

BELOW: Stacey Turner gives a brilliant performance.



ABOVE: Donald Burge sings "White Christmas" at Allora's Creekside Carols.

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Allora was entertained on a grand scale at the inaugural Creekside Carols by the superb performances of Sarah & Stacey Turner, Gretta Barton, Jo Denny & Emma Sutton. They were also ably assisted by the vocal & musical talents of Ted Cowley, John Cowley, Donald Burge, St Patricks School Choir, Allora State School Choir, Eaglez Wingz & the Salvation Army Band. What a special evening in a beautiful setting!

We are proud to support this event. Our thanks also go out to the many Xmas stall vendors who braved, what started out as an afternoon threatened by the whims of nature, which transformed into an enchanting evening experience. Imagine what these talented young women can do next year. See you all there!

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Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

Re: Creek Side Carols organisers - You girls absolutely nailed it. Fantastic effort! It was such a feel good event and just what the people of Allora have been craving. We thoroughly enjoyed it and I was mesmerised by your talent. Well done and cheers to all the background hubbies, partners, parents & friends who energised you along the way.

Sue Higgins

Dear Editor,

We all know community groups have a difficult time raising enough funds these days just to meet their basic needs. There's rarely enough left over to invest in worthwhile projects, even when doing so would lead to savings in the medium to long term.

Ergon Energy understands the challenges facing not-for-profit groups across regional and rural Queensland and is trying in a small way to help some of them through our Community Fund. Individual groups can apply for grants up to \$5000, with \$50,000 available in total, for projects that deliver energy efficiency or electrical safety.

Last year, 12 groups received grants under this program for a wide range of activities that also raised awareness of the importance of energy efficiency and electrical safety among their members.

I want to take this opportunity to remind groups that applications for the next funding round will close at 5pm on Monday, December 15.

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Ian McLeod

Chief Executive, Ergon Energy



Allora R.S.L. Sub Branch

Congratulations to the organizers and all members of the cast of the inaugural Allora Creekside Carols. The heavens cleared for a magical night of entertainment. The committee and members are all proud to have been a sponsor of this special event

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Day	Forecast	Min/Max
THU	Showers. Afternoon Clouds. Warm.	19 30
FRI	Heavy Rain. Mostly Cloudy. Cool.	16 21
SAT	A Few Showers. Mostly Cloudy. Mild.	16 24
SUN	Showers. Morning Clouds. Mild.	15 26
MON	Morning Clouds. Warm.	15 29
TUE	Sunny. Warm.	15 32

Christmas Carols at Allora Homestead

The Allora Churches Together invites you to Christmas Carols, to begin at the Allora Homestead on Sunday 14th December at 7pm. We will then proceed via Drayton Street to the Presbyterian Church singing Carols as we go. The offering will be given to support St Vincent de Paul. A bus will be available from the Homestead for those who do not wish to walk. All Welcome.

Rotary congratulates Creekside Carols Under The Stars organisers

The Rotary Club of Allora would like to congratulate Stacey Turner, Sarah Turner and Greta Barton on the magic night of carols that the community enjoyed on Saturday. Despite looming clouds, rain stayed away and a full program of singing and playing ushered in the dusk against the backdrop of creek and park.

Greta, Stacey, Sarah and Jo Denny welcomed the audience with Little Drummer Boy and this led to a wonderful mix of traditional and contemporary carols and songs. Ted Cowley caught Mummy Kissing Santa, although this might have been wishful thinking for later when he returned as Santa to give the throng of children their gifts. Eaglz Wingz sang two old favourites and John Cowley and Stacey Turner delighted us with Holy Night and Silent Night. Greta's Let It Go resounded across the park, to the delight of the younger generation and Stacey engaged us with Do You Wanna Build a Snowman. Don Burge gave us a moving rendition of that old Irving Berlin favourite, White Christmas.

There was something for the kids with St Patrick's school singing Felice Navidad and Junkenu, the Allora State School pupils singing Aussie Jingle Bells and Santa Koala, while Sarah and Emma Sutton led Jingle Bell Rock.

The singing program was complemented by artwork with a Christmas theme from St Patrick's and State School students, as well as individual contributions from Nicola Westerman and Sarah Turner and two magnificent pieces from the Warwick Art Group.

Many thanks to the Salvation Army band and the city band players who assisted them, to the many sponsors, especially the Southern Downs Regional Council and to the many stall holders who set up earlier in the day.

Thank you, especially, to the the organisers for their vision, enthusiasm





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and energy (and persistence, in the face of the inclement weather). We look forward to this being an annual event and hope the community can turn out in even greater numbers next year.

ABOVE: Warwick's Salvation Army Band & band leader Adam Cole. LEFT: Ted Cowley performing "I Saw Mummy Kissing Santa Claus".

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Four of Allora's own stars of Saturday evening's inaugural 'Creekside Carols Under the Stars' in Dalrymple Creek Park, Sarah Turner, Stacey Turner, Gretta Barton & Jo Denny, the ladies among an amazing line up of local talent who ushered the Christmas season into 'The Best Little Town on the Downs'.

