

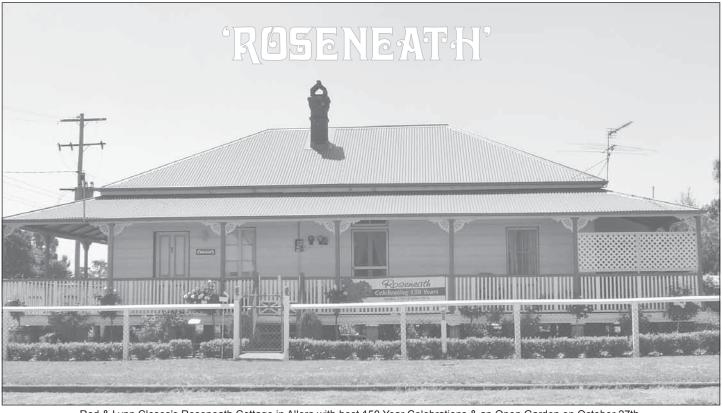
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THURSDAY, 10th OCTOBER 2013



Rod & Lynn Closes's Roseneath Cottage in Allora with host 150 Year Celebrations & an Open Garden on October 27th.

Historic Roseneath Cottage – 150 Years

The large majority of the Southern Downs community, and many further afield, are well aware of the fact that Allora, 'the Best Little Town on the Downs', oozes history.

Another example of the history of the town can be enjoyed on Sunday, October 27th with 'Roseneath Cottage' celebrating its 150th anniversary and open garden from 10.00 am until 4.00

Roseneath Cottage, owned by Rod & Lynn Close, sits so picturesquely amongst it's magnificent gardens at 62 Warwick Street, Allora. The Close's, whose family relocated from Brisbane to Mt. Marshall in 1985, saw the potential to transform Roseneath and its abundant charm into Allora's first Bed & Breakfast, and purchased the historic building in 1999 from the estate of the late Josie Stav.

Roseneath and its old shed was a well loved property being

owned by the Stay family for 75 years. They had purchased the property from the estate of Christina Erhardt in 1924. Roseneath Cottage was raised off its bedding logs by Albert Stay, a prominent builder of the time in 1924 and a veranda was also added.

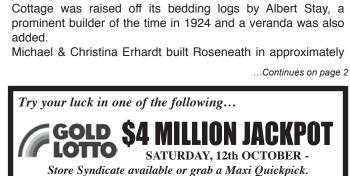
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Entry - Gold coin donation

Light refreshments

Old Shire Hall and Drayton Street Museums will be open on the day for people interested in family history. Society members will be available to help with information.

Proceeds to the Allora & District Historical Society

Continued from front page.

1862. Their son Joseph was born in the slab hut on Warwick Street property, the now restored hut a feature of the Roseneath surrounds.

Built of hoop pine with cedar fittings, Roseneath boasts an atmosphere of history, character and charm, amongst the magnificence of the surrounding gardens established by Rod &

The gardens feature 280 rose bushes, along with the remnants of the Cottage's former orchard, that boasts century old grape vines and an apricot tree that has seen the best part of the last

Rod & Lynn extend an invitation to everyone to attend the very historic occasion to celebrate the 150 years of Roseneath Cottage with them, and enjoy what will be an eye catching open garden.

Light refreshments will be available on the day, and live music from 12.00 midday.

Author Don Thomas will be launching his book on the history of the Anderson family on the day, the Anderson's prominent in the history of the Allora region.

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Entry is by way of a gold coin donation, with all proceeds going to support the Allora Historical Society.

The Allora Historical Society's 'Old Shire Hall' and Drayton Street museums will be open on the day for people interested in family history. Society members will be available to help with information.

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DON'T MISS THIS !!!! A steam train and a wedding on the same day - There will be a steam train into Clifton on 12th October bringing some special visitors to town - members of the Australian Heritage Railway Assocn., so make sure you grab the cameras and the kids and head down to the Clifton Railway Station around 11.30am to 1.30pm.

