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Allora firefighter Matt Heslin treats patrons to a tour of Allora Show sites.

The Tradition Continues

From 9.00 am this Friday morning with the commencement of the Allora Show, a tradition continues that was born on the 4th of June 1878 with the formation of the "Central Downs Agricultural and Horticultural Association", which has evolved into the hard working group we know as the Allora Show Society Inc. Over the past 134 years the Allora Show has become cast as the highlight of the Allora district's social calendar, two days when the community gather as one to entertain, be entertained, socialize and showcase the very best in live stock, produce, and rural fair for all to appreciate.

Shirley Cornhill has been the lady at the helm of the Allora Show Society for the past 18 years, heading a dedicated committee who have been the driving force behind a transformation of the Allora Show Grounds over the past decade, into one of country Queensland's supreme outdoor agricultural Show venues for a small town.

Shirley Cornhill has been attending agricultural Shows for six decades, her 85 year old mother Joy Pratt still a regular exhibitor at Kilcoy Shows, and also sends the odd item to Allora each year.

"We just want everyone to enjoy what is traditionally a great couple of days at the Show" says Shirley, "and this year we have a terrific program to keep everyone entertained". "This year we didn't have the pressure of having to deal with the fallout from the floods of last year, and I'm looking to some


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quality entries around given we have had a good season" says President Shirly. Show ring announcer of over thirty years, Angus Lane considers Allora a favourite on his annual Show circuit, and will be calling all the action again on Saturday. "Aside from the exhibits and entertainment, it's wonderful to have 2010 Allora Miss Showgirl Elizabeth Tate as a special guest to officially open the Show on Saturday" says a proud Shirley. "Elizabeth was Runner-up in the Darling Downs Sub-Chamber 2011 Rural Ambassador contest, a first for the Allora area and a great honour for Elizabeth".

The Allora Show Society is a proud supporter of the 2012 Australian Year of the Farmer. National Roadshow will be hosted on site throughout the Show as they demonstrate why Australian farmers are among the best and most efficient in the world.

Shirley is looking forward to meeting everyone at the 2012 Show, "it has something for everybody".

Glyn Rees

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BELOW: Eve Thomas with grand daughter Myah Whittaker enjoying Sideshow Alley attractions.



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The Little Show That's Not to Be Missed

Chief Ring steward & Life Member Ted Cowley shared some fond memories of his first Allora Show as a competitor. "The Cowley family settled in Allora in 1864, and have been involved with the Show Society since its birth". "My father Tom Cowley, my Grandfather & Great Grandfather all enjoyed an involvement with the Show, with me attending my first Allora Show as a competing rider in 1947" recalled Ted, "I was seven years old, and haven't missed a Show since".

Ted is expecting the usual number of competitors for the Ring Events, the Allora Showgrounds a popular venue with equestrian competitors. "I've had many inquiries, but you don't really know until they get here".

The Campdraft section outgrew the Show and become a separate event three years ago run in conjunction with the Allora Campdraft Club at Easter. To fill the Show Ring vacancy another showjumping competition was added on Show Day Friday. "The event caters for beginner riders and beginner horses and has been very popular over the past two years".

Ted Cowley has many special memories of the Allora Show, but a particular moment in time was when the Grandson of notorious bushranger Ben Hall, also known as Ben Hall, arrived at the Show in a coach while touring Australia in the late 1960's. "The local Apex Club organized a bush dance in the Allora Community Hall to celebrate the visit, and given the Hall hadn't been used for quite some time, it added to the bush dance flavor" laughed Ted.

Don't miss your chance of a special memory at the Allora Show, purchase your Allora Show Membership tickets at Allora Pharmacy, Allora True Value Hardware, Allora News, the Allora Post Office, the Secretary's office at the Allora Showgrounds or by contacting Show Secretary Wendy Ardrey on 4666 3158 (Show Office).

