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Allora State School Celebrates 50th Speech Night

Twenty-three Graduands celebrated the end of Year 10 and the beginning of the next chapter of their lives at Tuesday evening's Allora State School 2013 & 50th Annual Speech night.

The graduating Year 10 class of 2013, the 146th year of schooling in Allora, were Daneeka Attard, Jack Bannister, Travis Bott, Samuel Brown, Jake Christensen, Paul Christensen, Liam Duncan, Sally Gilbert, Taylor Goldwater, Hannah Greaves, Nikiesha Green, Kayla Heslin, Shane Horan, Daniel Jardine, Darcey Liesegang, Lauren McKenzie, James Moore, Katrina Pfingst, Amanda Riddle, Max Rubie, Kalen Wakeford, Erin Weier & Emma-Kate Wiedman.

The School's Performing Arts Hall was packed to capacity to witness a night of historical significance for the Allora State School, and the annual celebrations that highlight the School's academic, community and sporting prowess.

The program for the evening is sprinkled generously with links with Speech Nights from the previous half century, presentations to this year's achievers being made by past students. The Sporting Awards were presented by Mrs. Jan Gilmore (Petersen) & Mrs. Carol Ryan (Geaney), who were among the first Year 10 class to graduate from the school in 1966, Jan sharing Sportsperson of the Year honours with Mr. Brian Byrne in 1964, the school's first Speech Night, and Carol sharing the same award with Mr. Terry Doyle in 1965.

The Academic awards were presented by former School Duxes, Mr. James Dougall (1968) & Mrs, Kaye Mullins (Withnall) (1969).

Guest speaker Mr. Dougall gave a very "hands on" presentation that mapped out his time as a student of the School, his early life in the Goomburra area, his involvement in the RAAF and his experiences at Queensland University & work in the electrical engineering field. The Stump Cam transmitter so



Allora State School 'Sportsperson of the Year' Jack Bannister, 2013 School Dux Erin Weier and winner of the Academic Excellence Award Darcey Liesegang at the School' 50th Annual Speech Night on Tuesday evening.

necessary to the higher levels of the sport of cricket was designed by Mr Dougall, who had examples of his work to display.

Allora identity and former teacher and staff member of the School Mrs. Joyce Gibson recalled the changes in the school and school life over her career, noting that she had attended 45 of Allora State School's Speech Nights.

Two Honour Boards were unveiled on the night, one recognising all the School Duxes over the 50 Years of Speech Nights, another featuring the School's winners of the Sportsperson of the Year over the same period.

The School Dux Honour Board was unveiled by former Duxes Mrs. Kaye Mullins & Mr. James Dougall, while Southern Downs Regional Councillor Glyn Rees unveiled the Sportsperson of the Year Honour Board with past Sportsperson's of the Year Mrs. Jan Gilmore & Mrs. Carol Ryan.

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Recently retired Allora State School teacher Ms. Liz Marshall, who contributed 33 years to educating, presented the Year 10 graduation medallions. The prestigious "Dux of the School" award was won by Erin Weier, the presentation made by Mr. James Dougall, who along with Mrs Kaye Mullins presented the Academic Awards. Jake Christensen was the recipient of the "Mayor's Medal" presented by Councillor Glyn Rees, Jake also honoured with the Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award presented by Mrs. Joyce Gibson. The Defence Force Award acknowledges a young person who has demonstrated qualities of leadership and team work in the school community.



Past & present Allora State School Duxes with the Honour Board unveiled at the 50th School Speech Night on Tuesday evening. Back: Kaye Mullins (Withnall) (1969), Erin Weier (2013), Lee Christensen (2010), Ben Ranger (2012), Front: Adina Gunnis (2012), Donna-Maree Willett (1993), Brooke Westerman (2009) & James Dougall (1968).

"Sportsperson of the Year", the award presented by Cr Glyn Rees, after outstanding efforts in swimming, basketball and as a Queensland track & field representative. The Rotary Club of Allora organised "Lex Ellwood Bursary" is presented to a student who has demonstrated community awareness, leadership qualities and scholastic achievement, this year awarded to School Captain Kayla Heslin. The "Humanitarian Award" donated by the Gibson family,

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WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Min/Max
THU	Mostly Sunny. Warm.	15 31
FRI	Thunderstorms. Mostly Cloudy. Mild.	15 28
SAT	Numerous Showers. Cloudy. Warm.	16 29
SUN	Showers Early. Morning Clouds. Warm.	18 30
MON	Sunny. Warm.	18 31
TUE	Sunny. Warm. Dry.	14 31

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Heather Petersen recognized for Scope Award

Recently at a Scope Friendship Dinner, the Quiet Achiever was awarded to Heather Petersen for 2013. Heather is a devoted wife, mother and grandmother to her family and still finds time to help many in this community.

