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Neighbourhood News

NC Roundup

Welcome to the August edition of Neighbourhood News!

We've had a busy couple of months here at the Centre. In this issue read all about some wonderfully generous people, enjoy all the fun of Senior's Week celebrations COVID-style, join us in welcoming our newest recruit, Mirri, and check out the exciting events we have planned for September and October. We hope you can join us.

Our Youth Support Service is in the spotlight - find out how we can assist young people in the community.

We also have information on funding available to support individuals and families affected by drought in the Murweh Shire.

The Neighbourhood Centre is open and operating, and we remain fully committed to supporting our community.

If you'd like to know how we may be able to assist you, please contact us on 4654 1307, email your enquiry to communitysupport@charlevillenc.org.au, search our website at www.charlevillenc.org.au, or check out our Facebook Page - search for Charleville Neighbourhood Centre. Alternatively, why not pop in and say hello to our friendly staff in the Centre on the corner of Alfred and Eyre Streets.

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Tell Us What You Think

We love feedback from our community, so please let us know what's on your mind.

Email your feedback to communitysupport@charlevillenc.org.au, or post a comment on our Facebook page.

If you have something you'd like to include in our next Newsletter (October 2020) please contact the Neighbourhood Centre on 4654 1307 or email communitysupport@charlevillenc.org.au.



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NC Activities

Heartfelt Donations for the Bush Gratefully Accepted

We live in the best country in the world and it's filled with some of the most generous people you'll ever meet. The Neighbourhood Centre has been the fortunate recipient of some lovely donations over the past couple of months and we couldn't be more grateful.

It started with a huge donation of beautiful knitted items, including small blankets, scarves and beanies, from the Knit for Charity group from the Peregian Beach Community House. Through an association with our local QCWA, the Knit for Charity group forwarded several large bags of goodies our way for distribution to local communities. To date the Neighbourhood Centre has delivered winter woollies to the Day Care Centre in Charleville, the Augathella Library, and Gidgee's Bush Camp in Morven for distribution, as well as to clients in our crisis homes. Ruby the Goat from Gidgee's Bush Camp kindly agreed to model some of the knitted wear and we think she did an awesome job!

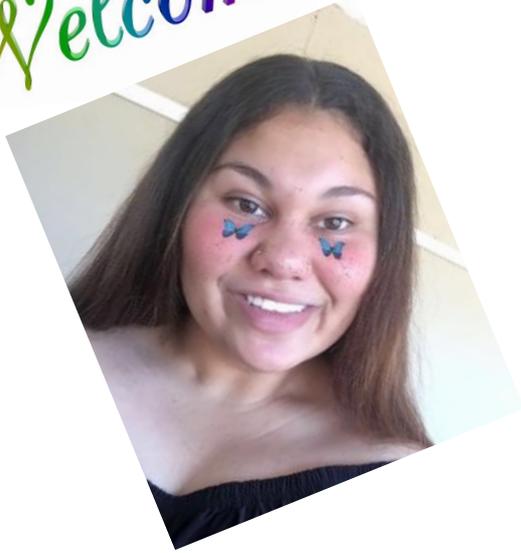


We were doubly blessed this winter, and also took delivery of some gorgeously colourful creations from an anonymous benefactor who happened to be passing through Charleville. This lovely lady spends her spare time knitting and then donates her woollies to charities and community groups in towns as she travels through them. What a wonderful and thoughtful way to contribute to the communities she visits.



And finally, the Rural Support Service recently took delivery of some fantastic care packs courtesy of Drought Angels to be distributed to local rural families in the region. Drought Angels are based in Chinchilla and do an amazing job helping our farmers through tough times with practical support and assistance. They are a registered not for profit charity who rely on the public and corporate sponsorship. If you'd like to know more you can visit their website at www.droughtangels.org.au, or look them up on Facebook by searching Drought Angels.

Welcome



Welcome Mirri

You may come across an extra smiling face at the Centre over the next few months. In mid-August we welcomed Mirri Burns to the team. Mirri is currently completing a Certificate 3 in Community Services through TAFE and will be undertaking 80 hours of work placement with us as part of her training. When she finishes her course Mirri is interested in pursuing a career in community services. Mirri is a delight to have on site and we are thoroughly enjoying our time with her. Welcome to the team Mirri!

Red Bench Raises Awareness

You may have noticed that one of the benches in the park next to the Neighbourhood Centre has had a facelift. Thanks must go to the Charleville Work Camp, who did an excellent job of restoring and rejuvenating the bench, and the new beautiful bright red colour holds special significance. The bench has proudly become part of the Red Bench Project (championed by the HOPE Program in Charleville) which is originally the brainchild of not for profit group Red Rose Foundation. The Red Rose Foundation works towards ending domestic violence related deaths in Australia. The red benches aim to raise awareness of domestic violence in communities and to keep this important issue visible.



