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St. Patrick's School Allora graduating Year 7 class of 2012, Hayden Otten, Lachlan Henry, Jane Morris, teacher Mary Donnelly, Clancy Strong and Jacob Thorne.

School Year Ends With Awards

St Patrick's School Allora officially farewelled the Year Seven students of 2012 at a graduation ceremony on Tuesday December 4th. The students, Hayden Otten, Lachlan Henry, Jane Morris, Clancy Strong and Jacob Thorne, were farewelled with a special Mass celebrated by Fr Rod MacGinley. Many students and their families, along with parish members, celebrated this special event with the Year Seven students and their families. The five students have attended St Patrick's School since Year One.

The Allora State School held its Primary School

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David, Christine & Fraser at

The Allora Advertiser

would like to take this opportunity to thank all advertisers, customers, readers and friends for their support during 2012 and wish you all a Joyous Christmas & Prosperous New Year.

This is the final edition of The Allora Advertiser for 2012. Our next edition will be published Thursday, 10th January 2013.





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Award Ceremony last Thursday ahead of the School break up on Friday.

The Ceremony hosted by the School's Head of Curriculum Mrs. Leanne Kanowski, was very well attended with many parents and community members on hand to see students receiving awards. The ceremony finished with all primary students giving a repeat performance of songs they performed at the recent Allora Rotary Bush Christmas.

Among formal awards presented was the Sue Abernathy Award for Academic Achievement in Year 3 to Stan Bain. while the Instrumental Music Award – Most Outstanding Effort. Primary School Student went to Year 5 student Paige Bain. All students in each class receive a special award for their contributions over the year.



CHRISTMAS TRADING HOURS

December:

Thursday 20th & Friday 21st - 8am - 5pm Saturday 22nd - 8am - 12noon SUNDAY 23RD - CLOSED Monday 24th (Christmas Eve) - 8am - 5pm TUESDAY 25TH (CHRISTMAS DAY) - CLOSED WEDNESDAY 26TH (BOXING DAY) - CLOSED Thursday 27th & Friday 28th - 8am - 5pm Saturday 29th - 8am - 12noon SUNDAY 30TH - CLOSED Monday 31st (New Years Eve) - 8am - 5pm January:

TUESDAY 1ST (NEW YEARS DAY) - CLOSED Wednesday 2nd - 8am - 5pm Normal trading hours resume

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Letter to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

After reading the last Letter to the Editor in The Allora Advertiser we wanted to reply to the article.

My husband and I bought at Mt Marshall in May and moved in to our lovely house in June.

We first came to visit Liz and Gavin 21/2 years ago at Hendon. While we were here we also drove around the area and we also were very impressed at how tidy, clean and pleasant the area was.

'Our' little town has all the amentities that we need close at hand. My husband and I are very happy to have gotten away from Brisbane and settled in this busy, tidy, happy little town.

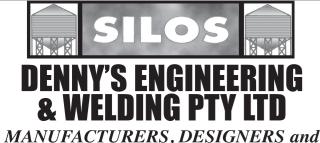
Yours truly. Tom and Jenni French.

Thumbs up to the Allora Community who make this town such a pleasant place in whch to live and visit. Merry Christmas evervone! - Editor

WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Min/Max		
THU	Passing Showers. Cloudy. Cool. Humid.	19	23	
FRI	Mostly Sunny. Warm.	17	29	
SAT	Morning Clouds. Mild.	16	28	
SUN	Storms Late. Morning Clouds. Mild.	18	28	
MON	Mostly Sunny. Warm.	17	29	
TUE	Mostly Sunny. Warm.	16	31	





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Allora Rual Neighbourhood Watch Area Co-ordinator's Annual Report 2012

Allora Rural Neighbourhood Watch Zone Co-ordinators, Sergeant Des Canning and members of the public enjoyed friendship and a shared meal after the last meeting for the year on Tuesday night at the Court House.

I would like to sincerely thank Sergeant Des Canning & Sen. Constable Gavin McLucas, our local Police Officers, for their continued commitment to safety in our district, and also all 33

> Zone Co-ordinators for their committed voluntary work delivering the newsletters to approximately 750 properties and vigilance in their particular areas. Many of these have been co-ordinators since its inception on 23rd February 1993.

