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THURSDAY, 5th FEBRUARY 2015



ABOVE: Exhibition - Photography group members setting up last Saturday in the Clifton Library.

Exhibition of Photography by Local Group

An impressive display of photos is on display this month at the Clifton Library, and all are works by the Allora Photography Group. Entry is free and all are welcome, so anyone with an inkling of interest in photography should pop in and check it out.

Our little group enjoyed celebrating a very full and successful 2014, at a break-up dinner and slide show at the Railway Hotel. The prestigious Perpetual Trophy was so hotly contested it came down to a dead heat - Congratulations to Karen Johnson and Linda Coombes sharing the honour.

At the group's January meeting members submitted a grand array of interpretations of the topic "Out of the Box". By contrast, at February's challenge, an Open Subject in Black and White, should have us looking at life in quite a different light. Members will be presenting their entries in 5x7 print form.

The next meeting of the Photography Group is next Wednesday, February 11th - 7pm at the Allora State School Library. All welcome.



Joan Wylde presents the perpetual trophy to winners for 2014, Linda Coombes and Karen Johnson.

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ABOVE: Series II Field Marshall from Kummerrow collection at Jondaryan.

LEFT: Farmall A tractor.



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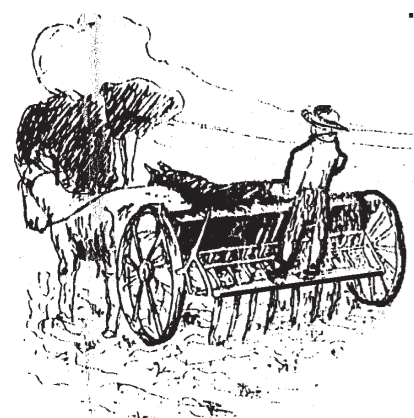


LEFT: Lanz Bulldog owned by Grant Mason of Brookstead.

BELOW: 1951 Ford Twin Spinner.



ABOVE: Allora Veteran & Vintage Vehicle Club committee member Ted Woodrow, President Graeme McMillan & the Hon. Bruce Scott, Federal Member for Maranoa after the official opening of the Allora Heritage Weekend at the Allora Showgrounds on Saturday, 24 January.



LEFT: 1929 Buick owned by Bob Denny.



Looking Back...

WHITE'S GARAGE

The notice of the sale of White's Garage to Tim and Rhianna Hentschel in last week's *Allora Advertiser* prompted me to write a short history on the block, building and business.

The 1 acre block on the corner of Drayton and Herbert Streets was sold to Michael Erhart in February 1861. For a short time Allora's first Post and Telegraph Office occupied that portion of the land adjoining the water lane. Michael Erhart had the Queen's Arms Hotel built on the other portion in 1866. C. H. Wills bought the hotel and land in 1879 and built Wills' Hall adjoining his renamed Royal Hotel. Part of the old hall is still standing in the much altered White's Garage. By the 1890's John Holmes owned the Royal Hotel and his son Esau operated a cordial factory in the hall building.

In 1929 Joe White started up the business of White's Garage. Sometime later, until he bought into Allora Motors in 1949, Dick Hansen conducted J. C. Hansen Motor Repairs in the rear part of the building. This part of the building was later occupied by Matt O'Dea.

Following the death of Joe White, the business was sold to Phil Hall in December 1965. Phil retained the name and carried on until his death in January 1971. It was then taken over by his brother Noel Hall until sold to Frank and Gladys Peardon in February 1974.

Doug and Merrilyn Heslin bought the garage in August 1985 and it was later taken over by their son Matthew and his wife Tracey. Coincidentally, the Heslin family lived in Joe and Connie White's house at Spring Creek.

Allora's Past 25 years ago February 1990

Allora Show Girl

Jennifer Hoey, 19, of Forest Springs, was chosen Miss Allora Show Girl from five entrants at the annual Show Ball last



White's Garage in Drayton Street: Left to right - Eric Gwynne, Shell rep., Len Weatherley, Joe White.

Friday night. Jennifer will be kept busy attending official functions, inspecting show exhibits and presenting ribbons to the various winners. She will take her place at the head of aturday's grand parade, accompanied by Miss Charity Girl, Karen Gwynne.

