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Ducks Primed for Fundraiser

While the Southern Downs region is alive with events, activities and attractions over the Australia Day Weekend, Allora in particular has more than its share of things to see and do.

The Dalrymple Duck Race, the Mary Poppins House Open House and a weekend of cricket action courtesy of the Warwick Cricket Association some of the events on offer along with the giant Heritage Weekend in the Showgrounds.

The Dalrymple Duck Race needs little introduction around Allora, organized annually by Allora Show Society committee Mr. Ted Cowley. The novel event first appeared in Allora's social calendar fifteen years ago, back in 1998, a fundraiser for Allora Show Princess entrants. The Duck Race initially featured 300 yellow rubber ducks traversing the challenges of Dalrymple Creek in Stuart Henry Park, but in recent years the ducks race in the tranquil Allora Swimming Pool [see page 5 for more Duck Race history]. It's Dalrymple Duck Race time again in Allora, and Ted Cowley has been very busy selling tickets for the 400 cute yellow ducks that will take to the Allora Swimming Pool at 3.00 pm on Saturday, Australia Day.

This year the Duck Race will benefit Show Princess entrants and Allora locals Amy Young Jessica Bool and Carla Frizzell.

With the purchase of a \$2.00 ticket community members can lay claim to a duck in the big race, and should that duck cross the finish line first the winner collects an easy \$150, second place pockets \$100 and a crisp \$50 note goes to third place.

Tickets will continue to be on sale up to race time, for further information contact Ted Cowley on

With the Allora Annual Show fast approaching on February 8th & 9th, Allora Show Girl judging is scheduled for Saturday February 2nd February, at the Railway Hotel, Allora.

Allora Cricket Oval will be the venue for a feast of local cricket action with six fixtures from the famous Warwick Cricket Association Australia Day Weekend Cricket Carnival being hosted. The Oval is in pristine condition and on Saturday will host Max's XI v Hugh's XI, Hugh's XI v local outfit the Dalrymple Dingers followed by the Dalrymple Dingers v Max's XI. On Sunday Doc's XI take on Scots PGC P.S, before Doc's XI back up against Hugh's XI followed by Scots PGC P.S v Hugh's XI.

Glyn Rees



Ted Cowley was a busy fundraiser for the Allora Show Princess quest on Friday selling tickets in the 2013 Dalrymple Duck Race with assistant and future Show Princess entrant Sophie Masters.

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Hollywood sparks restoration project in Allora Cemetery

Fondly known as the Mary Poppins House, 61 Herbert Street in Allora will open its doors to the public on January 27 between 2pm and 5pm. The open house event aims to raise money for a grave site restoration project inspired by a new film produced by Walt Disney Studios starring Tom Hanks, Collin Farrell and Emma Thompson.

The Mary Poppins house was constructed in 1879 as a bank and manager's residence for the Australian Joint Bank but it wasn't until 1905 that Travers Goff, father of the author of the popular Mary Poppins books, took residency as the bank manager. The current property owners Les and Lorraine Struthers recognised the historical importance of Travers Goff and had the idea of restoring his grave in the Allora cemetery after discovering its disrepair three years ago. Up until now, restoration of the house taken priority.

"Our interest in the grave site was rekindled when the director and producer of the new film, Saving Mr Banks, visited us from Hollywood in the winter of 2012 and I showed them the grave after searching for about two hours," Mr Struthers explained. "I don't think anyone has even placed a flower on his grave since 1907 as his family all moved away to New South Wales the very next day. The grave is very dilapidated with most of the letters missing, while the sandstone and marble have really felt the passage of time."

As the movie is about Pamela Travers and her close association with her father (referred to in the movie as Mr Banks) Les and Loraine decided to push ahead with the restoration.

"Producers, directors and cast of the movie have already sent us some donations towards restoration but we hope that our event on 27th January will allow us to complete the project."

The Mary Poppins House will be open to the public on January 27 between 2pm and 5pm, where you can hear about the history of the house, stop for afternoon tea and donate to the grave site restoration project. Saving Mr Banks is currently in post production and is due for release in the US in December this year.

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Southern Downs Regional Council advises animal owners that annual registration fees for cats and dogs are now due for the 2013 calendar year. Animal registration is compulsory under the State Government's Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008.

"Animal registration reminder letters will be posted this week and should be in resident's post boxes by the end of the week," said Tim O'Brien, Manager Environmental Services.

"Please be sure to check the due date for payment and make sure you pay on time to be eligible for the discount," he added. Mr O'Brien also reminds residents that permits are required for the keeping of two dogs within designated town areas as set out in Councils Local Laws. The new Local Law introduced in January 2012 makes it unlawful to keep more than two dogs or cats in designated town areas, however if residents want to keep more than two dogs or cats they can make a planning application for approval.

It should be noted that residents in the old Stanthorpe Shire area who were allowed to keep more than two dogs, would still be able to keep the animals but they would not be able to replace them if they are removed from the property.