Rural Grant Funding Secured

The Neighbourhood Centre has successfully secured grant funding through the Queensland State Government's Community Drought Support Program 2019-20. This funding will be used to assist landholders and other rural workers in the Murweh Shire who have been directly affected by drought and will be distributed via our Rural Support Service. For more information regarding the assistance available and eligibility criteria, please contact Jeff Russell at the Neighbourhood Centre on 4654 3935, or email ruralsupport@charvillenc.org.au.



Senior's Week 2020

Over two Wednesday mornings in August an amazing collaboration of local service providers and volunteers came together to celebrate Senior's Week.

Due to COVID 19 social gathering restrictions, we were unable to hold our usual events. So instead, we decided to bring the celebrations to our lovely Seniors.

First up was the traditional Mayor's Morning Tea, COVID style! Almost 200 boxes of delicious home-made treats were delivered to homes throughout our community, along with many chats at front gates and doors. It was fantastic to catch up with everyone and all our wonderful delivery people did such a fantastic job while having a great time.

On the second Wednesday we had a Fancy Dress Competition, which has traditionally been part of the Luncheon held on the last day of Senior's Week celebrations. The theme this year was "Your Interpretation of the Natural World" and we weren't disappointed!

We hope you enjoy the photos on the following pages.





Bake-Off Competition Results

A Bake-Off Competition was held in conjunction with the Morning Tea. The entries in the Bake-Off were all delicious and we want to say a big thank you to everyone who participated. The winners of the Bake-Off, judged by Jill Usher (thank you Jill) and assisted by Mirri Burns, and Kirra Oliver and Victoria Munro from Southern Queensland Rural Health, were:

Vanilla Patty Cakes

- 1st - Karen Hooker
- 2nd - John Pickersgill
- 3rd - Marlene Edwards

Cheese Scones

- 1st - Marlene Edwards
- 2nd - Karen Hooker
- 3rd - Margaret Gorman



Senior's Week Fancy Dress Competition

With all these great costumes on offer, the judges had such a hard time trying to choose one winner; so instead we decided to declare **EVERYONE** a winner! Congratulations to all our fabulously frocked champions.



Clockwise from Top Left: Vicki Bailey, Chrissie Hayes, Margaret Gorman, Ann Chase & Patty Jones.



Upcoming Events

BLUE SEPTEMBER BIG BBQ BREAKFAST

FRIDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2020

Please join us for our annual
Blue September Big BBQ Breakfast
and help us raise awareness of men's cancer

Did You Know?

Blue September is a month-long campaign dedicated to raising awareness of men's cancers and encourages men to stay diligent about their health.

In Australia, one in every two men will be affected by cancer in their lifetime - that's 20% more men than women who will be touched by this terrible disease.

Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in men in Australia.

Each year approximately 3,500 men die of prostate cancer.

More men die of prostate cancer than women die of breast cancer.



CHARLEVILLE
NEIGHBOURHOOD.CENTRE

From 7am to 9am

Neighbourhood Centre Park,
Alfred Street

Cost \$5.00
(plus spare change
for raffle tickets)

ALL WELCOME



Take a Break On Us & Focus On Your Mental Health

Enjoy a **FREE** morning tea courtesy of the Neighbourhood Centre
& take time for mental health

Tuesday, 13 October 2020

9.30am to 11.30am

Collections from the Neighbourhood Centre's Eyre Street Entrance

Morning tea is free, however a gold coin donation to go towards local mental health initiatives is greatly appreciated.

Lucky Door Prize - Simply Order Your Morning Tea Pack to Go into the Draw

Orders are **ESSENTIAL** for catering purposes.
Please order your morning tea pack/s (each pack contains 6 items)
through the Neighbourhood Centre on 4654 1307.

Gluten free packs are available - please request gluten free when ordering.

Orders Close Monday, 28 September



Kids Corner

Pitching Pennies

All you need to play this simple game are some coins and several buckets or large containers to toss the coins into.

How to Play

- ◆ Assign a value to each bucket or container - the values are the amount of points won for each successful toss.
- ◆ Line the buckets up in a row from lowest to highest value (see picture).
- ◆ Draw a starting line a little way in front of the lowest ranked bucket for your players to stand behind.
- ◆ Each player receives 5 coins and takes it in turns to toss their coins into the buckets.
- ◆ At the end of each player's turn, add up the scores for the successful tosses.
- ◆ The player with the highest score wins!



TIP: You can also use marbles or ping pong balls instead of coins.

Heads, Bodies, Tails

This game can be played by two or more people. You'll need a piece of paper and a pencil.