> Due to a variety of reasons, we have lost four Co-ordinators in the past twelve months, the worst being the tragic death of our dear friend, Christine McKay (NHW 1994-2012). I would personally like to thank Gerry & Meg Birkholz (NHW 1993-2012); Mrs Barbara Norvill (NHW 1995-2012) and Bob Wood (NHW 1994-2012) for their long standing support and wish them well in the future; and to those who have taken their places - I thank you.

> Because of our ages and the cost of fuel involved in the distribution of so many newsletters and the distance travelled we are now offering email newsletters. We would hope that more could come on board with this offer.

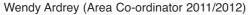
> I am also very appreciative of the sponsorship of the local businesses that pay for advertisements, OFFICEWORKS (Toowoomba) for supplying paper, and to the Allora Show Society for the use

of the photocopier.

I congratulate all Zone Co-ordinators, past & present, for their time and efforts and wish them and our Police Officers all the verv best in 2013.

Our next meeting will be on February 19. We will celebrate 20 years of continual service to the Allora Rural District which is the 11th largest NHW area in Queensland, so hats off to all the volunteers who deliver the newsletters, many of whom have been there since that first meeting. We are one of 139 groups in Queensland that started before 1993 and are still active today. I would like to hear from anyone who has been involved with AlloraR1 since its inception so that we can organise and hold a celebratory night with as many volunteers as possible. My contact is 0488673778 or email: smiley_w@bigpond.com Merry Christmas to all.

Thank you.



Storm, flood, bushfire...



Be Prepared this Season for any Emergency Event!

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Your Emergency Kit is a collection of items that provides for your household's essential needs in the event of emergencies like storms, floods and bushfires. Your kit should be kept in a sturdy, easy to carry bag or waterproof storage box and stored in a safe place that is easy to access.

Items which you should have in your kit at all times include:

- Food and water
- Medications, scripts
- First aid and personal hygiene supplies

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The best time to prepare your home is before storm, cyclone and bushfire season. Taking steps now to secure and protect your property can improve the safety of your home.

- Check roof, gutters, downpipes and repair or clear if necessary. Secure loose items.
- Check your insurance policy to ensure you are adequately covered.
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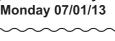
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- Identify where and how to turn off mains supply for water, power and gas.
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- Ensure you have adequate supply of clean water available.

A more detailed list on the above can be found at www.emergency.qld.gov.au



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very Package, which is a joint initiative of the Australian and Queensland Governments under the Natural Disaster Relie



It was Christmas and the judge was in a merry mood as he asked the prisoner,"What are you charged with?"

"Doing my Christmas shopping early", replied the defendant.

- "That's no offence", said the judge.
- "It is if you do it before the shop opened", countered the prisoner.





Goomburra Hall Christmas party

On Friday, 14th December, Santa Claus paid a visit to the Goomburra Town Hall to the great delight of the children (and adults) present. The cheers went up and the hugs were there

Looking Back... Allora's Past 25 years ago December 1987

ALLORA HARDWARE

DAVID and DAPHNE TOMLINSON wish to advise that they have sold the Hardware section of their business at 44 Herbert Street to Neville and Rae Siebenhausen who will continue to trade as Allora Hardware from Monday, 4th January, 1988.

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of our customers for their loyalty, support and friendship over the past 15 years and hope that they will give the new owners the same support as they have given us, and wish Nev and Rae all the best in their new venture.

SPECIAL ANOUNCEMENT

NEV and RAE SIEBENHAUSEN are pleased to advise that they have completed negotiations to purchase Allora Hardware from David and Daphne Tomlinson.

Nev was born in Allora, the son of the late Frank Siebenhausen, and brother of Blanche Gilmore and Lola Crookey, and has been planning for some time to return to the Allora district following a career in the motor parts industry for the past twenty-five years.

The name, Allora Hardware, will be maintained and the business operated in the same tradition as that of David and Daphne.

Allora's Past 75 years ago December 1937 Christmas in Allora

gifts and lollies.

Mr. Hinson was "Father Christmas" at the annual prize distribution and Christmas tree held under the auspices of St. David's Church of England Sunday School. The prizes were presented by the Rev. de la Perelle.

