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ABOVE: The Allora Show Society volunteers Ken Muir, Shirley Cornhill, Kelly Jones, Carol Hovey and George McKenzie where kept hoping over the weekend catering for the Allora Kennel Club Annual Dog Show at the Allora Showgrounds.



LEFT: Allora's Ann Harragon with 4 month old Papillon "Calamity Jane" who took part in her first dog show at the Allora Kennel Club's Annual Dog Show at the Allora Showgrounds over the past weekend.

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Eight year old Connor Shaw made the journey from Minden to have his Smooth Fox Terrier "Whispa" compete at the Allora Kennel Club's Annual Dog Show at the Allora Showgrounds over the past weekend.

Kennel Club Lights Up For Annual Show

The Allora Showgrounds became a canine haven on Friday & Saturday as dog exhibitors converged on the K. & M. Rackley Dog Arenas with 629 dog entries at the Showgrounds for the eighth annual Allora Kennel Club Championship Dog Show. For the first time the annual gathering of dogs and dog lovers boasted a night program, the 2012 Show featuring some historical significance with the Kennel Club officially switching on a new lighting system towering over the dog rings.

Dog owners and dogs, many with national championship honours to their credit, travelled from northern New South Wales, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Moree and across the Darling Downs and Southern Downs to attend. Kennel Club Treasurer & Show Secretary Mrs. Marg Rackley was more than pleased with the entry numbers, which are up on last year, noting that she was

expecting a "high standard in the entries involved." The Show consisted of seven dog groups; toys, terriers, gun dogs, hounds, working dogs, utilities & non sporting dogs.

"The Allora Kennel Club has been in existence for eleven years, and held their first Championship Show in February 2005" Mrs. Rackley recalls proudly. "The Club hosts two Championship events a year, and boasts an extraordinary 703 entries as a record for an Allora Dog Show". Ten year old Emily Tynan of Allora flew the local flag on Friday winning Reserve Exhibit in Show with her English Toy Terrier. Emily continued her success on Saturday winning the junior handlers section for her class. Another Allora local, Jenny Claydon won Baby Puppy in Show on Saturday with her Japanese Chin.

Last weekend the Kennel Club had four rings in operation among the tranquil surrounds of the dog show arenas rated so highly by visiting canine enthusiasts. The high standard of entries impressed judges who made the trek from south of the border to officiate at the event, with awards for best in group & best in show.

The Allora Kennel Club expressed their thanks for the support for their Championship Show by sponsors and the Allora community.

Glyn Rees

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Letter to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

In reading the 26/9 pages of the Decision Notice issued by the Southern Downs Regional Council for the Application for Material change of use & Environmentally Revelant Activity, Bradfields Road Allora, one becomes familiar with every aspect of the stated Material Change and use! The intensive Animal Use (chicken hatchery - one million birds per week) a Rural use (Second Dwelling) and Environmentally Relevant Activity (ERA) and No 4(2) Poultry farming more than 200,000 birds) on land at Bradfields Road Allora.

Businesses such as this should be located with thoughts aimed at "first do no harm". MY home is more precious than any business, and so are those along the New England Highway. Apparently my opinion is taken in jest by those in business who do NOT live alongside this awfully bad site selection for the annual production of fifty two million chickens. It is difficult to imagine the vehicle movements required to transport chickens by the millions to the proposed finishing sites, on a daily basis. Then there is the unloading of eggs from 7.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday. During stage 1 (there is stage 2 planned) one truck will deliver 250,000 eggs per day over four days. For those who believe no odour will be noticed or that other noxious or airborne contaminants will NOT cause any nuisance, might wonder as we all do, why this industry has moved on from other areas, and why our council chose to place their site choice in an area that is so closely settled, historic and close to Allora's water supply, as serendipity for the developers and no one else!!
Melba Morris

WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Min	Max
THU	Mostly Sunny. Mild.	9	26
FRI	Morning Clouds. Mild.	13	25
SAT	Sunny. Mild.	10	25
SUN	Morning Clouds. Mild.	10	24
MON	Showers. Afternoon Clouds. Mild.	10	27
TUE	Passing Showers. Mostly Cloudy. Cool.	10	16

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Allora State School Spring Fair



ABOVE: "Barb's Busy on the Barbie" - volunteers Paul Morris, Daniel Erhardt and Barb Erhardt sizzling the snags for the hungry hordes at Saturday's Allora State School Spring Fair.

