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President of the Allora Regional Sports Museum committee Perry Cronin with Courier Mail journalist and former leading rugby league referee Bernie Pramberg at the Allora Sports Museum which will be officially opened on Saturday.

## Allora Sports Museum Opens

The dream was born in 1997 when Allora's Perry Cronin came up with a concept to recognize significant sporting achievers of the Allora district. That concept was the "Allora Sporting Hall of Fame", and since that time eighteen sporting achievers from the Allora region have been included in the Hall of Fame, in recognition of their achievements.

The idea of a local sporting museum came into being soon after, and as the venture gathered momentum fundraising functions including Hall of Fame inductions were a source of revenue to finance what in the early days was still more of a dream than a reality. A major step forward for the group who had evolved into the Allora Sports Museum committee was a commitment by the former Warwick Shire Council of an allotment of land in Allora at the corner of Herbert & Drayton Streets as a site for a future Museum to be built. A sign was erected on the site featuring a key supporter in rugby league International Shane Webcke, and a progressively upgraded gauge indicating the committee's level of funds as they worked towards their goal of a local Sports Museum. Costs to construct a building on the allotment were constantly on the rise over time, despite the best fundraising efforts of Perry Cronin and his committee. The goal of a Museum being located on the 76 Herbert Street site was fading given costs and building requirements, and for a time the proposal stalled, a frustrating period for Perry. The many magnificent tributes to the Hall of Fame inductees were being stored and displayed for a time in the rear area of Lyn-d-Jo Boutique, the Herbert Street business owned and operated by Perry's wife Lyn and mother Joan Cronin.

A mounting collection of sporting memorabilia was also growing in a container housed in the Cronin's back yard, until an opportunity arose in 2010 to lease a section of what was the former Allora Shire Council administration building. But for the

odd meeting and Southern Downs Regional Council storage the rooms available were unused.

The Allora Regional Sports Museum committee leased & renovated the rooms, with the result being the Allora Regional Sports Museum to be officially opened on Saturday at 1.00 pm.

In February 2002 at the Sports Museum committee's Annual General Meeting, aside from the reinstalment of the foundation executive of Perry Cronin, Secretary Glyn Rees & Treasurer Terry Doyle, the committee adopted a five year plan 'to establish a Museum in Allora dedicated to sporting men & women of International, National, State & Regional levels'. It's taken six years additional to that five year

goal, but all good things come to those who wait.

On Monday, well known Courier Mail journalist & author Bernie Pramberg visited the soon to be opened Museum which will be the subject of an article in the Brisbane based tabloid on Saturday, the Museum's opening day. Mr. Pramberg himself is

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a sporting achiever, a rugby league referee who controlled the 1973, 1974 & 1976 Brisbane Rugby League Grand Finals and the interstate clashes between Queensland and New South Wales in 1973 & 1974. Based in Brisbane, Bernie has been writing about sport for Australian metropolitan newspapers for more than 30 years. His lengthy career with Brisbane's Courier-Mail saw him covering a wide variety of sports, including Olympic and Commonwealth Games, golf's major championships and rugby tours of Europe. He is also an award-winning thoroughbred horse racing writer. He rates Tiger Woods record-breaking victory at the 100th US Golf Open at Pebble Beach in 2000 as a career highlight.

According to Bernie, "The Allora Museum is a terrific concept, the quality of exhibits and manner in which they are displayed is top notch".

Allora's own champion netballer Laura Geitz has kindly agreed to be the face of the Allora Sports Museum, and a banner featuring Laura will be unveiled as part of the official opening celebrations. Former International rugby league player Shane Webcke will also be in attendance among a lengthy guest list bristling with sporting achievers.

The initial Allora Sporting Hall of Fame inductees were local rugby league legends Max & Brian Phelan, an event that saw over 260 guests pack into the Allora Community Hall on November 21st, 1997. Since that glittering first night of local sporting recognition we have seen the addition of Murray Robin (Boxing), Percy Gartner (Rifle Shooting), Ken Telford (Polo), Thelma Holmes (Lawn Bowls), Carmen Batterham (Equestrian), Greg Platz (Rugby League), John Cowley (Rugby League), Rohan Hancock (Rugby League), Les Lane (Rugby League), the Gilmore brothers Stuart, Jim, Gary, Andy & Derrick (Polo), Shane Webcke (Rugby League) & Cameron Hamblin (Rugby League).