"There are many benefits to having your animals registered, including identification of the animal in case it escapes or strays," added Mr O'Brien.

"The registration tag allows for easy identification by Council officers and the quick return of a lost pet."

House to house animal registration checks may be conducted after the expiry of the discount period for registration. Fees should be paid by February 22nd to qualify for the discount. For further information on animal registrations or permits please contact Council on 4661 0300.

BAD JOKE(S) OF THE WEEK

What do you call a man with a rabbit on his head? — Warren.

What do you call a man who can't stand? — Neil.

What do you call a judge with no thumbs? — Justice Fingers.

What do you call a lady with just one leg? — Eileen.

What do you call a man with a car on his head? — Jack.

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15 Years of Ducks Race Tradition

The Dalrymple Duck Race needs little introduction around Allora, especially in community fundraising circles. Allora Show Society committee member and annual Duck Race organizer Ted Cowley introduced the novel event to Allora's calendar fifteen years ago, back in 1998. The first ever Dalrymple Duck Race took place on Sunday December 13th, 1998, and featured 300 yellow rubber ducks traversing the challenges of Dalrymple Creek in Stuart Henry Park. The current in the creek wasn't quite as brisk as needed to help the ducks along so members of the Allora Queensland Fire & Rescue Service provided some assistance with some high pressure water jets. That initial Duck Race was held in support of Allora Showgirl quest entrant Kate Smith, the first Duck Race winning owners being 1st Amanda Highland, 2nd Bob Locke & 3rd Sue Cowley. It's Dalrymple Duck Race time again in Allora, with event organizer Ted Cowley busy selling tickets for 400 cute yellow ducks that will take to the Allora Swimming Pool at 3.00 pm on Australia Day in what has been a novel and successful fundraiser over many years for Allora Show Princess entrants. This year the Duck Race will benefit Show Princess entrants and Allora locals Amy Young Jessica Bool and Carla Frizzell.

The purchase of a \$2.00 ticket community members can lay claim to a duck in the big race, and should that duck cross the finish line first the winner collects an easy \$150, second place pockets \$100 and a crisp \$50 note goes to third place. Ted Cowley, assisted by Princess entrants Amy, Jessica & Carla, will again be selling Duck Race tickets tomorrow outside Allora Pharmacy, tickets also available before the big races on Australia Day.

The Dalrymple Duck Race has become an Allora district tradition that always attracts a healthy crowd. The ducks no longer wind their way downstream on a 50 metre course in Dalrymple Creek with nature providing the momentum for the wining duck. Past Duck races in Dalrymple Creek were great spectacles, but the event didn't come without some chance of peril.

Now days the ducks do a lap of the Allora Swimming Pool with some additional incentive from a commercial grade electric fan. A move to the Allora Swimming Pool has provided a safer more comfortable venue, for ducks and spectators alike.

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Round 2 of Council's General Grants program opened for applications on Monday, 21 January 2013.

The General Grants Program focuses on supporting local initiatives, local organisations, and projects that enhance community wellbeing and opportunity.

The response to Round 1 of the General Grants program for 2012/2013 was considerable with 48 community organisations seeking assistance through the program over the financial year.

Mayor Peter Blundell offered high praise for the many groups within the region which provide services and activities that

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Application forms are available from Council offices and libraries, or by telephoning Council in Warwick (4661 0300) or Stanthorpe (4681 5500). The application form, along with information about the General Grants Program, is also available at www.southerndowns.qld.gov.au. Go to 'About Council' and click on 'Grants and Funding'. Conditions do apply, so be sure to check out the General Grants Information Sheet, also available from the website.

Applications must be received before close of business on Friday, 15 February 2013 and may be lodged in person at Council offices, or posted to the Chief Executive Officer, Southern Downs Regional Council, PO Box 26, Warwick.

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The Allora Historical Society is holding a Demonstration & Display Day with the theme of *The Dairy Industry* on 20th April 2013. The following is from a series of articles telling the story of the Dairy Industry in the Allora district each week...

Time Passes By – Writings of R W Frizzell (b1885- d1964)

"...The closely settled mixed farming area of Ellinthorp district with an area of somewhere about 22,000 acres called 'Talgai West Station' was purchased by the Scottish Australian Investment Company from the late G C Clark's father somewhere about the 1900's and thence cut the area into 15 dairy farms, 14 share-farms and the Homestead block. The 14 share-farms were farmed on a 50/50 basis, the Homestead block was worked on a wages system.

The houses on these dairy farms were erected by contract. Each dairy comprised of 120 cows run on an area of between 400 and 500 acres. These cows were milked by hand on all farms which contained six cow bails, with exception of 2 farms. The milk was weighed each milking and recorded twice daily in a herd book, all cows being named and numbered and herd tested every three months, every heifer was tattooed on the ear to correspond with her dam for culling purposes. The milk was carted twice daily to a creamery to be separated. The milk was carted in carts made by the Allora blacksmith Tom Maher. The carts were large enough to hold 22 ten-gallon cans.