Heather is an executive at the Historical Society and Vintage Car Club, she also works tirelessly for the special display days and Australia Day long weekend. Heather works at the Blue Care Thrift Shop and also prepares and delivers rags to various businesses in town providing a regular income for the shop. Heather provides support for the different church groups and Red Cross with her cooking and "willing to work" hands. She has also, for many years, supported the Allora Show Society. While her children were growing up, she was also involved in the Allora State School tuckshop and Apex. Heather visits those who are unwell or alone and never hesitates to "take a plate" to all. Heather quietly epitomises the motto of Scope - "She Cares".

RIGHT: Heather Petersen receiving her award from Daphne Whately, National President of Scope Club of Australia Inc. and Allora Scope Club member.



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acknowledges a student's development of an attitude of tolerance and respect for others, so deservedly earned by Jake Christensen, Jake also presented with the Bob Deacon Trophy for "Community Service" after making an outstanding contribution of service to the school and wider community.

The "Peer Award", donated by Barry & Ann Glass in memory of their daughter Karina, a former Allora State School student, was reward for Emily Tynan, while Sally Gilbert & Lexie Stretton were recipients of the "Chaplain's Award".

Year 10 Academic Awards are presented to the top student/s in each subject area. Jake Christensen was the award winner for Manual Arts & Business Encouragement and shared the Science honours with Erin Weier, and Graphics with Kayla Heslin. School Dux Erin Weier also collected awards in Mathematics, Visual Art, Food Studies & Business, while Darcey Liesegang was successful with awards for English and History. Performing Arts honours were awarded to Sally Gilbert. School Principal Mr Shaun Kanowski delivered what was an historic 'Head Teacher Annual Report', that included references and quotes from the 1964 annual report, noting that at that time "Allora State School was the envy of other schools, their visual arts equipment equal to the best available at the time, boasting a television, 16mm Bell & Howell Projector and another projector that had attachments to show films, slides & microscope slides".

Mr. Kanowski also acknowledged the successes of 2013, from the schools many achievements academically, to success with sporting and cultural events such as debating and to the everyday progress of learning, before congratulating the Graduands on completing ten years of education and extending his best wishes to all for the future.

Parents & Citizens Association President Mr. Jeff Lack also presented a very detailed report on the activities of the very progressive group in 2013.

Glyn Rees

Allora Rotary Club invites you to the...



Allora Bush Christmas Street Carnival

Friday, 6th December,
5.30pm Start

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Friday, 6th December 2013
at 5.00pm for 5.30pm

The community is invited to attend this Ceremony which will be performed by Mr. Colin Hahn, brother of the late Eddie Hahn, whose magnificent bequest made this building possible.

The building will be officially named:
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(The Allora Rotary Bush Christmas will follow immediately.)

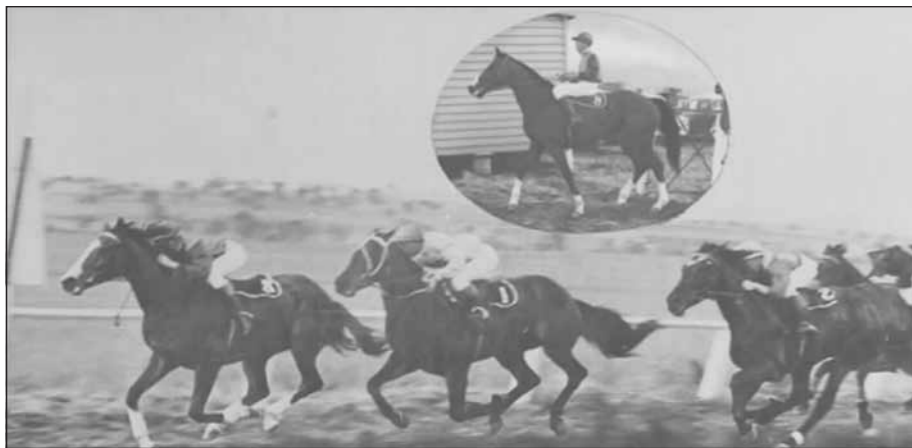
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14 Yrs	Nicholas Van Der Poel	Sally Higgins
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12 Yrs	Connor Goldwater	Gabrielle Fowles
13 Yrs	Tye Thompson	Emily Oehlman
15 & Over	Thomas Morris	Sally Gilbert
Track and Field		
11 Yrs	Paige Bain	
12 Yrs	Connor Goldwater	Tamika McDonald
13 Yrs	Tye Thompson	Emily Oehlman
14 Yrs	Codie Prendergast	Sally Higgins
Touch	Thomas Morris	
Basketball	Jack Bannister	
Archery Certificates:	Shakyr Burrows, John Butler, Kayla Heslin	
Trophies:		
Swimming	Jack Bannister	Amber Christensen
Cross Country	Jacob Ranger	Samantha Brodie
Track and Field	Jack Bannister	Sally Gilbert
Tennis - Shirley Mason Shield	Jake Christensen	Sally Higgins
Netball	Sally Higgins	
Rugby League A	Jake Christensen	
Rugby League B	Jacob Ranger	
Darling Downs Representative:		
Track and Field	Jack Bannister	
State Representative:		
Track and Field	Jack Bannister	
Michael Butler Memorial Trophy		Jack Bannister
Pierre de Coubertin		Jack Bannister

