

## All Invited to Medical Centre Funds Handover & Auction

The Allora Medical Support Group Inc coffers will receive a significant boost this Friday evening when community members are invited to a celebration and handover of funds to the Group from both the Allora Show Society and the Allora Sports Club as a result of the highly successful Allora Mega New Year's Eve Party. The New Year event staged at the Allora Showgrounds by Ted Cowley and the Allora Show Society saw a huge crowd of locals and visitors enjoy chauffeuring in the New Year, and all in aid of the Allora Medical Support Group's bid to have a new Medical Centre built in Herbert Street Allora.

While the evening is a celebration of the success of the New Year event, and a stage to present cheques to the AMSG, it will also feature the first of the two auctions that draw a curtain on the tremendously successful Allora Cattle Drive Auction.

Donations to the Cattle Drive Auction have come in the form of livestock, various items & goods and cash, with the collection of items & goods going under the hammer of auctioneer Barrie Geitz during the evening. At this stage the list of donations being put forward for auction form a very impressive list, donated by an equally



Allora Medical Centre proposal supporter Warren Holmes with Allora Medical Support Group Chairman Jon Constable chat about the organization's progress and the AMMSG Community Update at the Community Hall last Wednesday evening.

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### Allora Medical Support Group Inc. Allora Cattle Drive Sponsors Auction

& New Year Mega Party Funds Presentation

7.00pm, Friday, 9th March - Allora Sports Club

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impressive group of donors. All attending can bid on 500 litres of fuel (Glenmar Fuels), a \$300 vehicle service (Allora Heavy Mechanical), \$250 Feed Voucher (Riverina Stockfeeds), 25 bags of GranAm Fertilizer (Pursehouse Rural), \$350 packed meat package (Allora Butchery), \$500 livestock produce (Norco Bowlders), Paintings (by Adelle Thomas & Gwen Gillam), \$500 carving knife & fork set (hand made by Libby & Dave Blomfield and a Signed Queensland Firebird's Netball Bib & Photo (Allora's International Netball Star Laura Geitz) all framed by Perry Cronin's Shark Memorabilia. That's a more than impressive list, but it's not the end of it and those after a bargain in aid of a new Medical Centre will have many other opportunities to bid during the evening.

All the action commences at 7.00 pm sharp, including a free sausage sizzle and entertainment by Allora's on music men the Denny's Band.

As mentioned, it's a night of celebration. The presentation of funds raised from the Mega New Year Party puts the Allora community that much closer to the goal of a new Medical Centre, and it's also an opportunity to recognize and thank everyone who supported the New Year event, the current Allora Cattle Drive Auction and the AMSG in their quest.

See you all there !!!

Glyn Rees

### WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Min/Max
THU	Morning Clouds. Mild.	11 25
FRI	Mostly Sunny. Mild.	12 27
SAT	Partly Cloudy. Warm.	12 28
SUN	Morning Clouds. Mild.	13 28
MON	Morning Clouds. Mild.	14 25
TUE	Morning Clouds. Mild.	13 25

### Letter to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

"Council Committee to improve customer service" *The Allora Advertiser 1st March* reads like there is an election coming on. Amalgamation Mark 1, followed by Amalgamation Mark 2 makes any promises of customer service improvements null and void. Power placed into the hands of councillors to blame pass, meet in secret, to tell submitters that such astonishing plans as a chicken hatchery to produce one million chickens a week was a positive development for Allora. It is just a 'big shed' sayeth the planning director maestro of magisterial understatement. This shed will be as long as a football field, three stories high and built from concrete. Over many years this writer has felt the power of council to silence and belittle those who were offended by the machinations of the very people who were paid by ratepayers to show diligence to the tasks at hand. Honour and a fair go will not return while power is held and wielded by the unelected bureaucracy.

Melba Morris.

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### FoodWorks' \$108,000 cash giveaway has a community twist

FoodWorks, Australia's largest truly independent supermarket group, last week launched its biggest ever consumer promotion to giveaway \$108,000, with \$40,000 of the total prize value being donated to local charities and community organisations. Marketing Manager Sian Reeder said the promotion had been designed to give something back to FoodWorks stores' local communities.

"Our stores embody the attitude of locals supporting locals, and have donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to their towns' charities and community groups over the years. WIN WIN is just one more way FoodWorks can give back to the loyal customers who support us," she said.

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More than 400 FoodWorks stores across Australia, including Allora FoodWorks, are taking part in the WIN WIN promotion. Entries into the prize draw close at midnight on 25 March 2012. For more information about FoodWorks and the WIN WIN promotion please ask at the Allora FoodWorks or visit [www.foodworks.com.au](http://www.foodworks.com.au).