Inaugural Creekside Carols a Community Favourite

The Christmas season has well and truly arrived in Allora, with the door to all the wonders of the festive season opened on Saturday evening with the inaugural Rotary Club of Allora 'Creekside Carols Under the Stars' in the tranquil Dalrymple Creek Park.

The concept of the 'Creekside Carols' has been a thought in the mind of co-organiser Gretta Barton for quite some time, and the opportunity to see such an event come to life gained momentum when Gretta & fellow organisers Stacey & Sarah Turner joined forces early this year.

With the demands of the long standing and successful 'Allora Bush Christmas' providing challenges for the organising body, the Rotary Club of Allora, Gretta, Stacey & Sarah were presented with an opportunity to breathe life into their 'Creekside Carols' proposal, and all with the ongoing support of Allora's Rotary Club.

While the weather appeared the threat for the family Christmas concert, that was preceeded by markets in the park, perhaps by divine intervention the weather held off for the event to prove itself an amazing success.

Entertainers on the night compered by local poet Allan Hoey included the dedicated organisers Sarah, Stacey & Gretta as well as respected local talents John Cowley, Jo Denny, Ted Cowley, Don Burge, Emma Sutton, locally based band 'Eaglez Wingz', St. Patrick's School Choir & the Salvation Army Duo of Lydia & Steve along with the Salvation Army Band.

"We had a magnificent night and have received very positive feedback given it was the first 'Creekside Carols' event" said Gretta Barton, "while the Bush Christmas in Herbert Street has

been such a highlight for Allora in the past, the success of 'Creekside Carols' allows the community members the opportunity to celebrate Christmas in the most beautiful parklands of any town on the Darling Downs, something greatly appreciated by all who attended on Saturday evening." Organisers Stacey, Sarah & Gretta gratefully acknowledge the excellent support of the sponsors of the 'Creekside Carols Under the Stars', especially major sponsors the Southern Downs Regional Council, Mayne Real Estate, Glenmar Fuels, the Allora RSL, Rotary Club of Allora and Allora's Railway Hotel.

Special thanks also for sponsorship support to Allora Joinery, Whites Garage, Downs Rural Chiropractic, FoodWorks Allora, Allora Post Office, DIY Motorhomes, Kylie

Cately, Allora Pharmacy, Allora True Value Hardware, Headstart, Allora & District Tyre Service, Allora Advertiser and the Allora Medical Practice.

It took many hands to see the 'Creekside Carols' become a reality, with Gretta, Sarah & Stacey so very grateful for the excellent assistance from Warwick's Salvation Army Band & band leader Adam Cole, all of the singers and performers on the night, Jan & Peter Mackenzie, Leslie Telford, the Allora Community Circle, Kathryn Turner, the Allora RSL, the Henry, Canning & Higgins families, Peter Koina, the Queensland Fire & Emergency Service - Allora, Ted Cowley, Allora Show Society, St. Patrick's School, Allora State School, Alan Hoey, Andrew Westerman, the Southern Downs Regional Council, Cr Glyn Rees, All Churches of Allora, stall holders & food preparers and all of the Allora Community.

Until next year, a very Merry Christmas to all.

Glyn Rees



Tracey Heslin of Forest Springs and her daughters Macey, Lexie & Kayla were among the bumper crowd at Saturday evening's inaugural 'Creekside Carols Under the Stars' in Allora's Dalrymple Creek Park.



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2004 Students to Reunite

Former Allora P-10 State School student Rebecca Bolzan is upbeat about the fast approaching Year 10 Class Reunion she has been busily arranging, the former student who graduated a decade ago looking forward to gathering with class mates of yesteryear this Saturday, December 13th.

To date Rebecca has caught up with all but two of the class of 2004's twenty-eight students, still earnestly trying to track down former school pals Dan Parker & Luke Nowlan. If anyone can help to contact Dan & Luke please give Rebecca a call on 0418 764 092.

The Allora P-10 State School Class of 2004 was: Trent Achilles, Larissa Austin, Rebecca Bolzan, Jacob Bygroves, Thomas Cowley, Luke Curry, Paula Edwards, Justin Free, Tyrone Going, Joshua Gray, Michael Gwynne, Christie Hain, Michael Henry, Sarah Jensen, Christina Johnson, Brendan Kelly, Mark Lawler, Leah McGrath, Amanda Midgley, Luke Nowlan, Daniel Parker, Jared Petersen, James Sparksman, Malcolm Vivian, Lincoln Walker, Amy Wilson, Michael Wilson & Natasha Zeller. Teachers of the class were Mrs. Robyn Draper, Mr. Andrew Westerman & Mr. Brett Hay.

Former students will meet at the Allora State School at 1.00 pm on December 13th for a tour of the School under the guidance of 2004 and current Principal Mr Shaun Kanowski, followed by

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a barbecue, drinks, barefoot bowls and the cutting of a cake to celebrate the reunion, all at the revamped Allora Sports Club. Rebecca Bolzan is certainly looking forward to catching up with her school day friends, borrowing a popular lyric when saying "remember the days in the old school yard, we used to laugh a lot!"