The Membership tickets, which also allow entry to the Stanthorpe, Killarney & Warwick 2012 Annual Shows are an absolute bargain at \$30.00 per family (2 adults + children 16 & under) & \$15 per single person + children 16 & under.

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The Allora Pony Club will be involved in Ring Events in the Show's Friday morning program.
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A new section in this year's Allora Show is Fruit & Honey, and while there has always been a fruit section, this year local apiarists can display their products.

Respected Allora locals Wayne Frizzell and John Chandler have what may be considered the best job at the Show as the Home Brew judges. Both have previously judged the event, with the standard of entries rating highly. Wayne, who has been heading to Allora Shows for 50 years, is expecting some quality entries, as is John, another Allora local with an eye, nose and



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palate for the local brewer's best. Both agree, as far as judging responsibilities go, it's a tough job but someone has to do it. Allora Show pavilion entries will be accepted until 9.00 am on Show day Friday. Show schedules and entry forms are available at Allora Pharmacy, Allora True Value Hardware, Allora News, Allora Post Office or by contacting Show Secretary Wendy Ardrey on 4666 3158 (Show Office). Show information including schedule details can also be downloaded from website www.allorashow.org.au

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Southern Downs Regional Council funds \$38,927 projects with Queensland Government arts funding

Projects including a community artists hub, life drawing and photographic workshops, life stories and dance are among the nine projects in the latest arts grant round from Southern Downs Regional Council, announced RADF Chair, Cr Mally McMurtrie.

"In this round of funding from the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF), a partnership between the Queensland Government and regional councils, we will see people being brought together through music, dance, quilting with a historical message and life stories of the older members in the Southern Downs Region".

One emerging local artist will get to develop his skills further by attending a photographic portraiture workshop and the recently established Community Artists Hub in Stanthorpe will engage local artists to teach and showcase the artistic talents of people within the Southern Downs community. This particular project focuses on people who have a disability, mental health issues or chronic illness.

A Japanese Amigurumi exhibition is the focus for one successful group, rounding off a very diverse and exciting collection of applications.

"The arts and cultural sector of our community provides opportunities for shared cultural experiences, which can generate a sense of community belonging and pride", Cr McMurtrie concluded.

Minister for the Arts Rachel Nolan said RADF was Australia's only locally-delivered regional arts grants program.

"In 2011-2012, the Queensland Government allocation to RADF is \$2.047 million with another \$1.5 million from 55 Queensland councils, meaning more than \$3.5 million is available for arts projects across the state," Ms Nolan said.

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3rd FUNDING ROUND FOR THE 2011/12 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) program, funded by both Arts Queensland and the Southern Downs Regional Council, focuses on the development of quality art and arts practice within this regional community.

Applications are now invited for financial assistance under the RADF program for the third round of funding for the 2011/12 financial year.

Application packages are available from the Southern Downs Regional Council Offices, Art Galleries and Libraries in Warwick and Stanthorpe or by telephoning Sue Organ on 4681 5524. Information on the RADF program including the application package is available on Council's website www.southerndowns.qld.gov.au under Your Council - Grants and Funding.

Applications should be lodged by the closing date of 5pm Monday, 9 April 2012 with the RADF Liaison Officer, Southern Downs Regional Council RADF Committee, 64 Fitzroy Street, PO Box 26 Warwick 4370, or alternatively 61 Marsh Street, Stanthorpe 4380.

Please note limited funds remain for this round, due to a large intake of applications during the first two rounds of 2011/12.

Council's final decision on applications for this funding round will be at the General Meeting to be held 23 May 2012. **Projects for which grants funds are sought must not start before this date.**

For further information regarding the above, please contact Sue Organ, RADF Liaison Officer on telephone (07) 4681 5524.

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The Regional Arts Development Fund is a partnership between Southern Downs Regional Council and the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland to support local arts and culture. The successful and long-running RADF program gives communities the flexibility to shape their own arts and cultural priorities.