Out of sight of the other players, the first player draws a hat at the top of the paper and then folds the paper over so that only the hat brim is showing.

The next player, without looking at the first picture, then draws a head and folds the paper over so only the neck is showing.

The next player then draws the body and folds the paper so only the bottom of the waist is showing.

The next player draws the legs and folds the paper again, and finally someone draws the shoes. Now unfold your drawing for the hilarious results.



Delicious Dishes

Butter Chicken Nachos

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 finely chopped brown onion
- 500g chicken mince
- 1/2 x 375g packet of butter chicken simmer sauce
- 75g packet mini plain pappadums
- 1/4 cup finely grated tasty cheese
- 1 finely chopped cucumber
- 1 seeded and finely chopped tomato
- 1/4 finely chopped red onion
- 1/2 cup fresh coriander sprigs
- Plain Greek-style yoghurt, to serve



Method

- Heat the oil in a large frying pan over medium-high heat. Add the brown onion and cook until softened. Increase to high heat and add the chicken mince. Breaking up the mince with a wooden spoon, cook for 5 minutes or until fully cooked through. Stir in the butter chicken simmer sauce and bring to the boil. Then reduce the heat to medium and simmer for 5 minutes.
- Pre-heat the grill on medium-high. Arrange the mince mixture on a baking tray and partially cover with pappadums. Sprinkle with cheese and grill for 1 minute or until the cheese just starts to melt.
- Sprinkle with the cucumber, tomato, red onion and coriander. Serve with yoghurt.



Mars Bar Slice

Ingredients

- ◆ 4 x 53g roughly chopped Mars Bars
- ◆ 90g chopped butter
- ◆ 3 cups Rice Bubbles
- ◆ 220g roughly chopped milk chocolate

Method

- ◆ Grease a rectangular slice pan and line the long sides and base with baking paper, extending the paper 2cm above the edges of the pan for easy extraction.
- ◆ Place Mars Bars and butter in a saucepan over low heat. Stir constantly without boiling for 5 minutes or until mixture is smooth. Remove from heat and stir in the Rice Bubbles. Press into the prepared pan.
- ◆ Place the chocolate in a microwave-safe bowl and microwave on medium for 1 to 2 minutes, stopping to stir every 30 seconds, until chocolate is melted and smooth. Take care not to overheat and burn the chocolate.
- ◆ Spread chocolate evenly over the top of the slice and refrigerate until firm.
- ◆ Using a warm knife, cut the slice into squares and serve.



Service in the Spotlight

In this edition we're shining a light on our **Youth Support Service**.

Are you between the ages of 8 to 21 years and need a helping hand? The Youth Support Service works with young people who are experiencing social, emotional or behavioural difficulties that impact their well-being and relationships. The Service provides support and outreach, working on a one-on-one basis with young people in Charleville, providing case management, intervention services and referrals.

Rebecca Horton is our Youth Support Service Worker and is experienced in helping young people deal with issues and challenges. The Youth Support Service can help you work out what you want and how you want to get it. For example, we can help you:

- Connect with family and community.
- Find a safe, stable place to live.
- Engage in school, training or employment.
- Manage self-harm or other at-risk behaviours.
- Lead a healthy, violence-free life.

The YSS can also link you with whatever other type of help you need along the way. And if you give your permission, the service can work with any other people in your life, such as family, friends, school or government agencies.

To contact Rebecca, please call the Neighbourhood Centre on 4654 1345, or email her directly at ydw@charlevillenc.org.au.



Garden Gate

Spring Planting Guide



Spring is just around the corner and with the warmer weather it's a great time to get out into the garden and start planting your spring/summer herbs, fruit and vegetables. Below you'll find a list of the best crops to plant for arid regions in Queensland over the next few months.

Herbs - basil, chives, coriander, oregano, and sweet marjoram.

Fruit and Vegetables - artichokes (globe and Jerusalem), beans, beetroot, capsicum, carrot, celeriac, chillies, choko, cucumber, daikon, eggplant, leek, lettuce, okra, parsnip, potato, pumpkin, radish, rhubarb, rocket, rockmelon, rosella, shallots, silverbeet, spinach, spring onions, squash, sunflower, sweet corn, sweet potato, tomato, watermelon, and zucchini.

Keep plants well watered, protected from strong winds and under shade if possible, and don't forget to mulch well.

Credit: <https://gardenate.com/>



Enjoy your favourite beverage while you search for these drinks from around the world. Words run horizontally, vertically and diagonally. Good Luck!