The creamery was situated on a farm known as 'The Rocks' at present owned by Thomas Cowley. About 1908 a new creamery was erected on the hill above the present school. Three large separators driven by steam were installed. Each farmer took his separated milk home by return, and the cream was taken by covered waggonette to the railway siding and forwarded to the Warwick Butter Factory. The creamery was managed by a New South Wales man named Sinclair".

"...Talgai West was managed for the Scottish Australian Investment Company by Aubin Dowling for a number of years (approximately 40 years). This station employed between 30 and 40 men permanently besides share-farmers, having its own butcher's shop, blacksmith's shop (tradesman blacksmith), provision store, tradesman carpenter and own sawbench and saw timber for station purposes. Large bachelors' quarters with their own cook who baked all the bread, also a library for the employees this being large enough to accommodate 60 persons. There were 5 well built cottages on the hill situated on the property of Mr Harry Sprott which was the Homestead block.

Three horse teams worked daily – 5-horse dray teams and one 10-horse wagon, one dray driven by Jock Rix and the other by the late George Kirby. Six horse teams were used to cultivate

several hundred acres to grow green fodder, mainly lucerne and barley, the first being responsible for much hay-making. The teamsmen had a movable camp with their own cook. This enabled them to go to the various parts of the station with the least possible upset. The farm manager was the late Robert Crooks. They also sowed about 50 acres of maize sown by broadcast each year to provide ensilage, which was blown by blast into silos. The station ran over 200 head of all classes of horses in addition to a large number of sheep and also kept a sheep stud.

The Home Farm which was the stud farm, and all the share farms was managed by the late D C Pryce, the cattle from this farm being used as foundation stock for all the share dairy farms. The stock were bred from the famous Illawarra blood of 'Darballara' which was owned by the Scottish Australian Investment Company and well known all over Queensland. Pigs bred on this farm were Berkshire in charge of Jimmy Rix for supplying all the dairy farms. These pigs were purchased by the share-farmers when they were about 6 to 8 weeks old and were priced from 6/- to 8/- per head. The piggery covered 2 acres of land with over 100 brood sows housed in sties. One building containing 30 sties with concrete floor and water laid on to each sty was under one roof, together with various other buildings.

The cattle were stabled and fed. Two grooms attended the cattle, the head groom was the late Jack Cranitch. He held this position for many years. All the fodder and milk used to feed the cattle and pigs was carried in a trolley. Over half a mile of trolley line was set down. All the milk on this farm was separated by their own steam separator. Calves reared were all hand fed in stalls with bails for each calf to be fed from an enamel basin and rubber tube with a teat on, leading through an upright into the bail. A rack held the basins and the bails held and fed 10 calves at a time. This farm was managed by William Bly.

The average return per cow per head would be about One pound per month and this average was given great publicity in the "Allora Guardian". The pigs were not bought by weight. The prices paid from 35/- to 2 pound 10 pence per head for pigs of 180 to 200 lbs. in weight. 2 pound 10 pence was a very high price. They were fed on boiled cracked barley, pumpkins and separated milk. The pigs were trucked from railway siding when sold.

In 1912 or 1913 this station was cut up and sold to private parties and all cattle were sold at auction by the late Charles McDougall and with this came the change in name of railway siding of 'Talgai' to 'Dalrymple', a name that was confused with a station in North Queensland – and so 'Ellinthorp'.

My recollections are from about 1903 onwards"
R W Frizzell

135th Allora Show

~ PAVILION CHIT CHAT ~

- ◆ Are your veges and plants growing ready to enter in the show?
- ◆ Have you decorated your gum boot or work boot?
- ◆ Have you practiced and taste tested your cooking?
- ◆ Are your needlework and hobby entries ready?
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Heritage Weekend Countdown Complete

The 2013 Allora Heritage Weekend is about to be launched on the best little town on the Downs, allowing Allora and the Southern Downs to be stamped well and truly on the tourist map over the Australia Day weekend. A stream of historical vehicles and machinery has begun to converge on the picturesque Allora Showgrounds in preparation for the events of this weekend. For two days the Showground's precinct will be transported back in time to various points across the past century and more, highlighting the vehicles & machinery that played such a significant role in the development of rural Australia. It will provide significant memories for some, and a wondrous education for others, but you can be certain it will hold the attention of the thousands who are expected through the Showgrounds gate with a display that is rated among the best of its type in the nation.

Nationally acclaimed Heritage Rally announcer Barrie Geitz of Allora will be the man behind the microphone over the weekend of the Allora Heritage Weekend, Barrie having given the in depth and knowledgeable commentary on all Heritage Weekends since the event began in 1995. Barrie, an auctioneer for forty years, has announced at heritage rallies across eastern Australia, including national events, and considers the Allora Heritage Weekend of 2010 the biggest event he has been involved with, the Grand Parade taking 2 hours and 15 minutes to see all machinery pass around the Allora Showgrounds show ring.

