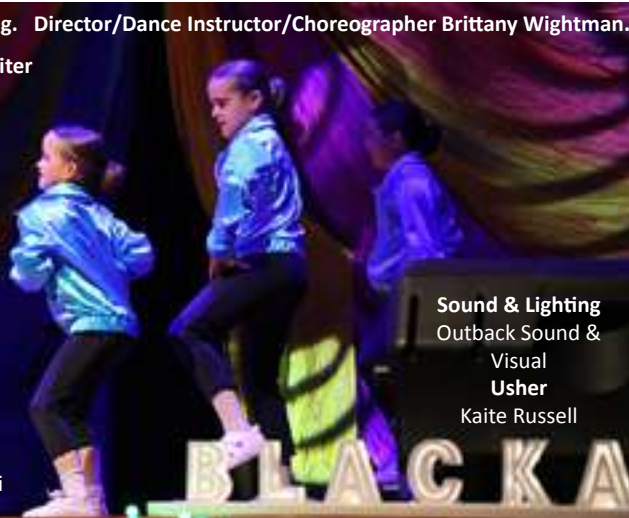
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Sharing the story of the Perry Brothers through song and dance



Acknowledging the incredible heritage value of Blackall and Tambo being the birth place of Perry Brothers Circus



Perry families walk down memory lane



Robert Perry, Wendy, Rhonda and Denise from the Historical Society. Standing is Jasmine Brophy.



Tony, Joe and Kelly on their visit

LINDSAY and Gill Russell hosted a smoko at the old Northampton Downs pub site last week so descendants of the Perry family could take a walk down memory lane.

Joe, Kelly and Tony from Eronis Circus had visited Wednesday afternoon after the do in Banks Park a week prior. The Indy spoke with them before they went out to the site and they said they were looking forward to seeing where it had all started. They themselves, have only just become Queenslanders, having made the move from Victoria this year.

At the smoko which Lindsay and Gill hosted, for not only the Perrys, but the Historical Society as well, Jasmine Brophy (her mother was Lorraine Perry,

granddaughter of Mary Ellen and James Perry) presented a map that her mother Lorraine had drawn explaining where the both pubs had been.

The Perrys owned the second pub, the first having been washed away.

Mr Robert Perry also attended with the help of his nephew Guy who had driven him out for the weekend.

Yasmin last visited this district in June 1989 when she performed trapeze acts in her family's circus with her Mum on their commentative trip through this area to mark 100 years since their ancestors had left the hotel at Northampton to go into the sawdust and spangles way of life. Husband, Warren is a professional clown and circus

performer whose eldest brother is Fred Brophy, famous for following the show circuit with his boxing tent. Matthew, their son, is following his parents into the entertainment business as a talented juggler and, during his first trip out to Blackall, has been re-enthused to continue practising his circus skills following a two year hiatus during covid.

Yasmin was very appreciative of the chance to return to the site of her great grandparents' hotel, taking the opportunity to collect a bottle of soil to spread over her mother's grave when she returns to their home in Victoria.

Three Perrys are buried on the site but there are no headstones.

Photos thanks to Gill Russell.

Forum for Blackall



The MLA BeefUp Forum at the Blackall Saleyards on Tuesday 6th September 2022 aims to assist regional beef producers to develop their businesses and management knowledge and skill set.

The full day of sessions, demonstrations and discussion panels with industry leaders presenting and interacting with attending cattlemen and women, focuses on building herd fertility.

By increasing conception and calving rates and weights across novice, rejoins and mature females, matching feed quality to classes of cattle (especially in drier years) and becoming better at identifying and removing reproductive impediments, western graziers will appreciate the nuances that can collectively drive better outcomes for their beef breeding businesses.

The Girl Power Project, within the MLA Producer Demonstration Site Program, has twelve regional producers more closely monitoring their replacement females, from weaning through to having their second calf. Key learnings, data and outcomes to date, half way through this four years of on-property work will be presented at the Blackall BeefUp Forum, reflecting on practical ways to improve breeder herd fertility.

Also, there will be Updates on the latest from MLA's Research and Adoption activities, Foot & Mouth Disease Risks & Realities, and Pain Relief Options for cattle.

Tuesday's BeefUp Forum at the Saleyards, in the big tent and ringside, will conclude with drinks under the trees and a roast beef dinner with Arcadian Organic Meats. The Big Red Truck along with students of the Blackall High School will cater throughout the day, including making real coffees at morning and afternoon Barista Bar sessions.