While the dream may have appeared a touch blurry at times over the past 16 years, Perry Cronin, has never lost sight of his goal. It has been a long haul with countless hours given by Perry, wife Lyn and their family to finally breast the tape on Saturday when the ribbon is cut to open Allora's latest attraction. Many on the committee have also contributed, especially former Warwick Shire Councillor Sue Cowley in the Museum concepts early days. Perry and his Museum Committee are so very grateful to the Allora & wider community who gave so generously to the Museum cause over the years, both financially and by donations of display items, the community will no doubt be more than impressed with the result.

After the opening on Saturday, a function to celebrate the occasion will be held at the Commercial Hotel open to the Allora & district community.

Glyn Rees

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## Applications for community grants close this Friday

Round 2 of Council's General Grants program closes for applications this Friday, 15 February 2013.

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

Eligible community organisations are encouraged to apply for assistance for proposed activities or projects in Round 2.

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

"Through this grants program, Council is able to acknowledge the tremendous value of strong community groups, community initiatives, activities and projects to the social and economic well-being of our region," Cr Blundell said.

The General Grants Program offers assistance under the following categories:

- Monetary Donation - Sponsorship ... up to \$150
- Monetary Donation - Capital Project ... up to \$500
- Fee Relief - Certain Council Statutory Fees ... up to \$1000
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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, including eligibility and conditions, is also available at [www.southerndowns.qld.gov.au](http://www.southerndowns.qld.gov.au). Go to 'About Council' and click on 'Grants and Funding'.

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.

Faxed, emailed or incomplete applications will not be accepted, and applications submitted or postmarked after the closing date may not be considered.

For further information regarding the General Grants Program, contact Gwen Jones, Community Development Officer, on telephone 4681 5522.

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## Allora Show Another Success

Allora Show Society President Shirley Cornhill couldn't be happier with the 135th Allora Show hosted in the Best Little Town on the Downs on Friday and Saturday, the weather ideal and the Show considered "another great success" according to Mrs. Cornhill. Secretary Mrs. Wendy Ardrey also considered the event "a great weekend with big crowds on Friday & Saturday nights". "The new ride at this years Show, 'Stars', was a big hit with young & older, retiring ground steward of 34 years Kookie Tickle also stepping up to experience the all the thrills the ride had to offer" said an amused Mrs. Ardrey.

The Governor of Queensland, Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AC, who officially opened the Show and dedicated the restored Allora Showgrounds grandstand, was made very welcome & spoke highly of the people involved with the Allora Show Society & the agricultural sector on the whole. Numbers were up in the Prime Beef section at this year's Show, and equestrian events provided a great spectacle with the many entries that enjoyed the ideal conditions in the Allora Show ring. The fireworks sponsored by the Southern Downs Regional Council were spectacular,

Allora locals Natalie Longley and Allan Miller watched the Allora Annual Show Bullride among all the comforts of home after winning the "Rodeo Royalty" raffle that saw them crowned and treated to complementary nibbles and drinks while seated in the prime seating of an elevated lounge chair.



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## ALLORA NEWS

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## BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17."

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17.

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**ABOVE:** Saturday 9th February, 2013 - The Governor of Queensland, Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AC unveiled a commemorative plaque while dedicating the restored Allora Showgrounds Grandstand (built circa 1906) with Warwick Credit Union CEO Lewis von Stieglitz & Allora Show Society President Mrs Shirley Cornhill.

**RIGHT:** Southern Downs Regional Council Mayor Peter Blundell and partner Sarah Reeves enjoying the Allora Show on Saturday.

ending in tremendous fashion with the lighting of 'HAPPY 135' to celebrate the Allora Annual Show's significant milestone.

2013 Miss Showgirl, Carla Frizzell, and Runner Up Jessica Bool were on hand across the Show performing many duties, wonderful ambassadors for the Show Society and the Allora community.

Mrs. Ardrey congratulated all who supported the Show in any way, and made special mention of the Young Judges section, "it's promising to see the number of Young Judges & Paraders entered at the show in the cattle, goats & sheep arenas, our agriculture will remain in good hands thanks to these young people".

The Allora Show Society are more than appreciative of the many sponsors who generously supported what was a wonderful community event.

Glyn Rees

### Show Results 2013 -

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3rd - Sue Huston ALLORA

### ANGORA GOATS

1. Doe Under 1yr (Schools only) - 1st Warwick SHS, 2nd Oakey SHS, 3rd Oakey SHS

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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...

