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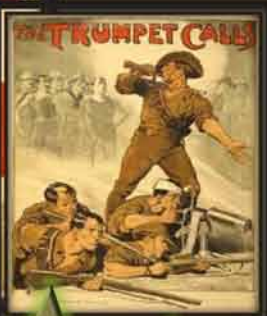
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Gallipoli Aniversary

April 25th 2015 will mark the 100th Anniversary of the Gallipoli Landing and the Allora Anzac Day Committee believe it to be one of the most significant dates in our nation's history. As a commemoration of this most important date, poppies have been placed in many businesses in town. We are hoping the Allora community will purchase and wear these poppies in the lead up to Anzac Day.

A banner commemorating the First World War has been placed on the wall of the Allora Post Office. You may prefer to pin your poppy along with a message or the name of one of the young men of our community who served or lost their life in this conflict.

ANZAC 2015

Allora and District Historical Society have prepared a display in the window of the 'Allora Advertiser'. This display depicts the kit-bag of a dead World War soldier. The kit-bags were virtually all that many soldier's possessed and contained items that were of great value to their families. It may have been a pocket or wrist watch presented to them on their final leave by the local community, letters and photos or a diary that they kept. As we read the records of the men who died from Allora district we have noted that many times no possessions were able to be sent home or only a few items were forwarded to the next-of-kin. Heartfelt letters were addressed to the Officer in Charge Base Records asking for a memento of their loved one. Often they had to be satisfied with a photo of the grave and a pamphlet as there was no trace of the dead soldier's possessions.

The items that were most often in the kit-bags were photos,

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diaries, religious books, watches, fountain pens, crucifix, cards coins, combs, pocket knives, wallets, handkerchiefs and cigarette cases.

Also featured in the display is a Memorial Plaque (known as a 'Dead Man's Penny') which was issued after WW1 to the next-of-kin of all British and Empire service personnel were killed in action; a WW1 Medal; Medals that were issued to the mothers of men who died; A Scroll that was presented to families and the WW1 pay books, identity disc or dog-tag, Light Horse Badge and Returned Servicemen's badge issued to Rolly Sinton. Rolly served on the Gallipoli Peninsular and came home to Allora.

The Allora & District Historical Society would like to acknowledge that items for the display have been kindly loaned by the Clifton Museum and the Sinton and Master's family who lent a war diary.

This display is to promote Allora's contribution to Anzac 2015. Tickets are now on sale in the "A Brown Slouch Hat and Rising Sun", Gallipoli Anniversary Commemoration raffle. Proceeds will go towards the presentation of the Commemorative Concert to be held at 7pm on Anzac Day and at 2pm on Sunday 26th April. Under the direction of Michelle Smith, this concert promises to be the best concert Allora has ever seen. Tickets to the concert will be available at the Allora Advertiser Office. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Over the coming weeks leading up to Anzac Day, the Allora & District Historical Society will feature in the Advertiser each week, articles telling stories of some of the servicemen from the district who died during World War One.

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ABOVE: Fr Rod McGinley congratulates Mrs Ilma Cavanagh on her recent 90th birthday celebrations.

RIGHT: Close friends Joyce Gibson and Catherine McGrath congratulate Ilma Cavanagh on her 90th birthday.

Ilma's 90th Birthday



Wonderful Allora Area Ambassador Celebrates an Amazing Life

Well known Allora area resident Mrs. Ilma Cavanagh (nee Rauchle) celebrated her 90th Birthday with seventy family members at a lunch at the Allora Sports Club on Saturday, December 27th. Ilma's ten children were among those who attended along with the majority of their children and grand-children. It was a wonderful occasion for Ilma to meet up again with her family, some of whom she had not seen for some years. A special guest was Ilma's only surviving sister Bernice Deasy who travelled 1,100 kilometres from Longreach to Allora for the celebration. The celebration commenced with grace recited by Ilma's daughter Monica, who now resides in Sydney and is the Congregational leader of the Sisters of

St. Joseph. Guests enjoyed a roast lunch followed by a power point presentation of Ilma's life, along with several enjoyable speeches that revived some great memories. Many years ago Ilma wrote a short history of her early years and this was read to those in attendance by her grand children Sonya Naumann, Ben Cavanagh, Andrew Saar and Jacob Cavanagh. Ilma and her sister made a short speech before the cutting of the 90th Birthday cake.