BELOW: Orry & Alex Gilmore enjoyed a great day out at Saturday's Allora State School Spring Fair.



ABOVE: Judy Lucas from Red Back Cycles congratulates Seth Mathie on his win in the Bonza Bike Giveaway at Saturday's Allora State School Spring Fair.

BAD JOKE(s) OF THE WEEK

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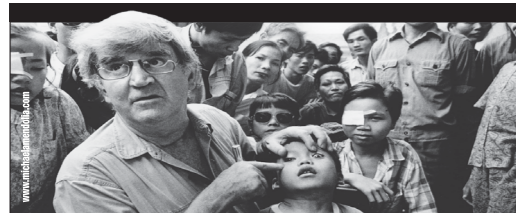
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What can I do? I think I'm a pair of curtains?
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Warwick's VW event offers up two days of VW drag racing action

Volkswagen drag cars return to Warwick on September 29 and 30 for Round 2 of the VWMA drag racing series. Organiser Craig Hughes is delighted that the weekend that started it all is now in its seventh year. "Warwick, along with Portland and Sydney, has seen the VW drag racing scene grow from strength to strength," Mr Hughes said.

"No one can remember a time when there were so many purpose built drag cars racing in Australia and there are still more to make their debut, including the new Beetle drag car sensation from Rod Penrose, which will hit the track for its first competitive outing at Warwick."

Preparations are well under way for the September event with the VWs to parade through town on Saturday morning and stage a static display of VWs in Leslie Park. "This is always a popular extension of the weekend racing program and allows everyone the opportunity to relax before the proceedings begin," Mr Hughes said.

"Of course, the two days of drag racing action is the real draw card and the successful formula of all Saturday qualifying and Sunday round robin competition remains unchanged."

The Top VW Shootout is the premium bracket for the event and has proven a popular and competitive bracket with a cut-off of 7.49 or quicker. Each year the qualifying list grows as drivers hone their skills and race cars develop into specialised track weapons.

Neil Penboss is a triple crowned champion of the Warwick weekend and track favourite, but his home state advantage is being quickly eroded by the likes of Ben Ford in his supercharged Beetle and of course the return of Rod Penrose in a purpose built drag car.

The big question everyone is asking in 2012 is who will be the first driver to break into the 5 second bracket.



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Principal Librarian, Samantha Shelbourn said that libraries provide plenty of low cost, holiday fun for children in a safe and welcoming environment.

"During the holidays a range of activities will be available during library hours at both the Warwick and Stanthorpe libraries," Ms Shelbourn said.

At the Warwick library, children can keep busy at the Activity Table from Monday 24 September to Saturday 6 October, which will offer a range of self paced activities, as well as 'I Spy', which runs throughout the holidays, and a Caterpillar Hunt to find 'food' hidden around the library for the very hungry Caterpillar.

"The Caterpillar Hunt will be great fun as everyone searches for the 'food' and they also have the chance to win great prizes," Ms Shelbourn explained.

Sessions will also be held on Grass Heads making and D.I.Y Gift Wrapping. Please note that bookings are essential for these activities.

For the Stanthorpe Library, Librarian Christine Taylor has organised a pirate themed treasure hunt and pirate themed activity tables for the 2 weeks of school holidays.

"As the final event for the 2012 National Year of Reading, Southern Downs Libraries will also be participating in Teen Read month during October with a Teen Read Bingo Challenge," said MsTaylor.