Allora's Past 50 years ago February 1965

A PRE-WEDDING EVENING

Will be tendered Miss Shirley Crothers in St. Patrick's Hall, Allora, on Tuesday, 16th February, in honour of her approaching marriage to Mr. Graham Masters. Convenors: Mesdames P. Schriek, G. Byrne and Miss C. Geaney.

Allora's Past 75 years ago February 1940

Allora Artist's Success

Mr. Wycliff Huston, the young Allora artist who is studying in Sydney, has won the Phillip Muskett Landscape Prize for the

second year in succession. The Director of the National Art Gallery in Sydney, who has adjudicated various exhibits, describes one of Mr. Huston's studies as the best of its kind that he has ever seen in the annual competition.

Amongst recent commissions executed by Mr. Huston was a series of monochromes picturing early events on the Darling Downs.

(*The Courier-Mail* 28th February 1940)

Allora's Past 150 years ago February 1865

Glengallan Station

It is rumoured that Mr. Deuchar has purchased out his partner, Mr. Marshall, for £40,000, payable in 10 years. This is a splendid bargain for the lucky purchaser, as there are nearly 40,000 acres of land purchased from the Government, all choice parcels and commanding the run of the station.

(*Darling Downs Gazette* 1st February 1865)

Colin Newport

?? CSIRO Double Helix Quiz ??

1. True or false? The tail of a comet increases as it gets close to the Sun.
2. What's the name of the biggest object in the asteroid belt between Jupiter and Mars?
3. Have people found water on asteroids?
4. Which temperature is the same in both Celsius and Fahrenheit? Is it a) -40, b) 0, or c) 38?
5. Does anything eat Australian fur seals?

Answers in Classifieds pages

Originally published in *Science by Email*. For more CSIRO Double Helix science visit www.csiro.au/helix or call 02 6276 6643.

Vellacott Brothers launch EP

It is something special when brothers make music together and there are plenty of famous sibling groups making it big on the world stage.

The Vellacott Trio are hoping that their blend of music will strike the right chord with audiences when they launch their first EP in Warwick on March 6.

The brothers, Ben 18, Clayton 16 and Morgan 14, who are well-known for playing community events, charity work, and "parties, weddings, anything", are excited to be launching an EP of original music to their home crowd.

Front man Ben, who is currently studying a Bachelor of Popular Music at Griffith University on the Gold Coast, is utilising all the learnings of his course in this venture.

"I've been writing a lot, and we have had help with recording, mixing and mastering the tracks from Alex, of the Flame Fields, who has been a great help in getting this project off the

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ground," he said.

"It's been fantastic to be able to discover what it takes to make it in the music industry and to have the guidance of well-respected musicians and industry leaders to guide us in our first major music project."

Ben said that the songs on the new EP are just a small sample of what they've written since the band's inception.

"Some of the songs we've had for over a year and some were written a week out from recording."

The boys believe the songs have good audience appeal, a catchy hook, and great rhythm that will hopefully have people singing along.

"We're pretty proud of what we've done, and we just hope people can enjoy what we've created," Ben said.

"My favourite track on the EP is 'Don't Break It'. I think it's got a cool little riff, you can move to it, and it's just heaps of fun to play live," he said.

Ben plays guitar and sings, while Clayton drums and harmonises and Morgan provides the funky bass lines.

The boys have music pedigree, having taken their inspiration and talent from dad Phillip, a popular and well-known musician and guitar teacher, who has done his own share of touring, playing major events and recording work.

There will be a bill of three acts on the night with local favourites Port Paradise kicking off the evening, followed by Gold Coast band The Flame Fields.

The EP launch party will happen at the Stockyard Hotel's outdoor venue on Friday March 6 from 6.30pm, with entry just \$5. CDs and t-shirts will be available for purchase on the night and for those who can't make it along to the launch, the Vellacott Trio's EP will be downloadable from iTunes.

Enquiries to Ben on 0422 454 697 or contact the boys at: contact@thevellacotttrio.com.

Council reminds ratepayers about payment of second instalments

The Southern Downs Regional Council is reminding ratepayers who chose to pay their rates in two instalments, that the second payment is due on February 13.

Mayor Cr Peter Blundell said Council agreed in July last year that ratepayers would have 30 days from the date of issue on their 2014/2015 rates notice to pay their full rates bill if they want to receive a 7.5% per cent early payment discount.

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difficulty paying the full amount and gave everyone an option to pay in two instalments.

