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#### **Holiday fun**

Messy Play Mud Session at Laidley is a free event which encourages kids to experience their senses through play.

It is a a fun holiday activity. It will be held at Paisley Park Early Learning Centre Laidley, from 10am to 11am on January 5.

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# **MedicReady gets** major recognition

**MEGHAN HARRIS** 

A VITAL medical service created by a Toowoomba man has won an international award for its innovative-

MedicReady was recognised in the 2020 international Global Health and Pharma Fitness and Nutrition Awards for Most Innovative Patient Medical Information Service Austra-

MedicReady was created by George Helon and is a kit including a range of first alert, accident, emergency and medical data for patients, motorbike riders and vehicle drivers.

It includes embossed key rings, medical data cards, magnets, stickers, vehicle and motorbike decals, lanyards and ID pouches for the elderly

kits also include The medical information about the person carrying it.

The idea came to Mr Helon several years ago after dealing with years of medical issues due to a disorder he was born with.

Mr Helon is one of only 300 people worldwide to be



VITAL INFORMATION: George Helon with his Medic Ready packs.

Picture: Nev Madsen

diagnosed with multipleanomaly genetic disorder pallister-hall syndrome.

Mr Helon said he was proud to receive the award as MedicReady was about fostering innovation in patient healthcare services and prod-

"MedicReady's range of services and products were conceived and have been developed as a means of affording people peace-of-mind when it comes to facing some of life's unexpected certainties such as accidents, emergencies, hospitalisations, and medical attendances," he said.

"It gives people the opportunity to acquire the resources and means by which one can better prepare for and deal with unforeseen situations in case of emergency without having to worry about ongoing cost, or being dependent on external relay service providers.

"Unlike similar services and merchandise on the market, MedicReady products are not membership, subscription, or premium dependent. You walk away with no more to pay."

For more information, visit www.medicready.org.

#### **Burns Supper**

THE Toowoomba Caledonian Society and Pipe Band is celebrating a Burns Supper by holding a formal dinner at the Oaks Hotel, Annand St on Saturday, February 6.

Due to the coronavirus and restrictions that are in place, the society has chosen a different location to celebrate Robert Burns (1759-1796), the famous Scottish Bard's, birth-

Burns Suppers have been held every year since 1911 and the only time the Burns Supper was cancelled was in 1936 due to King George V's death.

The society is also celebrating its 150th anniversary. It was formed in September 1870 and is considered the oldest Caledonian Society in Queensland.

If you wish to attend the formal Burns Supper, the cost of the dinner is \$70 per person.

All bookings are to be prepaid by January 30. Please contact the treasurer at Ronimctcs@gmail.com for details.

#### Prang on busy road

TRAFFIC was blocked along a busy Toowoomba road on Saturday following a reported two vehicle crash involving four people. A Queensland Ambulance Services spokeswoman confirmed paramedics received the call-out at 11.24am to a crash on the corner of Ruthven and Newington Sts.

The spokeswoman said three people declined transport to hospital and one person was assessed for minor injur-

Traffic was blocked in the left lane of Ruthven St heading northbound.

#### **Watercolour animals**

LEARN how to draw any animal of your choice from a photo, then watercolour the painting using top tips and tricks at this special workshop. The event will be held at Tinker on Dexter St on February 5 from 4pm and will run for three hours. For more details and to book your place, head to tinkerart.com.au.

# More storms to come after last week's deluge

**MEG GANNON** 

THUNDERSTORMS are predicted to hit the Darling Downs and Granite Belt today, according to the Bureau of

Meteorology, following temperatures relatively above average for the region.

The bureau predicts a high chance of thunderstorms in the evening and overnight today, primarily hitting the Granite Belt and wider Darling

Winds heading north to north-easterly will hit 15 to 25 km/h tending north to northwesterly during the morning then tending north to northeasterly during the afternoon.

The BOM predicts a mini-

mum of 19 today and a maximum of 28, while Warwick should reach 30 degrees.

For tomorrow, BOM forecasts a 70 per cent chance of showers for the district, most likely in the evening, with the chance of a thunderstorm.