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Allora born actor and producer Paul Denny plays "Greg" in *reasons to be pretty*.  
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## See Paul in Melbourne

Allora's own Paul Denny will be taking part in a brand new independent stage production later in the year in Melbourne. Paul will be both acting in it and producing. Written by Neil LaBute, *reasons to be pretty* is a funny, confronting and highly relevant examination of the importance contemporary society places on physical beauty. Greg (played by Paul Denny; an AFI Award nominee from the ABC hit series *Lowdown*) starts off this comedy firmly in the hot seat with his girlfriend Steph, as he's been overheard innocently remarking that she is not as pretty as one of the girls he works with. As a result, all hell breaks loose... and Greg struggles to keep his world from falling apart.

For this upcoming season, Square Peg Productions have assembled a superb, seasoned cast (Paul Denny, Rebecca Denny, Eleanor Howlett and Johnny

Cast members Eleanor Howlett, Johnny McNamara, Rebecca Denny and Paul Denny.  
Photo © Sarah Walker Photography

McNamara) as well as a fantastic director (VCA Director's Course graduate Eddy Segal), and did we mention that the very talented Isabel Hutton will be designing?

The season will run from 31 May - 17 June 2012 at Melbourne's Theatre Works in St Kilda. The Melbourne Premiere promises to be an amazing play with a stellar cast and creative team and the support of a great venue... and here's where you can be a part of the production:

Please support the production! As with all independent artistic endeavours, finances to pay for the fundamentals can sometimes be a stretch. With rehearsal space, publicity, theatre hire, set, costumes, props and the ever increasing "other" expenses on the list, your support is needed to stage this show.

The team can get this production up and running with only \$5000. We're pretty excited. Many hands make light work, and this is where you come in! Funds for this production are being raised through Pozible.

The reason Pozible works so well is because even \$10 or \$20 can make a big difference. Of course \$50 or more makes a massive difference. The more you pledge, the more rewards you reap once the show is up and running! There are rewards associated with each pledge, ranging from a mention on the show website and the uber cool "thank you" board in the theatre foyer right through to double season tickets.

So, if you like the concept behind the show and want to see it, or think playwright Neil LaBute is amazing (which he is), or even if you just love Bob in *Lowdown*, please take the time to pledge some money so that this brilliant play can be brought to the Melbourne stage. Please visit the show website and have a look at our little video for more information: [www.reasons2bepretty.com](http://www.reasons2bepretty.com)



## BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

A father came home from a long business trip to find his son riding a very fancy new 10 speed bike. "Where did you get the money for the bike? It must have cost \$300."

"Easy, Dad," the boy replied. "I earned it hiking."

"Come on," his father said. "Tell me the truth."

"That is the truth," the boy replied. "Every night you were gone, Mr. Reynolds from the grocery store would come over to see Mum. He'd give me a \$20 bill and tell me to take a hike!"

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## Medical Centre Cattle Drive Now a Stampede

Back in 1881, Nat Buchanan, regarded by many as the greatest drover of all, took 20,000 cattle from St George in Queensland to the Daly River, not far south of Darwin, a distance of 3,200 km. An amazing effort in any terms, and an achievement deserved of wide spread recognition.

In years to come local residents may look back on the "Great" Allora Cattle Drive of 2012, and while it only ventured the odd 30 kilometres from Allora to the Warwick Saleyards, the result was also an amazing effort within our community to achieve a modern, well equipped and very professionally staffed Medical facility that will have supported the Allora district long into the future.

Garry Wilson and his band of supporters had no idea that when they suggested a Cattle Drive as a fundraiser for the Allora Medical Support Group's new Medical Centre for Allora proposal that the Drive would evolve as it has. It has surpassed all expectations with donations continuing to roll in from across the community, including an amazingly generous contribution of \$5000 this week by Eddie Hahn. To say that Cattle Drive organizer Garry "Clancy" Wilson and AMSSG Chairman Jon Constable are stoked regarding the response to the fundraiser by the Allora district community is a severe understatement. "People have been tremendously generous, with every dollar donated so vitally important to achieving our goal" according to Jon. "There is still plenty of time to get involved, and be part of bringing our future Medical Centre to life...it will happen, and all thanks to the Allora community". The Cattle Drive is taking on immense proportions, "it's looking like a stampede as we approach the cattle auction day of March 13th" jokes Jon. "We now have 23 cattle to go under the hammer of Mick Nowlan Auctioneer at the Warwick Sale Yards next Tuesday bringing the Drive to a halt" said a more than pleased Garry Wilson. "We couldn't be happier with the amazing almost \$24,000 cash that has also flowed in, and the very generous donations of fuel, stock goods and other items" says Garry, "the Cattle Drive already a resounding success with a few more days to go". With only five days remaining before the Allora Cattle Drive Auction registrations close, there is still plenty of time for community members to be part of a fundraiser for a new Allora Medical Centre that is surpassing all expectations. To participate in the Auction, and make your contribution to a modern Medical facility in your town, all you need do is complete a Vendors registration Form, and deliver the donated