AND... Who doesn't love a bride? At 4pm we are expecting 2 special people to make an appearance at the station. It seems they are having a vintage type wedding, the station making a perfect location for the photographic effects they have in mind. Samantha Kemsley and Mitchell Farley (the Bride & Groom) have said they won't mind a bit if you wish to come to the station for a stickybeak.

Cynthia Conway, Railway Station Convenor.

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

Said the FBI agent to the bank teller after the bank was robbed for the third time by the same bandit, "Did you notice anything special about the man?"

"Yes, he seemed better dressed each time."



Council helps communities with emergency preparedness

A great many lessons were learned during the 2010/11 and 2013 floods and these are being passed on in the form of training for emergency response volunteers.

Southern Downs Regional Council Volunteer Co-ordinator Bette Bonney said Council supported the training sessions to help local communities feel confident to respond in an emergency.

"We all hope that the extreme weather events of the past few years won't happen again however we do need to have a sense of readiness if they do. Recent unseasonal flash storms (eg Pratten) and warnings raises further the need for skilled local spontaneous volunteers.

"There are enormous skills and talents within our Southern Downs communities and if we can gather these volunteers to provide some training we will certainly have a strong foundation on which to build our counter disaster strategies," she said.

SDRC Community Services Manager Ms Sheila Stebbings said she was pleased the training co-incided the State Government's "Get Ready" campaign which asks all QLD residents to prepare for the storm season, extreme weather and natural disasters.

"Council is committed to continued support of residents in the lead-up to and throughout the summer season," she said.

Mrs Bonney, who co-ordinated over 200 volunteers during the 2010/11 floods, said she had held training at Stanthorpe in early August and the feedback had been very positive.

"We discuss a number of topics including responsibilities of a volunteer, essential communication skills, working in a team, basic support skills, basic risk management and self care.

"We also look at duties during and after a disaster and the logistics of co-ordinating people and resources to best effect. Further training sessions are as follows:

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- 3. What is the biggest planet in our solar system?
- 4. Which of the following is not a noble gas: a) argon, b) krypton, c) helium, or d) hydrogen?
- 5. What is the name of the technology recently used to map the inside of Italy's Leaning Tower of Pisa for the first time?

Answers in Classifieds pages

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supper) RSVP Thursday Oct 17th.

WARWICK – CWA HALL: TUESDAY OCTOBER 29th: 9AM – 1.30PM (morning tea & lunch) RSVP Friday Oct 25th. THURSDAY OCTOBER 31st: 6PM – 9.00 PM (light tea & supper) RSVP Monday Oct 30th.

"We are looking at dates and venues for Killarney sessions as well and we will advise as soon as possible.

"We hope as many people as possible will take up the training. Working as a team is an essential part of emergency response and we are already seeing that with people getting to know each other at the training sessions," she said.

Anyone interested is invited to register by phoning Council on 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372).





REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND

SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE

2nd FUNDING ROUND FOR THE 2013/14 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) program, funded by both Arts Queensland and the Southern Downs Regional Council, focuses on the development of quality art and arts practice within this regional community.

Applications are now invited for financial assistance under the RADF program for the second round of funding for the 2013/14 financial year.

Application packages are available from the Southern Downs Regional Council Offices, Art Galleries and Libraries in Warwick and Stanthorpe or by telephoning Kristy Rohde on 1300 697 372. Information on the RADF program including the application package is available on Council's website www. southerndowns.qld.gov.au under Your Council – Grants and Funding.

Applications should be lodged by the closing date of 5pm Monday, 9 December 2013 with the RADF Liaison Officer, Southern Downs Regional Council RADF Committee, 64 Fitzroy Street, PO Box 26 Warwick 4370, or alternatively 61 Marsh Street, Stanthorpe 4380.

Please note Council's final decision on applications for this funding round will be at the General Meeting to be held at the end of February 2013. Projects for which grant funds are sought must not start before this date.

For further information regarding the above, please contact Kristy Rohde, RADF Liaison Officer on telephone 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372).