The combined Allora and Mt. Marshall Methodist Sunday Schools held their annual Christmas tree in the Church Hall, Allora, and Mr. R. Clifford was "Father Christmas". The children gave an enjoyable entertainment and presented gifts to the teachers and to the Rev. and Mrs. Foulkes.

A successful dance and card party was held in the Convent schoolroom to raise funds for the children's picnic and Christmas tree.

> Allora's Past 100 years ago December 1912 NOTES AND COMMENTS By "The Angel"

Doesn't seem long since last Christmas does it? As a matter of fact it has been a little longer than it usually is owing to February this year having twenty-nine days in it. It is Christmas time again and we must make the most of it. If the weather holds and the temperature increases as it has been doing we should have real Christmassy weather too. Our stores have been getting ready for Christmas trade. The "Angel" has been

editorially commissioned to go around the businesses and write up several columns dealing with our advertiser's wares, but after making an enthusiastic start with the Club Hotel, continuing with an investigation of the Commercial's preparations, and afterwards doing Mrs. Clarke's establishment, he realized the magnitude of the task before him, and decided that it would be advisable to boil things down to a nutshell. Suffice to say that, added to those of our shopkeepers, extensive preparations for the festive season have been made at our hotels. and mine host Marshall's long shandies, drawn over ice are a dream.

SHAUN HENRY

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Wishing everyone a Safe & Happy Christmas and New Year

before Santa even reached the tree to commence handing out

The party continued from there with a lovely Christmas meal

which was enjoyed by all, some even going for seconds. The trifles and pavlovas were favourites on the night. Another

favourite was the multi draw raffle which saw some delicious

Music and Christmas carols throughout the evening was

provided by Syd and Cyril Wickham, Katie Dennis and Maggie Stokes and was enjoyed by all and we thank our local and not

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BOYS TAKE NOTE

The local police have again asked us to make public the fact that on no account will the letting off of fireworks be allowed in the principal streets on Christmas Eve or during the coming holidays. Breaches of the regulations in this respect will result in prosecution under the Town Police Act.

YouTube Link

1963 Allora Concert

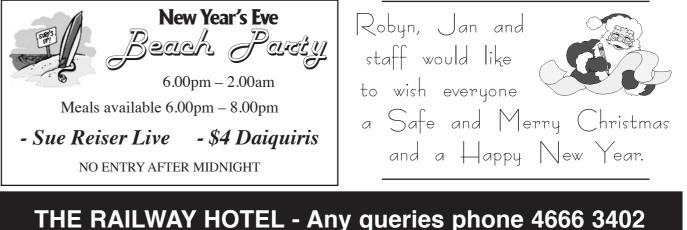
The following is a Youtube link to the audio clip of the 1963 Allora concert mentioned in last week's "Looking Back" column in The Allora Advertiser. If you would like to hear what was entertaining older Allora residents in the early 1960's go to this link -

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Deuchar Massie Hall Christmas Party

Deuchar At the Massie Hall on Friday night, the 20 children played happily while about 60 parents, grandparents and friends caught up with each other around the barbie at the annual Christmas party. Evervone commented on what a beautiful night it was weather wise After the shared the children meal. raced inside the hall to wait for the sound of the siren of the Rural Fire Brigade truck, knowing that Santa would be on his way. Excitement spilled over, especially with the



younger children who hadn't seen Santa arrive this way before. He dug deep into his sack and found gifts for all of them, and even some for a few of the 'older' generation. His two helpers gave him a gift in return, with thanks from all the children. With

Jingle Bells being sung, Santa left to go on his merry way to fix his sleigh so that he could visit many other children. Merry Christmas to all from the Deuchar-Massie-Willowvale Community.



Council offices and libraries will close at 3pm Monday 24 December 2012 and reopen on Wednesday 2 January 2013. Seasons Greetings

For Council-related emergencies during closures please phone 07 4661 0300 www.southerndowns.qld.gov.au

Ron Bellingham new Warwick Tourism & Events chairman

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Former Mayor Ron Bellingham is back in the driver's seat of his baby, Warwick Tourism & Events after last fortnight's Annual General Meeting.