The recollections & re-enactments during the afternoon at the Sports Club are going to generate even more laughter! For further details contact Rebecca on 0418 764 092.

Glyn Rees



The Allora P-10 State School Year 10 Class of 2004 that are soon to celebrate the 10th reunion of their graduation.

Back Row – Luke Curry, Jared Petersen, Brendan Kelly, James Sparksman, Michael Gwynne.

Third Row – Mr Brett Hay, Sarah Jensen, Christie Hain, Amanda Midgley, Rebecca Bolzan, Michael Henry, Amy Wilson, Paula Edwards, Larissa Austin.

Second Row – Mrs Robyn Draper, Luke Nowlan, Malcolm Vivian, Joshua Gray, Mark Lawler, Jacob Bygroves, Justin Free, Trent Achilles, Mr Andrew Westerman.

Front Row – Lincoln Walker, Natasha Zeller, Tyrone Going, Daniel Parker, Thomas Cowley, Michael Wilson, Christina Johnson, Leah McGrath.

Bare paddocks tell soggy tale

The large, bare patches amongst Graham and Geraldine Kirkland's summer crop are a daily reminder of what they have lost.

This time nearly two years ago Glengallan Creek swamped the couple's 400 hectare property 20 kilometres north of Warwick, washing away tonnes of valuable top soil.

It is hard to believe that today's sunflower crop that wilts in the paddock under a scorching sun was under water during that time.

The couple took many photos of the flood and shared them with neighbouring farmers who gathered at the property recently to learn how they are slowly recovering from the damage.

Mr and Mrs Kirkland were among a number of farmers in the district and across the Condamine catchment who received assistance as part of Condamine Alliance's flood recovery program, funded by the Queensland and Australian government's natural disaster relief and recovery arrangements. The farm visit, coordinated by Condamine Alliance, was a chance for surrounding farmers to get together and share what they had learned from the 2013 Australia day flood and how they were repairing the damage.

Mr Kirkland has lived on the property his entire life and said it was the worst flood he had experienced.

"About five feet of rain fell in the upper catchment which is about 50 kilometres from our place," he said.

"It was too much for the creek and the water quickly spread out over my paddocks washing away up to one metre of good top soil in some places."

"The water left deep gouges in the paddocks which were treacherous to walk over and impossible to drive a vehicle on.

"The erosion has left large patches of my productive paddocks unusable because the exposed subsoil is extremely alkaline, saline and sodic which makes it difficult to germinate seeds let alone grow a mature crop," he said.

Soil tests revealed the surface soil in the damaged paddocks had 42 times more sodium than potassium and have lost around 0.5 percent of organic carbon.

He was forced to mechanically level the pockmarked paddocks before applying tonnes of gypsum to improve the soil structure and fertility.

The application of products like gypsum, composts and other nutrients are part of the long process of helping the soil regain some of its health.

The floodwaters also gouged out the creek and left steep banks that were unstable and prone to further collapse.

The Kirklands worked with two neighbouring farmers to share an excavator and repair more than 500 metres of creek bank by reinstating a stable batter slope. When it rains, they plan to cover the bare banks with lomandra and suitable trees to help protect the soil from further erosion.

Condamine Alliance flood project contractor Greg Ringwood said landholders involved in the natural disaster relief and recovery arrangements for the Glengallan and Swan Creek catchments have estimated their loss and damage from the flood to be \$5.4 million.

"The cost of major flooding like we saw in recent flood events is substantial and a serious financial burden for farmers," Mr Ringwood said.

"Not only do farmers have to repair vital infrastructure like

irrigation equipment but they also face the ongoing cost of lost productivity from their soils," he said.

Some properties in the region with established healthy riparian vegetation along their creek frontage suffered less damage due to the floods.

The vegetation helped to slow the speed of the runoff, which reduced damage to soil and infrastructure both along the creek and across the floodplain paddocks.

"We have a lot of evidence that tells us that good riparian zones help to reduce the amount of damage caused during flood events," Mr Ringwood said.

"We are working with farmers as part of this program to increase the amount of vegetation along our creeks and rivers," he said.

"Not only does riparian vegetation help protect our waterways from erosion but it may help to reduce the cost of floods into the future."

The initiative was part of Condamine Alliance's flood recovery work, which has helped more than 300 land managers over the past 18 months in the Chinchilla, Warwick, Cecil Plains, Dalby and Jandowae districts recover from flood damage.

In that time, 70.5 kilometres of fencing has been fixed, 83.7 kilometres of waterway has been cleared of debris, 119 kilometres of stream bank has been revegetated and 15,824 hectares of agricultural land has been improved so it can return to full productivity.

The Ex-Tropical Cyclone Oswald 2013 On-Farm Productivity and Riparian Recovery Program is funded by the Queensland and Australian Governments through natural disaster relief and recovery arrangements.



ON THE MEND: Graham and Geraldine Kirkland with their son Leigh are still feeling the impacts of the damage when Glengallan Creek swamped their property on Australia Day 2013.

