



ALLORA ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS

The Allora Anzac Day Commemoration Committee invites the community to take part in the following services to commemorate the sacrifices made by the fallen in all wars and to remember those who fought for peace and freedom.

5.30 am - Dawn Service at the Allora War Memorial Garden.

Followed by a gunfire breakfast in the RSL Hall. \$5.00 per head. Community most welcome.

9.30 am - Memorial Service at the Allora Cemetery.

10.30 am - Parade to form up on Herbert Street (Between Commercial Hotel and Council Office).

10.45 am - Parade March Off.

11.00 am - Commemorative Service at the Allora Cenotaph.

This will be followed by a luncheon in the RSL Hall. All members of the community are very welcome. The cost is \$5.00 adults, \$2.00 children.

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The R.S.L. requests that Ex-Service personnel wear medals and they extend an invitation to their families, as well as public bodies, to join them in the procession.

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Military Treasure Restored

Allora's abundant history was enhanced in recent times with the restoration of the military 40 mm Bofor light anti-aircraft gun which is on display at Apex Park, adjacent to the New England Highway. The restoration was made possible by a \$4,000 grant under the federal government's "Saluting Their Service" Commemorations grants program, with the support of the Southern Downs Regional Council.

"Saluting Their Service" is an initiative that aims to honour the sacrifice and service of Australia's servicemen and women in wars, conflicts and peace operations, and to promote appreciation and understanding of the role that those who served have played in shaping the nation. The program is designed to preserve our wartime heritage and to involve people throughout the nation in a wide range of activities and projects.

The gun, which now sits looking resplendent restored and powder coated, is displayed on stands in an enclosed area in Apex Park. Bofors guns were introduced into service in 1938, the Allora based gun seeing service in Korea. The gun was manned by a crew of five when in action and had a rate of fire of 120 rounds per minute. An anti-aircraft autocannon, the Bofors 40 mm gun was designed by the Swedish defence firm



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of Bofors Defence. It was one of the most popular medium-weight anti-aircraft systems during World War II, used by most of the western Allies as well as by the Axis powers. Crews of Bofors guns shot down 14,657 Axis planes in World War II. The cannon remains in service as of 2012, still in use by the Royal Navy, making it one of the longest-serving artillery pieces of all time.

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The Allora based gun arrived at the Allora Railway Station in the early 1970's, after which it was towed to its current location, where it remained, forlorn & neglected for many years until June 20th, 2008. A member of the Brisbane based Gunners & Signallers' Club made a refreshment stop at Apex Park, observing the plight of the Bofors gun. He happened to be the Secretary of the organization, Mr. Rob Collins, MBE (Mil). The chance visit resulted in correspondence from the Gunners &



Allora RSL Sub Branch members Eric Taylor & Rob Sinton inspect the restored Bofors 40mm light anti aircraft gun that is now taking pride of place in Allora's Apex Park

Signallers' Club to the Allora RSL Sub Branch advising of funding programs available for the guns restoration. The letter also advised that a Bofors gun on display at Southport had fallen into a bad state due to the effects of sea air, it was considered dangerous and cut up for scrap, the message being "don't let this happen to the Allora gun".

Allora local Rob Sinton adopted the gun restoration project with a passion, and was more than pleased when at a meeting of the Southern Downs Regional Council, Councillors resolved to "take the restoration project on board". The decision resulted in correspondence in January 2011 from the Minister for Veteran's Affairs, Minister for Defence Science and Personnel Minister for Indigenous Health, Warren Snowdon MP, that the restoration grant application submitted by the Southern Downs Regional Council was successful.

Allora's Bofors gun was subsequently removed to Warwick for sandblasting and powder coating, before being returned to Apex Park in October last year. The gun is mounted and secured as a fitting display and memory to the role it played in conflict, and a prompt to us all of the sacrifices and hardships endured by our servicemen and women. The project, which commenced back in 2008 with a chance visit to Apex Park by a Gunners & Signallers' Club member from Brisbane, took almost four years to reach fruition, but according to Rob Sinton it was time well spent.