Ron took on the role of chairman after current incumbent Greg Newey chose not to seek re-election to the position. Majella Kahler, President of Caravanning Queensland and owner/ operator of Kahler's Oasis Caravan Park has taken on the deputy role.

Greg said he is more than happy to return the baton to Ron, who was the chairman until the amalgamation of Warwick and Stanthorpe Shires in 2008.

"I was an original appointment to the board, have held the deputy role for a number of years, the chairman's role for the past four years but it's time to downsize my role to do some travelling next year with my wife," he said.

"I simply won't be able to commit the amount of time required as chair, with the responsibilities more complex than my time will allow "

Greg proudly reflected on Warwick Tourism & Events' success over the past couple of years, particularly the appointment of new CEO Tracy Vellacott and ongoing commitment from Events Coordinator Shona Gibson.

"At the Council's request, Warwick Tourism & Events took over management of the visitor centre which was also a fairly major step for us," he said.

"Fortunately it was a smooth transition because of the goodwill and support of the regional tourism organisation and the positive support of staff and volunteers from VIC, and I am confident that the transition went unnoticed by the locals and passing visitors."

Ron Bellingham was happy for the chairman's boomerang baton to return

"There is an incredibly supportive group of people sitting on this board and I am certainly looking forward to a positive 12 months working with them to advance tourism and events in this region," he said.

As well as Ron, Greg and Majella, board members include Spring Creek Café and Cottages owner/operator Bev Ruskey, Warwick Daily News General Manager Bruce Partridge, Town Crier Bob Townshend, independent travel consultant Jenelle Matthews, as well as Mayor Peter Blundell and Company Secretary Tony Brett.

Currently on the task list for Warwick Tourism & Events is organisation of Warwick's Carols in the Park and Australia Day celebrations, as well as preparatory work for the Easter Fair and Jumpers & Jazz in July Festival, which will celebrate its 10th year in 2013.

"We are also working to a number of publication deadlines including the new 'Savour Warwick & Surrounds' tourism publication which will be in market by year's end," Ron said.

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Events Calendar

2012

December -Mon 31 Allora New Years Eve Party Allora Showgrounds, 5.30pm

2013

January -

Sat 26 & Allora Heritage Weekend Sun 27 Allora Showgrounds April -Sat 13 Scope Club of Allora Annual Afternoon Tea Allora Community Hall, 1.30pm Sat 20 Historical Soc. Display & Demonstration Day Old Shire Hall, Warwick Street, Allora

November -

Fri 1 Anglican Parish Allora/Clifton Annual Fete St David's Church Grounds, 4.30pm

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

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



We wish to advise that White's Garage will be CLOSED from 3.00pm, Friday, 21st December 2012 and will **RE-OPEN at 8.00am on Monday, 7th January 2013**



Mathew, Tracev, Mark and Nathaniel would like to thank all our valued customers and friends for your support during the year and wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year!

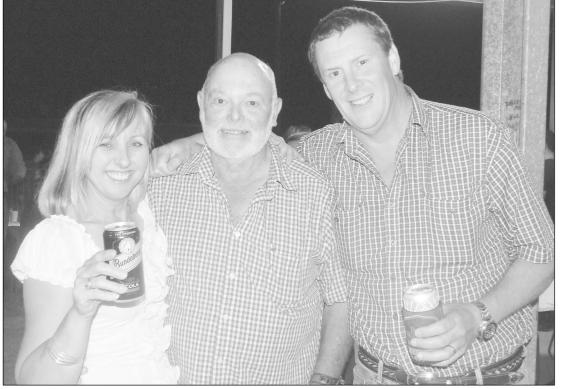
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Gumboot Decorating for Allora Show

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We would like everyone to donate their boots (optional) for auction by Barrie Geitz at 3.00pm on Saturday, 9th February, in the pavilion with the proceeds going to the show society. If you need a boot or have spares to give to someone else to decorate, please phone Wendy on 4667 3778 or 0488 673 778

to arrange pick up and distribution. Let's get them ready and have fun at the same time. The entries will be set up in one of the squash courts in the pavilion for all to admire.