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"Plane" wins the Allora Cup 24/9/1953. Photo courtesy Shirley Murray.

Looking Back...

Allora Cup

A recent inquiry about a cup inscribed the "Allora Cup" led me to do some research on horse racing in Allora and specifically the "Allora Cup". The inquiry involved the cup won by "Wilga Belle" owned and trained by W. Hilton.

The Allora Jockey Club was formed at a meeting held in the Princess of Wales Hotel on the 6th October 1888. Horse racing was held continuously after that date including "Patriotic Meetings" during WWI. Racing may have been suspended in Allora during the Second World War because the first reference that I could find to a race meeting in Allora after the war was a New Year's Meeting held on the 2nd January 1949. The first mention of the "Allora Cup" was at a meeting held on the 8th October 1949 when the cup was run for overall prize money of £45 and a cup valued at £10/10. The race club secretary in 1949 and for the next eleven years at least, was the Allora station master, Jack Hilton.

I could find no record of the 1949 cup winner but the 1950 Allora Cup was won by R. C. Crowther's "Bon Ami". A talk with local racing history buff, Shirley Murray, gave me

some of the history of the Allora Cup over the next seven years. The winner of the cup in 1953 was the mare "Plane" owned and trained by Shirley's father, Frank Armstrong. Shirley said that they were offered the "Allora Cup" valued at £15/15 or a voucher to Mackay's Jewellers for the same amount. They chose the voucher but the same cup was offered at a later race meeting, this time designated "The Hospital Cup", as a fund raiser for the Co-operative Hospital,



Hospital Cup won by "Plane" 3/11/1953. Photo courtesy Shirley Murray.

and this time they collected the cup. At the presentation of the 1955 "Allora Cup", won by Frank Armstrong's "Lurcher Queen", Allora Jockey Club secretary, Jack Hilton, said that Mr. Armstrong apparently had a mortgage on the cup because it was the fourth time that he had won it. The presentation was made by Mrs. Vera Henry, wife of club president, Mr. Stuart Henry. Shirley reminisced that the cup meeting was a huge event in Allora with a half-day holiday granted. Top race caller, Vince Currey, would call the races from the back of a utility backed up to the course fence. From 1956 the "Allora Cup" was run on "Melbourne Cup Day", and the 1956 winner was "Bubbatonga" owned by Bob Armstrong and possibly trained by Marty Byrne. The Cup meeting of 3rd November 1959 was the last that I could find reference to. Jack Hilton was still the race club secretary and it was possibly the last licensed meeting held on the track.

Wanted 2 Brand

Well known Brisbane jockey, Tony Erhart, has donated to the Allora museum, two pieces of the original brand 2ME issued to his great-great grandfather, Michael Erhardt, in the first issue of registered brands in Queensland on the 9th September 1872. On the death of Michael Erhardt in 1889 the brand was transferred to his wife Christina. The brand was then passed on to their eldest son Joseph Erhart, his son Joseph Oscar Erhart, his son Garth William Erhart, and on to his son Tony Erhart. The Historical Society plans to mount the brands on a board for display and will imprint the brand on the board. We would like to borrow a figure 2 brand to do this. If anyone has an unattached 2 in their brand, we would like to borrow it. Please contact any Society member.

Colin Newport

Allora QCWA Notes

Allora CWA had twelve members at the November meeting where they welcomed Kerry Haig and gave a congratulations card to newly married Annie.

The members were pleased that the catering at a local wedding had been appreciated.

Several members who attended the Clifton CWA spring luncheon reported it a very successful function.