Mr Ted Woodrow, President of the organising group, the Warwick Veteran & Vintage Vehicle Club, couldn't be happier with the progress of preparations for the massive event that is drawing machinery from across the nation. "Last Saturday's working bee at the Showground's saw over fifty WVVV Club members putting the final touches on the venue in preparation for this weekend" said the WVVV Club President. Ted and vehicle restoration partner Graeme McMillan will have a fair collection themselves on display, with eight tractors, three cars

and two trucks to exhibit. One of those cars, a Vauxhall Viva from the late 1960's is Ted's pride and joy. "I got my driver's license in the car, the family owned it and sold it in 1974, traded in at Austral on a VJ Valiant" said Ted, "I found it at Maryvale stored in a shed from 1985 until now, in magnificent condition and now I own the car again". Since 2001 the Allora Heritage Weekend organisers have nominated feature machinery as a focal point of the event that attracts thousands to the Allora Showgrounds each Australia Day weekend. The successful concept has continued each year since, with 2013 featuring military vehicles & equipment, Oliver Hart-Parr tractors, Leader trucks, Mini Minor cars, Lister stationery engines & BSA motor cycles. Leader trucks will have a particular interest to the many enthusiasts and visitors over the weekend. Leader trucks have a unique place in Australia's transport history, as they were the only trucks produced in significant numbers by a wholly Australian company. The many models offered by this firm ranged from 12 ton, 4-wheel cab-overs up to 250-ton heavy-haulage bonneted tractors, some of the most powerful road-going vehicles available at the time. Nearly 2000 trucks were manufactured between 1972 and 1984, by the company which was based in Toowoomba. Cyril Anderson, the man behind Leader, also created such national icons as

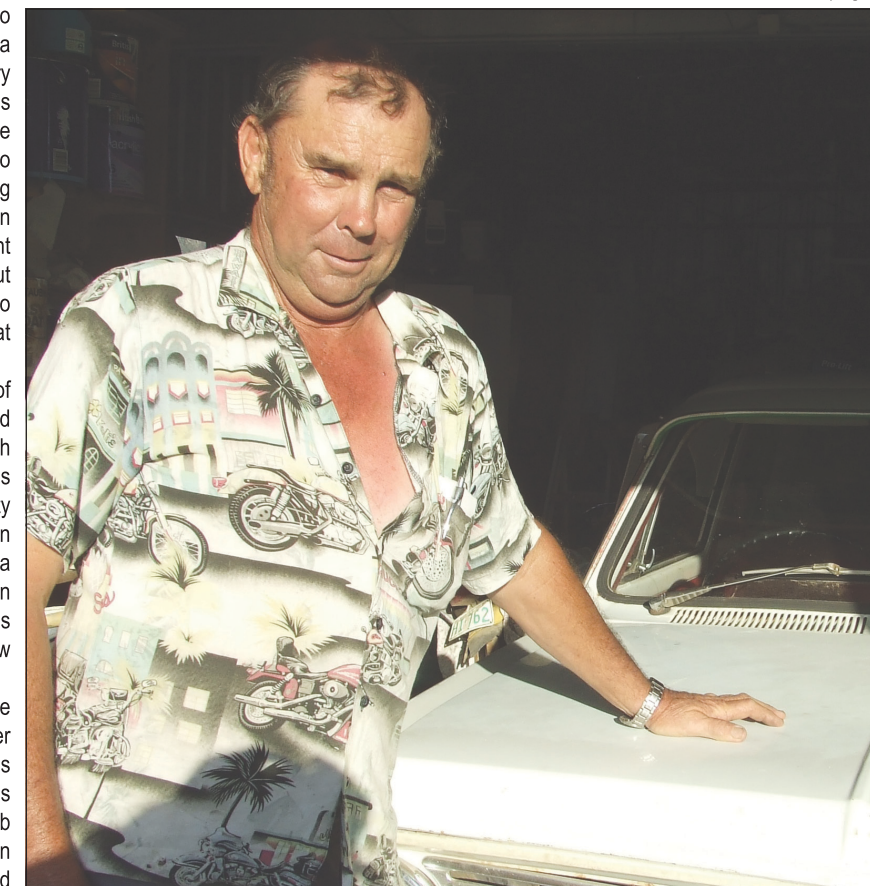
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While giving his 1960's Vauxhall Viva a final inspection, Warwick Veteran & Vintage Vehicle Club President Ted Woodrow says its all go for this weekends Allora Heritage Weekend at the Allora Showgrounds.



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Rob Laurent, author of the book "Leader Trucks: The Australian Challenger", an in depth history of the vehicle, will be a special guest at the Heritage Weekend.

Admission to the Allora Heritage Weekend is a more than reasonable \$5.00 with children free.

As in past years there will be a swap meet over the two days of the Heritage Weekend, and there will also be a Cent Sale run in aid of the Warwick Disability Support Group.