Born the fifth of six girls on December 29th 1924 in the Warwick Hospital to Margaret Rose Rauchle nee (Parfitt) and John Rauchle, Ilma spent her younger years growing up on a small dairy farm at Leyburn. She spent her time milking cows and attending school at Leyburn along with her older sisters Mary, Enid, Joyce and Iris, and her younger sister Bernice. When she was aged ten, her family moved to Warwick as her father became the overseer at the Rosenthal Shire Council, working at the council for 46 years. Ilma attended Warwick East School and later the Warwick High School where she completed senior. She then went on to complete her teacher training in Brisbane. Shortly after she was appointed to a teaching position at Inglewood, then Womallila near Mitchell and finally in 1943 to Upper Forest Springs Creek school east of Allora. It was here where she boarded with the Hoey family and eventually met Ned Cavanagh. Ned and Ilma were married on August 14th 1948. They settled at Berat on the dairy farm where Ilma's eldest son Peter still resides. Ned and Ilma raised ten children on their Berat dairy farm and were active community members of the Allora district for over 70 years. On Monday December 29th, Ilma's actual birthday, mass was celebrated by Fr. Rod McGinley and a morning tea was held at the Homestead Aged Person's Hostel in Allora. Ilma was joined by residents, staff, family and friends to celebrate her so very special milestone birthday. A resident of the Homestead for the past eighteen months, Ilma is thoroughly enjoying her time there. The Cavanagh family extend their sincere thanks to management, staff of the Homestead & the Allora Sports Club whose efforts Ilma's already special birthday so much more special.

Glyn Rees

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Mrs. Ilma Cavanagh with her children at her recent 90th birthday - (Back) Lawry, Peter, Pat & Ted and (Front) Denise, Maria, Monica, Ilma, Helen, Cathy & Judy.

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ALLORA'S ANZACS REMEMBERED:

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James Gwynne, better known as Jim was born April 15, 1894 at the Club Hotel, Allora.

Jim was the sixth son of James Henry and Christina (Wilson) Gwynne.

His youth was spent at the family property at Berat about five miles from the township of Allora. He attended school at Berat with his siblings, cousins and neighbours. Jim completed his formal education at the age of 13 and worked alongside his family on their farm.

He also went into business as a teamster with his brother Jack and was able to cart various loads on their wagons. Jim was a capable horseman.

In about 1911 when he was 18 years old Jim joined the Citizen's Forces. He enlisted in A.I.F. on August 30, 1915. He was with 5th Light Horse Regiment for three years and 322 days. The service abroad was for 3 years and 154 days. He was discharged on June 16th 1919.

The 5th Light Horse Regiment was raised in Brisbane in September 1914, almost entirely from men who had enlisted in Queensland, and became part of the 2nd Light Horse Brigade. In 1914 with other members of the regiment Jim departed Sydney by sailing ship only to disembark at Albany in Western Australia with the measles where Jim was quarantined for three weeks. He set sail again on 21st December 1914 and the regiment disembarked in Egypt on February 1, 1915.


On the journey Jim sent a postcard of a ship on the high seas with a note on the back that read.

To all at home. This might give you an idea of size of our ship. Nine times around one deck is one mile. This would be as long as from the cow yard to first rails at the six acres..... Jim

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1402 James (Jim) Gwynne.

ordered to withdraw. With the fall of Gaza on 7 November 1917, the Turkish position in southern Palestine collapsed. The 5th was involved in the

Events Calendar

2015

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
Allora Community Hall
- Sat 26 Allora Scope Club Annual Fundraiser Afternoon Tea
Allora Community Hall, 1.30pm

May -

- Sat 2 Allora QCWA International Day: English Midlands
Uniting Church Hall, 1.30pm
- Fri 8 St.Patrick's School Trivia Night
Allora Community Hall