The Christmas dinner will be held at the RSL on 12 December and entertainment was arranged. A Christmas raffle with a Christmas hamper, decorated cake and a plum pudding has been arranged and tickets will be sold outside Foodworks on 28 November and the 7th and 13th December.

Olive Shooter and Barbara Weier attended the successful State conference in Bundaberg. The state raised \$10000 for mitochondrial disease and next year the fund raising will be dedicated to Motor Neurone Disease.

Barbara won a section of the photography contest with a photo of the CWA at a work while Olive received three second places in floral art and Carol King had a Highly Commended award for

her knitted socks. Schedules have arrived for the CWA competitions in photography, floral art and cookery in 2014.

The final meeting for 2013 will be held on December 17 with a Christmas lunch.

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Sportsperson of the Year Jack Bannister

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Musical Certificates

Jack Bannister, Charles Dennis, Sally Gilbert, Ella Harrison, Kayla Heslin, Sally Higgins, Chloe Hutchins Morrish, Darcey Liesegang, Katrina Pflugst, Codie Prendergast, Erin Weier, Emma-Kate Wiedman

Community Service Certificates

Alesha Bonsey, John Butler, Stacey Christensen, Charles Dennis, Liam Duncan, Henry Gartery, Ella Harrison, Sally Higgins, Jane Morris, Hayden Otten, Codie Prendergast, Arien Westerman

Community Service Medallions

Jack Bannister, Georgia Brown, Sam Brown, Amber Christensen, Paul Christensen, Kayla Heslin, Erin Weier

Community Service Trophy Jake Christensen

Debating Medallion Darcey Liesegang

Debating Medallion Most Improved Erin Weier

Debating - Certificates

Jack Bannister, Henry Gartery, Ella Harrison, Sally Higgins, Arien Westerman

Chess Certificate Matthew Christensen

Chaplain's Award Sally Gilbert, Lexie Stretton

Peer Award Emily Tynan

Lex Ellwood Memorial Bursary Kayla Heslin

Defence Force Award Jake Christensen

Humanitarian Award Jake Christensen

Mayor's Medal Jake Christensen

ACADEMIC:

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Academic Achievement

Shae Erhardt, Ella Gartery, Connor Goldwater, Thomas Lowe

Diligence

Kaitlyn Bott, Jessica Chisnell, Austin Lack, Kaleb Lever, Tamika McDonald, Emily Oehlman

Grade 8.

Academic Achievement

Georgia Brown, James Kay, Daniel Orme, Daniel Tynan

Diligence

Samantha Brodie, Scott Butler, Jane Morris, Jack Murch

Grade 9.

Academic Achievement

Alesha Bonsey, Amber Christensen, Henry Gartery, Ella Harrison, Sally Higgins, Jacob Ranger, Arien Westerman

Diligence

John Butler, Riona Evans, Thomas Morris, Nicholas Van Der Poel

Grade 10.

Academic Achievement

Jake Christensen, Taylor Goldwater, Kayla Heslin

English

Darcey Liesegang

Mathematics

Erin Weier

Science

Jake Christensen, Erin Weier

History

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Notice to motorists and heavy vehicle operators: Side track on the Toowoomba Range

The Department of Transport and Main Roads advises that the left lane of the eastbound (down) lanes of the Warrego Highway on the Toowoomba Range is closed and traffic has been switched to the right lane from 17 November.

The switch to the right lane enables the connection of the down lanes to a 300m long bitumen side track, which is opened next to the existing down lanes.

A section of the side track is steeper than the existing down lanes. Transport operators are requested to use only low gears when using the side track to ensure their safety and the safety of other motorists.

Motorists are reminded that speed limits have been reduced to 40km/h around the construction sites and that there is increased truck activity near site entry and exit gates.

The side track is to be used during the construction of the link between the existing down lanes and a new 1.2km section of the down lanes.

The realignment of the down lanes will make this section of the road straighter. Two new emergency truck safety ramps will also be built off the eastbound lanes (one from the slow lane and one from the fast lane).

Lane closures and intermittent traffic stoppages will continue during night works, on both the eastbound and westbound carriageways.

Clearing works are nearing completion and revegetation has begun as part of this flood reconstruction project. The first stage of revegetation involves the application of a compost blanket on all completed batters.

Wide vehicle restrictions - Operators of wide vehicles are also reminded that restrictions apply. Operators are asked to call ahead to the onsite contact during business hours to check conditions. Full conditions and contact details are listed on the TMR Wide Load Permit Database.

Width restrictions will remain the same until the down lanes are open to dual lanes. Nightly lane closures will still take place prior to that.