The MLA BeefUp Forum is delivered with in-kind assistance from the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council and the Desert Uplands Committee, with many trade exhibitors also supporting the event, for a full and fruitful day at the Blackall Saleyards.

See advertisement for immediate bookings, or ring Robyn on 4651 0939 or 0447 179 974, with camping now available at the Blackall Showgrounds. Book Now, tickets are still available.



Blackall BeefUp Forum Tuesday 6 September 2022

Venue: Blackall Saleyards - 164 Evora Road Blackall QLD 4472

Time: Tuesday 8.00am to 6.00pm followed by drinks and dinner

Cost: MLA Members \$25. Non-members \$50.

Contact: Rosie Peace
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Local Contact: Robyn Adams - Phone 46510939 or 0447 179 974

Book/RSVP: PLEASE BOOK **NOW**. Tickets still available

Direct Link: <https://bit.ly/3NqJkgZ> (Click on link to go direct to MLA booking site, or scan QR code above)

Join us for the Blackall BeefUp Forum to hear about the latest in regional and world-leading research and technologies for the northern beef industry.

- Gain insights on improving livestock, land, and business performance.
- Connect with other producers, advisors, and researchers.
- Hear about how new practices and technologies are being used on-property in your region.
- Find out about the programs, tools and resources available to you.

The Blackall BeefUp Forum focussing on **FEMALES, FERTILITY, FEED & THE FUTURE** and features:

- Market Update from MLA
- Industry Update on FMD
- **GIRL POWER PROJECT Update** – regional MLA Producer Demonstration Site Project
- With stud cattle in the ring, classifying to improve fertility and productivity of the self-replacing breeder herds
- Insights on heifer performance, pain relief and reproductive diseases
- Access to MLA tools and resources
- Give Input into the Producer Workshop
- Many trade stands to visit
- Barista Bar Sessions for real coffees
- Dinner and networking drinks.

Lambert Bull and Infusion Sale

The day before the BeefUp Forum is the Lambert Bull and Infusion sale.

Monday 5 September 2022

Blackall Saleyards - 164 Evora Road Blackall QLD 4472



Shortest press release ever?

THE Indy received this from the Minister for Resources, the Honourable Scott Stewart about the mine, New Acland near Jondaryn.

"After careful consideration I have approved the mining leases for stage three of the New Acland project.

"The project also requires an associated water licence from the Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water." he said.

Shadow Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing and Water and the Construction of Dams, Deb Frecklington issued a statement a bit longer saying, "The Palaszczuk Government's decision to approve the mining lease for Stage 3 of the New Acland Coal Mine is long overdue.

"This approval should have been given a long time ago. Now there is only one thing standing in the way.

"The Minister must grant the associated water licence for the mine.

"I implore the Minister not to dither – a decision must be made.

They will obviously have to wait to hear from Glenn Butcher MP on that decision. Acland mine is saying they use recycled water. Is this a grab for more coal royalties by the state government?

Queensland Resources Council (QRC) Chief Executive Ian Macfarlane spoke at the Central Highlands Development Corporation Resources and Innovation Forum in Emerald recently on the 'hurt' the royalty hike is going to inflict on companies who *"have paid as much in state royalties in the first six weeks of the new tax regime as the Treasurer said it would cost the industry over the year,"* adding that companies usually upgrade, expand and invest when times are good just like the beef and grain industries. He said, "The State Government's huge royalty increase, without consultation, is a red flag to investors with long term consequences for the Queensland economy."

Favourite tree

More than a quarter of a million votes were cast during the ABC's National Science Week poll on what was Australia's favourite tree. Our brachychitons didn't fare too well, with the beloved bottle tree

getting knocked out in the early stages.

The winner was the river red gum, then the snow gum and the ghost gum. The Moreton Bay fig came in fourth with a brachychiton, the Illawarra flame tree coming in ninth.

National scheme

FARMERS for Climate Action (FCA) has welcomed the Federal Government's announcement of a national scheme paying farmers to improve biodiversity and protect remnant vegetation.

CEO Fiona Davis said a scheme of this kind was one of FCA's key asks heading into the last election, and noted that farmers and the environment both win from a biodiversity scheme with integrity. Projects to plant native trees and shrubs will likely receive income for both carbon and biodiversity credits, greatly improving the financial feasibility of these activities.

"Payments for biodiversity and carbon can provide farmers with vital income during drought, which can help them continue to employ workers during tough times - and these projects absorb carbon and provide habitat for native wildlife." Dr Davis said.

