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END OF AN ERA

PhotoStory by Rainie Gillies, Frank Standfast, John Parker and Jeff Close



Built 1905

renovate and repair. Underneath was enclosed to make a study room for the boarders, chapel, community room, kitchen, dining rooms, music room, office and parlour.

The last Sisters to reside there were Srs. Anselm (Dawn Furse) and Paul Mary (Patricia Hindom from Boulia).

Wednesday the 14th of April saw the final demolition of the Winton Convent building. Some of the materials that had gone into the structure had been salvaged and recycled before the building came down. Demolition was supervised by Terry Pilcher of Bowen.

In 1905, Father Fagan invited the Sisters of Mercy from Townsville to come to Winton and commence a school, and a convent was built. In 1952 a freak storm damaged it and it took a year to



2020

The Winton Herald is a volunteer-produced newsheet for Winton Business & Tourism Association facilitating and supporting business, tourism, and community of Winton Shire since 1967.

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THE WINTON HERALD

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The Winton Herald is a not-for-profit publication produced by volunteers of the Winton Business & Tourism Association.

All our volunteers who assist in production of this weekly publication have commitments to full-time employment and their families outside of their volunteer responsibilities to The Winton Herald.

Editorial Submissions

The Winton Herald currently does not have a local journalist/editor and as such we are relying on community members to submit articles for publication. If you have recently been involved in running an event, please send a short article and a photo or two to the Editor at wintonheraleditor@gmail.com for inclusion in the next available issue. Please note **submission deadline of 8pm Monday** for all articles and photos. Articles may be edited for length or consistency.

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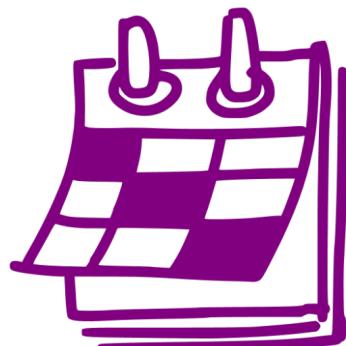
What's On?

Date	Event	Information
Fri 23 April	'When Chairmen were Patriots' book launch. Elisabeth Fysh	6pm at the Winton Club \$25 p/p
Fri 23 April	COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics	Winton Shire Council
Fri 23 April	'Salute to ANZACS'	7.30pm The Royal Theatre
Sat 24 April	Winton Devils Home Game	6.00pm kick off – Eric Lenton sports grounds
Sun 25 April	ANZAC Day	6.00am Dawn Service – Winton Memorial Cenotaph
Wed 28 April	Nostalgia Night	7.30pm The Royal Theatre
Fri 30 April	Winton Campdraft	
Sat 1 May	Winton Campdraft	
Sun 2 May	Winton Campdraft	
Sun 2 May	John Wayne 'Sagebush Trail'	7.30pm The Royal Theatre
Thurs 6 May	Psychs on Bikes	
Fri 7 May	Faulty Towers Interactive Theatre	7.00pm Winton Shire Supper Room Tickets purchased online at www.outbackfestival.com.au

Help keep us up to date!

Please submit your events, with location and time to
wintonheraleditor@gmail.com

The WBTA hopes to have your event in our calendar at least two weeks prior to its occurrence to give those living out of town a chance to attend. In the past, many have commented that they did not know an event was on until it was too late - we are hoping to change that!



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When St. Patrick's School was designated a training centre for Pupil Teachers, extra Sisters stayed at the Convent, and during World War II (1942-1945) St. Patrick's College in Townsville was moved to Winton, and even more nuns called the convent home.



Going



going



gone.

The Cross, which for so long has indicated the religious significance of the Winton landmark, has been kept for future use in the parish.



GEORGE McBRIDE OAM

Article submitted by Noel McBride (part 1 of a two part article)

'A Significant Man' 6/05/1921-14/04/2020



George McBride who died at Alexandra Headland on the Sunshine Coast was truly an exceptional man, leaving a proud legacy. He was an inspirational person of immense talent and energy who made a significant positive difference to whatever he turned his attention to.

