

## May Slams 84 to Steer Allora to Initial Season Success

The Allora "Foodworks" cricket team struck a purple patch of form on Sunday when they handed "headspace" Warwick Cricket Association competition leaders Inglewood a 175 run defeat at the McIntyre Sports Complex. Hard hitting allrounder Adam May cracked ten boundaries and six sixes in a personal total of 84 to steer Allora to a commanding 306 total after Inglewood won the toss and sent the "Foodworks" Eleven in to bat. May has been in shining touch with the willow of late, hitting an even 100 in his last start against competition frontrunners "Diggers" at Allora. Talented batsman John Byrne was also in the runs scoring a season best 63, an aggressive innings that started with four consecutive boundaries as Byrne asserted his authority. Allora's openers, Cameron Masters and Brady Glass piled on 33 runs before losing Skipper Masters for 25, but Glass, in his first match of the season, went on to hit a cracking half century 58. Jason Nightingale also appeared in his first game of the season, belting a six as his first scoring shot before going on to score 20, while Travis McMicking (18) and Sean Coker (16) were also among the runs.

There is no doubting the ability within the Allora line up, but until Sunday's performance the team's form had been very patchy with losses in their opening three fixture matches against Maryvale/Condamine, Wheatvale and Diggers, their only competition points coming from a second round forfeit by Colts.

Team Captain Cameron Masters is excited that his charges hit the straps on Sunday, with an all important clash with Maryvale/Condamine looming at Allora this weekend.

While their run total was possibly the club's best since the Allora Cricket Club reformed to commence the 2006/07 season, the bowling figures on Sunday were also very encouraging, dismissing Inglewood for 131, with Adam May again leading the way with 4 for 54 off ten overs. Brady Glass (8 -3-2-24), ever dependable Ross Hentschel (3-0-2-29) & Travis McMicking (2.1-0-2-18) all chipped in with two wickets apiece in what was an outstanding effort by the Allora side.

The Allora "Foodworks" side take on Maryvale/Condamine this Sunday on home turf at the Allora Cricket Oval, with play commencing at 9.30 am.

The Allora team to play Maryvale/Condamine is: Cameron Masters, Adam May, Andrew Petersen, Jason Nightingale, Brady Glass, Len Hoey, Lauchlan Hoey, Ross Hentschel, Cameron Stevens, John Byrne, Sean Coker. All players are required at the grounds by 9.15 am on Sunday, any inquiries to Glyn Rees 0417 765 801.

Glyn Rees.



Start of one of the girls 50m backstroke races at the 2009 Allora Rotary Open Swimming Carnival.

Photo © Steve Corbett

### Allora Swimming Club Notes

Now that our Rotary Carnival is behind us, we can focus on what is ahead. This Friday night, 20 November, we head over to Clifton to swim for the Noel May Shield. Noel May is a Life Member of our Club, and one of its great supporters. If you haven't put your name down, please contact Angela Van Der Poel on 4666 3086 (tonight).

Swimmers are heading off to various competitions and we wish them all the best. With the mid-season break coming up quickly, we remind you of our David Rackley Memorial swim which this year will be held on 7 December. This is a handicap 50m event, with the eventual winner receiving a trophy from our Patron and Life Member, Marg Rackley. Names will need to be in by Monday, 30 November if you are to swim in this event. We encourage you all to either swim or come to watch this great swim that almost always has an exciting finish. A mid-season barbecue break-up will be held following the swim. See you all at club on Monday night!

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At the Anglican Fete on Friday Night, Lewis May, Lexie and Macey Heslin enjoying the jumping castle after having their faces painted.

### Anglican Parish Fete -

The annual fete for the Anglican Parish of Allora/Clifton was held on Friday 13th. Even the wet start to the fete did not deter people from attending to make this fete a success. Various stalls were returned to the Hall this year and entertainment  
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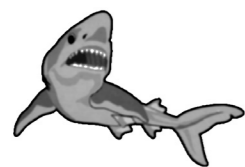
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The popular stalls, BBQ and bar were back, and an old favourite activity was restored to the fete this year. Knockem proved to be a big hit with the children.