She also noted the announcement had bipartisan support, with Nationals Leader David Littleproud saying the scheme should be "implemented as soon as possible". The previous government had commissioned a biodiversity market platform and begun two pilot schemes paying farmers for biodiversity: one paying for new native plantings and another for enhancing remnant vegetation.

Katter calls for sense of reason

KAP leader and Traeger MP Robbie Katter spent the day at Kestrel Coal Mine north-east of Emerald and saw first-hand the hard-working people who had forged career paths in the coal mining industry.

"It's hard to reconcile the bitterness and distain that is generated from the city towards this industry with the role it has played in providing the state with the prosperity that people live off.

"There are a lot of hard-working people who make a living out of the jobs these

types of mines provide, but there is a lot given up for them to be here," Mr Katter said.

He said there was no doubt that coal mines were labelled as the "bad guys" through educational pathways due to their environmental impacts, but that no attention was given to the abundant benefits mines delivered.

"The new school your child attends, the university your child dreams of enrolling in, the hospital you were taken to when you were unwell, the coal mining industry probably paid for a great deal of that," he said.

Mr Katter highlighted the excessive mining royalties delivered to Queenslanders each year, and the Government's heavy reliance on the coal mining industry to provide the lucrative payments.

"No matter your views on the environment, there is no denying the amount the industry has paid for, and it wouldn't hurt for people to reflect on that" he said.

"The coal mining industry has done an incredible amount for Queensland's past, present and future – we need to be grateful for this.

"There is nothing in the foreseeable future to replace an industry like this in terms of state revenue and the delivery of high paying wages for workers," Mr Katter said.

The KAP supports the coal mining industry going forward and hopes to prove to people around Queensland that it is a part of our future whether we like it or not. Encouraging people to consider a vote of thanks next time they hear that someone works in the industry, rather than cringing at the thought.

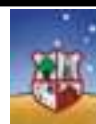
Mental mullets

BLACK Dog Institute is calling on the community to show they're all ears by growing and shaping a mullet during the month of September to raise crucial funds for mental health research.

Mullets for Mental Health was born from the lockdowns of 2020 when we witnessed a rise of 'interesting' at-home haircuts including mullets as well as a significant increase in the number of Australians experiencing symptoms of mental health.

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Blackall Market Report:-

Thursday, 25th August

SALE CANCELLED THIS WEEK

Blackall Combined Agents yarded a total of 2210 head at last week's Weaner & Store Sale on 25th August.

Santa Gertrudis cross cows and calves from Kurrboo Livestock Co 'Muttamar,' Barcaldine had a smashing head value of \$2700p/hd!

Cattle came from Blackall and the surrounding districts of Barcaldine, Alpha, Longreach, Aramac and Muttaborra with loadings from as far north as Cloncurry, Julia Creek and Winton also.

There were good numbers across all categories last week and the overall yarding quality was of a very high standard.

Lightweight steers up to 220kgs were some of the market toppers on the day fetching a strong average price of 632.7c/kg while those slightly heavier (220-280kg) fetched even more topping at 732.2c/kg. These were Santa crosses from Home Creek Pastoral, Barcaldine.

Bullocks 550kg and heavier fared well also returning an impressive per head value of \$3021p/hd.

Brahman Steers from Avington Station, Blackall weighing in at 755kgs fetched an impressive 400.0c/kg returning \$3021p/hd.

Heifer markets also increased in price with the 0-220kgs average price topping at 535.3c/kg.

Heifers in the 280-350kgs range fetched a highest price of 594.2c/kg.

Yesterday's sale was cancelled due to the weather.

Source: Blackall Livestock Auction Assn.

Roma Market Report:-

Tuesday, 30th August

A total of 6,168 head of cattle were consigned at Roma's Store Sale on Tuesday.

Weaner steers under 200kg topped at 726c/kg and averaged 593c/kg, weaner steers in the 200-280kg range reached 738c/kg and averaged 615c/kg. Steers in the 280-330kg range reached 690c/kg and averaged 597c/kg, and steers in the 330-400kg range reached 642c/kg and averaged 517c/kg. Feeder steers in the 400-500kg range topping at 528c/kg and

averaging 461c/kg.

Heifers under 200kg topped at 534c/kg and averaged 482c/kg, while heifers in the 200-280kg range topped at 612c/kg and averaged 490c/kg. Heifers in the 280-330kg range topped at 534c/kg, averaging 475c/kg. Heifers in the 330-400kg range topped at 500c/kg, averaging 411c/kg. Heifers in the 400-500kg range topped at 446c/kg, averaging 397c/kg.