George was a mostly uncelebrated war hero, serving in New Guinea during WW2; successful in business and a pillar of community being deeply committed to Community Service as well as family. In many ways he epitomised the real Australian spirit.

George was born the first son of a Robert and Elsie McBride, a blacksmith and a seamstress, growing up first in Invinebank on the Atherton Tableland, then later in Cairns. He first trained as a motor mechanic before joining the RAAF in 1940 at the age of 19 years. He served in the Pacific

Theatre generally in aircraft groundcrew doing maintenance and repair, but also in a special unit involved in difficult repair and salvage operations undertaking duties in extremely trying and risky conditions.

In New Guinea he earned the nickname 'Wizzer' because of his ability to do the seemingly impossible through improvisation, borrowing, begging or exchanging- essentially from American units-to keep aircraft operational and in salvaging crashed and damaged aircraft.

On one occasion after having crash landed at Kerowagi in the New Guinea highlands and undertaking a salvage job, he responded to word from the local indigenous people of an aircraft crash on Mt Wilhelm, the highest mountain in NG. He immediately mounted a rescue operation with native bearers, making an arduous climb to over 3000m into the 4579m mountain with another serviceman to successfully rescue two surviving badly burnt and injured airmen. For this he was Mentioned in Dispatches and Commended by the US Air Force.

He had many lucky escapes, for instance he revealed in his autobiography of an operation at Aitape in northern NG. His duty was to come in behind the landing force and to establish a serviceable airstrip. He related that while there he saw a need and began driving a jeep ferrying severely wounded men, strapped to it on stretchers, back from the front line and was shot through the back of the neck by a sniper. Up to that time he had always brushed off any mention of the scar as a 'welding accident'.



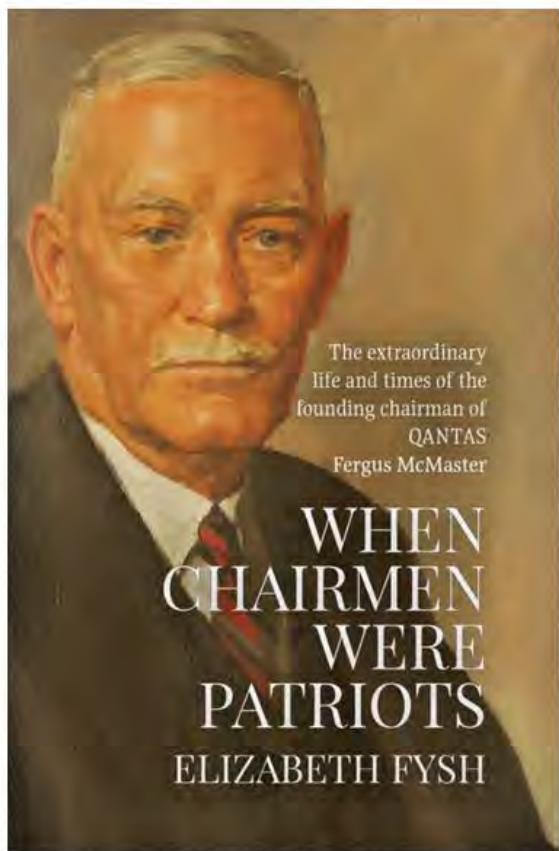
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All Members of the Winton Community and Visitors
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a dinner in celebration of the launch of
Elizabeth (Betsy) Fysh's book
When Chairmen were Patriots

by Captain Ossie Miller, Retired Qantas Captain

on Friday 23rd. April at the Winton Club

Doors open at 6pm. Cost \$25 pp (Cash Bar).
Tickets available at Winton Newsagency
(Bookings essential as seating is limited).

When Chairmen were Patriots tells the story of one
of Winton's proudest sons, Fergus McMaster, and
the founding of Qantas.

