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## Citizen Of Year Award Winners



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# Clifton Celebrates Australia Day



Cr Kerry Shine with Bill Bailey and Bruce Hamilton. Bill is Clifton Citizen of the Year for his long and dedicated service to the Clifton Golf Club.



Toowoomba Regional Councillor Kerry Shine, Rob Imhoff from Clifton Golf Club, Chris Kunde manager of Pursehouse Rural at Clifton and Bruce Hamilton Clifton Australia Day Ambassador. The Golf Club and Pursehouse received the award for Event of the Year - Pursehouse Charity Golf Day.

A good crowd turned out for the Australian Day Award ceremony held at the Senior Citizen's Hall on Sunday.

The day started with locals enjoying an Aussie

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Australia Day Ambassador for the service was well-known local Bruce Hamilton.

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## Allora Precinct Has Been Approved



At the January meeting of Southern Downs Regional Council approval was given for the project to go ahead.

An offer from ICM Construction (Qld) Pty Ltd was accepted by Council

to complete the Project to the value of \$703,456.00 exclusive of GST.

More details will be available in next weeks Allora Advertiser.

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# 2025 Citizens of the Year Announced

Southern Downs Regional Council announced the recipients of the 2025 Citizen of the Year Awards at a special civic ceremony held at Dalveen State School on Sunday 26 January.

These outstanding individuals and events were formally honoured for their exceptional dedication, leadership and service.

Citizens of the Year: **Beatrice Hawkins and Sandy Venn Brown**

Junior Citizens of the Year: **Isabella Sullivan and Ashley Wren**

Sportsperson or Sports Administrator of the Year: **Damien Lawler**

Junior Sportsperson of the Year: **Bailey Harm**

Cultural Citizen of the Year: **Elise O'Brien**

Junior Cultural Citizen of the Year: **Ryon Gibson**

Southern Downs Mayor Melissa Hamilton extended her congratulations to all

the award recipients and nominees.

"The Citizen of the Year Awards is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate some of the region's finest role models," Mayor Hamilton said.

"These awards highlight the extraordinary efforts of individuals and groups who make our region a better place to live, and we are immensely proud of their achievements."

"Adding to the celebration, we are also proud to welcome our newest Australians, who come from all around the world and choose to make Southern Downs their permanent home. This is an opportunity for everyone to affirm what it means to be Australian."

Ten new Australians were officially welcomed at the ceremony from the UK, New Zealand, India, and Germany.

## Australia Day on the Southern Downs

One event held on the Southern Downs on Sunday at Dalveen was Citizen of the Year Awards.

Was this part of Australia Day celebrations?



There was no mention of Australia Day on the website of Southern Downs Regional Council which named the Award winners on Sunday.

This is in stark contrast to the Toowoomba Regional Council which sponsored eight Australia Day Award Ceremonies throughout the region as well as supporting an Australia Day event at Jondaryan Woolshed.

This photo of "Spurs" from Allora says it all - he, along with so many locals are proud to be Australian and celebrate our wonderful country and way of life.



David "Spurs" Goodall showing his patriotism and receiving plenty of acknowledgement from motorists on the New England Highway.

## Mayor explains lack of Oz Day reference

The Southern Downs Regional Council was asked by The Allora Advertiser why no reference was made to Australia Day in relation to these awards, despite this being the traditional thing. Does the Council have some policy against Australia Day?

Here is the reply from Southern Downs Mayor Melissa Hamilton -

'Council has been faced with declining nominations for our citizen of the year awards over the last few years. To highlight the purpose of the awards and make it clearer to residents that it is to celebrate our community champions, this year we referred to them as the "Citizen of the Year

Awards". We were very happy to have a marked increase in nominations this year.

Council will continue to hold the awards on Australia Day, along with the Australia Day citizenship ceremony and other celebrations. Both the awards and the citizenship ceremony remind us what it means to be a proud Australian, and I was overjoyed that more than 100 residents joined with me on the day in the affirmation of our loyalty to Australia and its people.