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cattle to the Allora Sale Yards on Sunday 11th & Monday 12th of March, or contact Garry Wilson (4666 3231), Jon Constable (46663100), Bruce & Cathie Wilson (4666 2441) or David Dwan (4666 3362) to arrange for your cattle to be collected. Please note that registrations close at 5.00 pm on Monday, 12th March. The Allora Cattle Drive Auction has three well known locals as Auction Ambassadors in Barrie Geitz (0407 751 476), Ted Cowley (0418 731 514) & Neil Phelan (4666 6198) who can also be contacted regarding information on the Cattle Auction.

To date kind supporters of the Allora Cattle Drive Auction include:

Sponsors: Glenmar Fuels (1000 litres of fuel valued at \$1400), Allora Heavy Mechanical (two \$300 vehicle services), Adele Thomas (hand painting of cattle), Riverina Australia Pty Ltd (two \$250 feed vouchers), Libby & David Blomfield (hand made knife & fork carving set valued at \$500), Pursehouse Rural (25 bags of Gran Am fertilizer valued at \$550), \$350 of Packed Beef from Allora Butchery, \$500 Livestock Produce from Norco Bowlders, Signed & framed Queensland Firebirds bib/photo donated by Allora's International netballer Laura Geitz - framing donated by Perry & Lyn Cronin of Shark Memorabilia, Warren & Carol King ( 2500kg Pallet Truck / Trolley Value \$499), Wilson & Rigby Motor Body Works - Allora (Windscreen Voucher Value \$250), Warwick Daily News (Free Advertising), The Allora Cattle Drive Sponsor Auction will take place at the Allora Sports Club on Friday evening, March 9th at 7.00 pm by local auctioneer Barrie Geitz. Everyone is invited to what is a night of celebration, a sausage sizzle and entertainment by Allora's own Denny's Band. The Allora Medical Support Group will also be presented with cheques for funds raised in aid of a proposed medical centre at the Allora New Year Mega Party. Those who donate cattle to the Cattle Drive or a minimum of \$500 cash will be eligible to win some great prizes to be drawn at the Blue Cow Hotel on Friday, 16th March at 7.15 pm. There will be three draws - \$500 worth of fuel, \$300 vehicle service & \$250 stock feed voucher for some lucky donors.

Donors: Cattle - Bruce & Cathie Wilson (Droughtmaster cow running with stud Droughtmaster bull -"Ebony Hills Cougar"), Garry & Kaye Wilson (Droughtmaster steer), Jock Dwan (Steer), Tom & Margaret Bryant (Droughtmaster heifer), Colin Salm (Angus Cross Steer), Dalrymple Creek Lowlines (Purebred Stud Lowline Steer), Neil & Robyn Phelan (Grain Fed Steer), Imperial Sapphire Pty Ltd (2 head)), KR Livestock Trading Pty Ltd (Charbray weaner), Anonymous (1 steer), John

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## Southern Downs' pest survey underway

Southern Downs Regional Council pest control officers will be visiting properties from now through to 22 May 2012 to check for instances of declared plant pests as part of a series of rotational inspections of the whole region.

The current survey will map the distribution and spread of declared pests across the region, with particular emphasis on some areas.

In the Northern Zone that will be Warwick, Junabee, Wiyarra, Tannymorel, Murray's Bridge, Loch Lamond and the areas that border Junabee Road and Warwick Killarney Road. In these areas they are looking at all pests but in particular for instances of African Boxthorn, Tree pear, Weedy Sporobolous grasses, Honey Locust, Blackberry and Mother of Millions.

In the Southern Zone the focus will be on Cannon Creek, Applethorpe and The Summit, with emphasis on instances of Fireweed, Blackberry, Weedy Sporobolous grass and Annual Ragweed.

Council will also be mapping rabbit harbour and educating people on pest animal control for wild dogs, foxes, rabbits and feral pigs.