## WARWICK BUTTER FACTORY – PROPOSED ERECTION OF FACTORY AT ALLORA

150 farmers and dairymen from the Allora district attended the meeting at O'Callaghan's Hall to discuss the proposal to erect a factory at Allora. At this meeting it was mooted that if 1500 shares could be raised, a new building would be built in Warwick and the old one removed to Allora. Although at this

stage Clifton was in the running for getting the butter factory. The scheme put forward was for taking 20 supplier shares a man would be asked to pay 25 shillings per month. Within a very short time 1000 shares had been signed for or promised. Among the many names there are some whose families still reside in the district or were long time residents – Phelan, Ryan, Imhoff, Tickle, Masters, Deacon, Holmes, Hoey, Giliam, Shannon, Gordon, Neale, Geaney, Smith, Heuston, Bradfield, Harrison, Abernethy, Donovan, Reid, Bradfield, Hill, Nolan, Dougall, Nussey, Boadle, Rooney, Geck, Mahony, O'Leary, Collins, Bell, Tod, Moulday, Nolan, Maher, Gallagher and Washbourne.

The dairy industry continued to grow. In May 1905 there was an increase of 1000 gallons over the previous month. 810 cans were despatched to Warwick and 359 cans to Toowoomba.

A 3 acre allotment of land sold on account of Archbishop Dunne was purchased by the Warwick Butter and Dairying Company. The land adjoined the railway station and stationmaster's residence. Messrs Donovan and O'Leary handled the sale.

At this time the Silverwood Dairy Factory Co., Ltd., Toowoomba was paying 4 1/2d. per lb for cream testing 40%. Advertisements appeared advising contractors that tenders were invited for the erection of a Butter Factory at Allora and the Silverwood Factory announced that they were opening a Depot in Allora for receiving and testing of cream. Mr. Dwyer, their representative would be the Manager and would operate from premises secured from Mr. F.W. Clarke, adjacent to the railway station.

TENDERS ACCEPTED FOR THE ALLORA FACTORY- WORK TO BE COMMENCED SHORTLY was the headline on 3rd



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### Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago  
February 1988

#### Command Performance

An Allora bush band performed a royal command performance for Prince Charles, at Kerry Packer's property "Elliston", near Scone in New South Wales. The Prince was in Australia on a polo playing holiday and the band was invited to entertain him on the recommendation of the polo manager at "Elliston". The band members are John Denny on guitar and vocals, Bob Denny on tea chest bass and drums, Ted Cowley on largerphone and vocals, Marion Denny on harmony vocals, Michael Maw on bass guitar, and Lesley Telford on keyboards. The band's repertoire is Australian with a blend of bush, country and rock.

Allora's Past 50 years ago  
February 1963

#### Result of Weight Guessing Competition

The correct weight of the Show bullock was 958 lbs. The winner of 1st Prize was Mrs. Joyce Gibson, M/S 74, Clifton; 958 1/2 lbs.

A draw was necessary to decide 2nd and 3rd prizes and results are as follows:

2nd Prize Mr. Roy Smith, Allora; 957 lbs.  
3rd Prize Mr. Darcy McDonnell, Allora; 959 lbs.

Allora's Past 75 years ago  
February 1938

#### Bank Jubilee at Allora

The Allora branch of the Queensland National Bank Ltd. celebrates today, the 50th anniversary of its opening. In 1888 Allora was a young district, and the

holdings were comparatively large. Since then they have been subdivided, and where once wool was the chief product, wheat and dairy products now hold pride of place.

The Allora branch of the bank was opened in Herbert Street in premises now occupied by Mrs. E. H. Gifford, then the property of the late Mr. Ludgate. At this time Drayton Street was the main business section of the town, and a site in that street was purchased from the late Mr. William Deacon in 1889. Since then Herbert Street has become the main business centre, chiefly because of re-building after fires.

At the time of the opening of the branch, Mr. Francis J. Flynn, sub-inspector of branches, was in charge until the appointment of Mr. P. Donovan as manager.

(The Courier Mail, 17th February 1938)

Allora's Past 100 years ago  
February 1913

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Collin Newport



Queensland National Bank, Drayton Street, Allora, circa 1905.