For more information on RADF please contact Sue Organ on 4681 5524 or email sue.organ@southerndowns.qld.gov.au. The third round of funding for this year will close at 5pm on Monday, 9 April 2012.

Application packages are available from the Southern Downs Regional Council Offices, Art Galleries and Libraries in Warwick and Stanthorpe or from Council's website www.southerndowns.qld.gov.au

Applicants should be aware that projects should not commence prior to approval being granted by the RADF Committee and Council and that grant monies will not be received until after the approval process is finalised at Council's General Meeting in May 2012

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Fri 10 & Sat 11 134th Annual Allora Show
Allora Show Grounds.

Fri 24 Allora Rotary Club Inc. Trivia Night
Allora State School BER Hall.

April -

Sat 21 Scope Club of Allora Afternoon Tea
Allora Community Hall, 1.30pm

Fri 27 Allora QCWA International Day - Chile
St Andrews Hall, Allora

May -

Sun 20 2012 Goomburra Valley Classic Fun Run
Goomburra

Fri 25 St Pat's Rattle of the Brains Trivia Night
Allora Community Hall

June -

Sat 16 June Afternoon
St David's Hall, Allora

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If people wish to contact The Allora Advertiser and discuss their particular needs, please feel free to do so. Ph 4666 3128.

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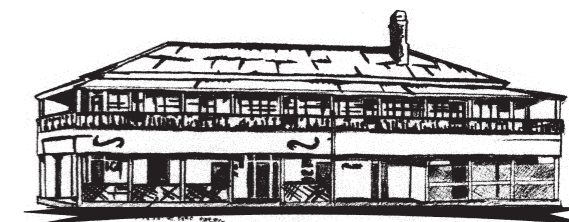
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The majority of the works will be carried out at night during non-peak periods between 6.00 pm and 6.00 am to reduce any traffic delays and maximise safety for the travelling public and roadworkers.

While these works are underway, one lane will remain open at all times. Traffic controllers along with Police assistance will be in place to minimise traffic delays and keep traffic flowing.

Access to properties will generally be maintained during these works.

We ask that you assist us by ensuring vehicles are not parked within the worksite during these works to avoid any accidental damage.

The program of works is as follows:

- Dalrymple Creek Road (Warwick Street) near the New England Highway, Allora - Asphalt works on a 660m section - 8-9 February 2012 from 6.00 pm to 6.00 am
- Warwick-Allora Road (Victoria Street), Warwick - Pavement repairs consisting of milling and filling works with sealing and final asphalt overlay - 12-16 February 2012 from 6.00 pm to 6.00 am
- Warwick-Killarney Road (Percy Street), Warwick - Pavement repairs consisting of milling and filling with asphalt overlay - 12-16 February 2012 from 6.00 pm to 6.00 am

We will work hard to minimise traffic disruption as much as possible while roadworks are carried out, however some delays of up to 15 minutes may be necessary due to the nature of the work.

The project will be carried out by Fulton Hogan, with all work expected to be completed by mid February 2012, weather permitting.

Safety is our top priority and we ask that motorists drive to changed traffic conditions and obey all instructions and signage from traffic controllers to ensure their own safety and the safety of roadworkers during works.

We thank you for your patience and understanding during the delivery of these important works and apologise for any inconvenience these works may cause.

For further information on roadworks in the Darling Downs region please visit www.131940.qld.gov.au or call 13 19 40.

Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago February 1987

Allora Show

The 1987 Allora Show season got off to a flying start with a very successful Gala Show Ball, held in the Allora Community Hall and attended by over 250 people. Miss Fran Foley of Victoria Hill, sponsored by the Commercial Hotel, was crowned Allora Show Girl for 1987. Miss Louise Ryan took out the Charity Girl title after raising a total of \$934.41 for the Show Society.