Enquiries: Ph. Cathy White 0428 573 974

Winton Business and Tourism Business Awards 2021



Plans are underway for this year's Winton Business & Tourism Association 2021 Annual Dinner & Business Awards Evening. This is the second year these awards have been held – the first being back in 2019. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we were unable to host the awards in 2020

This year's date has been set for Friday 18 June 2021 and will once again be held in the Shire Hall.

All businesses are welcome to invite their key employees, suppliers, customers, or family members to attend the

evening. Bookings (tables of 8) are essential. A delicious two course Dinner will be served, and drinks will be available for purchase from the bar.

The WBTA Award categories are:

- Customer Service Excellence Award – Business
- Customer Service Excellence Award – New Business
- Customer Service Excellence Award – Individual

Previous award winners (2019) were

“Best New Business” The Opal Miner “Best Overall Business” Tuff Tyres

“Best Individual Customer Service” Freddie Hill Jr

Semi-Formal Attire | 18 June 2021 | 6.30pm | Winton Shire Hall

This is a night to celebrate and promote your business!

Stalls and Promotional Display Stands are Welcome! Further details and to book a site information to come. Bring along promotional material to distribute to guests on the evening.

The MC will have a Roving Mic to Informally Interview Businesses for 3 - 5 minutes. This is an opportunity for guests to learn about you, your services and/or products.

* All Winton Businesses will have been visited by specially selected independent “Mystery Shoppers”. Businesses are confidentially assessed by the Mystery Shoppers using a WBTA approved rating criteria.

This will be an entertaining evening not to be missed!



WINTON BRANCH



What do you know about the QCWA? First thing that comes to mind....Tea and Scones....Let's have a 'sconeversation'.

With 44000 members across 1855 branches The Country Women's Association is the largest women's organisation in Australia. Women from all walks of life are members of the CWA and it means something different to everyone.

Famous for our cooking and handcrafts CWA is so much more than that. CWA is a charitable organisation and a powerful influence as a force for good. CWA advocates for and provides opportunities for women around education, health, and community through every phase of a woman's life.

Behind the aprons and teapots some very determined CWA ladies established the Qld Bush Children's Health Scheme, Public Rural Crisis Fund, made birthing kits and stationary packs for poor countries. They've opened aged care hostels, baby clinics, bush nursing and partitioned to save koalas. Also supplied medical equipment for rural hospitals, advocated for farm safety with Giddy Goanna, lobbied for seatbelts in cars and road safety with the introduction of the rumble strips along the side of roads. The list goes on....

Beginning in 1922, the association turns 100 next year and big celebrations are in the making. Stay tuned for what Winton has planned.

Our branch is about connecting with other women and working together to contribute to community events and fundraising. We are very proud of our hall which we are constantly looking to improve. We have air conditioned it, installed a hot water system and new stove and put together a kids corner complete with TV and DVD. We encourage members from out of town to take advantage of our great facilities when visiting town. They are also available to community groups and for private functions at a small hire cost. The first project for our branch in 2021 will be catering at the WOW fest, we look forward to supporting this great community event. We welcome new members (you don't have to be a good cook, most of our meeting smokos boast more bought bickies than home cooked and that's fine). Memberships are due in June but if you join now you get the next three months free!

We meet monthly at our hall. Usually Wednesday afternoon but we do mix it up a little, so check the Herald for some contact details and give someone a call.

It's about friendship, community and connection!

Sports

Article and Photo Submitted by Justin Smith - Captain/Coach

Last Saturday the Winton Diamantina Devils kicked off their Central West Rugby League season for 2021 by taking a young side of 21 on the long road trip to Blackall to play the

Blackall Magpies. In what's always a tough game this one was no different with plenty of rock-solid hard-hitting defence from both sides. With the scores level at nil all after the first 40minutes. It was anyone game in the second half with both teams starting

to fatigue and getting a little scrappy in their play. Full time score was Blackall 16 Winton 0. Though we didn't come away with a victory there were plenty of great signs with the way the team played especially with having so many new faces in the team with only 7 of the 21 players having played A-grade for the Devils before. Congratulations to Patrick Smith on winning man of the match in his first game in Winton Devils colours.