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pursuit that followed, and then spent much of the first half of 1918 holding the west bank of the Jordan River. During this time it was involved in the Amman (24-27 February) and Es Salt (30 April-4 May) raids, both of which were tactical failures but helped to convince the Turks that the next offensive would be launched across the Jordan. In 1918 while he was sniping in the Jordan Valley Jim was shot under the right ear, the bullet that penetrated through his neck happened to miss all his major arteries. This same bullet also passed over his mate's scalp, the scars that they both carried for the rest of their lives. Jim was evacuated by horse in a 7 day trek to Port Said. The wound became infected and Jim was hospitalized for a month before returning to his regiment to patrol the desert until the cessation of hostilities. The offensive was launched along the coast in September 1918, with the 5th taking part in a subsidiary effort east of the Jordan. The attack at Amman on 25 September, and on 29 September

4,500 Turks surrendered to just two squadrons from the regiment at Ziza. Turkey surrendered on 31 October 1918, but the 5th Light Horse was employed one last time to assist in putting down the Egyptian revolt of early 1919. To arrive at the battle field would often involve a 30-35 mile horse ride at night and sometimes back again if the enemy had changed position. Most encounters were fought on foot rather than horse but as Jim recalled some charges on horse with bayonets fixed to the 303 Lee Enfield rifle. Interestingly the horsemen were equipped for mustard gas attack and overran several Turkish camps which were stocked with the gas but Jim never encountered it in battle. During Jim's service he had three horses. The first horse was from his home at Allora and called 'Nevacanezer' it was shot from under him in a charge and it was killed. The second was injured in battle and died of its wounds. However it was only the Brigadier's horse that returned to Australia; the other animals

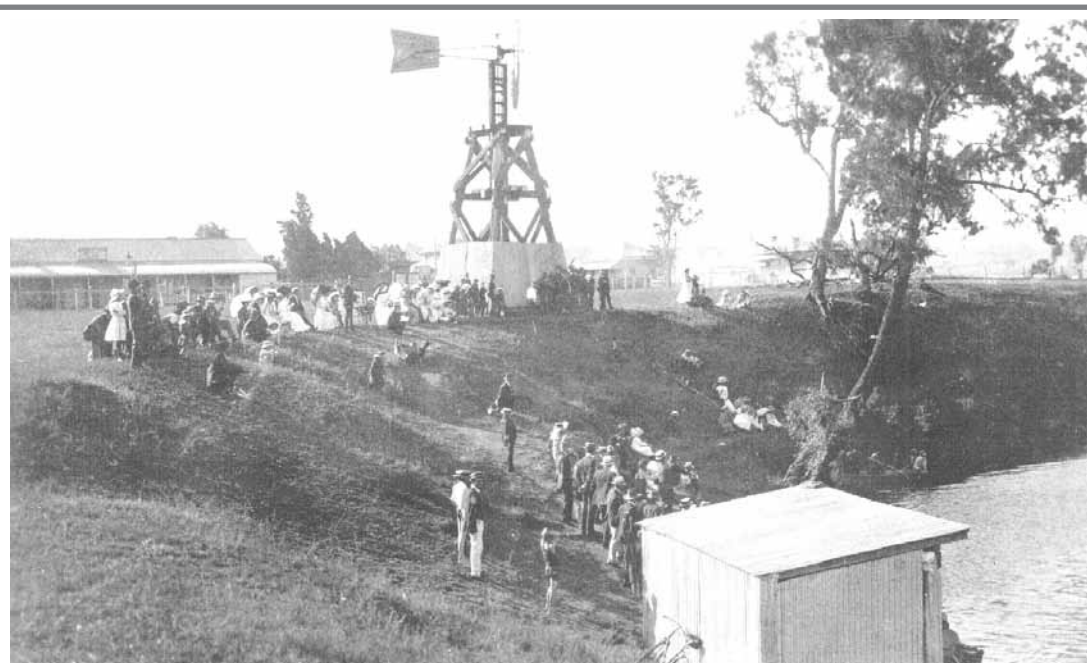
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Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago January 1990

Popular Position

Almost 60 officers applied for the advertised position of police sergeant at Allora. The position became vacant following the retirement of Sgt. John Kinbacher who had served for 15 years at the Allora station. A State Police Department spokesman said that the department had received 59 applications before the closing date of January 1st. He said that it usually took about a month to fill the position.