We were also honoured to host an Australia Day Ambassador at our event, Mr Matt Levy OAM whose achievements are an inspirational example of an outstanding citizen.'

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### Start of Night Bowls Delayed



Example of damage that has been caused to the Allora bowling green

Due to the damage caused by corellas picking at the green juicy grass of the bowling green, Allora's night bowls have been put back a week. Peter Mole is the Club's greenkeeper and

responsible for the maintenance of the greens and we're told he has a hard time keeping the corellas off the grass. Let's hope they soon head off to greener pastures.

### Allora's two Op Shops are again taking donations



Allora Salvation Army Family Store.



Allora Scope Community Op Shop.

Both Shops have adjacent bins where donors can deposit good clean items for resale.

The Salvation Army in Herbert Street has plenty of clothing for sale as well as kids toys and kitchenware.

They would be happy to receive Manchester and Doggie blankets.

A huge sale is underway with clothing \$2 unless marked with a ticket.

The Salvos are open Monday to Friday from 9am - 4pm and Saturday 9 - 12noon.

The Scope Op Shop in Warwick Street has racks of clothes along with crockery, glasses, books and lots of toys for children. All clothing going cheap as stocks need to be cleared.

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- Gates open - 8.00am
- Horseland Beginners Ring
- Splendacrest Equestrians with Disabilities Ring
- Show Jumping
- Bartranz Working Horse Challenge
- Prime Beef Cattle
- Rodeo - Bull Ride & Saddle Broncs - 6.00pm
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Find Schedules on the web <https://allora.show>



# Local Communities can apply for Volunteer Grant

Volunteer Grants 2024-25 which will open on 26 February 2025 for eligible community organisations.

Volunteer Grants support the work of local community organisations by reducing barriers for volunteers and increasing participation in volunteering.

Grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 will be available to assist eligible

not-for-profit community organisations that rely on volunteers.

Grants can be used to purchase communication or insurance items and/or purchase items or services to assist volunteers or volunteer-run activities that support the well-being and development of children (under 18).

The 2024-25 Volunteer

Grants Opportunity is open for expressions of interest through Federal Members of Parliament (MP). Interested organisations should read the Grant Opportunity Guidelines and contact their local Federal MP David Littleproud for details on how to submit an expression of interest.

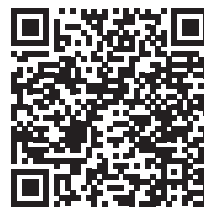
Organisations nominated by their MP will be invited by the department to fill out an application form in February 2025.

The grants open on 26 February and close on 12 March at 5pm (AEDT)

For further information, visit GrantConnect to view this: [www.grants.gov.au/Fo/Show?FoUId=5dfb2962-c6ac-4d8b-995d-5de87cfb24f3](http://www.grants.gov.au/Fo/Show?FoUId=5dfb2962-c6ac-4d8b-995d-5de87cfb24f3) or scan QR code at right.



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# Warwick To Host Club-IQ

The Queensland Government has launched Club-IQ which is a package of free resources and tools for local clubs and groups.

This is an opportunity for anyone involved in any non-profit community group, sport or recreation club to gather more information that could help with the running of your organisation.

Club-IQ is not just a resource—it's a movement to strengthen clubs, empower volunteers, and enrich communities through sport and recreation.

With support from the Southern Downs Regional Council, Queensland Sport and Rec Engagement

Officer Penny Pyke will deliver a presentation on this great new set of resources on Tuesday 11 February at Warwick.

This hour long presentation will be held from 5.30pm at the Warwick Town Hall in Palmerin Street.

For further information on the Club-IQ Warwick session, email Penny Pyke at - Penny.Pyke@dtis.qld.gov.au or phone 0436 601 560



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# Three Decades of Heritage Weekend Success

With a last puff from a machine exhaust the 2025 and 30th Allora Heritage Weekend chuffed out late Sunday afternoon after the final Grand Parade signalling the end of another amazingly successful event highlighting history from a past era and the Australia Day weekend on the Southern Downs.