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John Victor Black was born at Back Creek near Pittsworth now known as Millmerran, Darling Downs Queensland on the 25th June 1893 to parents Thomas and Annie Black. Thomas Black married Annie Winifred O'Neill in the Catholic Church Allora on 20th October 1892. Employment for Thomas included working on various farming properties in the Allora and Millmerran districts, but Annie was a school teacher following in her own father's footsteps. The O'Neill family including their eleven children had recently migrated from Ireland when Annie's father John Thomas O'Neill was appointed the head teacher at the original Goomburra Valley School from 1889 until 1895. Prior to her marriage in 1891 at the age of eighteen, Annie was appointed Provisional Teacher at the new Glengallan School and served there until her marriage. In 1905 after the birth of six of her seven children she returned to teaching in order to support the family and was duly appointed a Provisional Teacher at the Goomburra School until 1910.

Although John was born at Millmerran, records show John's childhood was chiefly connected to the Goomburra /Allora

districts. The eldest of seven children, Jack as he was fondly known as, enjoyed "manly sports", was a great leader and excelled academically. At the age of fourteen, he and two of his brothers were gathering fern on a Goomburra mountain when his younger brother of six years was bitten by a large brown snake. By using a bootlace and belt for a ligature, then cutting and sucking the wound, Jack saved the life of his brother. He then carried him a distance of two miles over rough country, up one side of a mountain and down the other side for help. Jack's passion for teaching started at the Teacher's Training College in Brisbane. When John enlisted for war service on 22nd April 1915, records show in 1912 he was a school teacher at Mount Leyshon near Charters Towers and in 1914 transferred to the Muckadilla State School. Next of kin was his mother and the address was - State School, Amby via Roma Queensland. The 22nd of April 1915 is the enlistment date from the Nominal Roll, but his Date of Enlistment is also recorded as 25th April 1915 - the first ANZAC DAY. Jack was 21 years and 9 months, 5ft 3¼ inches tall, weighing 132 pounds, of fair complexion with clear skin, grey eyes and brown hair. Service number 244 - with the Australian Imperial Force. For the next sixteen months Private John Victor Black was to



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Boxing Tournament

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In the 10 stone 7 pounds class, the first bout was between Bert Blacklock and N. Williams and the proceedings were of a lively nature. Blacklock severely injured

his thumb in the first round but fought on and eventually got the better of his opponent in the third round when after a series of right uppercuts sustained at close range, Williams skied the towel. *These were two everyday stories which appeared in the Allora Guardian of 5th December 1914, but within the space of three years, double tragedies would strike two of the ordinary Queensland families mentioned in the articles.*

Bert Blacklock was born in Brisbane in 1893, the son of Mary Ann Blacklock. He was working in the Allora district when he enlisted in the A. I. F. on the 29th of December 1914. Private Herbert John Blacklock was serving with the 15th Infantry Battalion when he was killed in action at Gallipoli on the 8th August 1915. Stan Blacklock, his seventeen year old brother, enlisted just over a month after Herbert was killed. Private Stanley George Blacklock was killed in action on Anzac Day, 1917, while serving with the Cyclist Battalion in France.

James and Margaret Kilpatrick were share farming at Forest Plain when their three eldest sons Alick, Jim and Jack enlisted for active service. Private

Alexander Irwin Kilpatrick served in France and survived the war. Private John Frederick Kilpatrick was assigned to the 12th Machine Gun Battalion in France when he was killed in action on the 11th June 1917. Trooper James Murray Kilpatrick was killed in action on the 31st October 1917 while serving with the 12th Australian Light Horse in Palestine.

The Allora and District Historical Society is seeking personal details and photos of about 60 men with connections to the Allora district killed in WW I. These will be published in a book dedicated to those men and to be released for Anzac Day, 2015. We have received some responses from some local families but we need more information about others of the men. By personal contact, we have received information from three members of the Beakey family, and two replies with photos and information from Yenda and Leeton in N. S. W. about the Kilpatrick family. If anyone has any material that can help us with the book, please contact me on 4696 4139.

Colin Newport

serve his country training in the Middle East and endure fierce fighting in Gallipoli and France. His tour of duty started with one month's pre-training at Enoggera in Brisbane. He was appointed to the 26th Battalion, "A" company (1st AIF, 2nd Div, 7th Brigade) and along with Twelve Officers and Four hundred and Forty-One other recruits from both "A and B" companies, he embarked from Pinkenba on the Troop Ship HMAT "Ascanius" on the 24th May 1915. Arriving at the Suez Canal in the Middle East on the 2nd of August 1915, the troops were quickly entrained to Zeitoun then marched to Polygon Camp in Abbassia. John Black was subsequently promoted to Lance Corporal within days of arriving at this camp.