"This is a great way to get teens reading with the ultimate goal of completing a bingo card to be eligible to enter a prize draw," she said.

For more information on what's happening at Southern Downs libraries over the school holidays, contact the Warwick Library on 4661 0342 or Stanthorpe Library on 4681 2141.

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Events Calendar

2012

September -

Fri 28 - 1 AMSG Fund Raiser Progressive Campout
Postponed until 2013

October -

Wed 3 to Allora Sheep Dog Assoc. Trials - Qld Champ.

Sun 7 Allora Show Grounds

Sat 6 High Tea Fundraiser

Allora Community Hall

Sat 13 & Open Garden Fundraiser

Sun 14 118 Ryan Road, Allora, 10.00am - 4.00pm

Fri 19 St Patricks Parish Fete

St Patricks School Grounds

Fri 26 Anglican Parish Fete

St David's Church Grounds, 4.30pm

November -

Sat 3 Allora Daylily Expo

Allora RSL Hall

Tue 6 Allora Swimming Club Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Railway Hotel Allora

Tue 13 Late Night Christmas Shopping Sale

Allora Pharmacy

Sat 17 Daylily Expo

Allora RSL Hall

Sat 24 Allora Chaplaincy Christmas Musical "Songs of Bethlehem"

Allora State School Performing Arts Hall

December -

Fri 7 BlueCare Christmas Market Day

Allora Blue Care Boutique, 8.00am

Fri 7 Allora Rotary Bush Christmas

Herbert Street, Allora

Sun 16 RSL Mega Christmas Cent Sale

Allora RSL Hall, 2.00pm

2013

April -

Fri 26 Historical Soc. Display & Demonstration Day

Old Shire Hall, Warwick Street, Allora

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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St. Patrick's Parish Celebrate Josephite Presence

St. Patrick's Parishioners certainly sent the Sisters of St. Joseph out in style on Sunday, with a Mass of thanksgiving celebrating the 96 year presence in Allora of the Sisters, followed by a magnificent dinner, memorabilia display and program of speakers and entertainment that held the interest of the more than 200 people that packed the Allora Community Hall.

Master of Ceremonies John Cowley snatched everyone's attention when he hollered into the microphone, Caed Mile Failte, Caed Mile Failte, a Gaelic welcome that was a certain attention grabber. The words are significant in that they are the very welcome used by Jeremiah Collins at the Allora Railway Station in January 1916, to a large crowd that gathered to greet the first community of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The order of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart, often called the Josephites, were founded in Penola, South Australia in 1866 by Saint Mary MacKillop and Father Julian Tenison Woods.

St. Patrick's Parishioners back then on the 23rd of January 1916 no doubt felt a great sense of achievement, after all their effort to prepare a school, and the fundraising activity that took place in the months leading up to the Blessing and Opening of the Convent by Archbishop Duhig.

The Sisters of St. Joseph came to Allora as a result of being invited back to the Archdiocese of Brisbane, to help with the provision of Catholic Education in regional areas of the State. Allora was the third centre on the Downs after Toowoomba and Warwick to have a Convent and school. Music was high on the list of priorities of the first community of Nuns in Allora, clearly indicated by the notice in the local paper regarding the opening of the convent building. In part the notice read, "School opens on January 24, intending pupils for violin, organ, piano, singing and University type-writing, apply to Sister Superior."

The school, boasting 105 pupils held its first concert in November 1916 with Archbishop Duhig present. After a study of the history of the young St. Patrick's Parish, the Convent and school, it shows a great deal was achieved in a very short time, due to the zeal and enthusiasm of the parish priests along with the generosity and tenacity of many parishioners.

In those early years after the Josephite Sisters arrived in Allora, many young women from the Allora, Clifton and Warwick area joined the Josephite Order. The most recent local vocation was that of Sister Monica Cavanagh, her profession held in Allora in



Students from St. Patrick's School Allora performing at the St. Patrick's Parish Celebrations of 96 years of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Allora.