Locals will have heard the chug of a lone tractor motor echoing through suburban Allora on Thursday afternoon late that signalled the commencement of a stream of machinery and vehicles from across Queensland & New South Wales that eventually filled the picturesque Allora Showgrounds, planting the seeds for what Heritage Weekend Committee President Graeme McMillan rated as another highly successful event.

At the mercy of the weather, that hasn't been favourable at times in the event's history, "the past weekend was perfect weather wise, ideal conditions for the crowds that attended which included an

estimated 3,500 on Saturday alone."

The Weekend attendance compared more than favourably with past events, with people travelling from far flung centres but especially the Darling Downs and South East Queensland.

The Allora Heritage Weekend committee are now looking to next year's event, stepping off into the fourth decade as hosts of one of Queensland's leading historic rallies.

The organising committee is small but certainly effective, but they are more than happy to welcome some new faces to assist in assuring the future of an event that puts Allora firmly on the history and tourism map.

- Glyn Rees



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# 2025 Allora Heritage Weekend Photos



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Students from Allora P-10 selling drinks.





# Allora Swim Team Shines at Country Champs 2025



Allora Swim Team group photo.



Senior Relay Team.

Fifty-two members of the Allora Swim Club travelled to Goondiwindi on Saturday 18TH January for the Darling Downs Regional Swimming Association Country Championships

The stat's from the day speak for themselves as far as the swimming goes, with Team Allora out in full force - clocking up a whopping 151 PB swims - with many swimmers taking huge times off to set new personal bests!

The medal tally for team Allora was significant with swimmers taking home 144 medals made up of 65 GOLD, 39 SILVER & 40 BRONZE.

Congratulations to each and every swimmer on their individual achievements! There were too many outstanding moments to mention, from gutsy swims with goggles slipping off, to many swimmers challenging their comfort zones to tackle bigger distance swims to gain points for our club. A massive TEAM effort all around and you should all be so proud!

As always, a huge thank you to Coach Andrew Fidge for putting in a huge day, as well as all the parents for your help on the day to get swimmers there and dealing with blazing sun and torrential rains.



Junior Relay Teams.

### 2025 COUNTRY RELAY CHAMPIONS!

A highlight of the day was the Allora Swim Club taking out gold in BOTH the Senior and Junior relays at Country Champs! A first for our club and a testament to the depth of our swimmers and the hard work and skill of our coach, Andrew Fidge.

Added to this was absolutely cracking efforts by our B and C teams to take out 3rd and 8th spot in the Juniors and 2nd and 4th in the Seniors! The podium was a sea of navy, aqua and yellow with 4 of our teams gracing the podium!

This was our 2nd consecutive year winning 12 & Under Marvyn Whittaker Sheild

Congratulations to our Junior relay teams:

- Gold Allora A:** Maeve, Beckett, Jordan, & Ella
- Broze Allora B:** Tom, Emma, Hunter, & Sylvie
- 8th Allora C:** Jack, Katie, Mason, & Harper

Team Allora have won 13 & Over Bob Wharton Sheild 3 of the past 4 years

Congratulations to our Senior relay teams:

- Gold Allora A:** Elly, Blake R, Paige, & Jett
- Silver Allora B:** Sam, Ruby, Jess, & Will
- 4th Allora C:** Gabby, Michaela, Aiden, & Ziggy

All Age champions and new records will be announced later this year at the DDRSA awards dinner.

Swim Club is back this Friday 31st January, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone back at the pool.

- Andrew Moore



## Grain Marketing and Risk Management workshop at Dalby

Growing grain is one thing, but once the crop is off, marketing grain successfully can be a driver towards long-term profitability.

GrainGrowers has initiated a half-day Grain Marketing and Risk Management workshop for the benefit of growers in the region. The Workshop will be held at Dalby on Monday 17 February.