February 1906. The tender of Messrs Waugh and Josephson, 1273 pounds was accepted for the erection of the plant, and that of F. Mulier, Toowoomba, 1275 pounds for the construction of the factory building.

Within four months the Allora-Operative Butter Factory commenced preliminary operations. This was in a completely new building. The earlier plan to re-construct the old Warwick Butter Factory building had been scrapped.

The building with newly painted walls and white roof had a general air of cleanliness was described as forming a pleasant addition to the landscape. It was situated with easy reach of the railway station and had its own siding.

The boiler room measured 10 x 14 foot and contained a 20 h.p. multi-tubular boiler, fitted with pump and injector for water supply. The engine room of the same dimensions was fitted with a 12 h.p. vertical engine and a 6 ton Waugh and Josephson's refrigerator.

The Allora Guardian printed a three column story on the "Thoroughly Up To-Date Factory". A comprehensive description of every aspect of the building and operation was printed on 25th August, 1906. In October of that year there were 350 suppliers. 24,350lbs of butter was manufactured.



Butter Factory Allora

The Allora Butter Factory was replaced by a brick factory.

## BI-FUN-A-THON

Saturday, 2nd March 2013

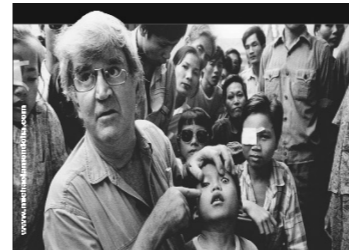
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2. Doe Under 1yr (Open) - 1st Warwick SHS, 2nd Oakey SHS, 3rd Graham Dau
3. Doe 1 to 2yrs (Schools only) - 1st Oakey SHS, 2nd Warwick SHS, 3rd Warwick SHS
4. Doe 1 to 2yrs (Open) - 1st Graham Dau, 2nd Rosmar Carona, 3rd Graham Dau
5. Doe 2 to 3yrs (Schools Only) - 1st Oakey SHS, 2nd Warwick SHS, 3rd Warwick SHS
6. Doe 2 to 3yrs (Open) - 1st Rosemar Sienna, 2nd Oakey SHS, 3rd Warwick SHS
7. Doe over 3 yrs - 1st Graham Dau, 2nd Graham Dau, 3rd Oakey SHS
8. Champion Doe - Dauson Ebony, Res.Champion - Rosmar Carona
9. Buck under 1yr(Schools only) - 1st Oakey SHS, 2nd Warwick SHS
10. Buck under 1yr (Open) - 1st Graham Dau, 2nd Oakey SHS, 3rd Warwick SHS
11. Buck 1 to 2yrs (Schools only)



**ABOVE:** John & Bev Briffa treat Karen McKechnie to a tasting of their "The Little Red Vineyard" range of wines in the pavilion on Saturday at the 135th Allora Show.

**LEFT:** Allora's Ann Morton with four year old daughter Mischa take a look through sideshow alley on Saturday at the 135th Allora Annual Show.



- 1st Oakey SHS
12. Buck 1 to 2yrs (Open) - 1st Graham Dau, 2nd Graham Dau, 3rd Oakey SHS
13. Buck 2 to 3yrs (Schools only) - 1st Warwick SHS
14. Buck 2 to 3yrs (Open) - 1st Graham Dau, 2nd Warwick SHS
15. Buck over 3yrs - 1st Graham Dau, 2nd Graham Dau
16. Champion Buck - Dauson 377, Res. Champion - Dauson 354
17. Breeders Group (Schools only) - Warwick SHS
18. Breeders Group (Open) - 1st Graham Dau, 2nd Warwick SHS

19. Sire's Progeny Group(Schools) - 1st Oakey SHS
  20. Sire's Progeny Group (Open) - 1st Graham Dau, 2nd Oakey SHS
  21. Grand Champion Angora - Dauson Ebony (Graham Dau)
  22. Most Successful Exhibitor - Graham Dau
  23. Champion of Schools - Oakey SHS
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Reserve Champion Bantam Hard Feather - Malay Game Pullet - A & J Galloway  
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Reserve Champion Waterfowl - Khaki Campbell Duck - Julie Nielson  
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Reserve Champion - Racing Homer - Al Hoey  
Champion Budgie - Blue Male - Adam Jannusch  
Champion Parrot - Red Rump Female - Adam Jannusch  
...more results will be printed in next week's issue.