The 109th annual Allora Show was heralded as a huge success after great attendances and competition entries. The President of the Show Society, Mr. Merv. Tickle, was very pleased with the way the show had gone. He said that the weather had been kind, the grounds in great condition and he commended the committee for what it had done before, during and after the show. In all about \$4,400 had been taken on the gate over the two days, making the 1987 show one of the most successful shows on record.

Amongst the special guests at this year's show were the Federal Member for Rankin, Mr. David Beddall, the State Member, Mr. Des Booth and the Chairman of the Allora Shire Council, Mr. Jim Deacon.

There were record entries for the campdraft on Friday. Graham Bool from Goomburra on Vol-star, took out first place in the Open Draft from very strong competition.

In the Prime Cattle Section, S. Phelan took out the Champion Beast in the Pen Class, Champion Vealer and Grand Champion Beast of the Show. K. Holmes won the Champion Female of the Show Class and T. Shooter exhibited the Champion Led Beast.

Allora's Past 75 years ago February 1937

Dingo's Prevalent

Dingo's are still to be seen in the mountains around Goomburra and Forest Springs. At Forest Springs an animal was trapped that was thought to be the result of a dingo crossed with an Alsatian. It had the big head and bones of an Alsatian, the colour of an Alsatian, and also showed some dingo characteristics.

Allora's Past 100 years ago February 1912

Allora - Goomburra Railway

The construction of the extension to Goomburra is proceeding rapidly. The sleeper train ran to Pugh's corner yesterday and the excavations were completed to the racecourse. Work is also progressing at the Goomburra end. Huge piles of railway material are stacked near the beginning of the extension and everywhere the beholder has the fact impressed on him that the long talked of Allora to Goomburra line is at last really and truly in the making.

Allora Show

Mr. C. Bourne presided over a meeting of 20 members of the C. D. H. & A. Association committee on Thursday last, when excellent progress was reported in connection with the preparations for the forthcoming show.

The secretary informs us that the prize schedules are being extensively applied for and that entries are already coming in from all quarters, stock entries being particularly numerous.

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A passing glance in the window of Allora's True Value Hardware of late highlights a "Pocket Rocket" racer, the same as those that will be put through their paces in the inaugural mini motorcycle "Dirt Squirt Bike" race at 5.30 pm on the program for the Allora Show Saturday night entertainment. The mini motorcycle on display is actually the first prize for the novel race, generously sponsored by Beetle & Sue Wakeford.

Friday evening from 7.30 pm you will be enthralled by the action of rodeo Champion Scott Keogh's Invitation Open Bull Ride. The handpicked thirty riders will compete for a first prize of \$1500 plus a flight to the USA, major sponsors being Denny's Engineering & Welding, Flight Centre Warwick, Black Toyota Warwick & the Allora Show Society. All in attendance can enjoy musical entertainment on the night, a licensed bar as well as the excitement provided by the junior bull riders, steer riders, poddy riders and bareback riders.

The Allora Show gates open at 6.00 am Friday, with pavilion entries to be in by 8.30 am. Judging commences at 9.00 am, as does the pony club events and Ring Events that will continue throughout the Show. Prime cattle judging starts at 10.00 am Friday and the pavilion opens at 11.00 am, the public are welcome to view the exhibits from that time on Friday and throughout Saturday. The Prime Cattle Sale gets underway at 1.00 pm on Friday, while some of the attractions on Saturday include Mason's Magic Show, an animal nursery, the 2012 Australian Year of the Farmer National Roadshow & the Baillie Boys Model Circus Exhibition.

Saturday has the grounds open at 6.00 am, show jumping from 7.30 am and ring events throughout the day. The pavilion will open at 8.30 am, before judges get down to the task of judging the stud beef, dairy Cattle, Goats, Sheep, Dogs, Poultry & birds with a cat display also a feature of the morning. Allora's Lyn-D-Jo Boutique will conduct a fashion parade beside the pavilion at 3.00 pm, the State Ute Muster will also be judged and Dreamtime Reptiles will offer an opportunity for a picture with a python or crocodile.