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All pets will be implanted with a permanent identification and their details kept on file at the Australian Animal Registry (for the life of the animal) at half price.

On the day it is envisaged that pet owners will be made aware of the benefits of using a permanent identification system to hasten the speed of rehoming and to reduce the work load placed on the council pound with stray and lost dogs. Pet owners will also be made aware of the cost savings which are possible by registering a desexed pet.

When: **Tuesday September 25th**
Where: **Warwick Veterinary Clinic,**
4 Albert Street, Warwick
Time: **9.00am to 3.00pm**

What's happening:

- **Microchipping** cats and dogs for a reduced price of \$25 (50% off regular fee).
 - A vet to implant a microchip under the skin of the pet
 - Lifetime data entry in the Australian Animal Registry
- **Hydrobaths** for gold coin donation (moneys raised to go to the Warwick Animal Welfare Association)
- **Industry representative** to talk about flea and tick control for summer
- **Information lectures**
- **Prizes to win** and free giveaways

1979. The fact that local women have been part of the Josephite Order for several generations, a strong bond exists between the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Allora district community.

Sundays celebratory Mass recognising the contribution of the Sisters of St. Joseph to St. Patrick's Parish from 1916 to 2012,

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Iris Fittler, Monica Cavanagh, Leonie Stortenbeker, Marion Liddy, Di Phillips, Genny Carroll, Margaret McKenna, Carmel Parker, Patricia Marsh & Clare Vogler, the last of the Josephite Sisters to serve at Allora before relocating to Brisbane in March.

Proceeds from the Celebrations were given in support of the Josephite Mission in Peru.

Glyn Rees

LEFT: Joyce Gibson presents a plaque to Sister Moya Campbell, the Provincial Leader of the Josephite Sisters in Queensland, acknowledging the contribution of the Sisters of St Joseph to the Parish of Allora and the local community.

BELOW: Mr's Ilma Cavanagh making a presentation to Sister Angela Carroll for the Sisters of St Joseph mission work in Peru at the St. Patrick's Parish celebrations on Sunday.



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and the 96 year Josephite presence in Allora, was led by Fathers Rod MacGinley, Don Murray, Brian Sparksman & Terry Hickling, and included the blessing of a plaque worded "MacKillop House", that was attached to the front of former convent building immediately after the Mass, the historic building now the St. Patrick's Parish Centre.

Following the Mass the celebrations moved to the Allora Community Hall where over 200 parishiners, guests and Josephite Sisters enjoyed a delicious two course meal, a memorabilia display & musical entertainment provided by St. Patrick's School students. A lineup of guest speakers had everyone reminiscing about times gone by in the Parish.

Well known Parish identity Mrs. Joyce Gibson presented Sister Moya Campbell, a former St. Patrick's School principal in the 1980's, and currently the Provincial Leader of the Sisters in Queensland, with a plaque acknowledging the contribution of the Sisters of St Joseph to the Parish of Allora and the local community. The words were written on an imprinted image of the opening of the Convent in January, 1916. Mrs. Gibson also gave a speech of thanksgiving to the Josephite Sisters and former St. Patrick's School student Sue (Gordon) Higgins spoke on behalf of the past students.

Mrs. Ilma Cavanagh also made a presentation on behalf of the Parish, to Sister Angela Carroll for the Sisters of St Joseph mission work in Peru, 'Mary MacKillop International'. Sr. Angela resides in Miles, but returned to Queensland last year after 27 years working in Peru. Each year St Patrick's parish holds an annual Peruvian luncheon to support the work in Peru. This year the Parish made a contribution, along with the communities of Clifton, Cambooya and Leyburn.