Eligible reconstruction works under Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) are funded 75% by the Australian Government and 25% from the Queensland Government.

For up-to-date information on changed traffic conditions visit www.131940.qld.gov.au or call 13 19 40.

For more information about flood-related roadworks in the Darling Downs region, phone 1800 063 397 during business hours, or email reconstruct_darlingdowns@tmr.qld.gov.au.

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Council staff attend state planning awards event

Southern Downs Regional Council planning staff attended the recent Planning Institute Australia's 2013 Queensland awards and were pleased to see that Queensland's innovative one-stop-shop State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) was awarded the top prize.

SDRC Director of Planning and Environment Ken Harris said SARA won the overall award against a field of 14 finalists from 70 nominees.

"The State Government launched SARA on 1 July this year to deliver on the government's key election promises of cutting red-tape and delivering better planning.

"Council's planning staff have found SARA to be a great asset, streamlining the applications process which in turn delivers time and cost savings," he said.

SDRC Planning and Development Manager Cecil Barnard said the SARA win was well deserved and local governments across Queensland had benefited from the creation of the new agency.

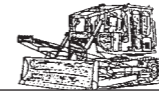
"SARA replaced seven separate referral agencies across government with just one. It just made good sense," he said. Planning Institute Australia's State President Kate Isles said SARA had addressed timing and cost inefficiencies caused by having multiple referral triggers for development applications.

"SARA is an excellent response to repeated calls from industry to address timing and cost inefficiencies caused by having multiple referral triggers to multiple agencies," Ms Isles said.

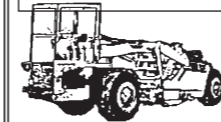
"SARA represents a significant step forward in centralising state referrals and provides more certainty, transparency and consistency in relation to the assessment of applications referred to the state."

To date, more than 1100 applications have been lodged using the SARA's MyDAS online lodgement system.

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Council charters bus for Wellcamp Airport open day

Southern Downs Regional Council Economic Development Unit is inviting interested local residents to come on a bus trip and attend the Wellcamp Airport open day on November 24.

SDRC Planning and Development Manager Cecil Barnard said there is significant interest in building business opportunities as a result of the Wellcamp Airport, which is due for completion next year.

"We have recently established an Export Network on the Southern Downs to support local industry in expanding their trade through export development.

"An airport within one and half hour's drive of our region is a vital component of this initiative.

"Council's Economic Development Unit is wanting to be proactive in this area and will support and assist businesses in their local, national and, where relevant, international growth.

"The Wellcamp Airport open day will give local business people the chance to see this project literally from the 'ground up'. We can find out about air freight, flight paths, participate in tours of the airport's progress to-date and view exhibitions on transport, aviation and business," he said.

The bus will leave Stanthorpe Council Car park at 8.00am, then come through to Warwick Council Car Park at 8.45am on Sunday, 24 November. The bus will be leaving Wellcamp Airport at 2:00pm, returning to Warwick and Stanthorpe council offices. If interested in coming along please contact Jenny Sherrin 46815527 or email edu@sdrcl.qld.gov.au

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PERRY'S PICTURE PUZZLER - Can you identify these fabulous Allora ladies from 1979? Answers and more puzzling pictures in next week's Allora Advertiser.

Photo donated to Allora Regional Sports Museum by the late Lionel Coxen.

Council progresses Allora water pipeline

The Southern Downs Regional Council Allora water pipeline project is progressing well with pipes being delivered to relevant areas and pipe construction beginning this week. Mayor Cr Peter Blundell said this was good news for Allora residents.

"This \$5 million project will ensure the town has a reliable and high quality water supply. The design of the project ensures we have a usable service life for many years into the future.

"The SCRC water services team has begun work on the pipe construction at the Browns Road crossing of Backwater Creek.

"The project will be completed in several stages but overall there is about 26km of water main pipe from the Freestone Reservoir to the current reservoir at Allora. This is an important piece of infrastructure for the Allora community and I'm pleased to see project milestones are being reached," he said.

Events Calendar

2013

November -

Sat 30 Men of League Charity Luncheon
Allora Community Hall, 11.30am

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

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

Sat 14 Cookhaul Christmas Open Day
31 Forest Plain Road, Allora, 8.30am - 12 noon

Tue 31 Allora New Years Eve Party
Allora Showgrounds, Allora

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February -

Fri - Sat 136th Annual Allora Show
7 & 8 Allora Showrounds

April -


Sat 12 Allora & District Historical Society Display & Demo Day - Historical Society Building, Cnr. Forde & Warwick Sts.