Andrew Roach
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LAUGH-A-LOT AT FEED-A-LOT

The general elections may be over but there's still one more to go! 'Feed-a-lot' is a three-act comedy about an impending election in a rural Queensland town and feedlots have become the central issue. The incumbent member, the Hon. Barry Bluster (played by Shane Mathies) is a third generation politician with little interest in feedlots but with a sense of entitlement. His son, Lyle, (Jacob Allport) shows little interest in politics but rather fancies the daughter of a rival candidate. This complication leads to a surprising twist. 'Feed-a-lot' has been developed and

produced by Clifton Creative Writers from a script by Dave Wellings. It will be performed in the F E Logan Hall at 3.30pm on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th of October as part of Clifton Country Week. Admission is just \$5 and there will be Lucky Door prizes on each day, donated – appropriately – by Clifton Butchery and Allora Butchery.



Jacob Allport and Shane Mathies rehearse a scene from the play 'Feedalot', to be performed at the FE Logan Hall, Clifton.

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Qld Championship Sheep Dog Trial

The Queensland Championship Sheep Dog Trial was held at Allora Showgrounds for the third successive year from Thursday 3 October till Sunday 6 October. Once again it was a huge success. This was in no small part due to the Allora Show Society who put in their usual great effort in running the canteen and looking after us for the four days of trialling and the Allora Business Community for their sponsorship.

Our Queensland Championship winner for 2013 was Greg Prince from Dubbo with Tippers Brigalow. Greg is a regular at the Championship and has won on many occasions.

Our Novice Trial was won by local identity John Crombie with Freeway Rastis. This has special significance as our Novice Trial is completely sponsored by the Allora Business Community. The Blue Cow also donates a perpetual trophy for this event and each year provides a lovely prize for our first placegetter that is keenly sort after. The Improver Trial was won by Rhonda O'Connell of Winton with her Kelpie Camara

Our competitors come from all parts of Queensland and interstate had nothing but praise for the friendly attitude that was shown to them by Allora residents and business.

QUEENSLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS - OPEN TRIAL (JUDGE MR MICHAEL CONDON NSW)

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1	Greg Prince	Tippers Brigalow	188	97	285		
2	Garry Barker	Old Mill Toss Up	185	98	283		
3	Greg Prince	Moriarty Debbie	184	97	281		
4	Snow Potter	Potter Rita	187	93	280		
5	Jim O'Connell	Camara Atom	184	95	279		
6	Jim O'Connell	Camara Cauli	185	85	270		



2013 Championship winner Greg Prince with ippers Brigalow

6	Geoff Gibson	Charlies Dusty	184	86	270
UNP	Jim O'Connell	Camara Ace	184	R	184
IMP	ROVER TRIAL -	JUDGE MR MICHAI	EL CO	NDON	NSW
1.	Rhonda O'Connell	Camara Gale	95	91	186
2.	Greg Prince	Delrio Whisky	94	89	183
3.	Snow Potter	Potter Rita	92	90	182
NOVICE TRIAL – JUDGE MR MICHAEL RIGBY QLD					
1.	John Crombie	Freeway Rastis	94	95	189
2.	Snow Potter	Potter Frosty	94	94	188
3.	Geoff Gibson	Blackbrook Bob II	94	93	187
ENCOURAGE TRIAL – JUDGE MR JACK DWAN QLD)
1.	Emma Rigby	Barcoo Ernie	91	85	176
2.	Rhonda Bradbery	Colykade Zecharia	90	85	175
3.	Cameron Towning	Ritchies Maddie	82	84	166

Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago October 1988

Academic High Achievers

Allora State School students from Year 7 to Year 10 recently took part in three national academic competitions. Twenty seven pupils were awarded certificates acknowledging their high achievements. Curriculum Master, Mr. John Cleeton, said that it was important that their efforts be recognised. Year 9 student, David Perrett, was the school's top student with a high distinction in the Royal Australian Chemical Institute National Chemistry Quiz, honours in the University of NSW-Esso Science competition and a distinction in the Australian Mathematics competition. Lennard Caldwell, Cameron Jensen and Leah Gilmore achieved distinctions in the Chemistry Quiz. Darren Pickering, Lennard Caldwell and Drew Ashton scored Honours in the Science competition while Karen McGrath, Mary-Rose O'Grady, Drew Ashton, Leah Gilmore and Asher Welstead earned distinctions in the Mathematics competition.