For further information contact Ted Woodrow on 4666 3693 or 0418 875 469, or Graeme McMillan on 4666 3554, Lyle Johnson regarding the Swap Meet 0409 766 288 or Greg Saville regarding camping (at \$15.00 per night) on 4697 3742. Further information is also available on www.alloraheritageweekend.org.au

Glyn Rees

Events Calendar

2013

January -

Sat 26 Australia Day Movie Night & Dinner
Goomburra Town Hall, 6.00pm

Sat 26 & Sun 27 Allora Heritage Weekend

Allora Showgrounds

February -

Fri 8 & Sat 9 135th Allora Show

Allora Showgrounds

March -

Sat 2 Bi-Funathon (RSL fundraiser) - Walk/Run/Swim

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Sat 2 Concert - "Happy Wanderers"

Allora Senior Citizens, 1.00pm

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

June -

Sat 15 St David's Guild's 'Lavender & Lace' Hi Tea

St David's Church Hall, 1.30pm

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.

Warwick-Allora Road closes for flood works

Repair of flood damage on Warwick-Allora Road will require the road to be closed near the John Dee meat processing plant on the outskirts of Warwick, Transport and Main Roads Downs South West Regional Director Tony Platz said.

"The road will be closed so the work can proceed safely for both the road crew and road users," Mr Platz said.

"This inconvenience will mean the work is completed in a more efficient time frame of about four months, weather permitting."

Work started on 21 January to repair the embankment above the Condamine River, which was severely eroded by water running over Warwick-Allora Road, three kilometres from Warwick. Please refer to local signage for the closure dates.

Motorists travelling between Allora and Warwick will be able to detour via Lyndhurst Lane.

However, heavy vehicles must remain on the New England Highway as there is a 12-tonne load limit in place on the bridge on the Lyndhurst Lane.

Access to John Dee and surrounding businesses will be maintained with access from the southern approach (Rosehill Road).

Mr Platz said this work was in addition to the 2.3km of pavement repairs on Warwick-Allora Road currently underway between Willowvale and Upper Wheatvale Roads, and between Dalrymple Creek Road and the rail crossing, which is expected to be completed in March 2013.

Road users are advised to factor in additional travel time for their journey and reminded to obey all signage for their own safety and for the safety of other road users.

"We encourage motorists to check the 13 19 40 Traffic and Travel Information phone line or website to plan their trip and

Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago
January 1988

Australia Day 1988

In what many old-timers described as the biggest public turn-out since the end of the Second World War, an estimated 1,200 people participated in or witnessed the Allora Australia Day Bicentennial celebrations in 1988. The day celebrated 200 years since the arrival of European settlement in Australia and was the culmination of 18 months hard work by the Allora Bicentennial Committee headed by Shire Chairman, Cr. Jim Deacon.

The day took the form of a street procession followed by an historical re-enactment of the arrival of the First Fleet in Australia led by Captain Arthur Phillip. (In Allora's case the arrival of Cr. Deacon in a row boat on Dalrymple Creek). After the flag raising ceremony and the presentation of the Australia Day

Citizenship Awards, the focus of the day moved to Dalrymple Creek Park where the crowd was entertained by bush music, an historic fashion parade, demonstrations by the Historical Society, and games for the children.

Allora's Past 75 years ago
January 1938

Bowls Club Robbery

The Allora Bowling Club house was feloniously entered on Monday night and goods to the value of between £12 and £15 were stolen. Forcible entry was gained through the blinds enclosing the main club room. Locks on the doors leading to the dressing rooms, the kitchenette, and the bar were then

broken. The whole of the contents of the bar including glasses were removed, along with biscuits, cheese, tea and sugar from the kitchen and shoes and chamois leathers from the dressing rooms.

Allora's Past 100 years ago
January 1913

Wards Abolition Poll

A poll of Allora municipal ratepayers was taken yesterday on the question of the abolition of wards within the Town Council area. The area had been previously divided into the South, Central and North Wards. A large amount of interest was shown in the poll and out of a possible 377 votes, 231 were recorded



Captain Arthur Phillip alias Cr. Jim Deacon, flanked by Marines Alan Smith and Gary Gilmore, leads the Bicentennial parade down Herbert Street in 1988.

or 61%. The poll resulted in a majority of 25 votes for the affirmative. The Mayor, as returning officer, promptly announced the result to an interested assembly. Several long-standing aldermen have since indicated that they will not contest the coming elections.

(The 1913 Municipal Council elections would have been the last before the formation of the Allora Shire Council in 1915)

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Captain Arthur Phillip, marines and sailors toast the flag during the historical re-enactment in 1988. Whose idea was it to use real rum for the toast?

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"The Australian and Queensland governments were focused on reconstructing disaster-damaged roads and infrastructure in Queensland," Mr Platz said.

The embankment works costing \$1.3 million will be carried out by Abergeldie Complex Infrastructure.

"This is one of many projects either under way or planned around the state in 2012-13 as part of Operation Queensland, the largest reconstruction effort in Queensland's history, rebuilding communities, fixing infrastructure and restoring regional economies," he said.