"Our goal is to have an environmentally sustainable Southern Downs," said Tim O'Brien, Manager Environmental Service. "Controlling declared pest plants is extremely important in maintaining a healthy environment and productive agriculture. "Some of these plants are harmful to livestock, whilst others can quickly infest crops," Mr O'Brien said. "Some provide refuge for pest animals, and some, like Parthenium weed, can even harm human health.

"While it is the landholder's responsibility to control declared pest plants on their property, we will work with them to help identify pest plants and to help with understanding the best practices for treatment.

"Pest management is something we need to work on together. To assist landowners with plant pest control, Council has large pumps and spray units available for hire at reasonable rates," he explained. "We are also asking residents to let Council know if they notice pest plants on road reserves."

Council works with Landcare and environmental groups to assist them with field days and plant pest education programs. If you have a group that would like assistance please call 07 4661 0300 or 07 4681 5500.

The current survey began on 22nd February 2012 and will run for three months, expiring on 22nd May 2012.

More information can be found on the Department of Primary Industry website. Visit [http://www.dpi.qld.gov.au/4790\\_6998.htm](http://www.dpi.qld.gov.au/4790_6998.htm) for the A-Z listing of pest plants.

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& Tony Cowley (1 steer), Eddie Bassingthwaighte (1 Brangus cow), John & Karen Denny (1 Pole Black Angus Steer), Graham & Theresa Bourke (1 cow), Roger & Sharon Nielsen (Hereford x bull), E.J. & M.A. Nolan (1 Hereford cow), Tom & Kaye Mullins (1 vealer), A.J. & C.M. Mullins (1 cow), Anonymous (2 cattle), Blue Range Pastoral Co. (1 Illawarra cow & 1 Droughtmaster calf).

Cash donors – John Lee-Lewis \$100, Dorothy Free \$50, Anonymous \$2000, K.A. & G.K. Gillam \$1000, Anonymous \$1000, Jon & Justine Constable \$1000, Anonymous \$200, I.F. Matuzelski \$50, Anonymous \$25, Martin & Ann Thompson \$50, Anonymous \$200, Anonymous \$200, Peter Cavanagh \$1000, Jim Deacon \$100, Sue Selby \$50, John Ellwood \$500, Anonymous \$100, D.J. & B.J. Wright & Sons \$1000, Jill Leeson \$50, Lynne Patterson \$100, Garth Free \$1000, Benjamin Brittain \$100, Clifton Auto Ag Repairs \$500, Eddie Bassingthwaighte \$1000, Maud Drewery \$50, Milton & Hall Piggery \$50, Les & Beryl Gwynne \$1000, Anonymous \$20, Stuart & Anne Campbell \$500, Peter & Margaret Salm \$200, Neil & Sharon Masters \$500, Colin & Sonia Prendergast \$100, Anonymous \$100, David & Zita Dwan \$1000, Albert & Terri-Ann Otten \$50, Matt & Belinda Hagenbach \$500, Anonymous \$250, Gene & Jan McMillan \$200, Mark & Hayley Mason \$500, Brian & Sue O'Grady \$100, Jean Pattison \$100, Anonymous \$200, Anonymous \$500, Anonymous \$50, Eddie Hahn \$5,000, Trevor & Shirley Mason \$1000, Anonymous \$300.

Tomorrow night the Allora Cattle Drive Auction will see its first auction take place, of a great array of donated goods at the Allora Sports Club. The AMMSG will also be presented with funds raised as a result of the Allora Mega New Year Party. It is an opportunity for all to celebrate the success to date of our bid for a new medical centre. Everyone's invited, a sausage sizzle, great entertainment by the Denny's Band and the odd toast with an ale. The "Cowboy" himself Dave "Rowdy" Dwan, AMMSG Vice President & a Cattle Drive organizer is encouraging Allora to roll up in force on the night, his advice "always drink upstream from the herd".

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Among the crowd of ninety interested community members to attend last Wednesday evening's Allora Medical Support Group Community Update at the Community Hall were Joe Cornhill, Zita Dwan, Doug Evans, Nell Evans, Peter Cavanagh & Ted Cowley.

## Events Calendar

2012

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 -

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

June -

**Sat 16 "All Things Blue" Afternoon Tea**  
 St David's Hall, Allora, 1.30pm

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Clients wishing to include their events in the *Events Calendar*, must book a display (boxed) advertisement for the event in *The Allora Advertiser*, sized at least 2 column x 8 cm. Clients will then automatically receive, as a bonus, a calendar entry. These entries will be in a 2 line format as above, starting in bold with date and event, followed by venue and time.