Winners of the meat trays and dollar boards were drawn on the night and the winners of the Art Union. A strong contingent of Church volunteers worked Friday morning to prepare the grounds for the fete and by mid-morning the next day the whole site was restored to normality.

**Below:** The presentation of the Rotary Shield. Allora senior swim team leaders Anthony Bannister, Jessica Van Der Poel, Allora Swimming Club Patron and Life Member Mrs. Marg Rackley, Lauren Constable and Matthew Cowley.



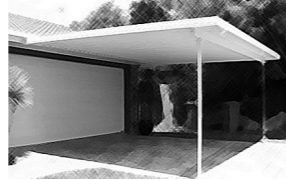
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An ecumenical Christmas service will be held for the residents of the Homestead, Friday, 18th December at 9.30 am.

Mark your diary - the Carols and Prayer service will be at the Uniting Church this year, beginning at 7.30 pm on Sunday, 20th December, with shared supper and fellowship to follow. Also, please note that the Schools' RE service for the end of the year will be at St. Patrick's, on Wednesday, 25th November, the service for the Secondary School beginning at 9.00 am with the Primary Schools to follow at 10.00 am. The children welcome your support.

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**• ANNOUNCEMENTS •**

**Sincere Thanks...**

MAISIE SMITH - 27/06/1913 - 16/10/2009. Nola & Kookie Tickle and family wish to express their heartfelt appreciation to staff and volunteers of the Homestead, to Father Geoff Hoytes, all who attended mum's farewell, sent cards, gave food and flowers, made phone calls and visits, and all expressions of sympathy. Please accept this as our personal thanks.

**Birth Notice...**

Jamie & Amanda Mutch would like to announce the safe arrival of JENNA MAREE, born 15 November 2009, 7 lbs 9 oz. Little sister for Billy and Hally. Big thanks to Liz Henry and staff at Warwick Hospital.

**Pearl Wedding Anniversary...**

**HAPPY 30th ANNIVERSARY!**

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**Thank You...**

Allora RSL thank the public, Blue Cow Hotel, Allora Butchery, Allora Post Office, Allora Newsagency, PR's Hair Design, Allora Hardware, Allora Pharmacy, Railway Hotel and Warwick RSL for supporting the Christmas Cent Sale held on 13th November.

**Thank You...**

Thank you to all the parishioners and the community of Allora for a successful Fete this year, considering the storm season.  
Kerry Denne, Allora Anglican Parish Fete Convenor.

**• PUBLIC NOTICES •**

**ALLORA GOLF CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 14th December, 6.30pm start, at Allora Sports Club.**

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Allora's Past 100 years ago November 1909

#### Closed Season for Emus

The Allora Guardian has received from the Department of Agriculture and Stock, a copy of a proclamation limiting the protection to emus in the district of Darling Downs under the Native Birds Protection Act, to a closed season from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> July in each year. The protection formerly extended to emus in the Darling Downs district was from the 1<sup>st</sup> July to the 30<sup>th</sup> September each year.

The Department concludes with the hope that we will kindly draw attention to the alteration in our columns. As we always endeavour to assist the various Government departments in every way possible, we express the hope that our readers will cease slaughtering the emus which abound in this district, during the period mentioned.

#### The Dalrymple Hotel

The Dalrymple Hotel was Allora's first licensed hotel. The licence was issued to Donald Clark in November 1860. The Moreton Bay Courier reported that the hotel was situated at Allora, better known as Dalrymple Creek, and was the only house of accommodation between Drayton and Warwick. Donald Clark landed in Melbourne from Scotland in 1854. In June 1860 he selected four blocks of ground to the north of the newly surveyed town, totalling 124 acres. He had a two roomed cottage built on the land, this cottage probably being the first sawn timber dwelling in the district. Clark's house was situated where Norco Bowdler's shed stand today and was later lived in by Charles Burge and family. Allora's first land sale took place on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 1860 and the 1 acre allotment on the corner of Drayton and Raff Streets was the first sold. The buyer was Warwick storekeeper Simon Meyer. In the Moreton Bay Courier of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1860, Donald Clark advertised for sale or let, the Dalrymple Hotel, a building with 3 large rooms with bar and landlord's apartments, 6 bedrooms, and detached kitchen and stables, situated on the Drayton and Raff Street's corner.