After intensive training in the Egyptian summer and due to the pressing need for more soldiers in the Gallipoli campaign, A and B Companies along with signallers and stretcher bearers embarked on the HT "Minnewaska" @ 8.30am on the 4th of September 1915 for the port of Mudros on Lemnos Island near Turkey. Four days after arriving they were again on the move boarding SS "Abbasieh" for Anzac Cove, Gallipoli. Under the cover of darkness at 3am on the 12th of September 1915, the troops landed on the beach at Anzac Cove making "Taylor's Hollow" on the Gallipoli Peninsula their base camp for the next two months. The Brigade was sent as reinforcements for the Allied Forces that had landed there on 25th April 1915. They moved camp during the bitterly cold month of November with the relentless campaign of war forever on their doorsteps. The 26th Battalion played a purely defensive roll and at times were responsible for defending Courtney's Post, Steele's Post and Russell's Top. During this time John Black was temporarily promoted to Corporal. Also fighting in Gallipoli was John's uncle, Lance Corporal William O'Neill. A Gallipoli hero, William was part of the 5th Battalion Light Horse. He was killed by a Turkish sniper on November 5th 1915 and is buried at the Shell Green Cemetery, Gallipoli.

By mid December 1915 the Anzac Garrison was reduced to 36,000 men when the entire ANZAC force was withdrawn from the Peninsula. Christmas Day was celebrated with a Divine Service at 9am at Mudros, Lemnos. Every soldier was given a "Christmas Billy", each eagerly opening them like children with a Christmas stocking. On 6th January 1916 aboard HMT "Hororata", John Victor Black was on his way back to Egypt arriving at Alexandria three days later. During this time, the AIF was expanded and re-organised along with a further period of training. On the 10th of February 1916, John's promotion to Corporal was confirmed. After a brief period of defensive duties around the Suez Canal, the 7th Brigade was among the first Australian troops deployed to the Western Front sailing in March 1916.

Disembarking at the Mediterranean port of Marseilles in the south of France on the 21st March 1916, the troops were entrained to Thiennes in the north east district of Dunkerque.

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Arriving two days later in freezing conditions and with the ground covered in snow, the Brigade marched 10 kilometres to Morbecque also situated in the district of Dunkerque. By early April the troops marched 40 kilometres from Morbecque to Armentieres where they took over the firing line in the trenches. John was promoted to Sergeant on the 11th May 1916, almost 12 months after leaving his Australian homeland.

During the following months the German offensive was becoming intense at Kortepyp, Messines and at Pozieres in the Somme valley. Pozieres was an important German defensive position, as close by was the highest point on the battlefield. This plateau was to be the scene of a two week struggle of bitter and costly fighting starting on the 23rd July 1916, known as the Battle of Pozieres. The 1st Australian Division clung to their position despite continuous artillery fire and repeated German counter-attacks. The 2nd Division of which John was a part mounted two further attacks - the first was a costly failure for the Australians, partly due to lack of communication and also to a field of craters from the weeks of intense bombardment that had made it impossible to distinguish where a trench line had run, but the second attack on the 2nd August 1916 resulted in the seizure of further German positions beyond the village. The Germans initiated a severe, sustained artillery bombardment and the Allies suffered heavily. Suffering 6,846 casualties after 12 days on the front line, exhausted Brigades of the 2nd Division were relieved on the 6th August 1916 by the 4th Australian Division. The very next day, on the 7th August, the 4th Division defeated a German counter-attack and this was the last attempt by the Germans to retake Pozieres. Though British divisions were involved in most phases of the fighting, Pozieres is primarily remembered as an Australian Anzac Corps battle and as an official historian has quoted "Pozieres is more densely sown with Australian sacrifice than any other place on earth", unquote.

One of the casualties at Pozieres was Sergeant John Victor Black. He was reported Missing in Action on 5th August 1916 then confirmation was received that he had been Killed in Action. He was aged 23 years. Personal effects at the time of his death were: Identity Disc, a Damaged Torch, Matchbox, and Curios. Medals awarded for his service include: 1914/1915 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. His parents also received a Memorial Plaque accompanied by a letter from King George V stating 'I join with my grateful people in sending you this memorial of a brave life given for others in the Great War'. Around the outer edge of the dead man's memorial plaque are the words "He died for freedom and honour". Also a Memorial Scroll with the following inscription: He whom this scroll commemorates was numbered among those who, at the call of King and Country, left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger, and finally passed out of the sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom. Let those who come after see to it that his name be not forgotten.

For the duration of the War the 26th Battalion had a casualty list of 840 killed, 2052 wounded, including 86 who were gassed.

**Sergeant John Victor Black 244 26th Battalion AIF
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Australia Post encourages local children to post their Santa Mail

Australia Post is calling on local children to write and post their Christmas letters and wish lists to Santa Claus nice and early, as the countdown to his busiest night of the year begins!

With less than a month to go before he comes to town, Santa and his little helpers will be gearing up his sleigh, checking lists twice and responding to Santa Mail letters from children in Australia and around the world.

All letters received before Christmas will receive a personalised response direct from the North Pole. To ensure the man in red reads and replies to your note, simply drop your lists in the post addressed to Santa, North Pole, 9999. Be sure to include your full name and address, along with a stamped envelope so Santa knows where to send his reply.

Christine Corbett, Executive General Manager, Postal Services at Australia Post, said last year children sent more than 150,000 letters to Santa.