Home game this weekend against the Barcaldine Sandgoannas - 6pm kick off.



COMING TO
THE ROYAL THEATRE
OPEN AIR PICTURE SHOW

FRIDAY 23rd April 7:30pm
Salute to ANZAC
followed by feature film DANGER CLOSE
(\$15 A, \$10 C)

WEDNESDAY 28th April 2021
7:15 for 7:30pm start
NOSTALGIA NIGHT
Partly shot in Winton
Evening includes Tour/history (\$10A, \$5C)

SUNDAY 2nd May 2021
7:15 for 7:30 start
John Wayne in SAGEBUSH TRAIL (\$10A, \$5C)

Conducted by the not-for-profit
Winton Movies Inc.

Contact Jeff 0458532677
COVID regulations apply
Programme may change

Why is rosemary worn on ANZAC day in Australia?

Through ancient history to modern times; across cultures and countries, folklore and science **rosemary** has been a symbol of love, trust, friendship and loyalty.

The associations of rosemary with ANZAC day have **an added dimension**, in the fact that rosemary grows wild across the Gallipoli peninsula.

What's more it has always been believed that **rosemary** has properties that improve and boost memory.

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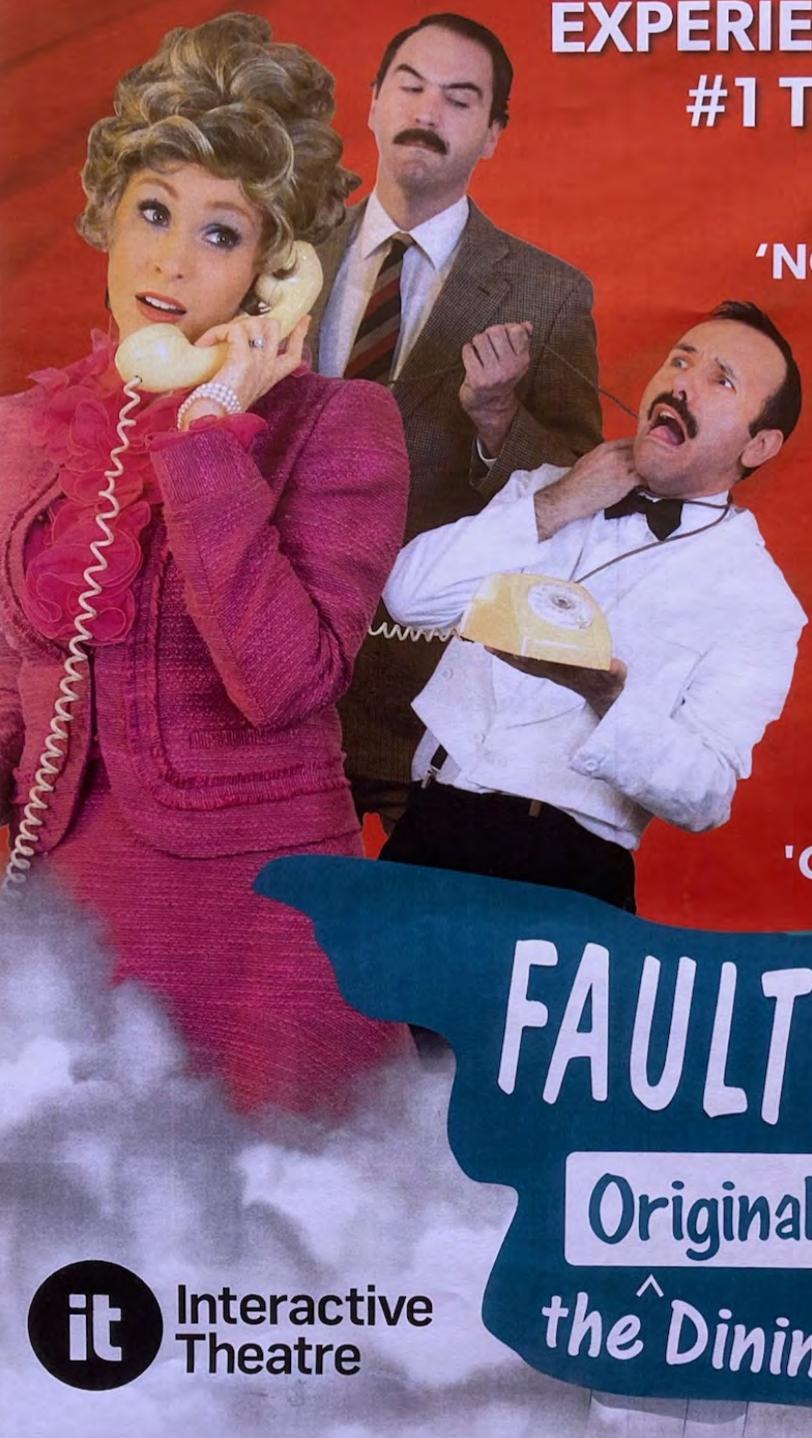
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TIME: 7.00pm (must be seated by 7.15pm)