Christina Newcom, Allora New Year's Eve Party organiser Ted Cowley and Jon Constable celebrating the birth of 2012 almost one year ago. The Allora New Years Eve Party will fill the Allora Showgrounds with revelers again on December 31st



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Warwick to host hundreds of landcarers at 24th state conference

It's months away, but Warwick residents are already preparing for hundreds of landcarers who'll be visiting the district for the 24th annual Landcare Conference in September next year.

Condamine Headwaters Landcare Group has been announced as the 2013 Queensland Landcare Conference host, bringing together hundreds of land managers, extension staff and researchers finding solutions for balancing healthy habitats and profitable production.

Andrew O'Dea. President Condamine Headwaters Landcare said the event was a unique opportunity to showcase the best of the Southern Downs and surrounding districts.

"We're going to be bringing hundreds of land managers to Warwick, from across the State," Andrew said. "As well as offering exceptional speakers, workshops, skills sessions and field trips, we're also going to make sure that people have adequate time to explore the district and all it has to offer."

The theme of the conference is healthy habitats ... profitable production and the group expects to attract between 250 and 300 delegates.

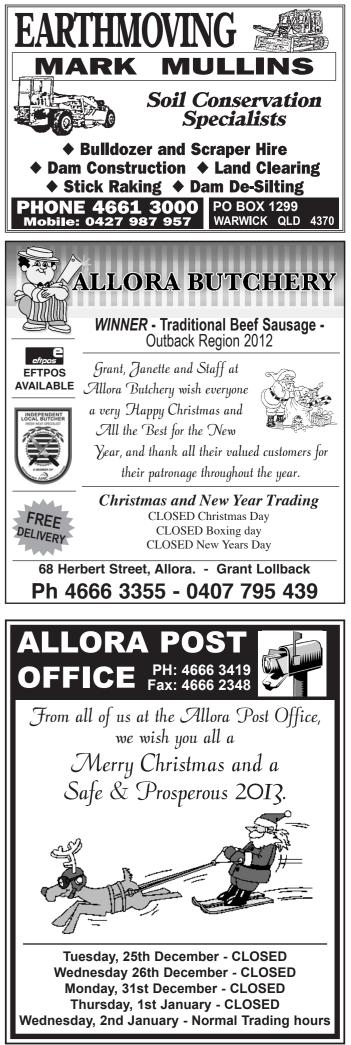
"Landcare Conferences have a 24 year history in Queensland," Andrew said. "We are thrilled to be the host for the 2013 event."

"There will be special packages to encourage local land managers to attend and our field trips will look at farming practice, land use and environmental challenges across the Downs."

"As well as the obvious education and community benefits of having this event in Warwick, the Conference always provides a valuable economic boost to the local economy. We're now seeking sponsors to ensure we put on a good show.'

The event takes place 27 - 29 September at St Mary's Upper Campus and the program will feature a mix of keynote presentations, hands-on workshops. social functions, field trips and a Junior Landcare component.

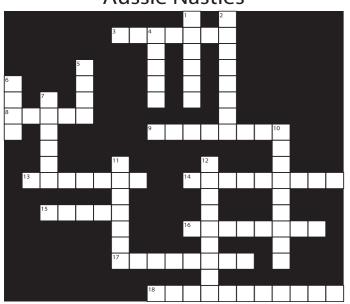
Further information is available at http://tinyurl.com/landcare2013 or by contacting Condamine Headwaters Landcare on 07 4661 9909 or catherine@ ddrlandcare.org. Registrations open in April.





Warwick Little Athletics athlete Chloe O'Halloran of Allora was thrilled to meet up with Olympic hurdles gold medalist Sally Pearson at the Queensland Little Athletics IGA State Relay at QE II on the weekend.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE Aussie Nasties





Allora State School student Stan Bain was the recipient of the Sue Abernathy Award for Academic Achievement in Year 3 presented at the recent Primary School Awards Ceremony.