Rob and fellow local RSL Sub Branch member Eric Taylor recently reminisced while inspecting the restored gun, Eric was a member of 12 Squadron RAAF at Merauke on the western coast of Dutch New Guinea, his main role the servicing of 24 dive bombers. He recalls the morning ritual fly over of the Japanese "Mavis" aircraft, the Kawanishi H6K, and the sound of the Bofors gun welcome.

Bob Sinton is another long serving member of the Allora RSL Sub Branch, originally joining the Citizens Military Forces in 1948. He served with the 11 Field Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery and recalls the operation of the Bofors guns at Brisbane's Kelvin Grove training field. "The guns were

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essential equipment in a convoy" according to Rob. Both Rob Sinton and Eric Taylor, two of Allora's links with past conflicts, are more than pleased with the Bofor gun restoration outcome. "It serves as another reminder of the sacrifices made for our country and freedoms" they both agreed.

In a little under a fortnight Allora's community will again come together to remember and pay special tribute to those many men and women who have served their country in many theatres of war. Allora's ANZAC Day is a very special event in our community's calendar, as it is nationally, and April 25th will see an opportunity for everyone to roll up and express their respect.

The Allora Anzac Day Commemoration Committee invites the community to take part in Allora's ANZAC Day services to commemorate the sacrifices made by the fallen in all wars and to remember those who fought for peace and freedom.

The ANZAC Day program will commence at 5.30 AM with the Dawn Service at Allora's Memorial Park, followed by the 9.30 AM Service at Allora Cemetery. The Memorial Service will be held at 11.00 AM, also in Allora's Memorial Park.

Those wishing to take part in the ANZAC Day March are requested to be assembled at the Allora Library to commence at 10.45 AM sharp.

The Dawn Service will be followed by a "Shot Gun Breakfast" with all attending invited. The breakfast, tea & coffee fee is just \$10.00 which also includes membership of the Allora RSL Auxiliary membership.

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Glyn Rees

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My career has largely consisted of self employment which has involved contracting to both large, private companies & Government. My specialty in business is the ability to analyse how a business works, pinpoint poor practice or detrimental features, suggest how to fix them and implement the necessary changes. I have a proven success record in this field.

I believe that the success of any organisation or business depends heavily on dynamic team work, however, I believe that the ability to champion causes in the face of opposition is a necessary quality for a successful team member.

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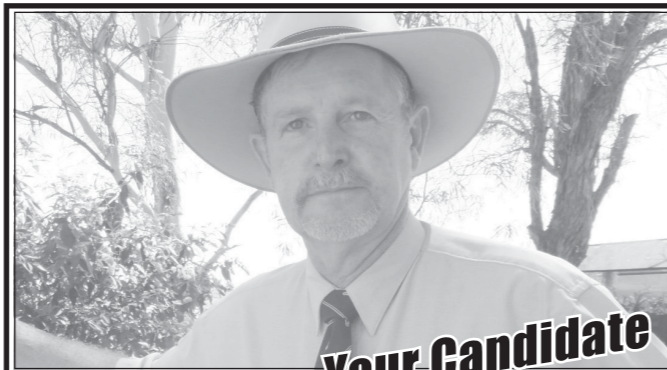
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Events Calendar