Of the 88 Sisters who served in Allora from 1916, nineteen were able to return for the celebrations, Bernadette Douglas, Helen Hughes, Angela Carroll, Lyn Stabler, Anne Cannon, Therese McQuillan, Miriam Briffa, Joan Burke, Moya Campbell,

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Landcare Coordinator, Catherine Potter was very pleased to be able to offer this type of information to Landcare Members. "Kate will provide practical information on methodologies relating to offset

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Your chance to comment on the proposed new Tourism Strategy

The proposed new Tourism Strategy is based on an appraisal of the industry conducted in February and March 2012. The strategy presented to Council in August 2012 encompasses both broader regional strategies and initiatives together with more localised priorities and tactics.

"The new Tourism Strategy is an important document for all those with an interest in the region's tourism industry," said the Mayor, Cr Peter Blundell.

"The purpose of the new Tourism Strategy is to progress the future of tourism in the Southern Downs Region and establishing the Southern Downs as a leading inland tourism region," he said.

"Council has agreed that everyone should have the opportunity to review this important document and to provide feedback on the recommendations presented," the Mayor concluded. To provide your feedback visit Council's website at

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Adventure Holiday Club is an activity of the Allora Presbyterian Church.

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Feedback forms should be mailed to the Chief Executive Officer, Southern Downs Regional Council, PO Box 26, WARWICK QLD 4370 or by email to: sue.organ@southerndowns.qld.gov.au by 5.00pm on Friday, 28 September 2012.

If you have any questions regarding the survey please contact Sue Organ on 4681 5523.

CATCH A CARP COMPETITION: 2012 Carp Fishing Day

On Sunday 30 September 2012 come and join in the Carp Catching Competition from 8.00am to 12 noon on the Condamine River from Scots Weir to Queens Park Weir. Registration starts at 8.00am for those keen to catch a carp. There will be a number of lucky draw prizes up for grabs as well as a \$100.00 gift voucher from Warwick Outdoor and Sports for the person who catches the biggest carp by weight so come and register to be eligible for a prize. Bring your friends, family and fishing gear and make a day of it.

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We left on September 3, 2012 from our home in Coraki, NSW and walking to Dampier, WA. Our plan is to experience life, explore Oz and help our friends at PETA and AWL by raising money donated by animal loving Australians. Yesterday, we passed through the town of Allora, around 7.30am.

Country roads and dirt tracks is our preferred trek, so we can meet the locals and get awareness out for our favorite charities that help all animals. PETA is the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and their main goal is to educate policymakers and the public about cruelty to



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Looking Back...

Mary Poppins Movie Update

The latest line of inquiry from the set designers in America for the new movie based on the life of P. L. Travers concerns fairy floss machines at the Allora show in 1906. Fairy floss machines had not been long invented at that stage, and Mac Robertson of chocolate fame had sole rights to fairy floss in Australia from 1899. Apparently a connection is being drawn between little Helen Lyndon Goff's fascination about fairies at the bottom of the garden and fairy floss. If anyone has photos of what type of structure fairy floss was sold from at the Allora show in 1906 please let me know.

Allora's Past 25 years ago
September 1987

A FAREWELL and PRESENTATION

to the Rev. Father Hall on his retirement from the Allora Parish

will be held on Friday, 30th October. Bishop Kelly will celebrate Mass at 7.30 p.m.

A presentation will take place during the Mass.

A cup of tea will be served in the grounds after Mass.
EVERYONE WELCOME – Ladies please bring a plate.

Allora's Past 50 years ago
September 1962

A Pre Wedding Evening

in honour of Miss Lynette Maher's approaching marriage to Mr. Kev. Collins will be held in St. Patrick's Hall on Tuesday Night, 2nd October Convs. Mrs. P. Schriek, Misses B. Crothers, G. and C. Geitz.

Allora's Past 75 years ago
August 1937

Younger Set

At the monthly meeting of the Allora Q. C. W. A. Younger Set, Mrs. W. Budd of the senior branch, gave a demonstration of passe-partout work.