ACROSS

3. Don't tread on its nest or 1. A notorious snake

DOWN

- it'll get angry (2 Words) 8. A white pointer or tiger
- 9. A mammal with a poison
- spur 13. A spider with a colourful
- back 14. A deadly jellyfish
- 15. This canine can be
- unpredictable around humans 16. Carries Dengue and
- Ross River fever 17. This forest inhabitant
- has huge front claws and a painful sting in its tail
- 18. May look furry, but those hairs will sting you

2. This ocean dweller has a sting in its tail 4. It will cling to you and

- 6. A stinging insect which won't lose its tail
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- rock pool
- very toxic
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• CHURCH NOTICES •

The Anglican Parish of Allora and Clifton - CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

St Davids: Allora

Sunday, 23rd December .. 10.00am Christmas Day, 25th December... ..8.00am All Saints: Clifton

Sunday, 23rd December ... 8 00am Christmas Eve, 24th December7.30pm

Baptisms, Confirmations, Weddings - by arrangement "Seek the Lord while He may be found" Rector - Rev. Andrew Baldwin - Ph 4666 3343 Mob 0427 220 886

The Catholic Community of ST. PATRICK'S, ALLORA

1st SUNDAY at 9.00am. 2nd & 3rd SUNDAYS at 6.00pm. EVERY TUESDAY, 9.30am. 2nd TUESDAY (at The Homestead), at 9.30am. LAYLED LITURGY, with Communion - 4th & 5th SUNDAYS at 9.00am. Every FRIDAY morning at 9.30am.

SACRED HEART CHURCH - DEUCHAR -MASS at 10.00am every 3rd SUNDAY. Ecumenical Prayer Service every 2nd Monday at 7.00pm.

CHRISTMAS MASS: Vigil only Monday, 24th December, 7.00pm - Children are invited to come dressed as angels and shepherds.

NO LITURGY OF THE WORD with communion on Sunday, 23rd December.

For information on Baptism, Weddings and other church enquiries, phone 4666 3377. St Patrick's Parish School (Prep - Yr. 7), enquiries 4666 3551.

Uniting Church Allora Christmas Day Service - 8.30am 9.00am Sunday Services. Enquiries phone 4666 3225. All welcome.

Scots Presbyterian Church - Allora. THIS SUNDAY AT ALLORA - Service at 9.30am. CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE - 9.30am Enquiries to Pastor Dennis Mooney 4666 3829. A Warm Welcome to ALL.

The Winner...

At the local Football Club, they wanted to raise some cash To purchase all the food 'n' stuff for the annual Christmas "bash"

The Chairman and his cronies came up with a great idea: To raffle off a massive vat of good old Aussie beer

They built the vat by themselves, and showed it off with pride For the bloody thing was ten feet tall and damn near eight feet wide

The local folk came in droves to see this great and wonderous thing The Treasurer was smiling wide with glee when the cash register began to ring 14 – THE ALLORA ADVERTISER ... THURSDAY, 20th DECEMBER 2012

The raffle tickets were passed around, each one was selling for a buck; Some folk even bought a hundred (they were hoping for good luck)

The Chairman called for silence at the setting of the sun And he stepped up to draw the raffle, to determine who had won

By this time the local folk had imbibed quite a lot of beer So when the winner was announced, they greeted him with a cheer

The winner's face was flushed with glee (or 'cause he'd had "a drink or two") He climbed to the top of the brimming vat and shouted out "Yahoo!"

• ANNOUNCEMENTS •

50th Anniversary...

JOHN & KATE GORDON - 50th Wedding Anniversary - 26th December. Congratulations Mum and Dad!

> From John, Peter, Sue, Paul and families.

Thank You...

We would like to thank all our kind friends for their good wishes, cards, flowers and support during an extended stay in Toowoomba Hospital. Please accept this as our personal thanks.

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But then, the winning fellow slipped, he toppled in, and drowned, (tho' maybe he drank some on the way down; for he disappeared with hardly a sound)

The Committee thought it awful that the winner had lost his life And, as they drank the dead man's beer. they decided to avoid more strife

So now when they raffle a vat each year, they've worked out what to do -When some lucky bloke wins the booze, he wins a brand new snorkel too!

• PUBLIC NOTICES •

ALLORA PONY CLUB WILL HOLD THEIR AGM Wednesday, 16th January, at Railway Hotel Allora, at 7.00pm. All past, current and new members welcome.



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Sharon, Roger and DJ Dog, your local Allora Posties wish all a Merry Christmas and Safe New Year.

No mail delivery 31st December. Thanks for all the new Mail Boxes and don't forget to decorate them. Look out on Monday, 24th for Santa's Helper.