Allora's Past 50 years ago October

ALLORA SHIRE COUNCIL NOTICE OF POLL **LOAN – ALLORA WATER** SUPPLY

As the requisite number of electors in the Benefited Area of the Shire of Allora have demanded that a poll should be taken on the question whether the Allora Shire Council should borrow an amount of £30,092 for the construction of a Water Supply for the Town Of Allora, I hereby notify that a poll will be taken on the question on Saturday, 16th November, 1963.

> Lex Ellwood, Returning Officer. **VOTING IS COMPULSORY**

Allora's Past 75 years ago October 1938

Fancy Dress Ball

Prizes at the Allora State School fancy dress ball were awarded to Thea Abernethy and Gwen Hoev. Gordon McMillan and Nancy Reid, Rae Masters, Nancy Abernethy, G. Enright, Joy Duncan and Sue Cobcroft, Mavis Kaiser, Clair Edwards, Daphne Lancaster, Joan Rix, Jessie Barr, Jack McKendry, Dorothy Gwynne and John Gordon, Maureen Mason and Marie Dixon, Hazel Loyis, Jill Marshall, John Hinson, Lola Robin, Bobbie Gordon, and Victor Jong. Mr. Parker, of Warwick, was judge.

Allora's Past 100 years ago October 1913

New School Opened

A large crowd of parents, children, and friends attended a picnic to celebrate the completion of the new Spring Creek State School building on Friday, 17th October, 1913. The new school replaces the one that was destroyed by fire in February 1912. Since that time the school has occupied temporary accommodation in the Spring Creek School of Arts. The new building was officially opened the following day by Mr. J. D. Storey (Under Secretary of Education) accompanied by Messrs. Grayson M. L. A. and J. De Conlay, of Warwick. The official party was welcomed at the school by Mr. Jeffrey (Head Teacher).

Colin Newport



Improver Trial winner Rhonda O'connell (right) with her Kelpie Camara Gale.

Events Calendar

2013

October -

Sat 12 High Tea Fundraiser Allora Community Hall

Fri 18 St Patrick's Parish Allora Annual Fete Church and School Grounds commencing 5pm

Fri-Sat Clifton Country Week - Shows, Markets, Prizes!

All week events in Clifton

Sun 27 150 Years - Roseneath Cottage - Open Garden 62 Warwick Street, 10.00am-4.00pm

November -

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

Allora Swimming Club Melb. Cup Luncheon Railway Hotel Allora

Sat 16 Allora R.S.L. Christmas Markets Allora R.S.L. Hall

December -

Sun 1 Allora R.S.L. Christmas Cent Sale Allora R.S.L. Hall

Fri 6 Allora Blue Care Boutique Christmas Market Allora Blue Care Boutique, 8.00am - 12 noon

Allora Rotary Bush Christmas Street Party Fri 6 Herbert Street, Allora

2014

April -

Allora & District Historical Society Display & Demo Day - Historical Society Building, Cnr. Forde & Warwick Sts.

May -

Sat 3 Allora Scope Club Inc. Annual Afternoon Tea

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SOUTHERN DOWNS PROTECTION **GROUP - SCREENING** 'UNDERMINING AUSTRALIA' AND 'FRACTURED COUNTRY' AT AGM

Members and supporters who attend the Southern Down Protection Group's AGM, to be held from 7pm at the Criterion Hotel . Palmerin Street. Warwick on Thursday October 17. will be treated to a screening of two new Lock the Gate documentaries Undermining Australia and Fractured Country. The two documentaries capture in stark terms the personal heartache of Australians whose lives have been changed forever by coal and gas mining and the heroic actions everyday people are taking to defend the country they love.

Southern Downs Protection Group President, Dawn Heath, encouraged community members to attend to learn more about the impacts of these industries on communities throughout Australia.

