



## Christmas Newsletter



Christmas is nearly here. Decorations are being put up. Twinkling lights are seen in the streets and covering houses and Santa is on his way shortly!!! Exciting! It's time to get together with your families, have fun and enjoy the festivities.

On the 18th of November the Blue Light Disco was held at the RSL, as it is every month. This one was quite special as Santa also came, much to the children's delight. He gave out lollies bags to 50 children and sat with them and listened as they told him what they wish for Christmas.

Murgon Blue Light Association is run by Police and Civilian Volunteers, who have proudly been supporting the youth for 11 years. This is a not for profit organisation and the committee greatly appreciates the help and donations made by local and surrounding business owners and community members.

The aim of the Murgon Blue Light is to provide monthly activities which consist of discos, dance offs and talent quests. The primary aim, however, is to encourage better relations

between the police, young people, their parents and the community. This is a safe environment for everyone as it is free from Alcohol and Drugs.

The Committee members are President/Sgt. Lance Guteridge, Vice President Bevan Routledge, Secretary/ Coordinator Patrice Fenech and Treasurer Ashley Rewald, Blue Light Police Officer Constable Warwick Wilson and nine volunteers.

One of the volunteers is our very own Arthur Georgetown who runs the Barambah Community Support Program also known as BCSP. Arthur has been volunteering with this organisation for two months now and has dedicated his time to support and help the committee in the run up to this event. With the support from Arthur and Diversionary Services, Murgon Blue Light was able to support Santa to come along for a visit.

Everyone had a great time. Committee members, children and even the parents who were delighted to see the smiles on their children's faces as Santa arrived.

A special thanks to everyone who made this happen. Events like this are great as it gathers the community together to have some fun! *SBCTC*

## Hervey Bay Water Park



Our Sober Living Support Workers, Agnes Vaeagi and Sarah Vanderkolk, organised a trip to **Hervey Bay Water Park** and Beach this month for clients and their children. This was a great opportunity for our clients to enjoy a fun filled day out and bond with their children as a family.

With the help of our other support workers, Lillian Gray and Albertha Johansson, morning tea was provided and then a BBQ was cooked for lunch.

All the kids and parents told Agnes how much they really enjoyed their day out and would be very keen to be on other trips organised by our service.



Unfortunately the day had to end, much to the kids' disappointment but on their way home they got to stop off at McDonald's which cheered them right up again!!

Great job team!! It was truly a successful day for all.  
**SBCTC**

# White Ribbon Day

**Many members of the Cherbourg community came along and Swore!**

**CTC – Safe Haven and Wondin-Dee BBQ support White Ribbon Day**

On Friday 25 November 2011 South Burnett CTC – Safe Haven and Wondin-Dee held a White Ribbon BBQ at the Ration Shed for the Cherbourg community to join together in a "Swear" day. This day was held to help raise awareness about violence and the message of White Ribbon day. All attendees at the event participated in the 'My Oath' campaign for White Ribbon, by 'swearing' to stop violence.

CTC – Safe Haven and Wondin-Dee were very proud to be supporting White Ribbon in raising awareness about violence and encourage others to do the same.

"Today we acknowledged and encouraged our community to be aware of violence which can impact our families throughout our communities", says Aunty Val Cullen.

The BBQ at the Ration Shed was one of many events taking place across Australia to raise awareness for White Ribbon Day, 25 November, the UN Day for the Elimination of Violence. Ribbons and wristbands were available at the event.

You can also take part in the 'My Oath' campaign by visiting [www.whiteribbon.org.au/myoath](http://www.whiteribbon.org.au/myoath) and swearing never to commit, excuse or remain silent about violence.



CTC would like to thank all the staff and people who got involved and helped out. Your hard work was much appreciated!! **SBCTC**

# Young Mums' Group

Our Support Worker Albertha, runs our HUB Program. This program is aimed at assisting families and individuals with life issues .

Ally runs a Young Mums' group every week. One week is taking parents with their children up to the Smith Family playgroup which is located on the Murgon State School campus where they can sit and read stories, play games and interact more with their children.

These activities aim to support young mums in developing and strengthening parenting skills.



Activities also include scrap booking and basic courses such as financial management, computer courses and basic health.

Another part of the young mums program involves fortnightly tiny tot swimming lessons. These lessons are taught by a fully qualified instructor and give the children skills that they will carry with them throughout their lives. And importantly this is very precious time for Mums and their bubs.



Our **LDMP** car was damaged due to a fire. Unfortunately this has put a slight hitch in getting our Learner drivers obtaining their log book hours.

However we are now allowing our Driver Mentors to take our Learner drivers out in our Ford Courier Ute.

We have eight keen learner drivers at the moment and plenty more people have been coming in to see Sarah to access this program.

Sarah is still seeking more Mentor Drivers for this program as we have one Mentor at the moment.

Sarah is keen to get our local Learner Drivers on the road as it helps them improve their opportunities for employment and is a necessity when living in a remote area.

Please come into our CTC office on Lamb Street , if you are interested and have a chat with Sarah. *SBCTC*



Our wonderful Uncle Les Stewart here at Diver-sionary Services had a car accident just recently. We were all worried terribly about him, but he came out of hospital with no major injuries and a smile on his face.

Les completed a Driver Awareness course earlier this year and he told us that this training taught him how to control dangerous situations while driving and if it wasn't for this he could have been seriously injured.

With some aches and pains, Les still comes into the office with a big grin on his face as he usually does.

We at CTC would like to wish you a speedy recovery and hope you get better soon.

Look forward to seeing you soon Les. *SBCTC*



SBCTC had a bit of a knock back this month where one of our employee's car was destroyed by a fire, as you can see from the picture below.



CTC are doing all we can to help. We are selling raffle tickets at \$5 for one and \$20 for 5.

We have some great prizes up for grabs!!! The first prize is a **42 inch Plasma Screen Television** donated by Harvey Norman and the second prize is an **8G iPod Touch**.

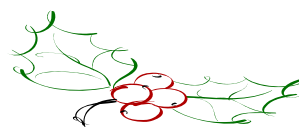
Tickets are being sold at all CTC offices so if you want to be in for a chance to win one of these prizes pop in to see one of our staff.

We thank you for your support. *SBCTC*

Christmas Holiday period—Closing hours

**Diversions Services** will be open ALL business days.

We are open until the 24th December and on the 28th, 29th, 30th of December 2011.



Christmas Holiday period—Closing hours

**Employment Services** will be closed from:

2pm on the 23rd of December 2011

To

8.30am on the 3rd of January 2012

In the Kingaroy, Murgon, Gympie and Tin Can Bay Offices.

**Any urgent calls can be forwarded to**

**0428 627 786**



would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