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## Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago March 1987 Grain Depot for Lease  
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At a recent meeting, B. G. Q. management outlined to Allora growers the advantages and disadvantages of the agency operation. The growers were initially enthusiastic towards the new method of operation but were less so when they considered the implications of what would be involved.

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### Allora's Past 100 years ago March 1912

#### Military Matters A Good Performance

Trooper R. Sinton very worthily represented the Allora detail of the 14th Australian Light Horse at the Pratten military tournament last week. In the face of keen competition the trooper won the individual tent-pegging, the handicap sprint for all-comers, the alarm race, and the steeplechase, and also shared second honours with Corporal A. Smith in the Gretna Green race. We must congratulate Trooper Sinton on his prowess.

*(Trooper Roland Sinton enlisted in the 2nd A. L. H. Regiment, A. I. F. on the 21st August 1914. He served at Gallipoli and in Egypt and had been promoted to the position of Squadron Sergeant Major when he was awarded the Serbian Silver Star for distinguished service. He returned to Australia on the 20th June 1919 with the rank of Lieutenant. Rolly Sinton was the father of Bill and Bob Sinton of Allora)*

#### Commandant's Inspection

Major Pinnock arrived in Allora on Thursday last for the purpose of carrying out a Commandant's Inspection which took place the same afternoon at East Talgai. In addition, Lieutenants Burge and Lewis were up for their practical examination.

Between forty and fifty of all ranks participated under the command of the O. C., Captain Deacon. At the conclusion of the proceedings we understand that Major Pinnock was highly complimentary in his comments on the work that he had seen performed by the officers and men.

Colin Newport

## THE ALLORA PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Calling all interested shutterbugs...

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## WIRAC closes pool, courts for maintenance

Warwick Indoor Recreation and Aquatic Centre's pools and sports courts will be closed for planned maintenance from 31 March to 16 April 2012, with the gymnasium remaining open. WIRAC manager Don Warrener said the pools would be drained to allow an overhaul of the sand filtration system for the first time since it was installed in 1999.

"While they are empty, we'll replace the sand media and the laterals in the sand filters, a required maintenance that needs to be done every 10 to 15 years," Mr Warrener said.

"We'll also take the opportunity to do some regular maintenance in the pools, such as caulking the joints between the tiles, repainting all the non slip areas and poolside signage, and repainting the inside of the rapid river pool."

The dry court area will also be closed for its bi-annual resurfacing.

"The courts are overdue for resurfacing and you can see the lacquer starting to peel away, which can make them slippery," Mr Warrener said.

"We'll be sanding the courts back and applying fresh lacquer, as well as marking new basketball keyways because the required shape has changed."

There will be no Holiday Activity Programs during the Easter school holidays due to this work.

"We apologise for any inconvenience while this necessary maintenance is done," he said.

WIRAC will put a hold on direct debit payments from members while the pool and courts are unavailable, but people with gym memberships will still be able to use the facilities.

The outdoor pools at Allora and Killarney close on 16 March and 30 March respectively for the end of the summer season.

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## Slade sells for \$4 million plus GST

Southern Downs Regional Council has announced that the sale of the Slade School Campus in Warwick to Christian Community Ministries has been completed.

Council has sold the site for \$4 million plus GST after the property was purchased in 2007 from Church of England Grammar School for \$3.65 million plus GST.

"Our intention has always been to preserve this site as an educational or community asset and prevent residential development," said Mayor Ron Bellingham.

"I am pleased that this historical school site will once again be used for educational purposes," Cr Bellingham said.



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### Council takes steps to improve customer service

As part of an overall project to improve customer service, Southern Downs Regional Council plans to reorganise its Warwick customer service area.

The changes will see more space created in the Warwick downstairs customer service centre to centralise all Warwick telephone and counter customer service officers.

"At the moment the customer service function is spread right across the building," explained Rod Ferguson, Chief Executive Officer.

"With these changes, the whole team will be near each other, enhancing the delivery of customer service as the team will be able to work more cohesively," Mr Ferguson said.

The customer service area will be built out, creating more offices behind the counter. The \$70,000 project is included in the 2011-12 Budget, is expected to start in April and to take around six weeks to complete.

"During this time, we will be relocating our customer service area to one of our other facilities in Warwick," Mr Ferguson said. "The temporary location will be announced as soon as we have finalised negotiations."

In its efforts to improve service, Council is also introducing better training for customer service officers and is currently conducting a survey of residents about services and service levels.

Residents are encouraged to complete the survey online at [www.southerndowns.qld.gov.au](http://www.southerndowns.qld.gov.au) before 30 March 2012.

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Total expenditure for this period was \$27.2 million.