Swimming Carnival in Dalrymple Creek pre 1914. Old Princess of Wales Hotel can be seen in the background.

The Courier-Mail 6th January 1940

Allora's Past 50 years ago January 1965

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Allora's Past 75 years ago Accident

When two cars collided on the Warwick-Allora road, seven miles from Warwick this afternoon, John Warfield, 76, of Allora, father of the chairman of the Allora Shire Council (Cr. H. S. Warfield) received head injuries and a fracture of the right arm. The Warwick ambulance took him to the Allora hospital.

Allora's Past 100 years ago January 1915
Champion Swimmers Visit

The Allora district was honoured with a visit on the 14th January 1915 by World champion 100 yard swimmer Duke Kahanamouku. He was accompanied by fellow Hawaiian George Cuhna, the American record holder, and their manager. Their arrival at Hendon on the Sydney Mail Train marked the first stop in Queensland on their Australian tour. The swimmers visit to Allora to compete in the annual New Year Handicap tournament was at the invitation of the Allora Amateur Swimming Club. Local dignitaries met the trio at the Hendon railway station and conveyed them to Allora where they were given a civic reception. The swimmers were accommodated in the town overnight and competed in the carnival the following day. Duke Kananamouku won the feature event, the 400 yards Handicap, from

scratch with a time of 5 mins 31 seconds beating the second placegetter who had 45 seconds start by a lap and a half. George Cuhna had an easy win in the 100 yards Handicap.

War Looms

The threat of war loomed over the heads of all those who attended the Allora Amateur Swimming carnival held on 15th January 1915. Les Masters won the Ludgate Cup for swimmers who were members of the Allora Swimming Club. The cup was in the hands of the Masters' family when Pte. Les Masters embarked for the war in December the same year. James Laing, an employee at T. W. Wright's 'Belle View' orchard at Goomburra, took second place in the 50 yard Sprint. Pte. James Laing was killed in action in France in 1916. Arthur Cameron, a judge at the carnival was also killed in France in 1916. His former fellow judge, Joe Burge, was already in Egypt on his way to Gallipoli, where he was killed in August 1915.


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Saturday evening, December 20th at the Australian Rodeo Heritage Centre. The ladies kindly left lasting mementoes at the 'Frog & Swallow Cafe', signing plates that now adorn one of the cafe's walls.



John & Jackie Robertson recently hosted rodeo royalty in Miss Rodeo Australia Danica Boland, 2015 Miss Rodeo Australia runner-up Tash MacQueen and 2014 Miss Rodeo Australia Mallory Doyle at their Frog & Swallow Cafe in Allora. *(Image courtesy of Leeanne's Photography)*

Danica, who was Miss Warwick Rodeo 2013, is also only the second Warwick entrant to take the crown and the first married woman to ever win the award. She is keen to travel to Canada in her year as Miss Rodeo Australia, as well as supporting fundraising ventures for charities such as the Leukaemia Foundation. The Allora area can boast involvement with the Miss Rodeo Australia Quest previously when former Mt Marshall resident Wendy Morrish (Eisentrager) was successful in becoming the 1989 Miss Rodeo Australia and 1987 Miss Warwick Rodeo. Glyn Rees

Allora Hosts Rodeo Royalty

For a couple of hours on Sunday morning December 21st Allora hosted rodeo royalty when newly crowned 2015 Miss Rodeo Australia Danica Boland dropped in to "the Best Little Town on the Downs" accompanied by 2014 Miss Rodeo Australia Mallory Doyle, 2015 Miss Rodeo Australia runner-up Tash MacQueen & Quest coordinator Karen Burraston. The ladies enjoyed morning tea at Jackie & John Robertson's 'Frog & Swallow Cafe' before taking part in an official photograph shot at the Allora Senior Citizen's Hall by Wheatvale based photographer Leeanne Eastwell. The Rodeo ladies headed home after their Allora visit, after a busy time involved in the quest, Danica to Haden north of Toowoomba, Mallory to Taroona & Tash to Katherine in the Northern Territory. The 'Miss Rodeo Australia Quest' climaxed with the crowning of Miss Rodeo Australia at a glittering function a little over a week ago on