Delivered by grain marketing experts Lachstock Consulting, the content has been based on grower feedback and designed to build on growers' understanding of the marketing process and navigating risk associated with grain contracts.

GrainGrowers CEO Shona Gawel said the workshops were a great opportunity for growers to gain valuable insights and knowledge on grain marketing and risk management.

"The materials that will be presented this year have been updated based on participant feedback, so I encourage growers to take



advantage of this valuable opportunity and register to attend."

"In an increasingly complex grain market, the workshops will highlight what is driving prices globally and considerations around ensuring profitable outcome once the crop has been harvested."

"The workshop will not only offer foundational information but will use this to further support an understanding of how to best manage risk across the business."

Ms Gawel said the workshop would be delivered

using real-life case studies and local market updates with take-home resources provided as additional on-farm support.

To find out more details

and to register visit the GrainGrowers website - [www.graingrowers.com.au/events/grain-marketing-and-risk-management-workshops-2025](http://www.graingrowers.com.au/events/grain-marketing-and-risk-management-workshops-2025)

### 2025 AGRICULTURAL SHOW DATES

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Allora ..... 7 Feb - 8 Feb	Warwick ..... 21 Mar - 23 Mar
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| Basketball   | Goggles          |
| Swimming     | Wickets          |
| Cricket      | Tee              |
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| Motorsports  | Belt             |
| Billiards    | Hoop             |
| Football     | Cue              |
| Karate       | Fuel             |
| Bowls        | Diamond          |
| Parkour      | Vault            |
| Baseball     | Cleats           |
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**TODAY'S QUOTE -**  
"The man who says his wife can't take a joke, forgets that she took him."

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# Another Award for Matthew



The 2024 Athletics Australia Awards have been presented to the top performers of last year.

Among the winners was Matthew Denny who received the John Landy Award for Male Able Bodied Athlete of the Year after breaking the Australian record twice and capping his year with Olympic bronze. This is the second consecutive year that Matthew has won the Able Bodied award.

It's another busy year for Matthew with the next meet being the 2025 Adelaide

Invitational to be held at SA Athletics Stadium on February 15.

Matthew will return to the site of his Australian discus throw title in April, where he threw a then national record of 69.35m, but he will be eager to land back on top the winner's list at the Adelaide Invitational having gone down to New Zealand's Connor Bell in 2024.

"There's nothing like the atmosphere in Adelaide, and I'm keen to get out there, have fun and get the crowd clapping again," Denny said.

# Allora Golf Notes



Friday's Allora Hardware duck run - The winners were: 1st: Noel Wallace - 19 points, 2nd: Wayne McKewen - 19 points.

Approach shot on the 14th: Wayne McKewen.

Long putt on the 12th: Wayne McKewen.

**Sunday's Allora Butchery 2-person Ambrose** - The winner's were: 1st: Sam McLary & Jason Wiernert: 60.5 net, 2nd: Doreen Duffy and Kev Harrison: 61 net.

Nearest the pins: 4/13th: Aaron Simpson & Chris Kneipp, 7/16th: Sam McLary & Jason Wiernert, 8/17th: Shannon Gardner & Brent

Approaches: 3rd/12th: Wayne McKewen & Jack Rubie, 5/14th: Sam McLary & Jason Wiernert.

Long putt: 9/18th: John and Russell Sparksman.

**Monday's Match play qualification round:** 1st: Russell Sparksman: 41 points, 2nd: Hethe Ramus: 36 points.

Nearest the pins: 7th: Russell Sparksman, 8th: Kev Harrison, 16th: Kev Harrison.

Approaches: 2nd: Russell Sparksman, 6th: Noel Wallace, 11th: Kev Harrison, 15th: Brooke Gilmore.

Long putt: 1st: Brooke Gilmore, 10th: Noel Wallace.

**First round of Match play:**

Russell Sparksman v Garth Simpson

Hethe Ramus v Aaron Simpson

Noel Wallace v Beetle Wakeford

Kev Harrison v Tommy Brown

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