Mayor Ron Bellingham said this demonstrated once again how much Council puts back into the community.

"Wherever it makes sense for the ratepayer, we will choose to go with a competitive local supplier, so that more local dollars stay local," Cr Bellingham said.

Goods and services from legal advice to excavation supply to traffic control and even toilet paper have come from local providers.

He said it was not possible to purchase some goods and services locally due to legislative requirements, lack of local suppliers, or competitive group buying for local government.

"Clearly we have to weigh up the benefits to the community as a whole," the Mayor said.

"We must be able to buy the right goods and services for a particular job at a competitive price, and will consider a local supplier that meets those needs."

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### Independent count for Dairy Poll 2012

Strict processes apply to the handling of votes in the 2012 Dairy Poll, according to the boss of Dairy Australia.

Managing Director Ian Halliday said: "While all ballot papers contain details of the voter's entitlement and require a signature for verification, they are all handled by an independent third party, as required by government regulations. That third party, Computershare, is responsible for collating and counting the votes."

The process is overseen by an independent returning officer. The Federal Government requires Dairy Australia to go to levy payers up to every five years seeking their opinion on the levy rate.

Dairy Poll 2012 offers three options for farmers to vote on:

- A 15% increase;
- A 10% increase; and
- A "no-levy" option.

The options were decided upon by a Dairy Poll Advisory Committee chaired by President of Australian Dairy Farmers (ADF), Chris Griffin. The members of the 20-member committee were drawn from all industry sectors and a wide cross-section of dairy farmers representing a range of views.

"The committee provided a thorough review of industry needs and the activities of the levy spend by Dairy Australia," Mr Griffin said.

"I believe that the 10% increase is necessary. I believe my fellow dairy farmers will also see the need to maintain services at their current level."

Each year dairy farmers' contributions (approximately \$30.6 million per year) and government matching funds (approximately \$17 million per year) provide a budget for Dairy Australia that is invested for the benefit of all levy payers.

Ballot papers can be returned in the pre-paid envelope supplied with the voting pack or faxed to 03 9473 2145.

Mr Halliday added: "We urge all eligible farmers to take the opportunity to participate in the poll."

Voting for the poll closes on March 16. Visit [www.dairypoll.com.au](http://www.dairypoll.com.au) for details.

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- 1855 - 1st train crosses 1st US railway suspension bridge, Niagara Falls.
- 1884 - 1st performance of Edward MacDowell's 2nd Piano suite.
- 1887 - Everett Horton, CT, patents fishing rod of telescoping steel tubes.
- 1902 - 1st performance of Jean Sibelius' 2nd Symphony.
- 1910 - Baroness Raymonde de Laroche of Paris is 1st licensed female pilot.
- 1911 - International Women's Day is launched in Copenhagen, Denmark, by Clara Zetkin, leader of the Women's Office for the Social Democratic Party in Germany.
- 1915 - 1st US navy minelayer, Baltimore, commissioned.
- 1918 - The first case of Spanish flu occurs, the start of a devastating worldwide pandemic.
- 1934 - Edwin Hubble photo shows as many galaxies as Milky Way has stars.
- 1936 - The first stock car race is held in Daytona Beach, Florida.
- 1944 - US resumes bombing Berlin
- 1950 - Marshall Voroshilov of USSR announces they developed atomic bomb.
- 1959 - Groucho, Chico & Harpo's final TV appearance together.
- 1966 - An IRA bomb destroyed Nelson's Column in Dublin.
- 1972 - 1st airship flown over Britain in 20 years (Europa).
- 1972 - 1st flight of the Goodyear blimp.
- 1976 - 1,774 kg (largest observed) stony meteorite falls in Jilin, China.
- 1978 - The first-ever radio episode of The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, by Douglas Adams, is transmitted on BBC Radio 4.
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Wed	6am-9am Wednesday Breakfast Show/Pat Elliott/Mike Parris.	9am - 12md Easy Listening 70's to 90's: Danny Collins & Don Maher	12md - 4pm Early afternoon Mix 50's to 70's: Keith Tootell	4pm-6pm 70',80's,90's with Kris Moulder	6pm - 8pm Top 20 Pop Hits of the week with Tor Moulder/Emma Costello	8pm - 12mn Best songs of all times: Cedric Robbins	12mn - 6am CBAA Satellite Programs
Thu	Breakfast Show Pat Elliott	9am - 10am A little more brekky with Pat E 10am to 1pm/Music from other countries&with Julie	1pm-4pm Musical Memories with Keith Tootell	4pm-6pm Music Through the 80's & 90's with Julian Gibbs	6pm - 8pm Great Music of the 80's with Peter Hardwick	8pm - 12mn Jazz/Swing/Blues: Arthur Denton/	12mn - 6am CBAA Satellite Programs
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**• ANNOUNCEMENTS •**