Perhaps looking to the future, Allora little ladies Sophie Masters & Matilda Rees joined 2015 Miss Rodeo Australia Danica Boland, 2014 Miss Rodeo Australia Mallory Doyle & 2015 Miss Rodeo Australia runner-up Tash MacQueen at their recent promotional photo shoot in Allora. *(Image courtesy of Leeanne's Photography)*

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Council appoints dynamic Chief Executive Officer

Southern Downs Regional Council Mayor Cr Peter Blundell said he was pleased to announce that Mr David Keenan has been appointed SDRC Chief Executive Officer, with Mr Keenan commencing in the role on 28th January, 2015.



"Mr Keenan brings a great deal of experience to Southern Downs Regional Council, having worked most recently as General Manager for the Australian Forest Contractors Association, and as CEO for Mitchell and Tweed Shire Councils. With 20 years experience in Local Government, David has key achievements in economic development, strategic planning and project delivery.

"Mr Keenan comes to us with a great deal of enthusiasm and passion for the role. He believes that local government is the key for delivery of services to people.

"The CEO position is key to ensuring that services meet community expectation and ensure that local communities can thrive and grow into the future.

"I would particularly like to note the work that Mr David Tuxford had done as Acting CEO while the recruitment process has been underway. He has done a great job, and I would like to extend my thanks and the thanks of Council as a whole, for the excellent work he has done," he said.

In accepting the role, Mr Keenan said "I am really excited about the opportunity to work with the Mayor, Councillors, staff and community of the Southern Downs area. I look forward to working collaboratively with the Mayor and Councillors to achieve the aspirations of the Council and engaging with staff across the organisation".

"My family and I are keen to be actively involved with the community and I personally am keen to connect with the different groups and individuals that are working to make the Southern Downs area a great place to live, work, visit and recreate", he said.

"In my first three months I hope to meet with as many of these groups and individuals as possible. I hope that my skills and experience gained from working in regional areas will add value to Council, staff and the community".

"In all of my past roles I have always had a focus on supporting sustainable development and effective genuine consultation with the community on difficult issues. Again, I look forward to working on behalf of the Southern Downs Regional Council to deliver quality services and outcomes to the community, as well as being a member of the community."

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Allora Show Society official Ted Cowley has mustered an impressive stable of talent with 400 thoroughbred yellow ducks ready to churn up the waters of the Allora Swimming Pool in the annual Allora Showgirl fundraiser, the 'Dalrymple Duck Race' held on Australia Day.

Ted & 2015 Allora Showgirl entrant Lauren Wilson are busy selling tickets across January for the 400 cute while intrepid yellow ducks. Keep an eye out for Ted & Lauren outside the Allora Pharmacy tomorrow Friday, January 16th & next Friday the 23rd or collect your tickets before the big races on Australia Day. Two races will be held, commencing at 3.00 pm.

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

For further details contact Ted Cowley on 0418 731 514.

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The Allora Cup – It's On Again

After a lull of around 45 years, the sound of a bugle ringing out "Call to Post" for an Allora Cup horse racing meet was heard last year, the 2014 Allora Cup seeing the race run for the first time since 1959.

Preparations are well underway for the running of the 2015 "Railway Hotel Allora Cup Blues, Brews & BBQ's Race Day" at Warwick's Allman Park by the Warwick Turf Club on Saturday, January 31st.

The 2015 Allora Cup will take on greater prominence following the decision of Racing Queensland to allocate TAB status to the forthcoming meeting.

Organisers are hoping to see all of Allora on course for the second running of the historic race named in honour of the "Best Little Town on the Downs".

Jockey Matthew McGillivray rode the Daryl Peckett owned 'Ain't She Sweet' to victory in the 2014 Allora Cup for trainer Wayne Baker, to reignite a legendary event.

Surprisingly, many are not familiar with the former Allora Race track to the south east of the town neighbouring the New England Highway. Many a great day of racing was held on the

track amid the 62 hectares that is now leased for agriculture. The track is now maintained by the Southern Downs Regional Council as a race horse training facility.