John Holmes took up the licence of the Dalrymple Hotel in July 1862, transferring it to Martin Roggenkamp in February 1864. Roggenkamp was declared insolvent in December 1868. No further licence was issued for the hotel.

In 1879 the former hotel building was occupied by the Australian Joint Stock Bank until their new premises was completed in Herbert Street in 1880. J. H. C. Meyer operated his Bee Hive store and bakery on the Drayton and Raff Street's corner until August 1881. The building then fell into disuse and was later demolished. The late Mr. Jack Kerr could remember the floor of the building still in place during his school days in the early 1900's.

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This week an art exhibition called, Mothers & Daughters: Artists of Three Generations, opens at O'Hagan's Artspace in the Warwick Hotel, 20 Palmerin Street, Warwick. It features her artistic works of Lynette Fay Hockaday from Maryvale, her daughters, Kerry Denne (Allora), Jennifer Huggett (Keperra), and Charmaine Jurd (Toowoomba), and Kerry's daughter, Sophie Denne (Allora). Visitors and guests will have an opportunity to meet the artists and discuss their work at O'Hagan's on Saturday 28th November between 5.00 and 6.30pm. The Exhibition continues until Jan. 4.

The Mothers and Daughters exhibition has been curated by Dorothy Haig, from artLoan Southern Downs, a business aimed at supporting the practices of local artists by arranging for their artworks to be hung in local business premises. This is the second exhibition to be hosted by O'Hagan's Artspace, beautifully restored rooms which also provide a good example of the turn of the century Queensland hotel.

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Manager Water and Sewerage Gary Palmer said that while Council is acting cautiously, he does not expect any problems as a result of the overdose of Alchlor, which is an aluminium-based coagulant solution that is used for the clarification of both potable water and waste water.

"The chemical Alchlor does not affect health as it is a food grade additive that helps with the removal of silts in the water treatment process," Mr Palmer said.

"We are suggesting however that parents of the children from Killarney School, who did use the swimming pool today, keep an eye on their children just in case they experience any skin or eye irritation as a result of using the pool."

Council staff have been forced to remove all chemicals from the pool water prior to releasing it into the river. As the first swimming pool refill took 450,000 litres of the overdosed treated water, Mr Palmer said that very little would have been used for domestic purposes. Mr Palmer acknowledged that it was disappointing that so much treated water would again be used, but said that the community's well-being was paramount to Council.