This Operation Queensland work is being delivered through Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA). Under NDRRA, the Australian Government provides 75 per cent of the funding, with 25 per cent from the Queensland Government.

For more information on flood-related roadworks, please contact the department on 1800 063 397 during business hours, or to receive email updates register at reconstruct_darlingdowns@tmr.qld.gov.au

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Australia Day celebrations

There will be flies, heat, snags on the barbecue and plenty of 'slip slop slap' in Victoria Park this Saturday as Warwick gears up to celebrate Australia Day. The desire to mark our national day appears to have strengthened, especially for younger people with Warwick Tourism & Events CEO Tracy Vellacott astounded at the growing number of events aimed at firing up some Aussie spirit. "Truly, if you can't find something for you and the ankle biters to do this Saturday then you're a few cents short of a dollar," Mrs Vellacott joked.



"We've got it all from a major cricket carnival to a family cricket carnival at Dalveen. Throw in a crazy duck race in the Allora Swimming Pool, an Aussie talent quest at brekky in Killarney and up in Stanthorpe they'll be pie-eating, billy-boiling, wood-chopping and chainsaw-ripping. As well, the Downs Dasher steam train will be making a run to Clifton, returning at 3pm, just in time to get freshened up for the Victoria Park fun and fireworks." Mrs Vellacott believes that our community and Aussie spirit is also typified by events like Zonta's Australia Day Breakfast in the Country. "In a show of Aussie spirit the Zonta ladies are working hard to raise funds for birthing kits which enable mothers, not as fortunate as those of us in Australia, to give birth in safer and cleaner conditions." "Clearly, they realise how good we've got it in Australia and they're keen to be good global citizens and help out women in the world who don't share the lifestyle and conditions that we enjoy."

Victoria Park celebrations get under way from 4.00pm, where Lions and Rotary Club members will have the BBQ and hot chips fired up. The audience will enjoy songs that define our Aussie character including some Aussie rock and pub favourites, along with a performance from the Warwick Thistle Pipe Band to herald the official ceremony's commencement at 6pm. New citizens will be sworn in and Australia Day Awards presented in recognition of excellence in community, cultural and sporting endeavours. A free jumping castle and face-painting will keep the kids smiling, as will the fireworks that get under way from approximately 7.45pm. Well-renowned food consultant Allison Alexander will attend Warwick's celebrations as guest speaker of the Woolworths Ambassador Program. The Woolworths Ambassador Program sponsors high-achieving Queenslanders like Ms Alexander around the state to help communities throughout Queensland celebrate Australia Day.

WATTLES PORKERS SET CLIFTON ALIGHT

What an afternoon of thrills and excitement at Platz Oval on Saturday afternoon, with the first annual porcine classic, the inaugural "Wattles Magic Hundred's Porker Sprints". Wattles President Aaron Scheid promised some big name pigs and they came in the form of "Rumpled Pigskin", Boss Hog", "Sambucca", "Usain Boar" & "M'Pigby Diva" and "Phar-Pig" to name a few. The crowd could have been a little bigger, but the many there enjoyed a great afternoon the feature of which was the six race

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pig races program. Much credit to the organisers of the afternoon, Wattles initial fundraiser, the first of many for the year. Congratulations to Aaron Schied who along with many of the event organisational tasks, trained the pigs over a number of weeks for today's big races. Our ladies in the betting rink/ticket stall/clerks office battled with the eager punters demands and a 20 knot wind as they shuffled paperwork and calculated winnings over the afternoon, great work Jaimie McMillan, Holly Whittaker & Melissa Ziser and others that assisted.

Noteworthy Clifton identity Billy Keenan was a very entertaining auctioneer for the afternoon, while Wattles Vice President Don Scheid was the man on the "golden microphone" keeping everyone informed of the afternoons events, with lavish touches of his special humour, and "yes it does take someone to get off their bum and do something to make something happen", it did, and all involved should be very proud. Especially the participating pigs who careered around the circuit over the afternoon under the watchful eye of eager punters and a qualified vet. Heat exhaustion was well down the list of concerns for the racing pigs across the afternoon after the



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champion pigs at the meets end, congratulations to the lucky new pig parents !!
The "Wattles Magic Hundred's Porker Sprints" will be an annual event, wonderful family entertainment with the racing followed by a delicious pig on a spit meal, and a few refreshments while everyone kicked up their heels to the tunes by talented local entertainer "Nash".
Thanks you to all who rolled up on the emerald green Platz Oval turf, and made the event the success it was. We look forward to seeing you all throughout the 2013 Toowoomba Rugby League season when the mighty Warriors take to the field.
Glyn Rees



LEFT: Wattles committee member Nev Miller, President Aaron Scheid, Supporter Rob Slatter & Auctioneer Billy Keenan in the "Wattles Magic 100's Porker Sprints" Steward's Rooms before the start of another pork rattling race.

BELOW: Lauren Pruce, Justin Briggs, Robyn Miles (Sponsor) & Chris Atkins in the betting rink at the "Wattles Magic 100's Porker Sprints".