"Santa has heard that there have been many well-behaved children in Australia this year, so I'm encouraging them all to make sure they write their letters and wish lists as soon as possible so that he has plenty of time before Christmas to read and respond to them," said Ms Corbett.

"Australia is one of the first countries in the world to experience Christmas and Australia Post is working with Santa and his little helpers to ensure Santa Mail from Down Under is given top priority," she said.

Santa Mail letters can be placed in any Australia Post red post boxes or in-store at selected post offices.

For a range of fun Christmas activities, games, puzzles, and education resources for the holidays, including tips on letter writing, visit Australia Post's Santa Mail website at www.auspost.com.au/education/santamail.

Australia Post is also reminding customers that post offices nationally will have extended trading hours during the week and at weekends right up until Christmas Eve and also stock a wide range of gift ideas for Christmas. For further information on local trading hours, visit www.auspost.com.au.

COAL EXPLORATION IMMINENT IN THE GOOMBURRA VALLEY?

Despite the nice words that a CSG or UCG drilling company might have to say, despite the money they may offer, despite all the reassurances on offer about jobs and prosperity, the implications for landholders, neighbours, other nearby residents and indeed the whole region are serious when industry representatives come to town trying to get permission to drill to test for the presence of CSG – or even Underground Coal

Southern Downs REGIONAL COUNCIL

Free Mulch from Allora Waste Transfer Facility on 20 December 2014

Free mulch from the Allora Waste Transfer Facility on Burges Road on Saturday 20th December 2014, between 8am and 5pm only.

This free offer applies to Southern Downs' residents and commercial users, and proof of residency will be required. Council will have an operator on site to load your vehicles with the mulch.

For enquiries please contact Council's Environmental Services on 1300 697 372.

David Tuxford
Acting Chief Executive Officer

Gasification (UCG) as it could be in this case. This is occurring right now in the Allora region, indeed in the beautiful productive farming and tourism region of Goomburra Valley.

Southern Downs Protection Group representative and Secretary, Marianne Irvine is greatly concerned for the area given that the simple drilling/exploration for CSG or UCG by any company is just a precursor to much more serious issues later on, which include large drill pads, vent pipes which vent methane into the air, pipes to carry the gas and water away, and large holding and evaporation ponds that are necessary to hold the "produced water" which is a by-product of both CSG exploration and production. If UCG, the impacts are still great, although the area used isn't so large. UCG uses a similar process to surface gasification, but the coal is burnt underground instead of at the surface. Risks to underground water is large, as well as to air quality. And no-one wants to risk water quality surely in amongst the farming lands that dot this lovely valley? That risk alone is totally unacceptable.

It would appear that tenements that had previously expired have been renewed, and the letters sent to Goomburra locals is the first this area has heard of any prospective drilling activity.

The Southern Downs Protection Group was originally formed 3 years ago to undertake representation for locals and also education for people in the region in regards to CSG and coal mining (including UCG) in the whole region. but a lack of current exploration leases has had the group in watch and listen mode, which now appears to need to be changed to action mode.

It is anticipated that a public meeting may need to be held urgently to talk to affected locals and see what can be done to protect the region now and into the future.

SDPG advice to anyone who has received a letter is "Don't talk to them. Don't sign anything, just basically say and do nothing until you have the whole facts" And other piece of advice – quite simple really – Lock The Gate.

Contact Southern Downs Protection Group via Facebook or email the Secretary at footprint@salsbury.com.au

ATTENTION GOOMBURRA VALLEY LANDOWNERS

Apec Coal is active in the Goomburra Valley under tenement number EPC 1506 trying to convince landowners that they should allow mining drilling on their property. The Southern Downs Protection Group based in Warwick was formed some years ago to give advice and protection to farmers whose properties are under the firing line for coal drilling. Don't sign anything.

The SDPG may organise an information session in the near future to provide information about the risk you could be taking by making an agreement to allow drilling on your land.

Maureen & Ian Shearing, Berat

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

Two young boys were spending the night at their grandparents the week before Christmas. At bedtime, the two boys knelt beside their beds to say their prayers when the youngest one began praying at the top of his voice.

"I PRAY FOR A NEW BICYCLE...
I PRAY FOR A NEW PLAYSTATION...
I PRAY FOR A NEW DVD PLAYER..."

His older brother leaned over and nudged the younger brother and said, "Why are you shouting your prayers? God isn't deaf."

To which the little brother replied, "No, but Grandma is!"

ANZAC PORTAL BRINGS WARTIME HISTORY TO LIFE

Three Second World War veterans joined students from Canberra's Melba Copland College at Parliament House today to share stories about wartime experiences during the launch of the Anzac Portal.

Personal stories, historical information and educational resources have been masterfully brought together within a new website commemorating not just the Centenary of Anzac, but the Century of Service that it spawned.

The Anzac Portal: Education and Community Awareness for the Anzac Centenary 2014-2018 is a free, dedicated resource for all Australians, not only students and teachers, wishing to learn more about Australia's experience of war.