**Allora's National Australia Bank Celebrates 125 Years of Local Banking**

Allora's branch of the National Australia Bank celebrates its 125th birthday on February 16th 2013. Local staff members Sue Stevens, Angie Maguire, Karenne Mullins and Manager Kellie Robson are celebrating the special occasion, the anniversary of the establishment of the Queensland National Bank with a birthday cake and morning tea with past & present staff members & long standing customers tomorrow morning from 10.30 am. There will be a memorabilia display along with historical displays and items arranged by Colin Newport of the Allora Historical Society. The Queensland National Bank started operations in Allora in February 1888 with Patrick Donovan as the first bank Manager.

F.D.G. Stanley designed a new bank and the foundation block was laid in 1890. The building was completed in 1891 at a cost of £1700. The building contractors were J. Hack and Co. from Brisbane. The foreman on the job was Joseph Sharpe who, on completion of the bank, moved to Allora and set up a business with William Leggatt as Sharpe & Leggatt. The National Bank of Australia moved to the new premises at 49 Herbert Street in 1964.

In the late 1950's and early 1960's the annual Allora Shire Council children's Christmas party was held on the current bank site, then a vacant allotment.

The Queensland National Bank was taken over by the National Bank of Australasia in 1948 and traded at 23 Drayton Street until new premises were built at 49 Herbert Street. The National Bank of Australia merged with the Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney in 1981 to form what is now known as the National Australia Bank. In February 1988 the bank celebrated its centenary of operations in Allora, with special guests Pat Donovan and Marie Coe, grandchildren of the first manager, Patrick Donovan, and Colin Black, the longest standing account holder.

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**Young People urged to apply for a Queensland Youth Parliament seat**

Communities Minister Tracy Davis said the youth parliament was a great opportunity for young people to take part in the democratic process.

"The YMCA Youth Parliament is a wonderful program that gives young people valuable skills and experience to help prepare them to become future community leaders," Ms Davis said.

"The practical program develops debating, negotiating and leadership skills and participants then put these skills to the test at Parliament House in Brisbane in September.

"Youth Members get an insider's look at what it's like to be a parliamentarian, learning about parliamentary rules, writing bills and debating them in the parliamentary chamber."

State Government provides \$56,000 annually to assist the YMCA deliver the six month program and ensure that young people needing assistance to take part are able to do so.

The YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament is made up of representatives from the 89 state electorates with an additional four positions for Indigenous electorates.

The program is now in its 18th year. Applications close 22 February, with more information available online at [www.ymcaqyp.org](http://www.ymcaqyp.org).

# Events Calendar

2013

- February -**  
**Sat 16 Allora RSL Country Markets**  
 RSL Hall, 8.00am start
- March -**  
**Sat 2 Bi-Funathon (RSL fundraiser) - Walk/Run/Swim**  
 For all ages. Registrations to Gina 0423 772 383
- Sat 2 Concert - "Happy Wanderers"**  
 Allora Senior Citizens, 1.00pm
- Sun 24 Allora RSL Bike Fun Run**  
 Enquiries to Beattie 4666 3318
- 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
- May -**  
**Fri 31 St Pat's P&F Annual Rattle of the Brains Trivia**  
 Allora Community Hall
- 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.

## Headstart Excursion

On Friday 1st February, the toddler group headed off on a walk to the local Allora FoodWorks.

The class had previously been learning about foods that help us grow and are good for our bodies.

We toured the shop, looking for healthy food options for our morning tea back at Headstart. The children chose a variety of fruits to buy. When we arrived back at Headstart we enjoyed a yummy fruit salad for morning tea.

## SDRC Farm Flood Survey Interim Results – direct cost is \$180,000 per farm

Following participation in a number of flood disaster meetings and site visits through flood affected areas, the Southern Downs Regional Council's (SDRC) Economic Development Unit has been running a Flood Survey on affected farms and businesses within the flood affected areas.

Economic Development Officer, Nick Edols said the purpose of this survey is to collect data which will be aggregated to enhance the case for a large section of the Southern Downs Regional Council area to be characterised as Category C for disaster funding purposes. Category C will enable farmers and small businesses to apply for grants which are not available under our current designation of Category B.

