



**RSL**  
Murgon Sub Branch

# FROM THE TRENCHES

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear members, just a few words in this trying time; With most of us being in lockdown, times are tough. The Sub Branch Board of Directors will be doing a ring-a-round to enquire about your welfare. There concern is for you, our members. If you need help, don't be afraid to ask.

We are still waiting on the government to forward the grant money for our drop-in-centre. I understand the delay at this time.

On Anzac Day I personally will be having a "Stand to the Dawn" at 6.00hrs in remembrance of our fallen comrades and those who walk around with us today with wounds seen or unseen. Please be safe, Bless you and your families.

John Drew

## WREATHS AVAILABLE

The Auxiliary has made a limited number of wreaths which are available to borrow if you wish to display one on your front fence during Anzac Day. Please call Gloria Bell on tel. 0475 333 438



## ANZAC DAY LIGHT UP THE DAWN

This Anzac Day will be like no other we have experienced in Australia. We are unable to lower the flags or to attend the cenotaph to lay even a single wreath. Whilst this may have been possible a few weeks ago, current advice is that any person doing so may be subjecting themselves to a heavy fine. Remember Murgon has a number of CCTV cameras in town.

We are encouraging members to join with us to Light Up The Dawn to commemorate those who made the ultimate sacrifice by playing the "Last Post" in their driveways on Anzac Day at 05:55am. If you would like to make your own personal pledge to participate go to the RSL Qld Anzac Spirit page. To date 10,000 people have made this pledge.

<https://rslqld.org/en/whats-on/anzac-day>

Many radio and television stations will be playing the Last Post followed by Reveille.

If you wish to play it yourself but do not have a CD with this, you can download it onto to your Smartphone for \$1.69. Anyone who is interested in purchasing this but isn't comfortable navigating their phones, please contact Rose Heath on Tel.0467 849 149 and she will talk you through it.

Alternatively we can provide you a copy via email or usb stick.

## TRIBUTE FROM MURGON SHS

As the COVID 19 spreads it's wicked arms globally, we as the school students of Murgon High want to make our mark and contribution this Anzac Day. It is with the Spirit of Anzac Day on the 25th of April that we would meet at dawn to pay our respects to fallen soldiers and those who still bear the scars of war or this present day. As one of the school captains of Murgon SHS, I pray for the safety of our country, the hearts of men and women lost at war and the courage they took upon their own shoulders to fight for this country- our country-, our freedom and liberation, that we as the current generation to grow up away from the perils of war. A virus such as this has prevented us from gathering at the centre of our towns to lay a wreath in honour, but it cannot dampen the spirit of thankfulness to our ancestors who bore the burden of war for us. On behalf of the Murgon SHS student body, we say thank you from the depths of our hearts.

Lest we forget

Steph Bartlett, Murgon SHS



## DIGGERS TRIBUTE

The Military Shop have created a Diggers Tribute page on their website. This is the site where the Sub Branch purchases a lot of its merchandise which we would normally sell down the street prior to Anzac Day. On this page you can post a tribute to diggers, make a donation or even purchase merchandise. They have set up a system by postcode so that a percentage of any funds raised goes directly to our Sub Branch.



<https://diggerstribute.com.au/>

## REQUEST South Burnett Regional Council

A request from SBRC: with the ongoing shortage of toilet paper, please do not resort to flushing baby wipes, facial wipes or other cleaning wipes. These items are NOT flushable and will block the sewerage system.

\*Any members who are experiencing a critical shortage of toilet paper, please contact our Wellbeing Officer, Gloria Bell for an emergency supply of 2 rolls per household.

## DEEMING RATE CUT

About 900,000 Australians will see an increase to their fortnightly social security payments following the Government's decision to reduce deeming rates. The extra money is due to start flowing through from May 1.



## COMPUTER SAVVEY AND BORED

Heaps of time on your hands, love to do things on your computer? How about accessing the Mates4Mates site and find out all the great things this organisation is doing for our younger Vets. You can join this group and receive monthly newsletters and even purchase Mates4Mates merchandise to help support their cause.

## FREE CRAFT ITEMS

If you have spare craft items you would like to donate for someone to use or you are looking for something, please contact us to arrange.

Gloria Bell tel. 0475 333 438



Gloria currently has Doily Crochet Cottons available free of charge with a view to making items for future raffle prizes for the Auxillary.

## THE SOUTH BURNETT PANTRY

22 Stolzenberg Road, Kingaroy  
Tel. 0438 071 658 Open 9am-12pm Mon-Fri.  
Families and individuals experiencing hardship are able to select a hamper of food and household items. This is not a full shop for the family but a big help. Newcomers welcome.



No concession card needed.

Cash or eft/card (sorry, no credit or IOU's)  
\$40 full shop/\$25 fresh/fridge/frozen shop only (everything but the dry goods).



## HAND SANITIZER

There is a great deal of discussion around hand hygiene at present. Current recommendations are that washing your hands works best. When using hand sanitizers check that they are made from greater than 60% ethanol or 70% isopropanol. Remember you can only use hand sanitizer 2-3 times and then you must wash your hands. You can use a bleach solution for cleaning. Common household 4% chlorine bleach 25ml to 975ml water. Contact us for details.



## HOME MADE KNITTING

Hand knitting items available, reasonable prices

Cardigans, vests, ponchos, hand warmers, bed socks, balaclavas, scarfs, beanies, baby clothes, tea cosies. Ladies, Men's, Children's

Judith Corbet Ph: 4168 3898 or 0429 135 541

## VALE

Stephensen Colin Eric, Late of Murgon.  
Passed away 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020 aged 73 years.

## OPEN FOR BUSINESS

While our doors may be physically closed, we are available for contact via telephone and email. We are as busy as ever supporting our veterans and the vulnerable in the community.

Remember: check in on your family and friends but above all, STAY SAFE.