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"It's important that ratepayers meet the February 13 deadline," he said. Ratepayers have a number of options for payment including:

- Make a payment from your Cheque, Savings or Credit Card Account using the Bpay Biller Code and Reference number on your notice. Allow two extra working days before the due date when using Bpay.
- In person at any post office (incl. Dalveen & Leyburn), phone 13 18 16 or go to www.postbillpay.com.au.
- Take your rate notice intact to any Warwick Credit Union branch for payment.
- Visit www.sdrc.qld.gov.au and follow the links. Please quote the Billing number found on the front of your rate notice. Minimum payment \$20.00.
- Tear off the deposit slip and mail with payment to Southern Downs Regional Council, PO Box 26, Warwick Q 4370.
- Credit card payment - detach the bottom portion of rates notice, complete details and forward with your payment, or phone any Council office to make a payment.
- Pay by Cash, cheque, money order or credit card at any Council office.

Council building has generator power for storm season

Southern Downs Regional Council has taken a lead role in helping local residents get ready for storm season and has also been very proactive in ensuring its own staff and services are ready with contingency planning.

Disaster Management Co-ordinator Mark Saunders said Council has implemented many "get ready" strategies and one of the most important was an alternative power source for Council's Warwick office.

"In the event of a natural disaster Council sets up the Local Disaster Coordination Centre in the Warwick Chambers. This centre is vitally important for co-ordination, logistics and communication.

"In December we commissioned our new generator, supplied and installed by local contractors, for a total cost of \$50,500. This equipment will power the whole building during a power blackout or other power outage emergency.

"The system automatically detects a power outage and provides power within a minute of an outage being detected.

"The system is also powerful enough (150KVA) to run all key function areas within the Warwick Administration building to maintain business continuity during disaster events or even non disaster periods when power outages occur.

"This project was funded in partnership with the Commonwealth and State Governments through the Natural Disaster Resilience Program," he said.

Anyone wanting further information please phone Council on 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372). For further information on getting ready for storm season go to www.getready.qld.gov.au

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Events Calendar

2015

- January -**
Sat 31 Allora Men's Shed Working Bee
 9.00am to 11.00am
Sat 31 Allora Community Pink Meeting
 Old Fire Station, 11.30am
- February -**
Fri 13 Goomburra Hall Trivia Night Number 3
 Goomburra Hall, 6.30pm
Sat 21 Allora Community Pink Stumps Day
 Allora Cricket Grounds, 12 midday.
Sat 21 Allora Men's Shed Golf & Bowls Day
 Allora Sports Club
- March -**
Fri 6 Allora Rotary Club Trivia Night
Sat 7 Wattles launch and 50th Year Celebrations
Sun 8 Ken O'Dea Floor Coverings 3 Man Golf Ambrose
 Allora Sports Club, 11.00am
Sun 8 Ken O'Dea Floor Coverings Bowls Triples
 Allora Sports Club, 1.00pm
Sun 8 Allora Sports Club Lucky Members Draw \$250
 Allora Sports Club, 5.00pm
Sat 14 1st Round Club Championships - Allora Golf Club
 Allora Sports Club
Sun 15 2nd Round Club Championships - Allora Golf Club
 Allora Sports Club
Sat 21 3rd Round Club Championships - Allora Golf Club
 Allora Sports Club
Sun 22 Final Round Club Championships - Allora Golf Club
 Allora Sports Club
Sat 28 Allora RSL Easter Markets
 Allora RSL Hall
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
Sun 10 Mother's Day Long Lunch - Norma O'Hara Murphy
 Allora Sports Club
Fri 29 St.Patrick's School Trivia Night
 Allora Community Hall
- June -**
Sat 13 St. David's Guild June Afternoon

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 If people wish to contact The Allora Advertiser and discuss their particular needs, please feel free to do so. Ph 4666 3128.

Inspirational book reading at Warwick Library

Southern Downs Regional Council Libraries staff members are pleased to host an inspirational book reading from author Lynette Gordon-Smith on Wednesday February 11 from 10am at Warwick Library.

Principal Librarian Samantha Shelbourn said Mrs Gordon-Smith, a well known local author and musician, is looking forward to her visit to Warwick Library and reading from her first book "The Legacy Left Behind".

"Lynette's book came after a traumatic event in her life and she took some sound advice about putting pen to paper to deal with her emotions and feelings.