The crown for the "Almost Anything Goes" competition will be decided around 6.30 pm, followed by the Fireworks Display and one of the evening's feature events, the Demolition Derby. It wouldn't be the Show without the games, rides, challenges, and prizes of sideshow alley, all with the ever familiar Show anthem, "Get 'em while they're hot, the hot and tasty dagwood dog" echoing in the background.

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In what will be a documentary series, the host will travel to Delhi in India and beyond to investigate anti-Australian sentiment. He'll meet three influential and opinionated Indians who believe everything they've heard about us. But then he'll invite them back to Australia to join him on a journey that will show them, and us, the real Australia.

Their "Aussie Road Trip" will put Australia under the microscope. Together they'll hear the personal stories and opinions of Aussies... characters and larrikins, immigrants and trailblazers alike who all contribute to our national identity. They'll experience local cultural traditions, all the while putting their own preconceptions, theories and opinions to the test. The series will not be an airbrushed vision of Australia but a country revealed with warts and all.

At its heart "Aussie Road Trip" is a documentary series of travel adventures, social experiments and fish out-of-water experiences. The series will offer a view of who Australians really are in the 21st century and investigate whether we are true to the reputation that appears to precede us in some areas of the globe.

For your chance to feature in this amazing experience, enter in as many Allora Show exhibit classes as you can. The stars of the documentary want to watch the events and judging, so it's a great opportunity for Allora to dispel those supposed opinions of Aussies and show just what the 'The Best Little Town on the Downs' has to offer.

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Father & Son Shooters Team up with Olympian

It's everybody's dream to meet the champions of your chosen sport, but when the opportunity arises where you can actually compete with them it is a special moment.

For Allora's Mat Heslin & 15 year old son Terry, that special moment occurred in January while both were competing at the 2012 International Shooting Sport Federation Olympic Trap National Championships at the Newcastle-Lake Macquarie Clay Target Club, Awaba.

Duel Olympic Gold Medalist Michael Diamond was also competing at the Championships from January 17th - 20th. A professional target shooter, Diamond

succeeded in winning the Olympic gold medal for trap both in Atlanta (1996) and Sydney (2000). He also holds the world record in double trap, and held the final world record in trap between 2007 and 2008. Originally from Goulburn in New South Wales, Diamond has also tasted success at the Commonwealth Games with Trap Gold medals in 1998 & 2002, and Gold in the Trap Pairs in 2002, 2006 & 2010. He was also victorious in the trap event at the 2007 World Shotgun Championships. Diamond finished first in the ISSF Commonwealth Men's Trap Championships in the Awaba Nationals ahead of Warwick shooters Daniel Johnson (38), Greg Newey (57) and Mat Heslin (61).

Mathew & Terry traveled to Awaba with family members and had the good fortune to meet Michael Diamond and watch the World Champion shoot. Diamond actually scored in one of Terry Heslin's events.

Allora locals are very familiar with Mat & Tracy Heslin as the owner operators of the town's local vehicle repair centre, White's Garage. But few are aware of quietly spoken Mat's



Terry Heslin received a sash & an Engel refrigerator valued at \$1000, after winning the Warwick Clay Target Club's 'B' Grade 30 Pair Double Rise event at the Robin Loy Memorial Day on Sunday.

success with the shotgun. While originally from the small central western New South Wales town of Dunedoo, Mat's family relocated to Allora, on a property on the New England Highway. You could say he learnt the trade of shooting while growing up on the land, and was a regular at the Warwick Clay Target Club. He was also a regular competitor at the Clay Target Junior State Titles visiting centres such as Emerald, Goondiwindi, Dalby, Texas & Brisbane over his junior competitor years, and also appeared in a National Junior Championships in Brisbane in the late 1980's.

The ISSF Olympic Trap shooting is the hardest discipline of clay target shooting, but the Allora ambassadors at the National titles performed admirably, Mat's highest score out of 25 was 23 and Terry scored 19 from 25 for his highest result.