Cows in the 330-400kg range reached 386c/kg and averaged 301c/kg. Cows in the 400-500kg range topped at 380c/kg, averaging 343c/kg. Cows in the 500-600kg range topped at 388c/kg, averaging 358c/kg. Cows over 600kg topped at 393c/kg, averaging 373c/kg..

(SOURCE: Nutrien Blackall & Roma)

Dalby Market Report:-

Wednesday, 31st August

The supply of stock at Dalby increased by 841 head to 5,202. Cattle were drawn

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It is not too late to get involved. Visit mulletsforsentalhealth.org.au to register or to donate.

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OFT on the prowl

DODGY online advertising, unlicensed motor dealers, unregistered charities, and dangerous products will come under the spotlight as part of a new compliance crackdown to better protect consumers.

Attorney-General and Minister for Justice Shannon Fentiman said the targeted operation by the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) will deliver better services for all Queenslanders, especially vulnerable consumers.

"The OFT's Proactive Regulation of Industry and Marketplace Entities (PRIME) program involves compliance checks in key industries as well as educating business owners, to help Queenslanders where it is needed most," the Minister said.

"OFT is cracking down on dodgy practices in a range of service sectors, as well as ensuring compliance, such as with new safety requirements for button

from a wide area with 396 from NSW, and 1,608 head from far Western Queensland and included in that run was one single consignment of 567 head.

The export buyers of the previous week returned and all were operating in a firm to dearer market. The regular panel of feed and trade buyers plus restockers were in attendance.

Light weight yearling steers returning to the paddock averaged 3c/kg dearer. Medium weight yearling steers to feed sold to strong demand, and heavy weights improved by 5c/kg.

Light weight yearling heifers returning to the paddock or background averaged 13c/kg dearer.

Yearling heifers to feed sold to a dearer market. The younger end of the heavy grown steers and bullocks improved in price.

Heavy weight cows to export processors sold close to the previous weeks improved prices.

Light weight yearling steers returning to the paddock made to the occasional 755c with good sample at 644c/kg.

batteries or funeral pricing laws."

"Importantly, Fair Trading will be focused on unlicensed motor dealers, the licensing and behaviour of security guards, and illegal tactics used by some real estate agents.

"Conducting spot checks on businesses using illegal bait advertising techniques, particularly in the removalist services industry and online retailers, will also be a priority."

"A recent OFT proactive operation saw compliance spot checks undertaken on 44 tattooists, with 22 subsequently being referred for investigation for possible breaches of legislation after being flagged by this program.

"In another operation targeting second-hand dealers, 18 dealers were identified for potential breaches, with 15 subsequently referred for investigation."

During 2021-22 the OFT conducted 2,654 proactive compliance checks. From these 256 were referred for investigation. This resulted in 21 infringements, 105 official warnings and 35 compliance advice letters.

Dear Editor,

In 2014 we stopped for two nights behind the Barcoo Hotel. The two nights extended to nine nights because we discovered the best pool in Australia. What a welcoming and relaxing place it was with its wonderful warm water and friendly atmosphere. We have enjoyed many thermal pools throughout Australia, but none as good as the one in Blackall. In 2015 when we were wondering where to holiday, we decided that, instead of making Blackall a stop off point, we would make it our destination. Since then, with the exception of 2020, we have wintered in Blackall for three to four months each year and visited the pool most days. Last year we were disappointed with the temperature of the water – it was too cool, but thankfully it has been warmer most days this year.

It would be impossible to be bored in this lovely town because there are always interesting and entertaining things happening. This year we have enjoyed Opera In The Outback and have attended several circus themed activities. Every year we have been impressed by the variety of entertainment that we have been fortunate to enjoy. We congratulate everyone who has been involved in organising so many enjoyable events.

The fishing competition, organised by the Barcoo Fishing Club was a delightful day. We saw many families having fun together -not a screen in sight. It was a very well organised and entertaining day, even for us non-fishermen. We hope it will become an annual event.

Thanks also Mardi for the use of your Haven. It has been a perfect and very comfortable base with everything we needed to feel at home. We were so lucky to get it at such short notice when our caravan sold so quickly and our new one not available until October.