Allora's Past 100 years ago
August 1912

Allora Wedding

A very pretty wedding was celebrated at St. David's Church, Allora, the contracting parties being Mr. Robert William Frizzell, eldest son of Mr. R. Frizzell, Talgai West, and Miss Ida Pearl Rose, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Rose of Talgai West (late of Scone). The bride was attended by Miss Gertie Frizzell and three little maids, Beryl Rose and Letitia and Josie Frizzell. Mr. Frank Donovan acted as best man.

After the ceremony the bridal party drove to Mr. and Mrs. Rose's house where a sumptuous repast had been prepared in a spacious marquee. Following the usual toasts Mr. and Mrs. Frizzell left for Brisbane where the honeymoon was spent. During the evening a dance was given by Mr. and Mrs. Rose in honour of the occasion. The presents received by the young couple were numerous, useful and costly, including cheques.

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Mr Hurtz expects a top week of sheep dog trialling. Entries have exceeded all expectations with almost 250 dogs in the Open category and 170 dogs in the Novice category. Caravan sites will be available for visitors at a small cost, with a canteen operating throughout the week. It is free entry to the ground.

LEFT: Dog handler Gary Milgate trialling - Spectators are urged to come along and watch the action as some of the best handlers and dogs from all over Australia go on show at the 2012 Supreme Australian Championship Sheep Dog Trials in Warwick from September 24 to 30

Best handlers and sheep dogs in action for Supreme Australian Championship

The 2012 Supreme Australian Championship Sheep Dog Trials will be held at the Warwick Showgrounds from September 24 to 30. Spectators are urged to come along and watch the action at the three sheep dog trials, with some of the best handlers and dogs from all over Australia on show.

Queensland Working Sheep Dog Association President Gary Hurtz said that since the early days of colonisation of Australia, the sheep dog has played a prominent part in pastoral industry. "These remarkable dogs whose ancestors came to Australia from the Collie bloodlines of Scotland, continue to be an important member of any team where sheep are farmed in a cost effective operation," Mr Hurtz said.

"The sport of sheepdog Trials first got underway in this country in 1870 at Forbes in the western district of New South Wales and is a popular hobby today both for the primary producer, who has dogs for work and recreation, to the sheepdog enthusiast who pursues this sport for pleasure and to keep alive the tradition of the bush."

The complex judging process that decides winners via a marked course of three obstacles (a gap, bridge and pen) remains as it was 140 years ago, with only small refinements. Monday September 24 sees the first round of the Ted Gaby Interstate Challenge, where Australia's top 12 dogs compete for selection to represent Australia in the 2013 Trans Tasman Test in New Zealand.

The day will proceed to the Australian Supreme, which will see 240 dogs compete with Sunday's finals showcasing the top 10 competitors vying for first place. The Australian Supreme will continue all week, along with the Australian Novice and Encourage Trials.

On Saturday September 29 the competition goes international with the first round of the Australia v New Zealand Trans Tasman Test.

2012 River Recollections Writing & Photography Challenge

Condamine Headwaters Landcare Group will accept entries for the 2012 "River Recollections" writing and photography competitions until 5pm Friday, 21 September.

Landcare Coordinator, Catherine Potter is pleased with the variety of entries received to date. Many of these will be put on the website for viewing and inspiration. "There are so many ways each of us enjoy our local creek systems. Just on the weekend, our kids ran along the river, skimming stones and spotting catfish. These are the memories I wish to capture whether it be digitally or in words" she said.

For a bit of fun, a prize shall also be provided for the best photo of a person forming the Landcare symbol with their hands. This can be done with a group of friends, your family or on your own. Writing Competition Categories include Prep - Year 3 (Acrostic Poem - Love My River); Years 4 - 7 and Years 8 - 10 (a factual account); and Years 11 - 12 and Open (open: a creative response focusing on an actual experience).

Photographic Categories include Primary Student, Secondary Student and Open. Entries are sought that capture an image that shows your local river or creek in all its glory OR shows how you interact with the river environment e.g. picnics in the park, fishing on the banks, walking the dog OR what have you seen when by your local waterway e.g. birds nesting, lizards soaking up the sun etc.