Mat enjoyed the experience of meeting and shooting with another Olympic level shooter in Fijian representative Glen Kable. Kable won the ISSF National Men's Trap Championships at the Newcastle-Lake Macquarie Clay Target Club hosted National titles with Michael Diamond third, & Warwick Club shooters Greg Newey (39), Daniel Johnson (56), Mat Heslin

(64) & Terry Heslin (94). "Skills rub off" says Mat, "when you are with shooters of this standard, you learn from their technique & pre shoot focus". Kable is an outstanding trap shooter, controversially omitted from the Australian Olympic Team in 2000 after winning the selection shoot and being a member of the current World Champion winning Men's Olympic Trap team from Tampere, Finland, in 1999. He formed the Shooting Association of Fiji shortly thereafter, registering with the ISSF under the Oceanic banner. He won the World Cup in Korea in 2001 in the first International Shooting event that Fiji had entered. He represented Fiji in the Commonwealth Games in Manchester in 2002, shooting off for the final, and reproduced exactly the same result at the Melbourne Commonwealth Games in 2006.

Mat Heslin gained recognition last year when he was presented with the V.J.Crothers Memorial Trophy as the Warwick Clay Target Club's "Most Improved Shooter". It was a family affair though with Terry collecting the Terry & Kaye Davis award as the club's "Junior Champion".

Terry, who is in Year 11 at Warwick State High School, has inherited his father Mat's interest in firearms. He is displaying some outstanding ability at a young age, named in the 2012 Queensland Junior Clay Target team, and also named as one of the three best junior shooters in the State. Terry will undertake specialist coaching this year, putting a little more polish on his obvious ability.

While currently the Heslin's enjoy their competitive hobby on the local level across the season of February to December, those that aspire to excel at Olympic ISSF level can enjoy many professional opportunities.

The success for Terry Heslin continued last weekend in the Warwick Clay Target Club's initial meet of the year. It was a significant shoot, being the Robin Loy Memorial Day with 105 shooters ranging from C, B, A, AA grades. Terry won the 'B' Grade 30 Pair Double Rise event and received a Sash & an Engel Fridge valued at \$1000.

With Allora's Heslin family an ideal example, clay target shooting is truly a family sport. It's open to all ages with members ranging from school age to competitors in their eighties. New members are instructed in all aspects of shotgun shooting including gun safety and etiquette.

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Matt Kiernan, Blake Lollback & Aaron Vietheer were Allora's better performers in the cricket side's loss to Colts last Saturday.

Colt's Step Up to A Grade

The Allora FoodWorks/Railway Hotel cricket side went down to Warwick Hotel Colts at Allora Oval on Saturday by three wickets. Allora scored 135 with Matt Kiernan top scoring with 38, and Aaron Vietheer posted best bowling figures with 3 for 23. Blake Lollback filled in admirably for Allora, the 12 year old who plays junior cricket in Warwick taking a great catch and batting well to remain unbeaten on the tail of Allora's innings. The win see's Colts elevated to A Grade as the Warwick Cricket Association splits into A & Reserve Grade. Allora will fight out the reserve grade crown with Inglewood and Sovereign Hotel Animals.

The Allora side play Inglewood at Slade Park this Saturday

commencing at 12.30 pm, with the team to be finalised later this week.

"Commonwealth Bank Cup" Points Table 2011/2012

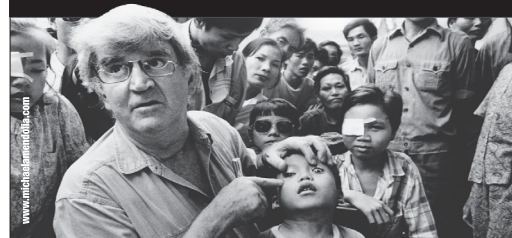
Team	Played	Won	Lost	Bye	N/R	B/P	Total Points
Maryvale	10	6	2	2	2	4	28
Diggers	10	5	4	2	1	7	27
Wheatvale	10	5	3	2	1	7	27
Colts	10	4	4	2	1	4	20
Allora	10	3	4	2	2	3	15
Inglewood	10	2	5	2	1	4	15
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Council drives new tourism strategy

Tourism is a vital and growing part of the region's economy and Southern Downs Regional Council has announced it is embarking on a new tourism planning process.