2012

- April - Sat 21** Scope Club of Allora Afternoon Tea
Allora Community Hall, 1.30pm
- Wed 25** Allora Anzac Day Commemorations
Allora
- Fri 27** Allora QCWA International Day - Chile
St Andrews Hall, Allora
- Sun 29** Wattles v Oakey
Platz Oval Clifton
- May - Fri 11** Victoria Hill Public Hall Cent Sale
Victoria Hill Hall, 7.30pm
- Sat 19** Wattles v Pittsworth
Platz Oval Clifton
- Fri 25** St Pat's Rattle of the Brains Trivia Night
Allora Community Hall
- June - Sat 2** Wattles v Goondiwindi
Platz Oval Clifton
- Mon 16** Allora Community Auction
Allora Showgrounds
- Sat 16** Wattles v Warwick
Platz Oval Clifton
- Sat 16** "All Things Blue" Afternoon Tea
St David's Hall, Allora, 1.30pm
- July - Sun 1** Allora RSL "Produce to Pantry" Cent Sale
RSL Hall, Allora
- Sun 1** Wattles v Brothers
Platz Oval Clifton
- Sun 15** Wattles v Valleys
Platz Oval Clifton
- Sun 29** Wattles v Gatton
Platz Oval Clifton
- August - Sun 26** Wattles v Souths
Platz Oval Clifton
- October - Sat 6** High Tea Fundraiser
Allora Community Hall
- Fri 19** St Patricks Parish Fete
St Patricks School Grounds
- November - Tue 6** Allora Swimming Club Melbourne Cup Luncheon
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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.

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

An Aussie bloke goes to a swish looking club with very 'strict' dress regulations, they wouldn't let him in without a tie.

The doorman was adamant. "No mate, I can't let you in without a tie."

He went back to the car to try and find one, but there was no tie to be found. The best he could come up with was a pair of jumper leads. So he tied these around his neck and we fronted up to the doorman again.

"Will this do?", I asked.

"Hmm, ok", said the doorman. "But don't you start anything!"



Letter to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

After being visiting Allora for many years as part of the Senior Geography program studying rural communities I wish to thank the community for their on going support. The assistance given by your community means my students have gained an invaluable, realistic insight into a rural centre. For many students this would be their first visit to a rural community. In particular my for most thanks go to Glyn Rees who has organised for the past four years, local farmers to speak candidly about their farms and primary production. He has been willing to devote his day to my students and I wish to send

ABOVE: Visiting Robina High School Students.

RGHT: Glyn Rees (left) chats with local primary producer.



my gratitude to him, and all the people my students have met.

Regards,

Cate Buckingham
Robina SHS, Robina.

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For the last 7 years I have been self employed in my publishing business, producing Homeview Real Estate magazine & for the last 2 years I have also been an active partner in the 'not for profit' project of Vintage Drops & Country Stops magazine (a local tourism initiative).

I embrace our whole region – I think it would be too hard & expensive to de-amalgamate at this stage, however, should a referendum be held and the results showed that this is what the community would like, then I would have to do everything in my power to make it happen. That really is the crux of my belief – true representation means listening and acting on what the community wants & needs. So my own ideas are not what is important, but the ideas I have to help our community achieve their goals – that is important.

I also think that my opposition to CSG in our region is not just a personal one. Every person I have spoken to in this community is against the CSG or any other mining industry being allowed to pollute & ruin our beautiful region. My vision fits with the expanded tourism, food growing & clean industry model. There is room for growth that is sustainable and not harmful to our precious environmental resources.

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“Wattles Down in Season Opener”

The 2012 Toowoomba Rugby League Premiership kicked off on Sunday, with local league heroes the Wattles “Warriors” not getting the result they would have liked going down to the visiting Gatton “Hawks” 18 – 34 in the first grade clash.

Outside back Luke Baker got off to a sensational start to the new season, collecting the “Player’s Player” honours and Wattles “Player of the Match” points for his performance. Baker has had a difficult start to 2012, the outstanding centre/back rower being diagnosed the kidney disease that ended his stint with Brisbane based club Easts “Tigers” before the season commenced. After medical advice the Wandoan product and Wattles 2010 & 2011 “Player of the Year” is back in the green and gold in fine form.