The Allora Jockey Club was formed at a meeting held in Allora's Princess of Wales Hotel on October 6th, 1888. Horse racing was held continuously at Allora after that date including "Patriotic Meetings" during WWI. Racing may have been suspended in Allora during the Second World War, the first reference to a race meeting after the war was a New Year's Meeting held on the 2nd January 1949.

The first "Allora Cup" appears to have occurred at a meeting held on October 8th, 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 railway station master, Jack Hilton. The winner of the inaugural Allora Cup was 'Nobleman' owned by Tom Cowley, trained by Dick Byrne and ridden by Joe Murphy. The 1950 Allora Cup was won by R. C. Crowther's "Bon Ami".

In 1953, the Cup winner was the mare "Plane" owned and trained by Frank Armstrong, and 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, former Allora Shire Chairman.

Local racing historian Shirley Murray last year reminisced that the cup meeting was a huge event in Allora with a half-day holiday granted. Top race caller, Vince Curry, 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. The final Allora Cup meeting appears to have been run on the 3rd November 1959.

The 2015 'Railway Hotel Allora Cup' festivities will begin on Friday evening, January 30th with a Calcutta at the Railway Hotel featuring horses in the race program on race day Saturday.

For further details contact Glyn Rees (0400 811 093) or Warwick Turf Club Secretary Kristen Doyle (0414 899 854).

Glyn Rees



Allora Cups galore, comparing silverware are Ted Cowley with the 1949 Allora Cup, 2015 Allora Cup major sponsor Robyn Miles of Allora's Railway Hotel with the 2015 Cup and Barry Burgess with a Cup from the early 1950's ready for the "Railway Hotel Allora Cup - Blues, Brews & BBQ's Race Day" at Warwick's Allman Park on January 31st.



Golf Notes

Sunday 4/1/15 – The New Year has arrived with the golf course looking spectacular after recent rain. Our

hardworking volunteers have been mowing continuously to make the course fit for play.

The mowing was finished in time for the weekly nine-hole "Duck Run" that is run every Friday afternoon from 2.30 PM. We saw a good field of 14 golfers take to the course although a sudden downpour saw them all return to the clubhouse to wait out the rain. A few players surprisingly went home – what's the matter Moose? Frightened you might rust?

When the competition started again Adam Cummins put on a golfing clinic by recording a spectacular 3 under par 31 with 25 stable ford points playing off a 7 handicap. As punishment for his good form, Adam will play off scratch in next week's Duck Run.

There was a four way tie for runner-up with Graham, Garth, John and Kev recording 21 stable ford points (This would be a winning score in any other week). Following a count-back, Graham and Garth could not be split. Both winner and runners-up received a meat voucher courtesy of Allora Butchery. Pin shots went to Jack Fulwood and Brendan Cook. Great to see Brendan playing some pretty good golf with his recently acquired clubs.

Good numbers again on Sunday with 15 players competing for the prestigious Railway Hotel Monthly Mug. Thanks to Robyn for her continued support of the Golf Club for the 2015 season. Before play began, Ken Wilson presented the trophies for last year's eclectic challenge. The winner of the best gross was Matty May and best net Aaron Simpson. Both players recorded 19 under par. Thanks to Ken for his kind sponsorship of this intriguing and hotly contested competition.

Winner of the Monthly Mug for January was Adam Cummins, who continued his Friday's form, on a count back from Adam May. Both players recorded a pretty handy net 66. Great to see Adam back having a hit. Golf balls were won by Rod Simpson and Michael Madden and pin shots won by Adam May on the 4th, Adam Cummins on the 13th and Keelan Whitaker on the 7th. Approach shots were taken out by Jack Fulwood on the 5th and Adam Cummins on the 16th.

Shot of the day went to Keelan Whitaker who chipped in for an eagle on the 6th hole from out of the trees. Keelan reported that this shot and his nearest the pin on the 7th were the only two decent shots he hit all day.

Golf memberships are now due with this year's sub being \$190 for members and \$40 for juniors (under 18) and they must be paid up by the 28th February. New members are most welcome.

Sunday 11/1/15 – The Allora Golf course received a pleasant

surprise on Saturday as nine glamorous young ladies turned up to play a round of golf. The ladies were celebrating birthdays and decided that playing nine holes of golf in formal attire would be a good way to mark the occasion. I am sure that friends of the young ladies will recognise them from the photo.