May -

Sat 3 Allora Scope Club Inc. Annual Afternoon Tea

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Clients wishing to include their events in the *Events Calendar*, must book a display (boxed) advertisement for the event in *The Allora Advertiser*, sized at least 2 column x 8 cm. Clients will then automatically receive, as a bonus, a calendar entry. These entries will be in a 2 line format as above, starting in bold with date and event, followed by venue and time.

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Council announces one of the biggest contracts ever let

Southern Downs Regional Council has announced that Probuild Civil Pty Ltd is the successful tender for the restoration of flood damaged roads across the Southern Downs in one of Council's largest ever contracts.

SDRC Mayor Cr Peter Blundell said the \$10 million roadworks contract was a massive project involving the repair of 289 roads, pavement repairs and culvert and drainage works, mainly in the north eastern part of the region (Killarney and east of the New England Highway) but extending to various locations throughout SDRC area.

The \$10 million funding is provided through the Natural Disaster Recovery and Relief Arrangements (NDRRA) which is allocated from the Commonwealth (75%) and Queensland (25%) Governments to assist local governments in the restoration of essential public assets following a disaster event. Cr Blundell said Council has completed road repair works from the 2010/11 flood events and this latest contract was to address damage as a result of Tropical Cyclone Oswald and flooding of January 2013.

"We have all seen the extensive damage caused by the January 2013 floods so Council is pleased to have secured an experienced contractor in Probuild. They have begun works already starting in early November. We expect completion by April or May next year depending on weather conditions throughout summer.

"It is very important to remember that this funding is to restore roads to pre-flood standard and must be used for January 2013 flood damaged roads in selected areas of the region. This has been determined by a very comprehensive assessment of our road network. Due to these conditions the roadworks will be spread across various sections of roads rather than large tracts.

"As residents would expect our roads do have general deterioration and SDRC maintenance crews will work on those sections on a prioritised basis.

"Probuild conducted the road repairs for the 2010/11 flooding event and having worked closely with them we know that 60% of the contract value from that project stayed in local businesses. This included using local labour and accommodation and accessing gravel, miscellaneous materials, plant hire, truck hire and fuel locally.

"Council looks forward to seeing results of the project in the new year," he said.

GHD Pty Ltd, an engineering, architecture and environmental consulting company, has been engaged to provide the project consultancy services for the \$10 million project. GHD will undertake the contract superintendent role and will supervise and administer the contract for the works on Council's behalf.

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Carols in the Park, a night with first-class performers

As diaries and calendars fill in the lead up to Christmas, Warwick Tourism & Events Chief Executive Officer Tracy Vellacott is reminding residents to set aside Sunday December 15 for Warwick's 2013 Carols in the Park.

"Carols in the Park is simply a beautiful and relaxed family night where we can celebrate Christmas and the blessing of living in a great community," Mrs Vellacott said.

A two and a half hour program of traditional and contemporary Carols will be presented by crowd favourites and up-and-coming performers, with pre-stage entertainment to kick off at 5.30pm, followed by Santa's arrival at 6.00pm.

It has been about 12 months since she last performed in Warwick but songbird Lyn Bowtell is excited to be the special guest in the 2013 Carols lineup. A singer/songwriter regarded by her peers as one of the best in the business, Lyn has a voice described as "defying gravity".

"Music has always been my great escape and performing live my greatest pleasure," she said. "I can't imagine what my life would be like without the gift of being able to express myself in this way."

Lyn Bowtell is a 2013 APRA Song of The Year finalist, two-time Golden Guitar winner, MO Award winner, Toyota Star Maker winner, and was nominated for two Golden Guitars in the 2013 Country Music Awards for Best Female Artist and Best Alternative Album of the year.

Both Lyn's parents were musical and her fondest childhood memories revolve around her dad playing accordion with his father and brother for old time dances.

"I grew up listening to them both play music all around the house. After dinner was over, mum and dad would often get out the accordions and I loved to listen, or play along on a pot or pan. When I was six or seven I got a copy of Dolly Parton's 'The Great Pretender' and the Carpenters 'Greatest Hits'. I played both those tapes to death. I loved Dolly's lightness and almost giggly singing, whilst Karen Carpenter had so much pain and melancholy... I think it was the perfect combination to learn from."

Lyn's last album 'Secret Songs' was her first solo venture after the end of band Bella with fellow country performers Karen O'Shea and Kate Ballantyne. Her new album 'Heart of Sorrow' moves her into a new chapter of life and career. "I'm bolder and braver and willing to risk standing closer in my songs to both the light and the darkness," she said.