The Anzac Portal shares the experiences of everyday Australians who have served our nation during times of war. Excerpts from personal interviews combine with images from the Australian War Memorial's collection and the personal collections of veterans to tell their stories. More material will be added throughout the First World War centenary period.

The Anzac Portal supports student learning about Australia's involvement in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations through an extensive range of education resources developed by the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) for teachers and students.

To further aid in the teaching of Australia's wartime history, the Anzac Portal also houses curriculum units written by teachers that have been specially selected by the History Teachers' Association of Australia to be shared amongst teachers online. One of the Government's key objectives for the Anzac Centenary period is to ensure that all Australians are able to gain a better understanding and appreciation of our wartime history. It is important that the effect war has had on individuals, families, towns, cities, and our nation as a whole, is remembered and that their sacrifices are never forgotten.

The Anzac Portal will also contain an extensive listing of community events and international commemorations that will be taking place this year and through to 2018, along with a list of resources that will assist those who are planning to conduct their own commemorative activities during the Anzac Centenary. I encourage all Australians to visit the Anzac Portal at www.anzacportal.dva.gov.au and share the stories and experiences of those who have served our nation.

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Council proactive in warnings about flood emergencies

Southern Downs Regional Council is distributing its newly printed Flood Emergency Action Guide for Stanthorpe and Killarney to residents who live in flood-prone parts of these towns.

The Warwick guide, which was printed and distributed last year, will be distributed again as a reminder to residents and new information for new tenants or new owners. The guides will be hand delivered to those properties that are identified in probable flood zones as well as mailed out to property owners so that Council captures both the tenants and land lords of rental properties.

SDRC Mayor Cr Peter Blundell said Council had developed the guide after the January 2013 floods having seen the devastation of that flood event and knowing future floods could occur.

"The guide is a comprehensive booklet with historical information, tips on how to prepare for flood events, descriptions of flood warnings, flood severity classifications and what to do before, during and after a flood.

"Most importantly the guide contains a series of flood evacuation maps which show flood zone in a moderate and major flood. Residents can identify if they live in an area that would need to be evacuated in a flood event.

"Specifically at Killarney the guide also includes information relating to the new Flood Emergency Warning System located at the Killarney Fire Station on Ivy Street.

"It is vital to understand that the best way to protect ourselves and minimise the effects of floods is to be prepared.

"Council and the Bureau of Meteorology work collaboratively to operate a flood alert system for Warwick and our Local Disaster Management Group swings into action immediately it is needed. We have extensive knowledge and skills in this group and will work with our communities in preparing for the storm season," he said.

Cr Blundell said the guides are useful for numerous reasons including the handy information on household emergency kits which are not only useful for flood events but other disasters as well, as demonstrated by last week's storm in Brisbane.

"Already we are seeing extensive storm damage across Queensland. There is no more clearer a warning than this - we need to be ready," he said.

The booklet is available on Council's website at sdr.cqld.gov.au/page/Disasters__Emergencies

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Events Calendar

2014

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

2015

January -
Sat 10 Allora Doctor Who Club Meeting
 Allora Q.C.W.A Rooms, 1.00pm.

March -
Fri 6 Allora Rotary Club Trivia Night
Sat 7 Wattles launch and 50th Year Celebrations
Sat 28 Allora Historical Society Display & Demo Day
 Old Allora Shire Hall, cnr. Warwick & Forde Streets

April -
Sat 25 A Brown Slouch Hat & The Rising Sun 100th Anniversary Gallipoli Concert
& Sun 26 Allora Community Hall

May -
Sat 2 Allora Scope Club Annual Fundraiser Afternoon Tea
 Allora Community Hall, 1.30pm
Fri 8 Allora QCWA International Day: English Midlands
 Uniting Church Hall, 1.30pm
Fri 29 St.Patrick's School Trivia Night
 Allora Community Hall

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.

Carols events will bring Christmas Cheer across the region

Southern Downs Regional Council Mayor Cr Peter Blundell is encouraging families to attend Christmas events across the region including the much-anticipated Stanthorpe Community Carols event on Friday December 12 and Warwick Carols in the Park on Sunday December 14.

"Every year the carols events spread Christmas cheer and it's wonderful to see our many talented artists and entertainers on stage enjoying the great community spirit.

"With Christmas decorations adorning our local businesses and shops and the anticipation of holidays to come it's a great feeling for all in the community. I look forward to catching up with lots of people at various Christmas functions throughout December," he said.

Warwick's Carols in the Park will be held at the band rotunda

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on the Palmerin Street side of Leslie Park and attendees are encouraged to bring along the chairs and picnic rugs to welcome the festival season. Stanthorpe's Community Carols will be held at Weeroona Park and programs will be available on the night for a gold coin donation (proceeds go to Girl Guides).

Cr Blundell said the Stanthorpe carols event would begin at 5.30pm and the entertainment line-up was impressive with the Granite Belt Choir, the Granite Belt Junior Choir, the Stanthorpe Brass Band and a whole host of other local artists taking the stage.