Mr Edols said that "based on the responses so far to the SDRC Flood Survey the average loss for flood affected farms is \$180,000 per farm as a direct/immediate loss. Additionally the interim results indicate that there is average loss of over \$200,000 per farm for ongoing impacts on production spread

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**Headstart visit FoodWorks** - Danni Howard (Parent), Alekya Falconer, Dakota Chambers, AlexZander Pardella-Collie, Jesseka Morris (Educator), Jodie Bergemann.

over the next five years due to reduced productive capacity." Mr Edols pointed out that the average per farm loss figures will vary as we move towards a larger representative sample with more responses coming in. However the interim figures are based on a sample size large enough to give a clear indication of the magnitude of the cost to primary producers across the flood affected areas. The average loss figures per farm will be updated as we get more responses. Preliminary estimates by local expert opinion are that approximately 350 farms have been badly affected in the Southern Downs. When these average losses are multiplied over the number of farms affected it points to a very large negative impact on the local economy.

The losses incurred by key local business, including some key tourism operators, is significant. Some tourism operators have been badly hit particularly in relation to infrastructure. The Economic Development Unit has been working with other agencies in engaging with farms and businesses. Justin Heaven from the Department Of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning, estimates that Warwick based businesses alone have suffered combined losses over \$1million

## 'Weekend Warriors' help with flood cleanup

Memories from the 2010/2011 floods resurfaced when a team of 'weekend warriors' donned their cleanup gear and got together last weekend to assist with the post flood cleanups.

As the cleanup process continues around the region, community volunteers assisted householders in East Warwick cleaning grass and debris from their paddock fences.

The work was quite extensive and essential as fences can become permanently damaged if the debris is not cleared. The householders were very appreciative of the assistance provided.

Volunteers are still need to help with various flood cleanup jobs as they come up. If you would like to assist or require further information, please call Bette Bonney, Volunteer Coordinator on 0459 098 612.



**RIGHT:** Community volunteers during the cleanup last weekend.

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dollars and businesses in smaller towns such as Killarney are also badly affected. Feedback and information on business flood losses, including tourism operators, is being collected by word of mouth or email to the contacts listed below.

Local primary producer and member of local flood advisory committee, Bill Bowen says, "I urge farmers in the Southern Downs to access and respond to the Farmer Flood Survey Form. The aggregated results are forming a significant part of our ability to highlight the extent of the damage across our region to key decision makers in the Queensland and Commonwealth Governments."

If you would like a Farm Flood Survey form (or to provide direct advice on damage to local businesses) please contact either of the following or download from Council's website @ [www.southerndowns.qld.gov.au](http://www.southerndowns.qld.gov.au). Hard copies will also be available from the Customer Service Counter at Council's Warwick Office.

Nick Edols, Economic Development Unit SDRC - 07 4661 7332, 0427 020 167, [nick.edols@southerndowns.qld.gov.au](mailto:nick.edols@southerndowns.qld.gov.au)  
 Justin Heaven, Department Of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning - 07 4661 6613, 0407 582 367, [justin.heaven@dspd.qld.gov.au](mailto:justin.heaven@dspd.qld.gov.au)  
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## Annual Clifton Fly-In

The Darling Downs Sport Aircraft Association Inc. and the Lone Eagle Flying School, non-profit organisations run by volunteers, are holding its Annual Fly-In at the Clifton airfield on 10th March 2013, from 8.00am to 2.00pm.

The Fly-In will feature many aspects of aviation including recreational, vintage, homebuilt and factory built aircraft. Fly, drive, come early, bring yourself, your family and friends for an enjoyable outing and ask about the club's annual youth flying training scholarship for 2013.

The Fly-In is open to the public, no admission fees. There will be BBQ lunch, tea, coffee and cold drinks available.

The airfield is situated 6km west of Clifton alongside the Clifton-Leyburn Road.

For more Information contact: Trevor Bange 0429 378 370, [www.loneeagleflyingschool.org.au](http://www.loneeagleflyingschool.org.au) or email [trevorbange@bigpond.com](mailto:trevorbange@bigpond.com)

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### Council meets with farmers to discuss funding levels

Southern Downs Regional Council Mayor, Cr Peter Blundell and Nick Edols, Economic Development Officer took time last week to meet with farmers in the Glengallan Valley to hear their concerns regarding the allocation of flood funding assistance levels. More than 40 farmers attended the meeting at Glengallan Homestead for the purpose of improving their chance of getting better assistance for farmers affected by the flooding.