In addition to her own performances and festival appearances, Lyn is currently touring nationally as guest artist for country music star Beccy Cole. To catch Lyn's Carols performance, come along to Leslie Park with chairs and picnic rugs to welcome the festive season.

For more information on Carols in the Park contact Warwick Tourism & Events on 4661 9073.



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Cavanagh Family Re-union

The recent weekend long Cavanagh re-union at Allora and Berat was a great success with 250 people attending a mass, luncheon and farm visit on the Saturday. The mass was celebrated by Father Rod McGinley and was followed by lunch at the Allora Showgrounds and dinner at Peter Cavanagh's dairy farm at Berat.

Descendants of the family came from as far afield as England, Perth, Tasmania, Darwin, Townsville and Melbourne to celebrate the occasion. At the farm family members were able to enjoy hay rides, milking the cows, feeding the calves and other baby farm animals such as lambs, goats, chickens, ducklings and guinea pigs. A sausage sizzle and a few drinks gave everyone the opportunity to catch up and share family stories.

On Sunday of the reunion one hundred of the descendants of John and Bridget Cavanagh attended a tour of the Allora cemetery to see the graves of John and Bridget and other descendants, and then visited Glengallan Homestead for a tour and morning tea. Cavanagh family descendants lived and worked at Glengallan for some time before moving to Pilton and finally settling at Berat east of Allora.

At the Upper Freestone cemetery a plaque was unveiled in honour of the first Cavanagh child to be buried on Australian soil in approximately 1875. John Cavanagh's Irish parents first settled in this area in 1868 and continued to live there for another forty years. They owned the farm adjacent to the cemetery and several other holdings in the picturesque valley. John Cavanagh and his three sisters attended school there. His sister's married names were Margaret Carmody, Mary Mahony and Catherine O'Dempsey. John's father was part of a small committee responsible for the organisation of the Upper Freestone Creek school which started in 1871.

The family history book 'Eleven chapters' was launched at the



Mary Gillam from Clifton presenting a photo of the Glengallan School students taken in 1920, to Elizabeth Gray, a volunteer at Glengallan Homestead as part of the recent Cavanagh family reunion. The photo features a number of the eleven Cavanagh children that went to school there.

reunion Saturday, while on the Sunday visit to Glengallan Homestead a photo of the family attending the Glengallan school in 1920 was gifted to Glengallan Homestead as a memento of the family's time there.

Lunch was enjoyed at the Warwick RSL and then a short visit to the Warwick cemetery to see the graves of Margaret, Mary and Catherine; and the grave site of their Irish settler parents John and Mary Cavanagh.

The trip concluded back in Allora and a great time was enjoyed by all. The families would like to thank all those who made the weekend such a success.

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**Charlotte Swims to David Rackley
Memorial Shield Victory**

Allora Swimming Club 10 year old swimmer Charlotte Nott
held off a quality field of challengers in the final
of Monday afternoon's David Rackley Memorial
Shield. The event is high priority on the Allora
Swimming Club annual calendar, named in
honour of a former club member the late David
Rackley.

The prestigious Shield that has been contested
for the past 28 years was presented to Charlotte
by David's mother & Allora Swimming Club
Patron & Life Member Mrs. Margaret Rackley,
at the Allora Swimming Pool, the competition
ending with a sausage sizzle.

Charlotte finished ahead in the 50 metre
handicap event, with a time of 1.05.42 minutes.
Fellow finalists were: 2nd Will Gilmore
(1.07.69), 3rd William Simpson (1.08.49), 4th
Brock Seibel (1.09.22), 5th Mary Higgins
(1.09.52) and 6th Henry Gartery (1.10.40).

While the 2013 David Rackley Memorial Shield
meet will always be a special memory for
Charlotte, it was also a special day for Club
Patron Margaret who celebrated her birthday
with a special cake among her many Allora
Swimming Club friends and family. In an
amazing effort, Margaret has been an avid
supporter and volunteer with the Club for the
past 43 years.

Glyn Rees



ABOVE: Finalists in the
David Rackley Memorial
Shield on Monday
evening at the Allora
Swimming Pool, Front:
Brock Seibel, Charlotte
Nott, Mary Higgins,
William Simpson, Back:
Will Gilmore and Henry
Gartery.



RIGHT: Charlotte Nott
stands proudly with the
David Rackley Memorial
Shield she won on
Monday evening at the
Allora Swimming Pool
with Rackley family
members Keith & Marg
Rackley, Leanne Ingram
and Dylan Ingram.