Mayor Ron Bellingham said the idea was to develop a strategy for tourism to build the Southern Downs into one of the most successful inland tourism regions in Australia.

"At the end of the day, Council sees tourism as an important part of the region's economic future and we want to see it taken to the next level," the Mayor said.

Council has now appointed international tourism experts, TEAM Tourism, to develop the new Regional Tourism Strategy and a series of Local Destination Action Plans.

"This is totally different to the tourism structure review under the Southern Downs Tourism Transition Committee," Cr Bellingham said.

"That review is looking at the organizational structure for effective tourism management in the region, whereas the Regional Tourism Strategy is a new planning process looking at both short and long term strategies to grow tourism in the area.

"The Strategy will look at opportunities for overall destination development and issues like gaps in tourism infrastructure," the Mayor said.

"It's key that the local tourism industry contribute to this process and we're now inviting local operators to participate at one of two workshops in February," Cr Bellingham said.

The workshops are from 9:30am to 3:30pm on Tuesday, February 21 at the Town Hall, 72 Palmerin Street, Warwick; or Thursday February 23 at the Stanthorpe Civic Centre, corner of Marsh and Lock Streets, Stanthorpe.

From March 5th, 2012, there will also be a series of sector specific workshops in Stanthorpe on wine, culinary and agritourism; nature-based tourism including National Parks & State Forests/eco tourism; and in Warwick on sports and events tourism; and heritage, culture and indigenous tourism.

The workshops will be facilitated by Jennifer Houellebecq, a leading international tourism strategy consultant from British Columbia, Canada, and John Alwyn-Jones, TEAM Tourism's Australia, New Zealand and South Pacific tourism consultant.

The workshops will consider questions such as: what is the Region's longer-term vision for tourism; what is our competitive advantage and how do we compare to our competitors; how do we build on these advantages and strengthen our niche sectors

such as agri-tourism, wine tourism, ecotourism, sports tourism etc; what factors might be hindering the growth of tourism within the Region; what products, services and infrastructure

are needed to support and grow tourism in a sustainable manner; are we targeting market segments that are most likely to be attracted by our Region's tourism offerings and will bring

the greatest benefit to the Region; what steps can be taken to further support the development and delivery of positive visitor experiences; and how do we make sure that the industry is

working together in an effective manner to generate sustainable growth.

Justin Heaven, Council's Economic Development Officer, said: "We are confident that TEAM Tourism's substantial experience in the UK, Canada, across Europe, Australia, Saudi Arabia and

many other countries, will bring a breath of fresh air and new thoughts and ideas to substantially benefit our region, giving us the competitive edge we need.

"This is a very exciting initiative by Council that will give our tourism industry the chance to look at both broader regional and more localised opportunities, and discuss ways of addressing any issues and concerns," Mr Heaven said.

"We expect this process to ensure a strong, vibrant and competitive future for the Southern Downs tourism industry, that embraces the Southern Down Regional Council and operators throughout the region, large and small, and from all sectors."

"These opportunities allow everyone involved in and affected by tourism in our region to have their opportunity to be involved in this exciting and dynamic process and have their say.

"The industry's attendance at one of these workshops is vital, to provide the consultants with a comprehensive view of how we all want to see our tourism industry move forward."

Please register as soon as possible, with more information available from http://www.southerndowns.qld.gov.au/page/Economic_Development/Economic_Development/Tourism_Strategy_Workshops and registrations can also be made on the same link or by contacting Lyn Alwyn-Jones on lyn@celticaconsult.com or 0419 229 085.

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