As we get ready for our return home, we wish to thank the valued friends we have made among the locals and the other regular Winter residents that we have got to know. Thanks to all of the motorists who give us a cheery wave as we head up Thistle Street on our way to and from the pool and thanks to the Barcoo Hotel for the excellent roast pork (and crackle) we have enjoyed every Wednesday. Hopefully we will see you all fit and well next year. It really is Better in Blackall. Mick & Ros Hosa (Shepparton)

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The Plague of Green Elephants

Legend says that if you displeased the King of Siam, he would give you a white elephant. These rare and protected elephants were incredibly expensive to keep. So a "White Elephant" came to mean a possession that is useless, troublesome, expensive to maintain and difficult to dispose of - like a Sacred Cow, but much bigger.

Today the deluded rulers of the Western world are gifting us and future generations with plagues of Green Elephants – useless, expensive, protected, green rubbish.

The biggest green elephants in Australia are the five desalination plants built hurriedly when climate catastrophist Tim Flannery forecast that burning hydrocarbons would create perpetual drought. He forgot La Nina with its cycles of rain and floods for Australia. Flannery's complex expensive de-sal plants have largely sat idle.

The sun powers the greatest desalination plant on earth, all for free. If we had spent all that desalination money on dams we could have moderated La Nina flood damage, insulated against El Nino droughts and provided naturally desalinated water for many towns and

industries.

Australia was also conned into a war on hydrocarbons by American climate catastrophist, Al Gore, and his animated cartoon. This generated another epidemic of Green Elephants - solar panels, wind turbines and spider-webs of power lines that squander capital, uglify our landscapes and destroy grasslands, forests and birdlife, as well as destroying our once-cheap and reliable electricity supply. Future generations will be faced with removal and disposal of these Green Monuments to Stupidity.

Another Green Elephant is being suckled in the Snowy Mountains - Snowy 2 Pumped Hydro. Its plant and transmission lines will cost \$10 billion for a facility that is a net consumer of electricity. More huge batteries are required to "solve" the chronic intermittency of wind/solar energy.

More Green Elephants are being planned by hydrogen speculators. These net consumers of energy will guzzle huge quantities of fresh water to produce a dangerous explosive gas that cannot be used by motorists or industry without much research and new infrastructure. Some even dream of exporting our precious fresh water via hydrogen (nine tonnes of water for every tonne of hydrogen).

Perhaps the world's biggest Green Elephant is being bred in Australia's Northern Territory. This green folly would connect the world's biggest collection of solar "farms", wind turbines and batteries to Singapore via the world's longest under-sea extension cord across a deep submarine trench that is subject to many earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanic eruptions.

These disastrous Green adventures are driven by the UN Billionaires' club and promoted endlessly by government media and education bureaucracies, and vocal vested interests.

This plague of Green Elephants will destroy our industries, our farms and our access to cheap reliable fuels and electricity.

It is time for a Green Elephant Hunt. Viv Forbes, Washpool, Qld.

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but everyone can do
something!*

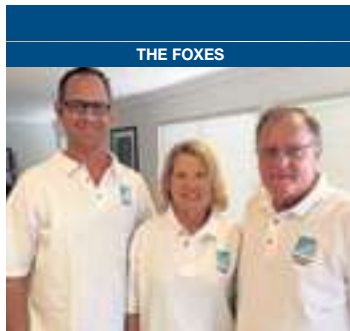
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RHS - GALV EACH				
116	-	6M	65 X 65 X 2.5	\$100
159	-	8M	100 X 50 X 2.5	\$170
64	-	6M	100 X 50 X 3	\$150
348	-	2.6M	75 X 75 X 3	\$80
360	-	3M	75 X 75 X 3	\$85
4	-	8M	40 X 40 X 3	\$120

RHS - NEAR - NEW

• 2.4M LENGTHS	
• 64 LENS BUNDLE	EACH
• 40 X 40 X 2	\$10
• 40 X 40 X 3	\$12

RHS - NEAR NEW - PAINTED EACH

16 - 2M - 65 X 65 X 2	EACH	\$30
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GALV - STRAINER - POSTS

80NB - 90MM OD	EA/LEN
19 - 1.7M - 4MM WALL	-\$50
50 - 2.4M - 4MM WALL	-\$80
114 - 2.4M - 4MM WALL	-\$80
76 - 3M - 4MM WALL	-\$95
190 - 3.25M - 4MM WALL	-\$95