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Central West Hospital and Health Service

Media statement



Queensland
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23 February 2021

BreastScreen Qld mobile van heading to Central West

BreastScreen Queensland's state-of the-art mobile screening van will visit the Central West region from early March and women are encouraged to attend and have their free breast screen.

A breast screen was the best way to detect breast cancer early, well before a woman or her doctor could feel anything, BreastScreen Queensland Rockhampton Service Health Promotion Officer Roxanne Hodda said.

"The risk of breast cancer increases with age, that's why we encourage all women over 40 to have a breast screen ever two years and particularly women between the ages of 50 and 74," she said.

"On average, one in eight Queensland women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and, of those, 90 per cent will have no family history of the illness.

"Early detection could save your life, with 9 out of 10 women surviving thanks to early detection.

"So, if you haven't been keeping up to date with important health checks, now's the time to do so.

The BreastScreen Queensland schedule for the Central West is:

- Alpha: 8 March – 10 March.
- Longreach: 12 March – 14 April.
- Winton: 16 April – 27 April
- Barcaldine: 29 April – 13 May
- Blackall: 17 May – 27 May.
- Tambo: 31 May – 2 June

Ms Hodda said the BreastScreen van visited the Central West every two years, with the last visit being in 2019.

"This is a great opportunity for women to access breast screening, especially when it is delivered closer to your home," she said.

WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL | COMMUNITY NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICES

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Winton Shire Council currently have employment opportunities available for highly motivated, positive people with a passion for their community. The successful applicants will have the opportunity to join a conscientious and progressive team that are making a difference in their community.

Casual positions vacant:

- Personal Care Attendant
- Visitor Experience Officer

Full-time positions vacant:

- Shire Hall Caretaker/Cleaner

Applicants are required to obtain a copy of the role-specific Information Package and familiarise themselves with the position requirements before submitting their application. For further information about any of the positions please contact Christine Parker on (07) 4657 2666 or email Jobs@Winton.qld.gov.au.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTERSEST - CATERING FOR DUSTY AND THE DIVAS

Expressions of interest are invited for the catering of a main meal and a dessert for the Dusty and the Divas show being held on Saturday 15th May at the Winton Shire Hall. Dinner is to be served at 6:15pm

If you are interested in catering for the event, please contact Melissa Doyle on (07) 4657 2666 or email MelissaD@Winton.qld.gov.au.

ROAD CLOSURES

Winton Shire Council wishes to inform the public that the below roads will be closed for upcoming events:

ANZAC DAY

Vindex Street (between Werna and Oondooroo Street)
Sunday 25th April 2021 from 5.00am to 7.00am

FESTIVAL OF OUTBACK OPERA PERFORMANCE

Elderslie Street (between Oondooroo Street and Manuka).
Thursday 20th May 2021 from 1.00pm to Friday 21st May 2021 7.00am

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact, Council's Works Manager Mr Mohammed Rahman on (07) 4657 2666.