The A Grade match was a lot closer than the score would indicate, the “Hawks” scoring first points after eighteen minutes when classy centre Scott Cubit touched down. The “Hawks” pounced on an opportunity minutes later to advance their cause, kicking the ball ahead after it was spilled by Wattles and scoring ten metres in from touch. Wattles problems were enhanced when team skipper and co-coach Glen McMillan was lost to the sin bin ten minutes before half time, but the scoreboard never altered, Gatton taking a 10 – 0 lead in at the half time break.

Gatton appeared on a match winning roll after the first ten minutes of the new half, outside backs Josh Belz and Nick Kofoed crossing for tries to extend their side’s lead to 20 – 0. Wattles front row enforcer Jason Nightingale cooled his heels in the sin bin from the 49th minute, but the wheel turned for Wattles soon after. Eighteen year old home side fullback Anthony McIntosh notched up Wattles first try for the match, and the club’s first “A” Grade try of

Looking Back...

Allora’s Past 25 years ago April 1987

A Feedlot or Not a Feedlot

At its meeting yesterday, Allora Shire councillors discussed complaints received by residents of the Deuchar district about the smell emanating from a local cattle operation. Shire Clerk, Mr. Lex Ellwood, said that under present Council by-laws it could not be classed as a feedlot. Mr. David Stanfield, the Council Health Surveyor, had estimated that there were about 300 head of cattle running on about 10 acres. The by-laws defined a feedlot as a place where cattle were kept in pens or yards at a density of more than one head per 40 square metres and fed on prepared feeds. Mr. Ellwood said that because the operation could not be legally classified as a feedlot, private enterprise should not be stifled.

Cr. A. Atkinson stated that she was worried about other residential subdivisions in the area .Cr. B. Burge recommended that the Health Surveyor should investigate the property in more detail.

Allora’s Past 50 years ago April 1962

PROPOSED ALLORA CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION APPLICATION FOR SHARE CAPITAL

The Investigating Committee is desirous of ascertaining the amount of Share Capital which would be invested if an Allora Co-operative Association was formed. This would mean new capital, not transfer of shares from the Warwick Co-operative Association. Value of proposed shares: £1. No money is required, the committee wishes to ascertain the amount of new capital.

Please contact the undersigned.

Lex Ellwood

Investigating Committee

Allora’s Past 100 years ago April 1912

Titanic Disaster

In common with communities the world over, Allora has been profoundly shocked by the news of the loss of the Titanic, an event, which the British Prime Minister said is one “to appal the imagination”. References will be made to it in each of the churches of Allora tomorrow.

Mystery Solved

Over the past eighteen months, Mr. D. J. Enright, a large scale poultry breeder of Spring Creek, had regularly discovered batches of fowls and turkeys dead on his property. This was thought to be the work of dogs or cats until early on Monday morning when Mr. Enright heard a commotion amongst his poultry. On going out with a double-barrelled gun, he cautiously approached the spot and discovered a large animal in the act of grabbing a fowl. The fox, for such it proved to be, sighted Mr. Enright very quickly and made off but Mr. Enright let go with both barrels and shot the animal dead. The fox was reddish brown with black-pointed legs, and was a fine specimen of its kind. Mr. Easton, a neighbouring farmer, has lost numerous lambs for some time past, and no doubt, Reynard varied his menu occasionally. This is the first fox seen about the Spring Creek district.

Colin Newport

the fixture season after a classy dummy half dart by his brother, clever hooker Josh McIntosh. It’s ironic that Anthony McIntosh claimed Wattles first 2012 “A” Grade touchdown, the quicksilver back showered in accolades in the 2011 season after scoring 398 points in all grades.