Mr Richard Routley, Regional Director of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry (DAFF) and Mr Ross Ballin also from DAFF, attended at short notice at the initiative of Council's Economic Development Unit who worked with producers to organise the meeting and a field trip to view the flood damage firsthand.

Mr Routley advised the group that to achieve Category C assistance, 33% of producers within a designated area would need to be affected with a 20% loss of total gross value of annual production. They would also need to prove that their production is at risk of disruption beyond the current season.

Mr Routley advised that DAFF can assist with assessments but that the best thing producers could do was to gather as much supporting evidence as possible for their claim, including costs to repair and re-establish equipment and properties together with photos of the damage caused. Council's EDU has prepared a flood survey form to assist producers with these requirements which would be distributed to all attendees at the meeting. Following the meeting, some of the farmers escorted the Mayor, Mr Edols, Mr Routley and Mr Ballin on a tour of some of the most flood affected properties in the Valley area.

"The damage to these properties is immense," stated the Mayor.

"In some cases, no matter which way you look, there is devastation as far as the eye can see," he added.

"Council's EDU team is available to assist the farmers with putting together the information for DAFF to submit a case to the Commonwealth Government to upgrade the assistance to Category C," said the Mayor.

"The EDU also provides support for existing businesses and primary producers to access programs and services aimed at disaster recovery and to build resilience."

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"This will hopefully go some way to helping these farmers on the road to recovery."

For information or assistance please contact Mr Nick Edols or Ms Diane Anstee, SDRC Economic Development Officers on 4661 0300 or nick.edols@southerndowns.qld.gov.au and diane.anstee@southerndowns.qld.gov.au. There are also other avenues of assistance which may be available. The Australia Bankers' Association (ABA) announced on 30 January that banks are offering a range of emergency relief packages to assist people affected by the severe weather in Queensland and New South Wales. Individual banks have announced assistance packages to help families, business people, farmers and individuals in the communities affected by flooding and storms.

The best way to contact your bank is to speak to your relationship manager or call the bank's dedicated emergency relief or financial hardship support number. These numbers can be found on the ABA website www.bankers.asn.au or at www.doingittough.info along with additional information to assist people that might be experiencing financial difficulty. You can also speak to a free, independent financial counsellor by calling 1800 007 007.

### Governor of Queensland visits flood affected Southern Downs

On Sunday, 3 February, the Governor of Queensland, Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AC, took time out of her very busy schedule to view first hand some of the flood affected areas around Warwick. Accompanied by Southern Downs Regional Council Mayor, Cr Peter Blundell and Cr Neil Meiklejohn, the Governor and her husband, Mr Stuart McCosker, were given a brief tour of the catchments around the Hermitage, Yangan, Killarney and Murray's Bridge.

"We very much appreciated that Her Excellency, the Governor was able to take time to be briefed on the situation and to also take a tour of some of the flood affected areas," said the Mayor.

The Governor was able to see issues such as creek banks slumping, crop inundation and the level to which floodwaters entered businesses and residences.

"One bright note on the day was to view the playing surface at the Warwick Hockey fields which survived remarkably well despite being inundated again following the devastation of the 2010/2011 floods."

The visit commenced with a half hour briefing at Council's offices which included a display of graphic images of damage to roads and details of the flood levels, followed by the one and a half hour tour.

"The tour provided the Governor with the opportunity to understand first-hand the conditions as they were during the flood and as they are now post-flood waters receding," said the Mayor.

"We thank her for her interest and support during this difficult time."

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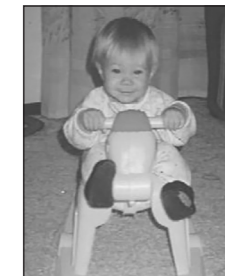
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19th February 2013

Love and best wishes, from Dad, Mum,  
Chis & Kylie, Codie, Matilda & Blake,  
Carly & Tom, Jeffrey & Jessica and Rachel,  
Grandparents, Uncles & Aunts and cousins.



Also, Bill, Dolly, Louis, Sacha, Lilly, Misty and Pete.

And a special congratulations on completing your apprenticeship.

"Appreciate what you have, before it becomes what you had".