RHS - PAINTED & GALV SQUARE

6.5M	PTD	GALV	8M	PTD	GALV
20 X 20 X 1.6	\$24	\$25	65 X 65 X 1.6	\$	\$110
25 X 25 X 1.6	\$30	\$32	65 X 65 X 2.0	\$130	\$140
25 X 25 X 2.0	\$36	\$40	65 X 65 X 2.5	\$160	\$170
25 X 25 X 2.5	\$44	\$47	65 X 65 X 3.0	\$185	\$200
8M					
30 X 30 X 1.6	\$46	\$48	75 X 75 X 2	\$	\$160
30 X 30 X 2.0	\$59	\$60	75 X 75 X 2.5	\$183	\$195
40 X 40 X 1.6	\$62	\$66	75 X 75 X 3.0	\$220	\$230
40 X 40 X 2.0	\$75	\$80	75 X 75 X 4.0	\$280	\$300
40 X 40 X 2.5	\$92	\$100	89 X 89 X 2.0	\$	\$190
50 X 50 X 1.6	\$80	\$83	89 X 89 X 3.5	\$300	\$320
50 X 50 X 2.0	\$96	\$103	100 X 100 X 3.0	\$297	\$315
50 X 50 X 2.5	\$120	\$126	100 X 100 X 4.0	\$380	\$410
50 X 50 X 3.0	\$140	\$150	100 X 100 X 5.0	\$460	\$500

RHS - PAINTED & GALV SQUARE

8M	PTD	GALV	8M	PTD	GALV
50 X 25 X 1.6	\$60	\$64	100 X 50 X 2	\$150	\$160
50 X 25 X 2.0	\$70	\$76	100 X 50 X 2.5	\$185	\$195
65 X 35 X 2.0	\$97	\$100	100 X 50 X 3.0	\$220	\$234
65 X 35 X 2.5	\$120	\$125	100 X 50 X 4.0	\$285	\$297
65 X 35 X 3.0	\$140	\$150	100 X 50 X 5.0	\$340	\$365
75 X 25 X 2.0	\$96	\$105	100 X 50 X 6.0	\$400	\$
75 X 50 X 1.6	\$	\$108	125 X 75 X 3.0	\$297	\$320
75 X 50 X 2.0	\$125	\$132	125 X 75 X 4.0	\$390	\$410
75 X 50 X 2.5	\$152	\$160	125 X 75 X 5.0	\$470	\$500
75 X 50 X 3.0	\$183	\$195	150 X 50 X 3.0	\$300	\$320

HEAVY - PFC - CHANNEL

SIZE	9M	12M
75 X 40	-\$200	-\$270
100 X 50	-\$280	-\$380
125 X 65	-\$400	-\$530
150 X 75	-\$530	-\$700
180 X 75	-\$620	-\$820
200 X 75	-\$680	-\$900
230 X 75	-\$750	-\$990
250 X 90	-\$1050	-\$1400
300 X 90	-\$1200	-\$1600
380 X 100	-\$1800	-\$2400

GALV - PIPE

74 - 3250 - 50NB/60MM OD 3.6MM WALL	\$70 / LEN
37 LENS BUNDLE STAYS LENGTHS	

BLACK PIPE RUSTY

732 - 3.1M - 40NB/48MM OD 3.2MM WALL	\$30 / LENS
61 LENS BUNDLE	
727 - 2.7M - 80NB/90MM OD 5MM WALL	\$100 / LENS
19 LENS BUNDLE	
462 - 2.2M - 100NB/114MM OD 4.5MM WALL	\$60 / LENS
14 LENS BUNDLE	

PIPE - PAINTED

14 - 2M - 25NB - 3.2MM WALL	\$20EA
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PIPE - PAINTED

9 - 2.19M - 150NB - 5MM WALL	\$140EA
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PIPE - GALV

30 - 2.5M - 65NB - 3.6MM WALL	\$50EA
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RED PAINTED PIPE - 6.5M NEAR NEW

• 25NB - 33MM OD - 3.2MM WALL	\$22 / LEN
61 LENS BUNDLE	
• 25NB - 33MM OD - 3.2MM WALL	\$50 / LEN
91 LENS BUNDLE	
• 40NB - 48MM OD - 3.2MM WALL	\$70 / LEN
61 LENS BUNDLE	
• 50NB - 60MM OD - 3.6MM WALL	\$99 / LEN
37 LENS BUNDLE	