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took the bit within their teeth and ran in two for tries in quick succession. Wattles scored their eighteen points in a ten minute spell, with halfback Jordan Henry crossing after outside back Burwood Robinson had sliced through the defence. Robinson is a newcomer to Wattles and in the veteran class, but he is an outstanding attacking footballer with vast experience at higher levels and will be a significant boost to the Warriors arsenal in 2012. Robinson also featured in Wattles final try, easing effortlessly into a gap and offloading to centre Russell McMillan to score in the corner. Trailing 18 – 22, Wattles we will positioned to snatch the match in the latter stages, but the Gatton forces rallied with two tries in the final minutes, the final match sealer scored by former Wattles player, halfback Wes Murray. Murray is the subject of a post match Toowoomba Rugby League citing, charged with a lifting tackle on Wattles’ Jordan Henry, which was missed by the match referee.

Along with Luke Baker, back-rower Aaron Scheid was another in Wattles line-up to shine, as did ever reliable hooker Josh McIntosh.

Gatton 34 (Terry Geary 2, Josh Belz, Nick Kofoed, Scott Cubit, Wesley Murray tries; Wes Murray 5 goals) defeated Wattles 18 (Anthony McIntosh, Russell McMillan, Jordan Henry tries; Brady Glass 3 goals).

“Warrior Reggies Post Win”

Wattles impressive reserve grade line up lived up to expectations on Sunday overwhelming the Gatton “Hawks” by 30 – 18.

The brilliance of Wattles newcomer Burwood Robinson was more than obvious in his first match in Wattles colours, running on to a short pass before scoot down the right side racing around the defence and galloping a further sixty metres for Wattles first try of the match. The “Hawks” were stung into action and answered the call with two tries in quick succession to take a 12 – 6 lead after 15 minutes.

Classy centre Garry Hooper advanced on his fine pre-season form to score a vital try from the half way line, before touching down in the corner, to have Wattles trailing 10 – 12. Hooper was again in the action five minutes later with another ground blazing right hand touchline run before kicking ahead for winger Aaron Viethier to score in his first TRL fixture match. Wattles added to their 14 – 12 lead when Captain-Coach Robbie McIntosh passed from the scrum base to five-eight Coedie Tandy who chipped over the top of the defence, regathered and scored in a sensational effort.

Wattles lead 18 – 12 at the half time break, and continued their late first stanza form when Wattles new face, winger Michael Brackin raced down the

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touchline only to be brought down ten metres short of the tryline. Robbie McIntosh showed a cool head in a pressure situation throwing a gem of a cut out ball to Coedie Tandy who sliced through desperate defence to score his second try of the match.

With the fulltime hooter about to wail, it was Tandy & McIntosh combining yet again, resulting in a back handed McIntosh pass to “fleet of foot” centre Aaron Hooper who scored to draw the curtain on the match. When the dust settled Wattles had pocketed the two premierships points in a great start to the fixture season, and a promise of plenty more to come. There were plenty of fine performers in “green & gold”, but Coedie Tandy was voted “Players Player” for his outstanding display.

Wattles 30 (Coedie Tandy 2, Gary Hooper, Aaron Hooper, Aaron Viethier, Burwood Robinson tries; Gary Hooper, Leon Close, Jeremy Jerome goals) defeated Gatton 18 (Lasarus Volanaba, Brendan Perkins, Mark Law tries; Cory Schmidt 2, Callum Woolcott goals).

“Undermanned Warriors Draw”

It was a gutsy effort by thirteen young loyal Under 18 “Warriors” as they battled throughout the match against Gatton to finish with a 20 – 20 all draw on Sunday.

Wattles 20 (Anthony McIntosh 2, Joshua Wilkins, Brodie Frizzell tries; Anthony McIntosh 2 goals) drew with Gatton 20 (Harley Neilson, Jarrod Woods, Motasar Agnynaso, Liam Neumann tries; Josh Mildren, Andrew Sippel goals).

The “Warriors” head to Toowoomba on Sunday to take on reigning premiers Valleys at Herb Steinhart Oval.

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Australia on Trial is the story of three violent struggles for power and authority in Australia during the second half of the 19th century. Each episode turns on a court hearing – a mass trial which laid bare the conflicts and debates which were shaping this emerging society.