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"Big Bad Wolf" made a guest appearance, proving to be not so big and bad if the line of kids tailing him up until exhaustion set in was any indication.
Wattles RLF Club offer a massive vote of thanks to sponsors who made the Races possible, Willett Electrical, Allora; Wilson & Rigby Allora Paint & Panel; Robyn Miles' Railway Hotel, Allora; Glenmar Fuels, Allora; Merivale Farms, Allora and Graham Smith Plumbing, Tenterfield.
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135th Allora Show – 10th oldest show in Qld.

(Researched & written by Wendy Ardrey, Hon. Sec.)

On 3rd April 1878, Messrs. Cooke, Gordon & Kates started a movement which brought about the holding of a public meeting on 4th June 1878, at which Mr. Deacon was voted to the chair. At that meeting, Mr. Kates moved & Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution that:- 'An Agricultural and Horticultural Association be formed within the Allora & Spring Creek districts in connection with the Allora Ploughing Match Committee, to be styled the "Central Downs Agricultural & Horticultural Association". The motion was carried and thus was born the predecessor of the Allora Show Society Inc.

The first few shows alternated between Allora & Clifton & included ploughing matches as well as produce displays. Early shows were held in the old Town Hall & on March 12, 1880, a proclamation was issued reserving the current site of about 20acres (8.1ha) for showground purposes. In July 1882 it was decided to hold the show in February instead of the middle of winter and the first exhibition building was built for a cost of £159.

THE WARWICK EXAMINER & TIMES – Saturday, December 31, 1904 - The tender of W. Leggatt, £185 l8s has been accepted for the erection of a grandstand on the Allora showground. As far as I can ascertain the

grandstand was built by 1906.

THE QUEENSLANDER. Brisbane-Saturday 17 February 1906 - AGRICULTURAL SHOWS. - THE ALLORA SHOW. (From Our Special Representative.) ALLORA, Feb. 7.—The annual exhibition of the Central Downs Agricultural and Horticultural Association was held to-day under most pleasant conditions. The weather was perfect, being bright and warm. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Chelmsford and their little daughter, The Premier (the Hon. W. Kidston), the Ministerial candidate for Warwick (Mr. O'Sullivan), and several members of Parliament were present, and also about 2000 people. The pretty showground was a scene of great activity, and the side shows of various kinds did a brisk business during the day. There were 710 exhibits— about the same number as last year—but there has been a big change in the numbers for the various sections. Owing to the dry winter and spring, fruit and vegetables were not nearly so well represented as last year, but the loss in these was compensated by the increases in cattle and horses. There was an excellent display of horses, the draughts being good, and the hacks particularly so. In cattle, Mr. W. Keys was very successful with animals of a good useful type. The Holmes family swept the board for Ayrshire* with their Coolangatta strain, J. Holmes' Probity of Coolangatta taking first prize for bull, and S. Holmes' Florrie first for cow. The only classes for sheep were for butchers' animals, and they were a fair lot. R. Gordon carried off all the principal awards for swine with his well-bred stock. There were not many entries of fruit, and nothing special was shown except an exhibit of grapes by Mr. Mouldy, which were of very good colour and size. Corn is late, and the exhibits of maize were in the soft stage, but the cobs were good. A very promising feature of the pavilion was the fine display of cut flowers and pot plants, which added materially to the attractiveness of the building. There was a good entry for wheat, and H. Smith secured the blue ticket with a fine sample of Budd's Early, going 68lb. to the bushel; J. Hancock being next with some Luya. In the special class for Budd's Early, a sample was shown which went 68 ½ lbs. to the bushel. There was little in the machinery section, but displays were made of Alpha-Laval separators by Waugh end Josephson, of Melotte separators and Campbell's oil engines by Clark and Fauset; of separators by the Crown Company, and of windmills and Sharples separators by McLennan and Co.

The Vice-regal party arrived at Allora by special train, and was welcomed on the platform by the Mayor (Alderman Deacon) and a number of leading residents. An address of welcome, conveying the usual assurances of loyalty and good wishes for His Excellency, was read by the town clerk. Lord Chelmsford, in acknowledging the kindly sentiments expressed, said he hoped to be able to again visit Allora but he was beginning to learn what a large place Queensland was.

THE OPENING CEREMONY. - At noon the Governor officially declared the show open. Speaking from the steps of the pavilion, he congratulated the people of Allora on the splendid day they had for it. On Sunday he had wondered whether they would be able to hold the show. He had had a little experience of the black soil country in wet weather, and knew how difficult it was to get about. He had also to congratulate them on the splendid way everything was growing. He had much pleasure in declaring the show open. (Applause.)

In the 1960's Fr Tom McCormack introduced Stud Beef Cattle to the show. The Allora Show was used by exhibitors as a springboard for the prestigious Sydney Show. Apart from the disappearance of trotting, ring events have seen little change in the past 100 years. Until the early 1990's, Allora was one of the biggest country shows for dairy farmers with more than 200 head entered every year.