RUBBISH COLLECTION – ANZAC DAY & MAY DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Rubbish collection dates over the Anzac Day Public Holiday are as follows:

Monday's collection will be completed on Tuesday the 27th of April.

Rubbish collection dates over the May Day Public Holiday are as follows:

Monday's collection will be completed on Tuesday the 4th of May 2021.

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GREG NORTH ANZAC DAY SHOW

25th April

Venue: WALTZING MATILDA CENTRE

Time: 10.00am & 2.00pm

Admission: \$10.00



World War 1 came soon after the golden era of rhyming poetry in Australia. This show features poetry from some of the greats like Banjo Paterson. It gives an insight into the lives of soldiers and civilians and the values they held dear. With patriotism, grief, loss and a touch of Aussie humour, this show provides a range of wartime experiences by Gregory North, three-times Australian champion bush poet.

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ANZAC Day

25 APRIL 2021

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6.00am Dawn Service
Winton Memorial Cenotaph

6.45am Breakfast
Winton Shire Supper Room

9.00am Veterans March
Riley Street carpark



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Queensland Fire and Emergency Services and Winton Shire Council are calling for applications for the following SES Executive position within the Winton SES Unit.

SES Local Controller – Winton SES Unit

The Winton SES Unit Local Controller is supported by Winton Shire Council and will receive an honorarium payment of \$3000 per annum for their volunteer service. The role of Local Controller will encompass the leadership of the Winton SES Group.

The SES Local Controller is focused on the leadership and management of the SES Unit within the framework of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*, and the related policies and procedures of both QFES and Local Government.

The Local Controller reports to the SES Longreach Area Controller and is responsible for assisting the Area Controller to:

- Manage the SES Unit's response to disaster and emergency operations,
- Maintain the operational effectiveness of the Unit by ensuring,
 - The Unit's members have the necessary skills to competently perform their roles within the Unit,
 - The Unit's equipment and facilities are maintained in appropriate condition, and
 - The Unit performs its functions and other activities in a way that is consistent with the QFES and Local Government policies and procedures about the performance of the functions and activities,
- Manage and administer the SES Unit in compliance with approved instructions, directives and policies issued by the QFES Commissioner and/or local government, and
- Ensure commitment to ethical behaviour and conduct, workplace health and safety in compliance with approved instructions, directives and policies.

We are seeking Applicants who:

- Are community minded,
- Achieve results,
- Cultivate productive working relationships and communicate with influence,
- Are prepared to contribute to the ongoing development of a professional volunteer emergency service organisation,
- Exemplify personal drive and integrity

Mandatory Requirements:

- Eligible to apply for, or hold a current Blue Card
- An active member of the SES, or eligibility to join the SES
- An Australian Citizen or Resident or working legally in Australia

Once you join us, we will want you to exemplify the QFES shared values:
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**To apply please complete a Vacancy Application Kit.
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Applications close Monday 10th May 2021

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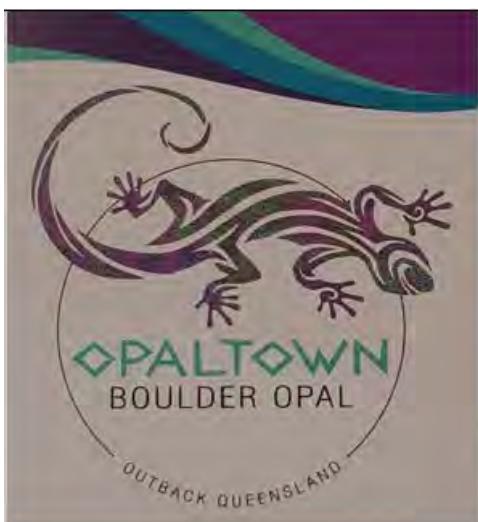
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Using logic and reasoning you must fill the remaining empty cells in each of the 12 puzzles with a digit from 1 to 9, such that each digit from 1 to 9 appears:

- ✓ exactly once on each row
- ✓ exactly once in each column
- ✓ exactly once in each of the nine delineated 3x3 squares.

Last week's solution:

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