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"Every jury is a little parliament".) In each case, the jury reached a verdict which showed that the colonial legal system was capable of delivering a just – if sometimes terrible decision. Tonight's episode is *Massacre At Myall Creek*. In Sydney in December 1838, seven men stand accused of the mass killing of a group of unarmed Aborigines. The massacre of about 30 Wirrayaraay people at Myall Creek was the culmination of a series of conflicts between settlers and Aborigines in the Liverpool Plains region of NSW. The men responsible for the massacre included freed and assigned convicts who had spent a day unsuccessfully pursuing a group of Aborigines. When they came to Henry Dangar's (played by Paul Denny) Myall Creek Station, they discovered a group of Wirrayaraay who they rounded up and tied together. The Aborigines were then led off and massacred. Two days later, the men responsible for the massacre returned to the scene of the crime to burn the bodies.



The finished mural on display for the tourists to view in Sheffield.

People's Choice Award Winners 2012

They have done it again. Brothers, well-known local artist Kerry and Malcolm Nicholson, once again take out the converted People's Choice Award in the 10th International Muralfest held in Sheffield in Tasmania, the premier event on the mural art calendar. Each year artists from around the world vie for a position to enter the event. These artists are whittled down to a short list of 9 finalists, chosen by the curators of the Hobart, Launceston and Davenport art galleries. Each artist submits a miniature of their proposed mural which is based on their individual interpretation of a poem chosen at the previous year's festival. The brothers sponsored by Targa Tasmania entered a mural titled "The Quilt" based on the poem "Power of Community" by P. B. Tewson. "In the dawn bright with birdsong the people rise to watch the world open."

Leading up to the Easter weekend each year, the artists descend on a purpose built mural park in Sheffield. From Easter Sunday to the following Saturday they compete outdoors in whatever conditions nature brings, snow, rain, wind or sun. The murals remain in the park over the following year on display for the thousands of tourists that flock to the event. Tourists have the right to vote for the mural of their choice, these votes are tallied and the People's choice is revealed at a special function at the end of the following year's event. Yesterday, Kerry and Malcolm Nicholson's mural, "The Quilt"

volunteer. Kerry's beautiful granddaughter, Milly looks on from the foreground.

When Julie was asked what were the most important lessons she had learnt from the duo she replied, "Respect and to give a bit more of yourself than what is expected."

When asked what were Julie's best traits the brothers responded immediately.

Malcolm said, "Kindness and reliability"

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Breathtaking boost for two local events

Southern Downs' residents can now look forward to not one, but two fireworks displays to replace the Australia Day fireworks spectacular cancelled in January due to inclement weather. Chief Executive Officer of Warwick Tourism & Events, Tracy Vellacott has announced that the Warwick High School Centenary Celebrations and Killarney's Jumpers & Jazz Fire

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Drums event will benefit from splitting the original display. "In response to a story in the Warwick Daily News, a couple of community suggestions were made in regard to what to do with the fireworks including celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee," Mrs Vellacott said. "After consideration by the Board and consultation with pyrotechnician Brian Weeks and SES Controller John Newley, we've decided to split the original display to enhance two major events in the region. "It is a big undertaking for Brian to now rework his initial display to create two breathtaking displays out of the original one, but he can do it!"

Chair of the High School's P & C Centenary Committee, Janet Reid said that the committee is proud to have been chosen to have a fireworks display on the eve of their weekend celebrations during the school expo on Friday evening. "We'd like to thank Warwick Tourism and Events for this fantastic opportunity and we hope the community comes and partakes of the display," she said. Killarney Fire Drums event organiser Louise Brosnan is equally as excited to have secured fireworks for their July event. "The fireworks display will perfectly complement our Winter in Killarney Bonfire Night," Ms Brosnan said.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT VOTING NOW IN FULL SWING

Electoral Commissioner David Kerslake has reminded Queensland electors of the voting options available for the forthcoming Local Government elections. In most councils voting will take place by attendance at polling places on Election Day Saturday 28 April, with booths open between 8.00 am and 6.00 pm. However, unlike State elections, absent voting is not permitted. "If you are travelling outside of your electoral district on Election Day, you will need to apply for a postal vote, or vote early at pre-poll centres which are now open for business", Mr Kerslake said.