**THINGS THAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY - 14th February**

- 1014 - Pope Benedict VIII crowns Henry II, Roman German emperor.
- 1076 - Pope Gregory VII excommunicates Henry IV.
- 1556 - Archbishop Thomas Cranmer declared a heretic.
- 1670 - Roman Catholic emperor Leopold I chases Jews out of Vienna.
- 1689 - English parliament places Mary Stuart/Prince Willem III on the throne.
- 1711 - Handel's opera *Rinaldo*, premieres.
- 1743 - Henry Pelham becomes British Prime Minister.
- 1794 - 1st US textile machinery patent granted, to James Davenport, Phila.
- 1803 - Apple parer patented by Moses Coats, Downington, Penn.
- 1849 - In New York City, James Knox Polk becomes first serving US President to have his photograph taken ( by Matthew Brady).
- 1855 - Texas is linked by telegraph to the rest of the United States, with the completion of a connection between New Orleans and Marshall, Texas.
- 1859 - Oregon admitted as 33rd US state
- 1862 - Galena, 1st US iron-clad warship for service at sea, launched, Conn.
- 1876 - A G Bell & Elisha Gray apply separately for telephone patents Supreme Court eventually rules Bell rightful inventor.
- 1890 - 1st NSW v South Australia 1st-class cricket game.
- 1900 - Date of the events which occurred in movie "*Picnic at Hanging Rock*".
- 1907 - 1st US fox hound association forms in NYC.
- 1912 - Arizona was admitted to the Union as the 48th state.
- 1919 - United Parcel Service forms
- 1919 - The Polish-Soviet War begins.
- 1924 - IBM Corporation founded by Thomas Watson
- 1929 - St Valentine's Day Massacre
- 1931 - Bradman scores 152 Aust v West Indies, 154 minutes, 13 fours 2 fives.
- 1932 - South Africa all out for 36 in 1st innings v Aust (Ironmonger 5-6).
- 1936 - US female Figure Skating championship won by Maribel Vinson.
- 1936 - US male Figure Skating championship won by Robin Lee.
- 1940 - British merchant vessel fleet is armed.
- 1942 - Rotterdam's Maas tunnel opens.
- 1945 - World War II: Prague is bombed probably due to a mistake in the orientation of the pilots bombing Dresden.
- 1949 - 1st session of Knesset (Jerusalem Israel).
- 1950 - Moroney scores cricket twin centuries for Australia at Johannesburg.
- 1950 - USSR & China sign peace treaty.



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## Allora Swimming Club News

Congratulations to George Nott! WINNER of the Rackley Memorial Handicap swim.

Last night saw a keenly contested series of heats involving all of the swimming club members that could swim 50m freestyle. The final came down to six amazing swimmers, Will Gilmore, George Nott, Molly Harm, Lachlan Henry, Brendon Hoffman and Nick Gardner with George Nott holding on for the win. The night was celebrated with the presentation of the inaugural shield to George Nott by the club Patron and life member Marg Rackley followed by a free sausage sizzle. Thank you to members, past members and life members for assisting Marg with timekeeping, recording and judging. Over the weekend Brendon Hoffman and Anthony Bannister competed in the 2013 Queensland Sprint Championships achieving personal best times. Well done! Don't forget that club championship nominations and fees need to be returned to the club by Monday 18/2.



**Allora Show** - Joanna & Melanie O'Dea admire the prize winning pot plants in the Allora Show Pavilion on Saturday.  
See Allora Show story on page 4



## ALLORA BOWLS CLUB NOTES

It was such a nice night, clear starry skies and fresh clean air. The Allora Bowls Club members were out there having fun on the green. All the nominated teams at least had one representative but poor Greg had been pulling his hair out from 4pm trying to make up teams of three to play in the competition. Visitors Gary and Beth Crothers from Warwick were very quickly grabbed to fill in for missing players. The GCs got split up and may never be reformed. Warren (GOD) and Gary were part of the winning True Value team coming in with a score card 24-6! Providor Noel was also filling in for the Honda Hawks who came out winners despite

the handicap. The slow, heavy green proved testing and many a swear word could be heard across the rinks. Greg got carried away when recording the 'touches' and end up with seven winners. There were three on rink one with Greg being one of them. Some people have all the luck and Warren went home with two raffle prizes and the 'Old Dogs' once again being drawn out of the hat as winners of the winners.

The rule of the club is that if you play three social games you are an official member. If a team is nominated to play for the social bowls season all members of that team are obliged to pay their membership fees. Fairs fair, the club is providing the facility for you to enjoy having a game and socializing with your mates. Although very hard working volunteers do most of the work, the cost of maintaining the greens has to be met.