**THINGS THAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY - 19th NOVEMBER**

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| 1493 - Christopher Columbus discovers Puerto Rico, on his 2nd voyage.                | 1850 - Lord Tennyson becomes British poet laureate.  | Pictures (the company later became one of the most successful independent filmmakers). |
| 1620 - Mayflower reaches Cape Cod & explores the coast.                              | 1863 - Lincoln delivers his address in Gettysburg; "4 score & 7 years..."                  | 1933 - Women allowed to vote in Spain (helps right wing).                              |
| 1805 - Lewis & Clark reach Pacific Ocean, 1st European Americans to cross continent. | 1881 - A meteorite lands near the village of Grobliebenthal, southwest of Odessa, Ukraine. | 1946 - Bradman scores 119 South Australia v Victoria, 183 mins, 8 fours.               |
| 1816 - Warsaw University is established.   | 1893 - 1st newspaper color supplement (NY World).  | 1965 - Kellogg's Pop Tarts pastries created  |
| 1824 - Storm causes St Petersburg flood, killing 10,000.                             | 1906 - London selected to host 1908 Olympics   | 1969 - Apollo 12's Conrad & Bean become 3rd & 4th humans on Moon                       |
| 1837 - Floridsdorf-Deutsch Wagram railway in Austria opens.                          | 1911 - NY receives 1st Marconi wireless transmission from Italy                            | 1976 - George Harrison releases "This Song"  |
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He arrived back in Australia on 'The Ascamus' in Melbourne on 26/3/1919 on his way to Brisbane where was discharged on 31/5/1919. The first mention that he was in the Allora district was an advertisement in the 'Allora Guardian' on 24/5/1919 which stated that McNaughton, Ford and Leak were authorized to sell firewood from the commonage and that supplies were available. The ads continued on a regular basis but the names varied with sometimes two of the three appearing and next week a different combination of the three. There is some overlap of dates re Pte Leak's discharge and appearing as a 'Woodman' but maybe the bookwork took time to catch up. There is no record as to the reason he came to Allora, given he had enlisted at Rockhampton from Clermont so it is reasonable to presume he had become mates with some residents during the war. In due course he became the owner of three leases following their surrender by other leasees. The country is not regarded as farming country and in later years a Land's Department official described it as fit only for "Burr, stones and Kangaroos". His residence in the area has been forgotten and he is not remembered which is not surprising this was 90 years ago. The plaque which results through the concern and generosity of The Western District Council R.S.L. and the Allora Sub Branch recognizes his presence and is a direct result of a casual remark made by Mr. Ron Siebenhauesn who owned portion of the property many years later enquiring from the Hon. Tom McVeigh if he knew about Pte Leak farming in the area as he had a faint memory of his father in law Mr. Ernie Balderson who was also a soldier settler in the area that a paddock was known as "Leak's" who was a V.C. winner. Much research was undertaken by both at the War Memorial and War Graves Commission in Canberra; Mitchell Library in Sydney; State Archives and John Oxley Library in Brisbane and personal discussions with Mrs. Thelma Daw a 94 year old veteran from Esperance who remembers delivering a telegram to him whilst he lived in Esperance with his wife. He married for the second time in Kalgoolie in 1927 and he and his wife had three children living there and records reveal that they had

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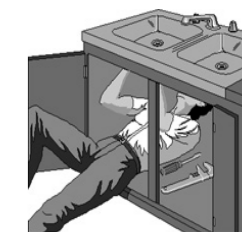
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four more children. Mr. Andre head of the Esperance Museum advised that when the Leak family left Esperance Pte Leak left some photos and letters with his father but they appear to have been lost. Mrs. Daw said he was a very quiet man, did not mix much, and certainly did not take part in R.S.L. activities. Notwithstanding many enquiries neither Ron nor Tom have been able to contact relatives or details of who has upkeep and possession of the V.C. They are continuing their efforts and when their enquiries are completed they intend to write a booklet about him with particular emphasis on his residence in the Allora District. They with the assistance of well known District Resident Harry Gwynne are of the opinion they know where the sawmill was situated and intend in the near future to inspect the area where the maps show the house was situated and ascertain if there are any remnants or landmarks which would indicate the exact position. They have been assisted by Mr. Cecil Hoey who spent a significant period of his life nearby and has indicated the position where it was. It appears, from the records, to have been removed in the 1930's possibly to the nearby "Aloes" the owners of which became the owners of portion 182 in the mid twenties. Pte Leak if he were alive today would be described as a real character and certainly would have been a more than interesting person to have a chat with. He died in 1972 and he and his wife are buried at Stirling in South Australia and his name is installed in the Wall of Remembrance in Adelaide. It is to be regretted that it has taken 90 years to have his name as Queensland's First V.C. winner publicly acknowledged at the Allora Cenotaph and this would not have happened without the leadership of the members of the Allora Branch R.S.L. who have given so much guidance and support in this significant piece of History.