On a more serious note, we had eleven players contest the Duck Run on Friday afternoon. Scores were not flash with the best being Keelan Whittaker with 17 points and John Sparksman with 16. No pin shots were won - you have to actually be on the green to claim the prize Rod.

Sunday saw a magnificent field of 20 players with a welcome return of Tom Brown from injury and Brendan Corby from whatever it is that Corbs gets up to when he is away from Allora. It was also great to see two new faces in Laurie and Kaz. Kaz has a strong golfing pedigree as her Mum is apparently a very good putter and her Dad also plays a handy game of golf for his age.

The club now has four junior members and one of those, Josh Wilson, played on Sunday with his Grandad and club stalwart Kenny caddying for him. The Golf Club is determined to develop as many junior golfers as possible so Mums and Dads please get your kids down to the club and sign them up. Only \$40 annual membership.

Winner on the day with an incredible 42 points was the "struggling A Grader" Rod Simpson. Rod is determined to be the number one pennants player this season and in his current form few would doubt that he will be. Runner up was "The Moose" Lindsay May with a very respectable 40 points and third was Aaron Simpson on 39 points. With the Secretary being in a generous mood, the run down went to 35 points so

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balls were won by John Ellwood, John Sparksman, Chad, Corbs and Aaron.

Pin shots were won by Michael Madden on the 4th and Kel Strange on the 13th. (Did you really miss that putt Kel?) Approach shots were won by John Ellwood on the 1st, Matt May on the 10th, Adam Cummins 5th and Garth Simpson 14th. The Duck Run competition (9 holes) is on Friday afternoon from 2.30 PM and on Sunday we have the Jenco Monthly Medal incorporating the 2014 Medal of Medallist. New golfers most welcome on both days. The golf course is in almost perfect condition at the moment and social golfers are encouraged to go out and enjoy it. Please make sure that green fees are paid at the honesty box before hitting off.

A reminder that The Sports Club is now open Sunday afternoons with visitors welcome to drop in for a drink and engaging conversation.

Golf quote of the week. "Golf and Sex are about the only things you can enjoy without being good at"



Railway Hotel Rascals vs. Colts

Round ten of the season witnessed the Railway Hotel Rascals take on Maryvale, on turf, at Slade Park in Warwick. The Rascals lost the toss for the seventh time in a row, and in to bat

Maryvale did go. Sitting second on the table, Maryvale are simply a quality team, they have what the Rascals will have in a year's time- a winning record. Being a 50 over game as it was on a Sunday; each team's innings was separated by two drinks breaks, at the 17th and 34th over. The first session was even with the score at 2/71. At the end of the second session it was still even with the score at 5/121. In the last session Maryvale reached 9/201- more runs than we would have liked and one wicket short of picking up the bonus point for bowling a team out. There was some great economical bowling on display, with Jamie Holmes conceding only six runs from six overs, Tom Morris 1-22/9, Brad Johnson 2-22/9 Nick Van Der Poel 2-44/10 and Paul Christensen 3-30/6. This was a great bowling display against many talented cricketers, and thankfully it was a cloudy day. Whilst there are some fielding areas to improve on at training this week, The Rascals are still forging on and improving their skills each and every week. One great highlight in the field was Nick Van Der Poel taking a catch behind his head whilst running backwards- how it took it no one knows! See Nick, it made the paper!

In response the Rascals managed a total of 126 off 43.1 overs, which is the longest the Rascals have ever batted for. If this kind of batting continues than great things are in store for the

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BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

God was sitting in heaven one day when a scientist said to Him, "God, we don't need you anymore. Science has finally figured out a way to create life out of nothing - in other words, we can now do what you did in the beginning."

"Oh, is that so? Tell Me..." replies God.

"Well," says the scientist, "we can take dirt and form it into the likeness of you and breathe life into it, thus creating man."

"Well, that's very interesting...show Me." So the scientist bends down to the earth and starts to mold the soil into the shape of a man.

"No, no, no!..." interrupts God, "Get your own dirt."