30 of the State's 73 local councils do not have attendance voting and instead have opted for full postal voting. In these councils, ballot material will be posted to electors automatically. "Electors in these areas do not have to wait until Election Day to fill out their ballot paper. They can do so and return it any time from now on", Mr Kerslake said.

"Election Day is the latest you are permitted to fill out your ballot paper, but the earlier you return your ballot paper to us, the more votes we will be able to count on election night", he said.

The Electoral Commission website www.ecq.qld.gov.au contains a search facility that enables electors to check voting arrangements in their particular council, including the location of polling booths and pre-poll centres where applicable. Information and assistance is also available through the Electoral Commission's helpline 1300 881 665.

"It will be great to draw a new audience to our event and showcase just how clever our fire drum artists are and people will be amazed at just what can be crafted from cutting, welding or knocking around a 44-gallon drum." Mrs Vellacott said that the fireworks displays will add value to both the Centenary Celebrations and Fire Drum event and residents need hold their breath no longer, just mark May 4 and July 21 on their calendars.

At its recent meeting, Board Members also discussed whether or not Warwick Tourism & Events would revert to a New Years Eve Fireworks event in Warwick rather than Australia Day Spectacular, or support the very successful Allora New Years Eve event.

Mrs Vellacott said that on reflection of past Warwick New Years Eve events, it was noted that the events were not really well supported community events.

"Few stalls patronised the event and there was not a critical mass of people at the actual event, merely a lot of cars on the side of the hill that drove out once the fireworks were exploded," she said.

"Lack of volunteers at that time of year, along with backing up from highly successful Carols and Australia Day events were identified as good reasons to encourage the Allora event and frankly, it's great to see successful events right across the region not just in Warwick. Too often we don't value what we have in our own backyard and both the Allora and Killarney communities work hard and deserve our support."

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Kim Olsen's decision to nominate as Mayor of Regional Council

Kim Olsen has decided to run for mayor of the Southern Downs Regional Council.

Kim said that 'we need to change the culture of the organisation'. He explained that the elected people's role is to formulate policy and the employed people's role is to implement that policy. 'It is about teamwork, each of us doing our job with integrity while remembering we are here to serve'.

So 'it is important for the elected people to provide clear leadership as to how the council functions' Kim said.

He said that 'this leadership must come from the mayor's position. That is the job of the mayor is to lead. I aim to facilitate change'.

'I envisage an organisation that listens to and is responsive to all the people. After all we are here to serve, that is what local government is about'.

'I am about creating a culture where we keep asking 'how can we do this better', this means more effective, more efficient and certainly a more pleasant experience for all. That means for the people both sides of the counter'. He said.

'I am looking for and will facilitate a situation where everyone feels empowered'.

'I am looking for a situation that is more enjoyable for All participants'.

'This does not mean we agree to every request, we still must be discerning about what benefits the residents of the region and that means all the residents'.

'However it does mean that we do what we do well and am open to bringing in contractors for example where they can do it better or more efficiently'.

'I also advocate honesty, integrity and openness, I can not do it any other way' he said. 'I can bring back trust in our local government and councillors'.

'I have been feeling into how this will look and how to implement it. I realise it is a big task however I know that I am ready for it and up for it'.



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We are currently sitting on a bit over \$3000 (we are only showing \$2640 on the page but some beautiful people have donated to us directly) so we are having one last push, and as usual we need your help!

We have been so completely overwhelmed with people's generosity and support, as we have had 43 people donate their hard earned cash to our production. It has been a most humbling experience to receive these pledges. Almost every day I receive a new email notifying me of a new contribution to our show. So to all those who have pledged; thank you so much! You will be rewarded.