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Joseph Pascall from Academy Swimming club broke the Boys 8 Years 25m Freestyle, with a new time of 17.93, breaking Nicholas Van Der Poel's 2007 record of 18.13.

Joshua Day of the Warwick Swimming Club broke the Boys 13 Years 50m Freestyle event with a new time of 29.00 (old record 29.29).

Allora Swimming Club members awarded Age Champion trophies were Ally Van Der Poel (13 Years Girls and Girls Open); Elizabeth Cowley (14 Years Girls); Matthew Cowley (Boys 15 Years and Over) and Anthony Bannister (Boys Open).

Last year Warwick Swimming Club took home the Rotary Shield, but Allora Swimming Club members were determined to win the shield back this year. Congratulations to all swimmers on their mighty efforts, winning the shield back with 343 points, followed by Warwick on 263 points and Academy on 117 points.

Suncorp staff were extremely helpful throughout the day, spraying sunscreen on all swimmers, so no child went home sunburnt. I am sure all parents were very grateful. Shade shelters were also provided over the recording area and near the wading pool. On the hour, Suncorp gave away free bags or back packs, with these being won by Kylie Brittain-Harrigan, Cassie Henry and Clinton Henry of the Allora Swimming Club; Louisa Goschnik of Academy; Narelle Fraser of Millmerran and Robert Kane of Warwick Swimming Club. Suncorp also gave as prizes, a \$100 bank account, a \$50 bank account and a \$25 bank account. Thank you to our Patron Marg Rackley who was kept busy writing names on tickets for those children who placed in events. Congratulations to those swimmers who won \$100, \$50 and \$25 bank accounts. These were won by Shenee Coleman of Warwick Swimming Club, Matthew Cowley of Allora Swimming Club and Kelsey Koger of Warwick Swimming Club respectively. Congratulations to these swimmers and thank you to Suncorp staff for their help.

Chris Hughes was the winner of the \$50 prize from our dollar board. The multi-draw raffle winners were as follows: Hamper – Felicity Philp; Toaster – Leanne Ingram; Meal Voucher, Railway Hotel – Joanne Frizzell; Place Mats – Kath McConachy; Frog wall hanging – Dodd Family, Millmerran; Meat Voucher – C Henry; Freedom-in-Motion Bowen Therapy Voucher – Elizabeth Betts. Congratulations to these lucky winners.

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Winners of Event 31, 11-Year Girls 50m Backstroke. 1st (mid) Dimity Brackin, Warwick Swimming Club. 2nd (L) Bronte Keating, Academy Swimming Club. 3rd (R) Abbey Pout, Allora Swimming Club. Photo © Steve Corbett

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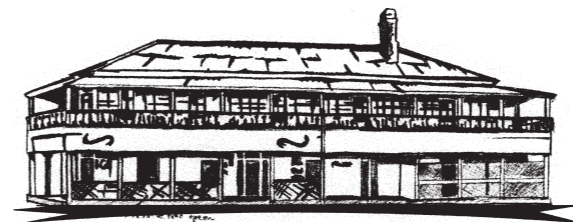
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As Carnival Secretary, I sincerely thank each and everyone of you who assisted in any way to make this Rotary Carnival such a success. Thank you all.