NIGHT BOWLS

Nominations for teams close Monday,
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young team. Three partnerships over twenty were the key to reaching this total, and few stray strokes were present, underlining the experience that the younger players are starting to demonstrate. Joe Morris in a return to batting form, top scored with 25, closely followed by Tom Morris on 19. Brad Johnson 15*, Jamie Holmes 14 and Nick Van Der Poel 13 added some valuable runs to the final score. After two early wickets, it was Andrew Boal and Tom Morris, who had the hard job of seeing off the opening blowers. This unenviable work for any batter was completed well, allowing the rest of the team to face a cricket ball short of shine.

Railway Hotel Rascals player of the year points- 3: Nick Van Der Poel, 2: Brad Johnson, 1: Tom Morris.

For those who like some stats amongst the words, here is a collection of the Rascals individual stats after eight games. Most Runs: Jake Christensen- 87, Batting Average: Liam Duncan- 21.25, Most Wickets: Nick Van Der Poel- 10, Bowling Average: James Moore- 19.00, Bowling Strike Rate: James Moore- 15.57, Dismissals: Jake Christensen- six and finally, most Ducks: Paul Christensen and Joe Morris- two.

The Rascals next game is against Wheatvale, at home on the 17th of January, before the Australia Day Carnival. After the carnival, the two Allora sides are to replay the game that was washed out in round seven. If anyone is interested in training with us, to improve your skills, play some social cricket, to become part of the team, or just to pass on some much needed advice, we will be at Allora Oval from 4pm each Thursday. Please feel welcome to come down and join in with us.

Brad Johnson

• ANNOUNCEMENTS •

50th Anniversary...

Gay & Nic Erskine (nee Warburton) were married on 9/1/1965 in the Prince Edward School Chapel, Salisbury, Rhodesia (Zimbabwe).

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Bereavement Notice...

ALAN JOHN GAY, late of Allora, passed away on 13th December 2014, age 69. Loved husband of Karen. Dearly loved father of David, Charlotte and Hannah and Pop to their children. A family service was held on 23rd December 2014.

• PUBLIC NOTICES •

THE ALLORA STATE SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION IS HOLDING A STREET STALL AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE on 31 January 2015. This is to coincide with the Election. It will be held at 18 Drayton Street (Senior Citizens) from 8.00am.

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either being destroyed or sold to the British and Indian Armies. The comradeship of all fellow soldiers was the most significant memory of the war. The quality of the men as Jim reflected were related to the fact that they came from the outback and were used to hard and difficult times, they were able to mix with other men and also had a good knowledge of horses.

During his tour of duty Jim travelled to the Sinai Desert, Jordan Valley and almost to Damascus by 1918.

For all this patriotism and toil Jim received Private's pay of 5 shillings a day with two shillings actually received and 3 shillings deferred pay to be received on return to Australia. This was taken from his Pay Book.

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In 1919, Jim quietly and without ceremony, disembarked in Brisbane only to be given a second class train ticket to Allora. In 1920 Jim procured a soldier settlement of 100 acres at Berat some five miles from Allora. He called this farm, 'Rafa' from the early battle Jim was involved in 1917.

In 1922 Jim married a local girl, Ada Shooter and his brother and partner in the carting business, Jack had married Ada's sister, Mary.

Ada and Jim had three children, two girls, Leila and Daphne

and one son Leslie James.

Jim chose to stay home during World War 2 being occupied on the farm and assisted ably by his children. At that time tea, sugar and petrol rations were the order of the day with cigarettes still available, 'under the counter'.

During all this time and for the rest of his life Jim retained an active interest in the RSL. He was President of the Allora Branch of the RSL for 23 years. He was the inaugural President of the RSL Western District Association, formed as support group for the Return Services.

In May, 1961 Jim joined the members who travelled by train to Cairns for the RSL Western District State Congress, a journey that he enjoyed and mate ship that he talked about with pride. Jim's life was centered round the activities of the Return Services men and women. He was very proud when honoured to be a special guest at the premier showing of the film, 'Gallipoli'.

In December 1986 the RSL presented Jim with a Certificate of Service honouring him for 50 years of faithful service.

These records are taken from Jim's memoirs.

Forwarded by his grandson, Gary Gwynne.

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