"Although the Arrow Energy exploration permit for coal seam gas (CSG) that covered much of the region was relinquished

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last year, there are still permits for coal exploration covering large parts of the district", said Ms Heath

"Our members feel that such a closely-populated area as the Southern Downs, with high value agricultural soils and an established farming community, priceless water resources, a rich cultural heritage and extensive scenic and biodiversity values, is totally inappropriate for mining of any kind"

Over the last 12 months SDPG members and supporters have been involved in a number of awareness- raising events. including a very successful Jumpers and Jazz festival where the memorable joint SDPG and Queensland Knitting Nannas Against Gas tree won the Open Section. Members have also attended rallies and peaceful protests in support of impacted community members in Queensland and New South Wales. For further information on SDPG and the AGM, please contact

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ALLORA LANDCARE GROUP WILL MEET on Thursday, 17th October in the Blue Cow Hotel, Allora at 7.30pm. All welcome. Enquiries to the Secretary, Pete Thomas at pandathomas1@bigpond.com

• PUBLIC NOTICES •

ALLORA SPORTS CLUB MONTHLY MEETING -7.00pm, 14th October, at Allora Sports Club.

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• ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Funeral Notice -

GWYNNE, Harold John "Harry", Late of Allora. Passed away on 8th October 2013, aged 93 years.

All Allora Show Society members are requested to attend the funeral of patron HARRY GWYNNE, on Friday, 11th October, 10.30am, at St. David's Anglican Church.

Shirley Cornhill, President.

Queensland State Landcare Conference 2013: 27th-29th September 2013 at Warwick

The Queensland State Landcare Conference held in Warwick recently was attended by a very large contingent from all over Queensland to enjoy a busy program of items over three days. Hosted by Condamine Headwaters Landcare Group, and theme titled "Healthy Habitats, Profitable Production", the main venue was the MacKillop Centre of St Marys Primary School, Upper Campus.

Keynote speakers on the Friday included Mr Julian Cribb, author journalist, editor and science communicator, Mr Bill Gammage, adjunct professor in the Humanities Research Centre at the Australian National University researching Aboriginal land management, and Major General Michael Jeffrey AC, AO(Mil), CVO, MC (Retd).

On Saturday addresses were given by Dr Nancy A Schellhorn, leader of the Spatial Ecology team at CSIRO, and Mr Shayne Joyce, beef cattle producer from Theodore whose property "Dukes Plain" was included in Soils for Life Australia wide case studies "Innovations for Regenerative Landscape Management".

Sundays speakers were, among others, Mr Terry McCosker, Director, Carbon Link Limited, internationally acclaimed researcher and teacher; also Georgie Somerset, beef farmer and rural leader with experience in agribusiness, rural tourism and regional development.

All speakers attracted a great response and interaction in the Q&A sessions which followed.

Each day's programme included a diversity of sessions covering subjects such as Pest Management, Soil health and testing, Aboriginal input, CSG and Water, Flood Recovery, Wildlife Habitats, Bushfires, to name just a few. These were each headed by experts in their field and included some fifty or more presenters.

Saturday's Field Trips and Practical Workshops included a trip to Allora Mountain, hosted by the Allora Landcare Group, and reported in last week's Advertiser.

A highlight of the weekend was the Gala Dinner and Landcare Awards function held on Saturday evening at Scots PGC College Dining Hall.

Presentations made at the conference together with reports of the weekend can be found on the Landcare website, www. headwaters.ddrlandcare.org

Any person wishing to learn more about Landcare and its function, is welcome to contact the Allora Landcare Group at PO Box 57 Allora 4362, or to Pete or Adele Thomas, email pandathomas1@bigpond.com, or phone 0419 724 025.



L to R: Jenny McCray, Sue & Hughie Huston, Ken McCray, Peter & Adele Thomas and K. & M. Cranitch. Photo courtesy Joan Wylde

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Allora Social Bowls Club Notes:

Great news! The night bowls season is (almost) ready to roll.

Eleven teams have responded to Games Director, Greg's (Paddo) invitation to nominate for Tuesday night bowls. Greg has been organizing sports teams for thirty years. It is a wonder that he still has hair on his head! People take so long to get themselves organised into teams.