Jo Frizzell, Carnival Secretary



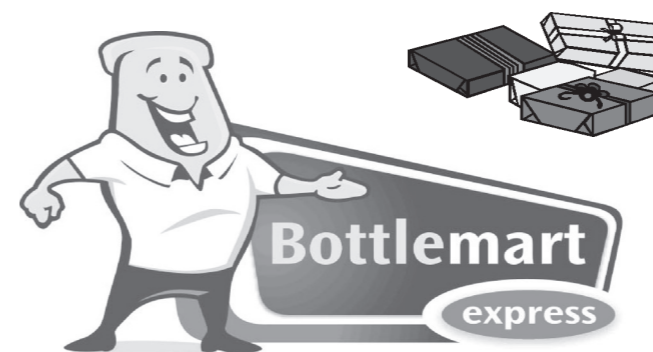
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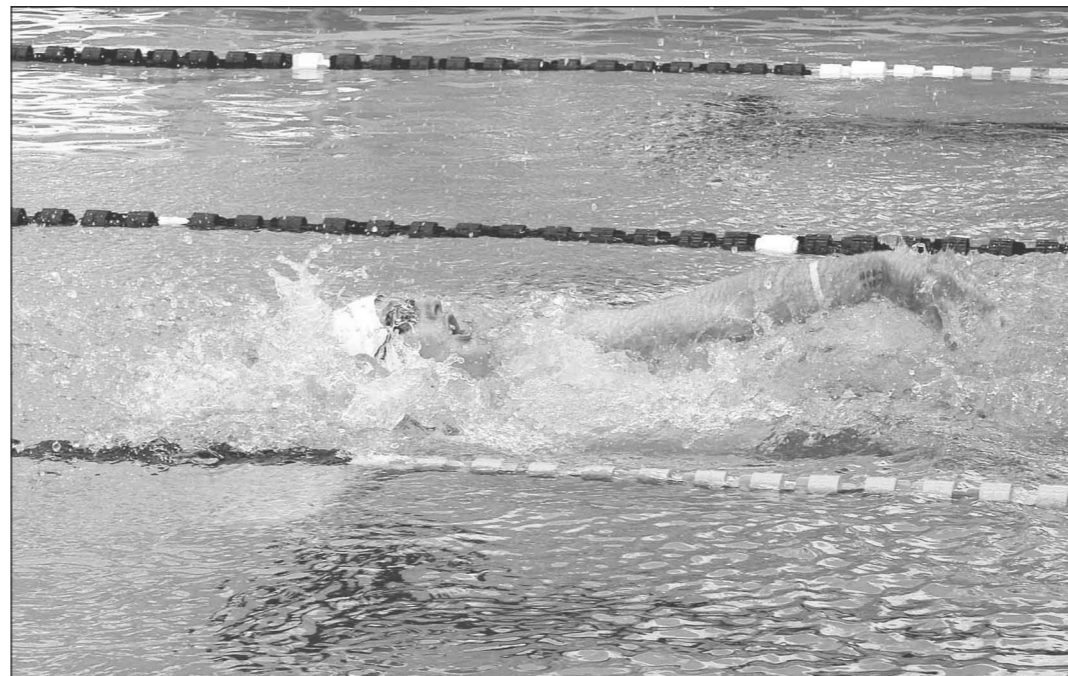
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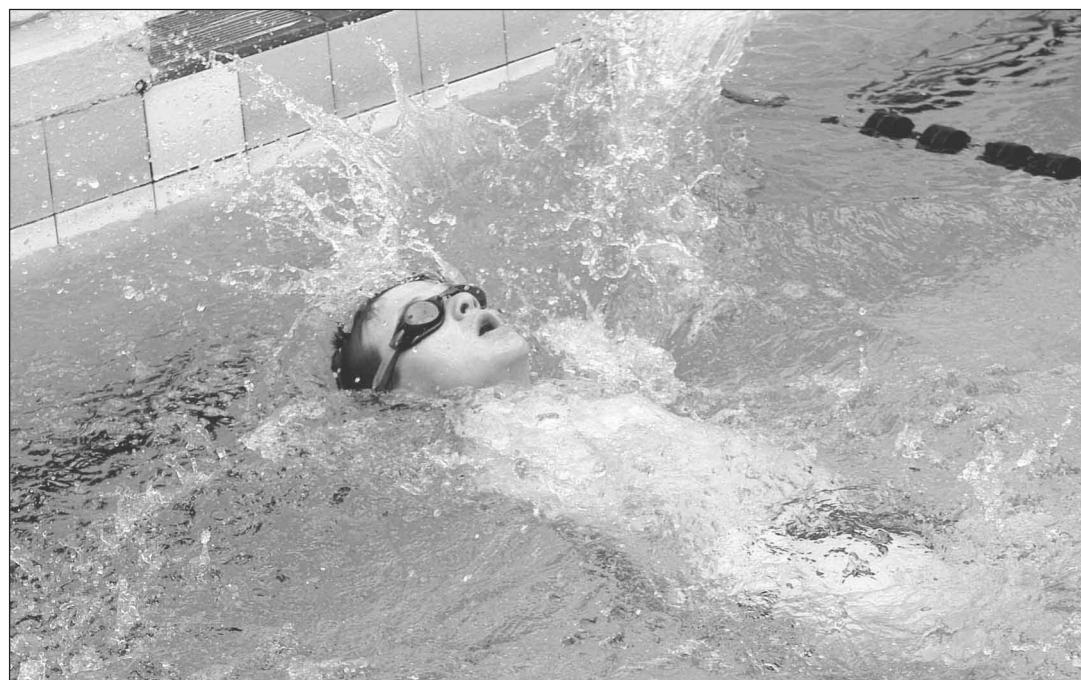
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Winners of Event 32, 11-Year Boys 50m Backstroke. 1st (mid) Christopher Clark, Academy Swimming Club.  
2nd (L) Braydon Fearby, Warwick Swimming Club. 3rd (R) Jack Bannister, Allora Swimming Club.