Allora Cricket Club News

On Saturday, Allora played Maryvale at Slade Park. Josh Henry was the best with the bat for Allora, putting 29 runs on the board before being bowled by P Bourke. Mitch McLennan was opening batsman, putting on 23 runs before being caught behind. Blake Lollback

was again not out, with Allora finishing on 122 points. Kris McLennan bowled three overs, 1/27. Jason Steketee was best batsman for Maryvale, scoring 77 runs, not out. The Mitchell and Davis Shield will be held this weekend. Remember – registrations are due by 30 November.



ALLORA SOCIAL BOWLS NOTES

It was disappointing that numbers were down at bowls on Tuesday night. Some players may have attended the High School Speech night but the Captains of each team should arrange replacement players and notify Greg of the changes ahead of the night's play. It makes it very difficult for Greg who has the draw ready, to re-organise teams at the last minute. His role is to make up the draw not make up the individual teams. Another reminder to players - be at the Club early for a 7 o'clock start of play.

Welcome back to the Happy Hippies. They have been tripping around the country and having a great time. Mystery 1. How did the Happy Hippies bowls get to the Club while they were away? Thank you to Phil and Barry who filled in for absent players. Great to see all the young players enjoying their bowls every week.

Greg kept us all in suspense by not calling 'touchers' at the usual time of 8 o'clock. Everybody likes to have a go at touching 'jack' for a prize of a block of chocolate. Greg Evans Drilling donates six blocks each week.

Spotto segment: Moley takes the prize this week. Moley alias 'Dead Eye Dick' bearing his teeth and mumbling about the good shots of the opposing skip!

Hint of the week: The player to play first shall deliver the jack and ensure that it is properly centred. (Take note Luke)

Mystery 2. Where is the 'chocolate wheel'? The raffle had to be postponed this week much to everybody's dismay. The six packs, bottle of port, team prize, vouchers and Jackpot will be up for grabs next week.

The winner of the 'winners' were White's Garage and despite all his 'stress', Moey's team the 'Door Mats' won the loser's prize this week.

Thank you to Donna who organised plates of cheese and biscuits and worked behind the bar.

Greg, Darren and Warren are arranging another working bee to keep the green in tip top condition. Thank you fellows.

Who has an e-mail address? Can you give us details so that we can communicate any changes or information. This will save Greg making heaps of telephone calls. Contact for 'green keeper' – gregdent1944@gmail.com. Contact for scribe - lyn@tcb99.com



Allora Swimming Club

On Monday night the Rackley memorial swim was well attended by swimmers and spectators. The children all swam very fast times eagerly contesting the heats. The final 6 contenders were William, Brock,

Charlotte, Mary, Will and Henry with Charlotte Nott being the eventual winner. We celebrated the night with a delicious sausage sizzle and a lovely birthday cake for our patron Marg Rackley. Congratulations to Brendan Hoffman on his selection to represent the Darling Downs relay team at the Qld swimming state titles next month at Brisbane. Brendan also competed at Goondiwindi on Saturday winning many events. Good luck to the children swimming this weekend at Dalby.



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Railway Hotel Rascals vs Colts

Round four of the Condamine Cup witnessed the Railway Hotel Rascals take on the Colts at home. Winning the toss, the Rascals opted to bat first, and proceeded to score their highest total of the season- 120/9. The best

achievement of the day was the team not being all out at the end of the 40 overs! This is due to all the players spending time at the crease, showing great poise in leaving good balls and attacking bad balls. Credit goes to Jake Christensen who opened the batting and demonstrated some quality defensive batting, only to be dismissed in the most unfortunate manner. Brad Johnson scored 61 and Paul Christensen showed class with the bat, scoring nine runs not out, stoically finishing the game alongside Nick Vanderpoel, also not out! The Colts managed to chase down our total in 23 overs; however this did not discourage our bowlers' one iota. Joe Morris again finished best of the bowlers with 2/27 off eight, whilst James Moore and Paul Christensen each earned a wicket. Three great catches were taken in the field, where Liam Keating caught a screamer in the outfield, James Moore stuck out his giant left hand and found the cricket ball (he was never going to miss it) and finally Andrew Boal at first slip was very happy to find the ball securely in his hands when he looked down.

Railway Hotel Rascals player of the year points - 3: Brad Johnson, 2: Paul Christensen, 1: Joe Morris.

This weekend, on Saturday the 23th of November, the Rascals play a social game at Queens Park, Warwick, where any player over 15 is invited to come down and play- the cost is usually about \$2 to cover the new ball. Our next season game is against the Diggers at Slade Park on Sunday, 1st December. We hope to see you all there, whilst we thank the many who turned out to support us in our game just past!

Brad Johnson

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