Great prizes have been donated by many local businesses including: 1 nights accommodation for two at Cherrabah Resort; 1 family pass to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary; 2 double passes to the Queensland Museum Science Centre; Family swim passes to WIRAC; Gift Vouchers at Presence on Palmerin, The BelleVue Cafe, and the Horse & Jockey; Gift Vouchers at JC's Inspirational Hair, Talk'n Heads and Ooh La La

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Funeral Notice -

THORNE, Geoffrey Reginald, "Geoff"
Late of Allora and formerly of Somerset, England, passed away at Southern Cross Care, Allora on 16th September 2012, aged 88 years. Dearly loved Father and Father-in-law of Janet and Rodney (dec'd); Shirley and Jeff; Katrina Flint; Jasmin; Sonia and Bruce Hill; Tim and Narelle. Loving Grandfather of 20 Grandchildren and 8 Great Grandchildren.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend Geoff's funeral to be held at St David's Anglican Church, Allora, Service commencing at 2.30pm, Friday 21st September 2012.

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Death Notice -

WARNER, James Brendan - born 03/02/1935, passed from this life 06/09/2012 - Dearly loved father of Kristy and Matthew, husband of Julie, father-in-law of David and Poppy Jim to Joshua and Ewan.

Relatives and friends celebrated the life of James at St Patrick's Church on 12/09/2012. The family would like to thank Fr. Rod McGinley for his kindness, the Catholic Church Consolation Group and doctors and staff at Clifton Nursing Home.

It is difficult to say good bye to a man like James Warner, few of us can lay claim to such a strong sense of loyalty, quick wit and kind heart that was Jimmy. He will be truly missed.



Kellie & Jake Monckton of Warwick with a "Silkie" purchased at Sunday's Southern Downs Poultry Club's Annual Auction at the Allora Showgrounds.

Annual Poultry Auction

Poultry auctioneers Midge Thompson travelled from Nanango on Sunday to put over 260 poultry lots under the hammer under the awning of the Allora Showground's Canteen, otherwise known as Chatterer's Bar that saw over 160 bidders chasing the bargains. It was birds of a feather of all varieties, with finches, parrots and poultry related equipment also being auctioned among the many varieties of waterfowl and poultry. It was quite an education for the uninitiated, with Spangled Hamburgs, Sussex, Buff Silkies, Old

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"The lot numbers were very good" according to Mr. Thompson, an established poultry breeder, judge & exhibitor himself, "the standard a very pleasing average to above average" standard of birds.

There were some top prices fetched at the action, a pair of Old English Game Mealy Greys finishing on top, sold for \$225.00 at the event which is a major annual fund raiser for the Southern Downs Poultry Club. Club spokesperson Rebecca Galloway said the Club was always hoping for a big turnout of birds for auction, especially given the success of past years, and Sunday's auction was just as they had hoped.

Glyn Rees

Wattles Junior Players

Head to Tara

While the club fixtures and season proper may be over for this year, the footy season for three young Wattles Junior Rugby League players continues this weekend when they head west to Tara for the 2012 South West Region "Mustangs" Under 12 Challenge. Darcy Brady,

Lachlan Henry & Mitchell Potter will lace on their boots and represent the Warwick & District Junior Rugby League Chargers against teams from Western Downs, Caboolture, Waterford & Toowoomba on the weekend.

The "Mustangs" Challenge has been an annual event since 1998, providing a representative opportunity for young players across the South West Queensland area. This year the Warwick & District team will be coached by Jim Stevens of Warwick.

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YOUTH GROUP - 2nd & 4th Friday of each month, 6.30pm - 8.30pm.

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• PUBLIC NOTICES •

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STREET STALL - THE ALLORA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Friday, 21st September, in front of chemist. All donations accepted.

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AGM - ALLORA SHOW SOCIETY INC - Thursday - Oct 11 - 7.30pm, Apex Office at Allora Showground.