AMY'S COUNTRY CAFE wishes to advise customers we will be CLOSED Christmas Day and will RE-OPEN 8.00am Sunday, 30th December. We will be OPEN New Years Day but closing at 3.00pm. Have a Safe but Merry Christmas!



Waste Facilities Christmas Closure

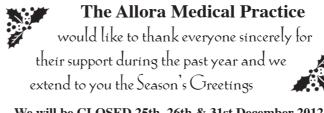
Council's Waste Facilities will be closed on Christmas Day, with the exception of Killarney Waste Transfer Station, which will be open as usual from 8am to 5pm. All waste facilities will open for usual business hours and days during the remainder of the holiday period.

Additionally, domestic kerbside waste collection will proceed as usual on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day, so please put out your wheelie bins and recycling bins on your normal day.

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RESULTS OF QCWA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - 1st Prize, Christmas Hamper, Kerrie Haig; 2nd Prize, Iced Christmas Cake, Sue O'Grady; 3rd Prize, Christmas Plum Pudding, Heather Slatter. The 1st QCWA meeting in 2013 will be 21st February at 10.00am.



We will be CLOSED 25th, 26th & 31st December 2012 and 1st January 2013. For emergencies please call 000.

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Alan Smith Dental Surgery will be CLOSED from Friday, 21/12/2012 and will **RE-OPEN on Monday, 14/01/2013.**



Alan and staff wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Safe & Happy New Year

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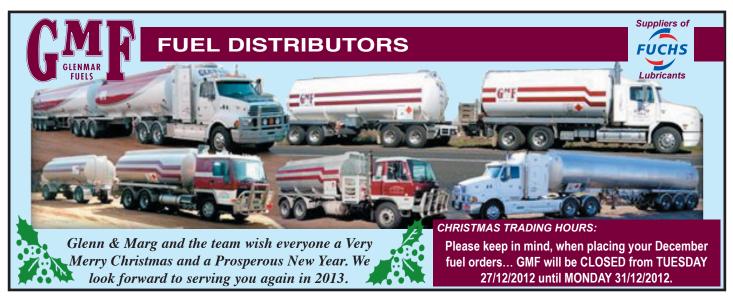
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Allora Swimming Club

Last Monday saw club break for the holiday period with a night of fantastic swimming and sausage sizzle and ice-cream for dessert, thanks to the club for providing the meal and to Nicole for preparation. On the weekend 2 relay teams (Brendan Hoffman, Toby Gilmore, Lachlan Henry, Zac Wall, Nick Gardner, James Gilmore, Henry Gartery and Nick Van Der Poel) travelled to Brisbane to compete in the state relay events at the McDonalds Swimming Queensland State Championships. Both teams put in a fantastic effort with personal best times swam and the opportunity to rub shoulders with Olympic swimmers Christian Springer, Emily Seebohm, Bronte Barrett and Kendrick Monk. If any swimmers are wishing to compete in the Country Championships at Goondiwindi 19/1 please forward nominations to Jan Bannister pjajbani@hotmail.com Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we will see you all back on pool deck Monday 28th January.



Allora Swim team at Chandler Pool Brisbane. Swimmers are back L-R: Nick Gardner, Brendan Hoffman, James Gilmore, Henry Gartery. Front L-R: Toby Gilmore, Nick Van Der Poel, Zac Wall, Lachlan Henry



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Allora Golf Notes

Last Sunday we played for the Jenco Feeds & Seeds monthly medal. Winner of the day was Kev with a great round 59. Runner Up was

Phil. Well done men. Pin Shots went to Kev on the 1st, Matt on the 10th, 4th & 13th, Max on the 7th & 16th also the eagle nest on 7. Great shot Max.

Next week will be a 3 ball ambrose with partners on the day, also there will be a few nibbles for the Christmas party. A huge Merry Christmas to all from the Golf Club and a great New Year. A big thank you Jo Bolzan and Cooky Haul for the help and donation of the soil for the new turf, it is much appreciated from all. Don't forget your sand buckets and to play is to live.

For that hard to buy for person at Christmas, we can do up CHRISTMAS TREES with Scratch-It Tickets to any value or GIFT PACKS with Scratch-It Tickets and Lotto Entries in...



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