Perplexing Puzzles



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| Aguardiente | Byarozavik | Guinness | Lassi | Rum Swizzle |
| Aquavit | Caesar | Imperial | Maksym | Sake |
| Arabian Coffee | Caipirinha | Jarma | Mate | Sangria |
| Arag | Cha Gordo | Jenever | Midus | Soju |
| Armenian Brandy | Chibuku | Karewe | Ouzo | Sombai |
| Ayran | Chicha | Kava | Palinka | Sugarcane Juice |
| Baiju | Chinotto | Kinnie | Pilsner | Teh Tarik |
| Barbancourt | Cuba Libre | Kopi | Pisco Sours | Tej |
| Borovicka | Curacao Liqueur | Kvass | Port Wine | Tequila |
| Brennivin | Doogh | Lager | Rakia | Tuica |
| Bubble Tea | Es Teler | Lahpet | Rakshi | Vodka |
| Bundaberg Rum | Espresso | Lao Lao | Rivella | Zivania |

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We have some beautiful birds in Australia. Can you find them all?
Words can run horizontally, vertically and diagonally.



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L	R	W	T	D	L	R	P	Y	K	Q	U	A	U	E	Y	D	L	L	E	T	E	O	A	N
T	E	S	O	D	G	R	O	D	O	D	C	C	R	R	D	E	A	I	G	N	D	L	E	E
S	D	S	O	O	T	A	K	C	O	C	K	C	A	L	B	D	E	L	I	A	T	D	E	R

Adelie Penguin	Budgerigar	Inland Dotterel	Pied Currawong	Tawny Frogmouth
Australian Bustard	Bush Stone-curlew	Jacky Winter	Pink-eared Duck	Topknot Pigeon
Australian Magpie	Cattle Egret	Kelp Gull	Rainbow Lorikeet	Varied Sittella
Banded Stilt	Crescent Honeyeater	Laughing Kookaburra	Red Goshawk	Wandering Albatross
Barking Owl	Diamond Firetail	Little Tern	Red-tailed Black Cockatoo	Wedge-tailed Eagle
Bell Miner	Eastern Rosella	Major Mitchell's Cockatoo	Regent Bowerbird	Whistling Kite
Black Swan	Emu	Mallee Emu-wren	Royal Spoonbill	Willie Wagtail
Black-shouldered Kite	Freckled Duck	Musk Duck	Shining Bronze Cuckoo	Wompoo Fruit Dove
Blue-breasted Fairy Wren	Galah	Noisy Pitta	Spangled Drongo	Yellow Thornbill
Bourke's Parrot	Gilbert's Whistler	Nutmeg Mannikin	Speckled Warbler	Yellow-billed Spoonbill
Brolga	Gouldian Finch	Orange-bellied Parrot	Sulfur-crested Cockatoo	Yellow-throated Miner
Brown Quail	Horsefield's Bushlark	Peaceful Dove	Swift Parrot	Zebra Finch

Put on your thinking cap and challenge yourself with these stimulating Sudoku puzzles.



EASY

5	9	8		6		
4	1		6	9	5	
	3			7	1	4
		3				9
9	6		2		5	4
8				2		
	2	6	4		9	
3	8		7	4	6	
		5		6	8	7

EASY

9	7	3				
		5				2
4	3			9	5	
1		3		5		4 8
	5		4	3	7	6
2	6			8		5 3
			9	2		3 5
	9					1
					3	7 4

MEDIUM

				6	7	8
	1		3		6	
	9	6		4		1
		1	6	3		2
2						9
	5			9	7	1
	7			2	4	5
		4			3	7
8	5	4				

MEDIUM

			8	2		4	3	
3	5		1	4			8	
		2			3		1	
				6		8		
2							5	
	9		5					
8			6			3		
5				8	7		9	2
7	2		9		1			

HARD

			5			8	9	
		1		7		3	6	2
				6				
		3	8				4	1
				9				
1	8				4	9		
				2				
7	9	6		8		2		
	3	5			9			

HARD

			5			6	9
				6	4	2	
	6	7			8		
9		3				5	
	1						3
		5				7	6
				3		4	1
		9	4	2			
7	8				1		

Bellylaughs

Q. What did the pirate say on his 80th birthday?

A. AYE MATEY!

Q. Why do bees have sticky hair?

A. Because they use a honeycomb!

Q. Why do melons have weddings?

A. Because they cantaloupe!

Q. Want to hear a joke about construction?

A. I'm still working on it!



Q. Why is Peter Pan always flying?

A. He neverlands!

Q. What's orange and sounds like a parrot?

A. A carrot!

Q. Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon?

A. Great food, no atmosphere!

Q. What would the Terminator be called in his retirement?

A. The Exterminator!

Q. What kind of noise does a witch's vehicle make?

A. Broooooom Broooooom!

Q. Did you hear about the guy who invented Lifesavers?

A. They say he made a mint!



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