Agenda: 1. To receive Audit Report 2011-2012; 2. To elect members of Management Committee; 3. To appoint an Auditor. General meeting will follow.

GOOMBURRA HALL COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 7.00pm, Wednesday, 26th September, at Goomburra Town Hall. All welcome.

AGM - ALLORA RURAL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - Tuesday - Oct 16 - 7.30pm, Allora Police Station Court House. Agenda: 1. To receive Audit Report 2011 - 2012; 2. To elect Area Co-ordinator, Secretary, Treasurer; 3. To appoint an Auditor. All Zone Co-ordinators & members of public welcome.

General meeting will follow.

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Allora Golf Notes

Sunday, 9th September, we played a Club Trophy. The winner of the day was Aaron Simpson. The new clubs must be working.

Runner Up was Neil Chandler.

Last Sunday we played the Jenco Feeds & Seeds Monthly Medal. Winner of the day with a ripper score was Rod sometimes known as Rob Simpson. Runner Up and back in the winners circle was Noel Wallace. Well done boys and thanks to jenco for the day. Pin Shots went Rod on the 7th and 10th, Adam on the 1st and 16th, Gene on the 2nd.

Within next few weeks there will be a working bee. Date to be announced. Tee off time will now be moved to 12 noon. Don't forget your sand buckets and remember - to play is to live.

Clifton Country Week, 19 to 27 October.

Clifton is gearing up for its annual family friendly event. The Committee thinks they have something for everyone. The Clifton CWA ladies will kick the week off with their sumptuous Spring Lunch. 11.30am to 2.00pm (The CWA have their very high standard of cooking, so lunch will be tasty). The same date we have the Photography Competition presentation of awards at Clifton Library starting at 7.00pm, all welcome.

Saturday 20th October, Clifton is the place to be - IRIS & ROSE SHOW, garden competition prize winners, markets, old cars, Teddy Bears Picnic, High School Art, Leadlighting, locally written and acted play by our Writers Group... oh heck, just get here. We'll be in the Allora Advertiser Events Calendar - as a date reminder.

Sunday - Lions Car Rally, Steam Train coming, old cars, IRIS & ROSE SHOW, our local PLAY and lots more.

Tuesday - Golf; Wednesday - Fashion Parade, Thursday - High Tea; Friday - Movie night and stupendous wheelbarrow raffle drawn.

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We have leased the Clifton Railway Station and this will be the nerve centre of the town. Anything you want to know, come to the information station.

We finish off the weekly event with our fabulous annual Clifton Race Day, 27th Oct. Gates open 11am, \$10 entry, 5 concession, kids under 15 free. Kids entertainment - races, pinata. So get out of your comfort zone and into ours, between 19th - 27th October.

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ALLORA SOCIAL BOWLS CLUB NEWS

Social night bowls organizer, Greg Patterson is hoping to again have a full rink of fourteen teams of three playing on Tuesday nights.

The season kicked off on Tuesday 11th, with six teams. Some players teamed up with their regular members while others made up a team on the night.

Everybody enjoyed their ends, playing as usual to 9.00pm. Some great bowls was played and everybody enjoyed being back on the rink.

New member, David Eastwell had a good night while Lynn Collie was in fine form with her new bowls.

Beetle and his mates went down but are determined to get back to their winning form.

Andrew Peterson's team had a great night telling fishing stories with their opponent's the GCs (John Wright and Warren Smith). It was up to skips, Andrew and Lyn to repair the damage on the rink!

Let us see a good roll up next week and be there at 6.30pm for a 7 o'clock start. There is still room for two more teams on the green. Teams of three or individuals wishing to play, please contact Greg Patterson on 0431 568 818 by Tuesday, 25th September, at 10.00am.



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We want to celebrate as a fitting tribute to all those foresighted women who were the pioneers of this branch. Come to our party.

Olive Shooter.