The first Allora Showgirl, Mary Donegan, was chosen in 1963 and each year the lucky winner represents Allora in the Miss Darling Downs contest in Toowoomba. Miss Allora Showgirl 19 year old Cathy Smith was selected to represent the Darling Downs at the Brisbane Ekka in the nation's Bi-Centennial year, 1988.

In 2008, the Allora Show Society Inc. made history when it took the 'bit between the teeth' by staging the first horse events programme since the outbreak of EI. Approval from the DPI was given at midnight the night before the show. Competitors were as grateful for our efforts as we were for theirs.

At noon on Saturday 9th February our 135th show will be officially opened

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by the Governor of Queensland Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AC. Her Excellency will also dedicate the Grandstand renovations and unveil a plaque which recognises the Warwick Credit Union Foundation and Show Society volunteers.

I would hope that the community supports this memorable occasion with their presence and that every seat in the grandstand will be occupied.

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The Mission Queensland Firebirds Kids Camp, held from Friday, January 18 to Sunday, January 20, was the second sold-out camp in consecutive months and the first public appearance for five 2013 Mission Queensland Firebirds recruits.

Highlights included a 'Design a Wedding Dress' competition judged by recently married captain - Allora's own Laura Geitz, a surprise birthday present for Mission Queensland Firebirds vice-captain Natalie Medhurst, the dominance of the Demelza McCloud-coached Pink Panthers during match play, and the 'How Well Do You Know Your Teammates' game which ended with Australian Diamonds and Mission Queensland Firebirds mid-courter Chelsea Pitman taking top honours.

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Allora Swimming Club Notes

Hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas/holiday break, swimming club will resume Monday the 28th of January. The Rackley memorial swim will be held on the 4th of February with nominations due on the 28/1. All members who can swim 50m freestyle are eligible to nominate for this handicapped event. The Allora Swim team has been busy over the holiday break Cody and Brendan Hoffman competed at the Concordia Summer meet on the 12/1, Brendan 7 1st's and 3 2nd's and age champion, Cody winning all of his 50m events and age champion. The DDRSA country championships were held at a very hot and sweltering Goondiwindi Pool on the weekend. The Allora swim team was represented by Anthony Bannister, James, Toby and Will Gilmore, Molly Harm, Cassie and Lochie Henry, Brendan and Cody Hoffman, Lucy and Sarah Mantova.

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Allora Social Bowls Club Notes

Social bowls night was held 22nd January 2013. The annual membership for the combined bowls club and sports club is now due.

The Railway Hotel team was short of players for the last bowls match of the year. 'Ring-ins' were Paulie Parker and daughter Jade. Paul had never played before and was coached on basic rules of the game. He learned the hard way to check the bias before sending the bowl down the green. Both played some terrific shots when they concentrated on aiming for the jack.

Not even going to mention the game between the 'Honda Hawks' and the 'Old Boys'. They were playing for 'sheep stations' again so intense was the concentration. The tape measure was out on several occasions.

'Liquid Lifestyle' got into the spirit of Christmas by wearing 'Santa' hats. Bec and Melissa wore theirs all night but Peter's rather long hat cramped his style on the green. Prize for the best 'Santa' hat goes to Warren who wandered around the rinks bothering the players with his musical hat. Warren's wife had dared him to wear the hat but Warren likes to raise a laugh.

To add to the Christmas spirit, Games Director Greg Patterson had organized extra prizes in the raffle. There were some who were in for a treat. Great to see Donna Evans winning a couple of prizes along with Lynn Collie who had a opportunity to win the Jack Pot of \$120.00. Alas no luck this time. We all thought that damn Slippery had won two raffles but no it was Nicko and Nick. Slippery did win a 'Santa chocolate' though. Greg was generous tonight with an extra 'Santa chocolates' as well as Evan's Drilling six 'touch' chocolate prizes.

Greg thanked the sponsors ,Railway Hotel, Swimming Pool, True Value and Wilson & Rigby, FoodWorks and Evan's Drilling. He also thanked the members who helped out during the season - Michael Wright and Lynn Collie got a special mention.

Rink 4 was the lucky rink. Winning losers were the boys from "True Value" and Winning winners were 'Liquid Lifestyle' both playing on rink 4.

Greg was also pleased to announce that his team the 'Honda Hawks' were leading the competition despite losing their last game. Their spectacular win the previous week clinched the title.

The members gave Greg a round of applause in appreciation of the great job that he does in organizing the night social bowls.

1st placegetters: Anthony, James, Brendan. 2nd placegetters: James, Lucy, Will. 3rd: James, Toby, Will, Sarah. Age Champions Brendan Hoffman. All swimmers have been training diligently and there might efforts were rewarded with personal best times also. Upcoming carnivals Gatton 26/2 nominations closed , Miles 2/2 nominations due 28/1 and Stanthorpe 3/2 nominations due 25/1.