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Once again this community has shown its compassion and care in times of need. This was so ably demonstrated when we recently lost three of our treasured senior citizens in the one week including our Aunt, Dorrie Byrne OAM. The support and care shown to the Smith and Byrne families at this time, highlight that Dorrie was much loved and respected and will be greatly missed for her lifetime of good works. We will also treasure her for her great sense of humour. To all who helped in any way, to those who have expressed their condolences either personally, by letter or phone, (and there were so many) please accept this as our sincere personal thanks to you.  
*The Smith and Byrne families*

**Birthday...**

**HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY SHAMMIE**

Have a great day and a great year because you deserve it.  
*Lots of love from Mrs D and PUDS Wife.*

**• CHURCH NOTICES •**

**Scots Presbyterian Church - Allora.**

THIS SUNDAY AT ALLORA - Service/Sunday School at 9.30am.  
Wednesday Evenings - Bible Study at 7.30pm.  
KIDS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Friday of each month for prep - grade 7. From 3.15pm - 5.00pm.  
YOUTH GROUP - 2nd & 4th Friday of each month, 6.30pm - 8.30pm.  
MENS BREAKFAST - Last Saturday in each month, 7.30am.  
LADIES BIBLE STUDY - Tuesdays, 10.00am - 11.00am.  
Enquiries to Pastor Dennis Mooney 4666 3829.  
A Warm Welcome to ALL.

**The Catholic Community of ST. PATRICK'S, ALLORA**

1st SUNDAY at 9.00am, 2nd & 3rd SUNDAYS at 6.00pm.  
2nd TUESDAY (at The Homestead), and 4th TUESDAY, at 9.30am.

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SACRED HEART CHURCH - DEUCHAR - MASS at 10.00am every 3rd SUNDAY.

Ecumenical Prayer Service every 2nd Monday at 7.00pm.

For Church Bookings/Parish enquiries, phone 4666 3377.  
St Patrick's Parish School (Prep - Yr. 7), enquiries 4666 3551.

**The Anglican Parish of Allora and Clifton - Service Times**

**St Davids: Allora**  
Holy Communion: first Saturday of month 7.00pm  
Holy Communion: Sundays 10.00am  
Holy Communion: Wednesdays 10.00am  
**All Saints: Clifton**  
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Baptisms, Confirmations, Weddings - by arrangement  
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Rector - Rev. Andrew Baldwin - Ph 4666 3343 Mob 0427 220 886

**Uniting Church Allora**

9.00am Sunday Services.  
Enquiries phone 4666 3225. All welcome.

**• FOR SALE •**

**GARAGE SALE - Saturday, 17th March, South Street (Not before 7.00am) - Furniture (some antique), kitchenware, luggage, gardenware, collectables (LPs, books, china).**

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**• PUBLIC NOTICES •**

**FLU VAX 2012**

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**Funeral Notice**

BOWER, George Kenneth (Ken). Late of Allora passed away on 1st March 2012, aged 87 years. Dearly loved Father of Suzanne Bower. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Ken's Funeral service, to be held at the T.S Burstow Chapel 1020 Ruthven Street (south) Toowoomba, commencing at 10.00am Friday 9th March 2012.

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**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF CENTRAL DOWNS JRL will be held at the Railway Hotel, Allora on Tuesday 13th March at 6.30pm. All welcome.**

**Shelley Duggan (Hon Sec)**

**• SOLUTIONS •**

**THIS WEEK'S SUDOKU SOLUTION**

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**• LOST & FOUND •**

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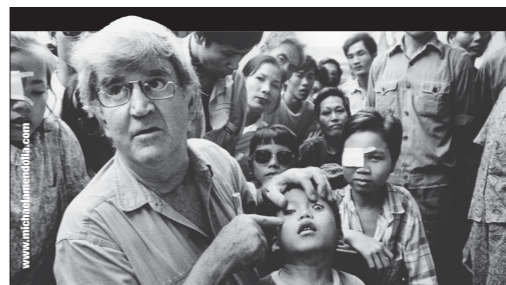
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## Allora Golf Notes 4-3-11

Patrons Day - A great day was had by all and the nominees for Club person of the year were – Kel Strange, Anthony Bowe and John Chandler. Patron Jim Anderson had a very difficult decision to make and the end result was Kel Strange, congratulations to Kel. A special thanks to all the people who helped.