"From 6pm at Warwick the entertainers will have everyone singing in full voice - Erin Hilton and her daughters Tegan and Keely are crowd favourites as well as Melissa Williams and her daughter Ebony adding to the family atmosphere.

"It's great to see the community and business support for both events and I congratulate organisers for making these events bigger and better every year," he said.

Warwick Tourism & Events Chief Executive Officer Tracy Vellacott said she hoped many residents would set aside Sunday December 14 for Warwick's 2014 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," she 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 Santa stopping by at 6.00pm, before the stage show commences at 6.30pm.

Members of the Warwick Rotary and Lions Clubs, together with the team from Community Disaster Relief will provide burgers, hot chips, a sausage sizzle, fairy floss, popcorn and other summer favourites. Coffee, ice-cream and a good old Aussie pie will also be available.

Children are being encouraged to come dressed as one of Santa's little helpers in support of the Rotary Club's Christmas dress-up competition.

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

For more information on the Stanthorpe Community Carols contact the Stanthorpe Border Post on 4685 5905.

"Frozen" comes to Carols

The temperature will hardly be icy or frosty, and a prediction for snow unlikely, but characters of the hit Disney movie "Frozen" will provide some winter wonder for children attending Warwick's Carols in the Park on December 14.

Songbird Melissa Williams, who is always a hit with the children, will share her rendition of the smash hit "Let It Go" with an expected audience of thousands. Olaf, the comic-relief snowman from Frozen, is also expected to drop by Carols in the Park.

With little girls of her own, Melissa is well connected with the music children love and she is certain "Let It Go" will have children front of stage, singing along with her.

Organiser Tracy Vellacott said that Warwick's Carols in the Park is very much a family night with a visit from Santa at 6pm, followed by the ever-popular Rotary Christmas dress-up competition.

President of Warwick Rotary, Darren Bray is encouraging children to come dressed as one of Santa's little helpers or in their special Christmas outfits.

"Even though the atmosphere is always festive but frantic, we want to encourage children to dress up in their Christmas costumes to ignite even more spirit at the event," Mr Bray said. Warwick's Carols in the Park will be held at the band rotunda on the Palmerin Street side of Leslie Park and attendees are encouraged to bring along their chairs and picnic rugs to find a perfect spot to welcome the festive season.

Carols in the Park is brought to the community thanks to the generosity of the Warwick Credit Union, Ergon Energy, Campbell Page, YMCA, APN Print and Hot FM and in partnership with Council and Warwick Tourism & Events.

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

Angus Wins Rackley Shield

Ten year old Allora local & St. Patrick's School student Angus Brasch tasted success on Monday evening (November 24th) when he hoisted the 'David Rackley Memorial Shield' after the Allora Amateur Swimming Club's 29th David Rackley Memorial Handicap at the Allora Swimming Pool.

A member of the Allora Club over the past three years, Angus improved his time over fifty metres by eight seconds during the Carnival, finishing ahead of second placed Darcey Pitstock, whose fifty metre time improved by a hefty fourteen seconds across the Rackley meet.

The swimmers that contested the handicap final along with Angus & Darcey were Matilda Lever, William Simpson, Molly Harm & Nick Van Der Poel.

Allora Swimming Club Life Member & Patron Mrs. Marg Rackley made the presentation of the trophy named in honour of her late son David to Angus at the event conclusion, and thanked the many that attended, and congratulated all the swimmers involved.

Glyn Rees

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ALLORA NIGHT BOWLS NOTES

9th December 2015

Again the night bowlers proved how keen they are to play. Even though there were storms around all day and oppressive conditions just prior to start of play every team except one was ready to play when Greg grabbed the mike to announce the matches and rink numbers. Maybe the Goomburra lads had to ford the creeks to reach Allora but they did turn up.

Unfortunately there was only time for four or five ends before the rain forced us off the green. Some brave/foolhardy players doggedly played on in the rain. Maybe it made a difference to the end score.

Great news to hear that Gary Evans is organizing a working bee on the 20th and 21st of December. I know it is to smooth out the lumps and bumps but maybe they can improve rink one! What a shocker. Did anyone see how my carefully aimed bowl headed for the ditch every time!

There was not enough time to conduct the touchers this week so next week there will be twelve blocks of chocolates up for grabs.

We all adjourned to the club house when the rain started that is all except Barry who raced home to shut the windows of his house. The raffle prizes were drawn with new player Nev Moore winning two. Nev bought along his guitar and entertained us with some great numbers.

The losers this week were the Ring-ins and the winners were the Lawn Grubs. John Ellwood won the chance to win the Jackpot of \$140 but missed out. Next week the Jackpot of \$160.00 will be won. Numbers will be drawn till there is a winner.

Next week will be the last game for the year. Greg has some extra prizes lined up and there will be a free sausage sizzle at 6 o'clock. Come along and get into the Christmas spirit.

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1. Some examples of flightless birds include ostriches, cassowaries and kiwis.
2. Helium is a noble gas.
3. EEG electroencephalography measures brain activity.
4. Transpiration is the process of water moving into the roots and up to the leaves.
5. Microwaves are closer to radio waves.

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