BUNDLES ONLY



PURLIN - NEAR - NEW

• 75 X 40 X 2 - GALV	
• 2.4M - LENGTHS	
• 36 LENS BUNDLE	\$12 EA / LEN

CATTLE RAIL GALV

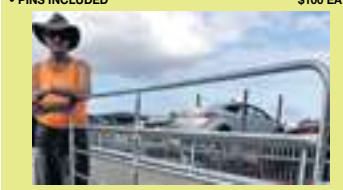
420 - 6.1M - 115 X 42 X 2	EA/LEN
210 - 6.1M - 115 X 42 X 1.8	\$85
21 LENS BUNDLE	\$75
BUNDLES ONLY	

CATTLE RAIL - SMALL

125 - 6.1M - 59 X 29 X 1.5	
GALV / 45 LENS BUNDLE	\$45 / LEN
BUNDLES ONLY	

GOAT - PANELS

• 1.2M X 2.2M	
• 8 RAIL GRADUATED	
• 25MM GALV PIPE	\$100 EA
• PINS INCLUDED	



HARROW - CHAINS

• 6M X 1.2M	
• 800KB EACH	\$500 EACH



GRIDS - HEAVY - DUTY

• 4M - 2M - 800KG	\$2700 / EA
• CONCRETE ABUTMENTS	
• 4M - PAIR - 3000KG	\$1500 / PAIR

FENCE POSTS PICKETS

• 1.65CM - 5"6" BLACK	
• 400 / BUNDLE	\$8.50EA
• 1.80CM - 6" BLACK	
• 400 / BUNDLE	\$9EA
BUNDLES ONLY	

BARBED WIRE - CATTLE CABLE

• 2.5MM - IOWA - 400M	\$135
27 PALLET	
• 1.8MM - H/T - 500M	\$135
36 PALLET	
CABLE	
• 8.2MM - 7 STRAND - 400M	\$500 / ROLL

PLAIN WIRE - GALV

• 2.5MM - 1500M - M/T	\$180EA
• 2.5MM - 1500M - H/T	\$190EA
• 3.15MM - 750M - SOFT	\$160EA
• 4MM - 500M - SOFT	\$140EA

ANGLE - HEAVY

16-2M - 100X100X12	\$90EA
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PLAIN - SHEET - NEAR NEW

40 - 1800 X 1175 X 3MM (CHECKER)	\$170EA
40 - 1800 X 1200 X 3MM	\$170EA
35 - 2450 X 1200 X 2.4MM	\$200EA
BLACK - SHEET + PLATE	
31 - 2400 X 1200 X 1.6	\$110EA
5 - 2400 X 1200 X 3	\$145EA
2 - 3000 X 1500 X 5	\$400EA
4 - 3000 X 1500 X 12	\$1500

SHELVING - RACKS PAINTED - BLUE

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2.33M	
600	
\$50EA	

FENCING FABRICATED

HINGED JOINT				
TYPE	THICK	LENGTH/M		\$
8-115-15	- 2MM	- 100	-	POA
6-70-30	- 2.5MM	- 200	-	POA
7-90-30	- 2.5MM	- 200	-	POA
8-90-30	- 2.5MM	- 200	-	POA
8-90-15	- 2.5MM	- 100	-	POA
8-115-15	- 2.5MM	- 100	-	POA

FIELD FENCE

6-70-30	- 2.5MM	- 200	-	POA
7-90-30	- 2.5MM	- 200	-	POA
8-90-30	- 2.5MM	- 200	-	POA
12-115-15	- 2.5MM	- 200	-	POA
100-100-900	- 2.5MM	- 50	-	POA
100-100-1200	- 2.5MM	- 50	-	POA
100-50-900	- 2.5MM	- 50	-	POA
100-50-1200	- 2.5MM	- 50	-	POA
12-115-15	- 2.8/2.5	- 200	-	POA
15-150-15	- 2.8/2.5	- 200	-	POA

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17-190-15	- 2.5MM	- 100	-	POA
8-90-15	- 2.5/2.8MM	- 200	-	POA
12-115-15	- 2.5MM	- 150	-	POA
15-115-15	- 2.5MM	- 150	-	POA
17-190-15	- 2.5MM	- 100	-	POA
17-190-15	- 2.5MM	- 200	-	POA

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AS we go to print the jobs summit is being held in Canberra to address the problems within many industries across Australia. I can only remember back in the 1970s jobs being as plentiful as they are today, other than then I have sometimes struggled to get paid employment.

In '74 I went to New Zealand on a working holiday and applied for three jobs and got the lot!