This week we saw on the green, the well known 'Doormats', "Swimming Club', 'Honda Hawks', 'GC's' and we welcomed two the new 'Roonik' and 'Lorraine's Café' teams. Welcome to new bowlers Nicky, Holly, Lorraine, Greg and visitor Hans.

A big thank you to 'Lorraine's on Herbert' who will be another valued sponsor this season and thank you to Darren and Greg who have offered to improve the green.

Spoto segment – Captain of the 'Doormats' was spotted climbing back over the fence during play. What antics was 'Moley' up to!

Sports Club President, Kev Harrison was on hand and 'manned' the bar. A reminder to all Sports Club members to attend the monthly meeting to be held on Monday 14th October at 7pm.

Allora Students Tour to the National Capital

It was Bon Voyage last Friday evening as Allora State School Year 10 students headed out of Allora by coach heading south on the school's annual Canberra Excursion.

The excursion to Canberra, commonly known as the outdoor

classroom, is an experience that becomes a lifelong memory for students. This year Principal Mr. Shaun Kanowski and fellow staff members Mr. Brad Johnson & Mrs. Leanne Weier are accompanying the Allora contingent, who were joined by Killarney State School students enroute who share the experience annually.

The coach bound for the national capital arrived in Canberra on Saturday afternoon, sightseeing getting underway that evening with a visit to the Telstra Tower, before heading to the Mt. Kosciusko National Park and a day of skiing on Sunday at Perisher Valley.



Allora State School Year 10 students James Moore, Jack Bannister and Liam Duncan enjoying Perisher Valley.

Monday saw students visit the National Museum, Questicon and the Floriade Gardens, and take a drive tour of the Governor General's residence Yarralumla, and the Lodge, residence of the Prime Minister.

The Australian War Memorial was a memorable visit on Tuesday, where students were also involved in a wreath laying ceremony, before visiting the Electoral Education Centre and Government House.

Allora student Darcey Liesegang considered the Australian War Memorial to be "brilliant", echoing the thoughts off all students. "We learnt so much about the wars and the reasons our country fought".

Yesterday, after a tour of Parliament House including morning tea as guests our local federal member, Mr. Bruce Scott, Member for Maranoa, students were also involved in a parliamentary education session, and attended Question Time in the House of Representatives.

Swimming Club Notes -

The Allora swimming club 2013/2014 season will commence this Monday the 14th October 5pm at the Allora Swimming Pool, all members new and existing are invited to attend. The format for our first club night has changed this year, it will now be classed as an official club night/sign on and all swimmers are to attend and participate in all four swimming strokes. There will also be a free sausage sizzle on completion of events. The club is non-age specific with age groups ranging from under 8's to open. The only requirement being is that 12.5m (half the length of the pool) can be swam independently. Come along on Monday night for further information.

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Allora Golf Notes

Last weekend saw a big weekend at the Golf Club. Saturday we played the AllClif shield between Allora and Clifton. It was a great day

with nearly 50 players taking to the course. Clifton won the day with 270 points to Allora 260. Well Done to the Clifton men and ladies who made the trip. Pins went to Rob on the 8th, Matt on the 17th & 13th, Jack on the 4th, Adam on the 7th & Col on the 16th. Top scores for both teams were Leister & Rob with 49 for Clifton, Kev & Jimmy with 48 for Allora. Sunday was the Monthly Mug. Winner of the day on a countback was Kel from Runner Up Kev. Both players had a 65 net. Pins went to Jack on the 2nd, Kev on the 11th, Moose on the 5th, Aaron on the 14th & kev on the 16th. Next week will be the President & Captains day with tee off at 12 noon Allora time. Remember your sand buckets - to play is to live.

Today is the final day of the tour itinerary, and includes a visit to the National Film and Sound Archives and the Australian Institute of Sport, before departing Canberra and arriving home in Allora early on Friday morning.

Among many more venues visited, students also enjoyed ten

pin bowling, rock climbing and an evening at the Putt Putt and Driving Range at the Canberra International Golf Course.

The Allora State School Canberra Trip is a special adventure that has been experienced by many in the Allora community, a treasured memory and educational experience among special school memories.

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