Following the patrons day on Saturday we had a great roll up of 14 players competing for the Railway Hotel monthly mug. The winner for March by a count back was Lindsay May with a 62 nett. Coming in with the same score also, was the sportsclub's clubperson of the year Kel Strange.

Pins went to Kel on the 13th and 14th, Lindsay on the 5th, Ken closest on the 5th and Aarron got the 17th.

This week the Duck run will be on again so come along and have a casual 9 holes in the afternoon. Proceeding the golf the presentation of the donations from the Sportsclub and the show society to the medical centre will take place around 6 o'clock.

This Sunday will be a trophy supplied by the club. Everyone is welcome to play.

The following Weekend is the commencement of the club championships starting Saturday.

Congratulations again goes to Kel for his service to our Golf club, he has the course looking superb at the moment with all the hours mowing he puts in weekly.

Lastly, don't forget 09.03.12 at the Sportsclub there is a sausage sizzle in aid of the Allora Medical Centre all welcome. Don't forget your sand buckets and remember - to play is to live.



## Allora Charge In To WCA Grand Final

After a thrilling three wicket win over the Inglewood "Roos" at cricket headquarters Slade Park on Sunday, the "Allora Foodworks/Railway

Hotel" cricket side have cruised into the 2012 Warwick Cricket Association Commonwealth Bank Cup Reserve Grade Grand Final to be played on March 17th at Mayhew Oval.

Allora team skipper Cameron Masters is thrilled with the result, his side on the verge of a second Reserve Grade premiership win since the Allora Cricket Club reformed in 2006, their first since success in 2007/08. "Sunday was a great result for us, some good performances by players allowed us the edge on Inglewood throughout the match" said Cameron. "Our bowlers were on target throughout laying the foundation for the win, and after a slow start with the bat Aaron Vietheer & Steve Hughes stepped up to the mark to give our run chase a big shot in the arm". Hughes cracked 42 not out in the Allora side's last outing when they defeated Sovereign Hotel "Animals" by eight wickets, his partner at the wicket that day was again Vietheer, who added 17 not out on Sunday. Given their current form, both will be vital cogs in Allora's upcoming Grand Final appearance.

Inglewood won the toss and chose to bat on a Slade Park wicket that appeared to be going to offer plenty of runs. The "Roos" were 2 for 48 at the end of the seventh over, Allora's new ball bowlers Brodie Frizzell & Lauchlan Hoey sharing the honours with a wicket each. David Elsley starred for Inglewood hitting 39 off 31 balls batting at number three, before being bowled by Adam May. The "Roos" never really recovered after Elsley returned to the pavilion, the Allora bowlers removing batsman with regularity. Kris McLennan's catch to dismiss James Callaghan on 10 in the outfield off a Steve Hughes off spinner signalled the end of Inglewood. McLennan covered plenty of territory as he raced from mid wicket to deep mid off taking the catch with it coming over his shoulder, Inglewood sinking to 9 for 109 and Allora's confidence on the up. The former Warwick Hotel "Colts 2" allrounder who hails from



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friends.**

Willowvale is enjoying his second season with Allora, and has big game experience having been a member of senior premiership winning sides.

Allrounder Matt Kiernan snared the wicket to close the "Roos" innings when he had Jeremy Ralph caught close to the wicket with a sharp Adam May catch.

Aside from taking great catches in the deep, Kris McLennan also shone in the bowling statistics taking 3 for 19 off eight overs. Adam May was also outstanding with the ball taking 3 for 22 also off eight overs. Aside from Hughes and Vietheer, Cameron Masters was also in the runs, knocking up 17 not out to be there to hit his side's winning run.

Allora have a break this weekend while Inglewood take on Sovereign Hotel "Animals" for the honour of a Grand Final berth.

Allora batting: Brodie Frizzell 5, Matt Kiernan 7, Steve Hughes 19, Adam May 2, Aaron Vietheer 31, Kris McLennan 4, Cameron Masters 17 not out, Nat Hooper 8, Mitchell McLennan 4 not out, Andrew Petersen Dot Not Bat, Lauchlan Hoey Did Not Bat. Sundries 8, Total 107.

Allora bowling: Brodie Frizzell 4-0-1-27, Lauchlan Hoey 4-0-1-24, Kris McLennan 8-2-3-19, Adam may 8-2-3-22, Steve Hughes 2-0-1-7, Matt Kiernan 1-1-1-0.

Please note Warwick Cricket Association Grand Finals details in next week's Allora Advertiser.

Glyn Rees