Coming back to Oz was a bit of a different story and I had to work on a casual basis moving between the Atherton Tablelands and the Casuarina Coast doing relief telephone exchange work.

I lived in a tent and lived the life of Reilly really, no housework to speak of, riding my bike to some beautiful spots to go swimming all the time as it was quite hot. Luckily while in Mossman I was transferred to Cairns permanently and it was back to reality.

Mind you I can remember doing things

like picking ginger, sorting peanuts, cleaning and barmaiding from time to time. They were all character building and even though bar maiding back in the day wasn't seen as a 'proper job' it paid the bills and truthfully I loved it.

As I listened to the Treasurer yet again jam down our throats how they inherited this Coalition debt, and that some great ideas would come from the summit but they wouldn't be able to implement them all, I wondered for how long we are going to keep hearing about this debt.

Blind Freddy could tell you we would have to be in debt after what was done during covid, that's a given, what would have happened if they hadn't stepped in? And they are insisting on continuing with Stage 3 of the planned tax cuts which will see one tax bracket entirely wiped out. To me, this could be tweaked, this was legislated back in 2018, things have changed drastically in Aus since then.

Journalist Shane Wright from the Sydney Morning Herald explained in an article published back in May, "Under the stage three cuts, the 37 per cent tax bracket will be abolished, the top 45 per cent bracket will start from \$200,000 and the 32.5 per cent rate will be cut to 30 per cent for all incomes between \$45,000 and \$200,000." Just to put things in perspective those earning more than \$200,000 per year will get a tax cut worth \$9075 a year! Hmmm wouldn't that be nice?

The circus is over and all the facilitators, workers, volunteers, council workers, worc camp boys and dance mums and dads (and anyone else that helped out in any way) can relax until the next time which is touted for two years time. What a great family event. Everywhere happy faces, no alcohol in sight, just families together, laughing and enjoying the talent that visited Blackall and Tambo. And what talent, who was your favourite? I thought the Illusionist the best, and am

still wondering how he got that strawberry milk into that Coca Cola can! Until next week Ann K

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NEWS in brief

Reef and protected wetlands.

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From page 12

The supply of stock at Dalby increased by 841 head to 5,202. Cattle were drawn from a wide area with 396 from NSW, and 1,608 head from far Western Queensland and included in that run was one single consignment of 567 head.

The export buyers of the previous week returned and all were operating in a firm to dearer market. The regular panel of feed and trade buyers plus restockers were in attendance.

Light weight yearling steers returning to the paddock averaged 3c/kg dearer. Medium weight yearling steers to feed sold to strong demand, and heavy weights improved by 5c/kg.

Light weight yearling heifers returning to the paddock or background averaged 13c/kg dearer.

Yearling heifers to feed sold to a dearer market. The younger end of the heavy grown steers and bullocks improved in price.

Heavy weight cows to export processors sold close to the previous week's improved prices.

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 Lamabert's Hereford & Charbray Bull Sale 2pm Sept. 5
 (Blackall) BeefUp Forum Blackall Saleyards Sept. 6
 Spring BBQ, Banks Park ☎ 4657 4417 60s & Better Sept. 14
 Tambo Cemetery Clean Up ar 2.30pm. Community Event
 All clean up materials will be supplied Sept. 10
 Leather flower crown workshop ☎ 0428 740 800 Sept. 10
 Leather flower crown workshop ☎ 0428 740 800 Sept. 11
 Blackall Flower Show Sept. 17
 Barcoo Boer Goat Sale, Blackall Sept. 21
 Hoy, ☎ 4657 4417 - 60s & Better Sept. 22
 Scone Morning ☎ 4657 4417 60s & Better Sept. 26

OCTOBER

Artesian Droughtmaster Sale, Blackall Oct 10
 Blackall Art and Photography Show Oct 14
 Blackall Races Oct.15
 Barcoo Santa Gertudis Sale, Blackall Oct.18
 Strathmore Santa Gertrudis Bull Sale on Ravensbourne, Blackall Oct. 18

NOVEMBER

St. Patrick's Christmas Fete 6pm in Banks Park Nov. 19
 Christmas Markets & Christmas Tree Festival Nov. 27

WEEKLY EVENTS

Churches of Christ 60s Group Ph: 4657 4417
 Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 12N
 Patchworking Sundays
 Men's Shed Mon & Thurs 8am-12N
 Creative Circle (Craft) Mon & Thurs. 9am to 12 noon

MONTHLY EVENTS

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 Monthly Fun Run/Walk First Sunday of every month
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