The boys 50m backstroke events at the Rotary Open Swimming Carnival.



A contestant in one of the boys 50m backstroke events.



Winners Event 33, 12-Year Girls 50m Backstroke. 1st (mid) Kaylah Brackin, Stanthorpe Swimming Club.  
2nd (L) Sarah Marshall, Allora Swimming Club. 3rd (R) Shenee Coleman, Warwick Swimming Club.

## Allora Rotary Open Swimming Carnival

Allora Swimming Club hosted its 42nd Annual Allora Rotary Open Swimming Carnival, swimming for the Rotary Shield, on Saturday 14 November. Teams from across the Downs descended on the Allora Pool to compete. Teams included Academy, Clifton, Flyers Racing, Gatton, Goondiwindi, Highfields, Millmerran, Newtown, Pittsworth, Stanthorpe, The Glennie, Toowoomba City Stingers, Warwick and of course own very own Allora swimming team.

A band of workers arrived at 5:30am to begin setting up, with others arriving throughout the morning. Swimmers arrived from 7:30am, with our day beginning at 8:45am with a welcome from our Announcer, and our club members standing together to sing the National Anthem. This was followed by a minute's silence in respect of our former Life Member and great supporter of the club, Mr Geoff Slatter.

If it was not for the very generous help of our sponsors, the assistance of our Life Members, and the tireless work of our club members' parents and former members, the day would not have run so smoothly, or been the success it was. Thank you to each and everyone of you who helped out and made the day run so well. Special mention goes to Kate Shooter, Kelsey Farley and Georgina Marshall who worked for us throughout the day, running sheets to the recorders, or putting times up on the wall.

Overall, nine records were broken on the day. Abbey Pout, of the Allora Swimming Club broke the Girls 11 Years 50m Breaststroke with a new time of 40.38 (old record 42.59). Abbey did extremely well in this event, with all three placegetters breaking the existing record. Congratulations Abbey.

The Girls 11 Years 50m Butterfly record was broken by Dimity Brackin of Warwick, with a new time of 34.14 (old record 34.99). Dimity also broke the 11 Years Girls 50m Backstroke with a new time of 37.26 (old record 37.73) and the Girls 11 Years 50m Freestyle, with a new time of 32.06 (old record 32.30).

Candace Merriman of Academy Swimming Club broke the Girls 15 Years and Over 50m Butterfly with a new time of 32.97 (old record 33.34); Girls 15 Years and Over 50m Backstroke with a new time of 35.05 (old record 35.35) and the Girls 15 Years and over 50m Freestyle with a new time of 30.27 (old record 30.43).

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