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ANZAC DAY CONCERT - Pilton Hall, 25th April, 7.00pm sharp - Adults \$15, students \$5, family \$35.

ALLORA BOWLS CLUB - NOTICE OF MEETING, 5.30pm, Friday, 20th April 2012, Allora Sports Club Rooms. Agenda to include formation of sub-committee to organise games, promotion of club and sponsorship. Next Social Bowls Day, Sunday, 20th May, at 12.30pm.

Lyn Collie, Chairperson, Allora Bowls Club

ALLORA LANDCARE GROUP WILL MEET on Thursday 19th April at the Blue Cow Hotel, Allora at 7.30pm. All welcome.

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Allora QCWA Notes -

This week we welcomed three new members. All members are encouraged to participate in the Public Speaking / Bush Poetry Competitions at Division level.

Our external appeal this year is Young Care and the Branch has sent a donation of \$50.00 to this appeal.

Final preparations were made for our International Day on the 26th April. Mrs Barbara Bell has made a large flag of the country of study, Chile, as well as numerous small flags for table decorations. Fr Rod McGinley, who spent many years working in Chile, will be the guest speaker for the afternoon. Other items include music by Ron Smart and his band, as well as items from St Patrick's School. Our skits should be perfected by then.

The Cookery, Floral Art, Photography, Knitting and Crochet will be judged earlier in the day and the cakes will be on sale in the afternoon. The school children's posters will be on display and these give us valuable information about our county of study. As usual a delicious CWA afternoon tea will be served.

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Allora Social Bowls Club Notes -

Cloudy skies did not deter keen members of the Allora Social Bowls Club.

Although numbers were small at the first Sunday Social Bowls Day for 2012, enthusiasm was big and a great afternoon of bowls was enjoyed by eight players.

'Paddo' Paterson organized two teams of fours. You would have thought that there was the chance to win a sheep station with the competition keen and scores changing end by end.

Team One was skippered by John Chandler (playing with his red 'Holden' bowls). Leona Sinton, a veteran bowler of fifty-two years played lead, John Wright played second with a handicap of a wobbly bowl and keen bowler Lynn Collie made the fourth member.

Paddo's team had Lyn Wright playing lead (with the help of a rum & coke), Michael Wright played some great shots as second with Gary Evans in fine form making up the four.

John Chandler's team won the day by a narrow margin.

Bowls protocol was evident with the opposition handing the bowl to the winning lead although some showed enthusiasm on the green that may be frowned upon by members of the old guard.

Bowls was followed by a 'clayton's' meeting around the bar with bowlers putting forward suggestions to help promote social bowls in Allora through sponsorship and through the media and flyers.

Members please come along to the meeting on Friday, 20th April to be chaired by Lynn Collie, voice your opinions and present your ideas on establishing the foundations for a Social Bowls Club in Allora.

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The Central Downs Junior Rugby League trials have been scheduled for Monday April 30 at Platz Oval. The time honored Under 35 and 43 kilogram carnivals have been the starting point for many great players to commence their representative career. The trials commence at 4.00 pm.

Both carnivals are being hosted in 2012 by Western Downs. The 35's will play at Chinchilla in the first week of the June/July holidays and the 43's carnival will be at Miles the following week. To be eligible to play at Chinchilla players must be under 35 kg at the start of the carnival and be born in 2002 or 2003.

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soon!
Play competition
Sundays or play

a social game anytime with
friends.

The team will be coached by Neil Wilson. To play at Miles players must be under 43 kg and be born in 2000 or 2001. The team will be coached by Peter Cavanagh.

If you would like to play at the carnivals please come along to the trials at Clifton. Further information can be obtained from Central Downs secretary Shelley Duggan, Ph. 4696 4534, Peter Cavanagh or Neil Wilson.