"Lynette began her writing with the idea of a short story but gradually developed into a complete book. The main theme is how one family comes to terms with the legacies left by earlier

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Author Lynette Gordon-Smith

generations.

"The book covers many universal themes and certainly takes the reader on a journey through the celebrations, disappointments, trials and unconditional love of a strong family unit.

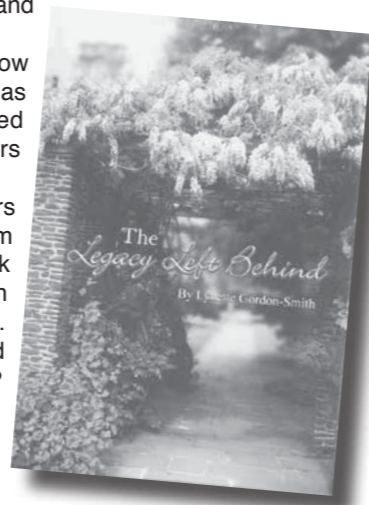
"Lynette wrote her book to encourage all women who find themselves in challenging circumstances to take a stand and believe in themselves. At 63 years old Lynette believes she is living proof that you are never too old to try new things and to spread your wings.

"Lynette's life has been an adventure and this is reflected in her writing. She decided to settle in Allora after extensive travels to present musical programs that include Jazz in Melbourne, military in the Colac City Band and many solo concerts.

"Some people may know Lynette as the 'Saxy Lady' as she is an accomplished saxophonist of 50 years experience," she said.

Ms Shelbourn said Mrs Gordon-Smith will read from her book at the Warwick Library event and also sign copies for those purchasing.

"Morning tea will be provided and we ask people to RSVP by Monday February 9 for catering purposes - please phone Warwick Library on 4661 0342," she said.



Mayor Cr Peter Blundell welcomes the new SDRC Young Leaders for 2015: (front row from left) Kai Page, Council's Youth Development Officer Hailey Cosh, Sarah Pickering, Liana Allen, Elizabeth Dennis, (back row from left) Dominic Andersen-Struckwick, Jasmine Watts, Jack Kearns, Gabe Howard and Jacob Meicklejohn.

Southern Downs Young Leaders Appointed for 2015

Nine young people from the Southern Downs have been appointed to the Southern Downs Young Leaders' Program and are looking forward to bringing exciting initiatives to the region as well as tackling youth issues.

Their first meeting was held on Thursday January 29 when Mayor Cr Peter Blundell welcomed the young leaders to Council.

Southern Downs Regional Council Youth Development Officer Hailey Cosh said the standard of applications for the young leader positions was very high and she looked forward to working with the group throughout the year.

"Council is committed to addressing the needs of youth in our community, with emphasis on building partnerships across the region, developing opportunities and encouraging participation to ensure that our diverse range of young people have a voice and the support to become more independent and self-determining individuals.

"This year's Young Leaders' Team was endorsed by Council at the December 2014 General Meeting.

Young Leaders

"The 2015 Team are ready to take on the opportunity and use the program as an initiative to identify exciting projects for young people across the Southern Downs.

"The program also addresses the more serious issues within our region with the Young Leaders tackling social issues including homelessness, drug and alcohol abuse.

- Elizabeth Dennis
- Dominic Andersen-Strudwick
- Liana Allen
- Jack Kearns
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"The Young Leaders will start the year with a Leadership and Project Planning camp in February. In March the Young Leaders will work with the Councillors and Senior Council staff to develop the Youth Action Plan for 2015/2016 financial year," she said.

SDRC Mayor Cr Peter Blundell said the youth program was a vital component of Council and he and all councillors are keen to work with the young leaders on issues of importance.

"I am always impressed with the ideas and innovation of young people and Council is energised by their presence.

"We particularly look forward to developing the Youth Action Plan and putting fresh ideas into practice," he said.

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CRICKET: Australia Day Weekend - The Blue Cow XI

The Australia Day weekend was a great success for Blue Cow XI in their second year of the competition, in the Twenty20 format. Again we must thank our major sponsor, The Blue Cow Hotel, specifically Denise Dalglish, who has assisted us financially. This assistance allows the Blue Cow XI to enter the competition and make the weekend affordable for all the younger players in the team.

When the draw was completed, the Cows discovered to their delight that the furthest they had to travel was to Warwick, much better than the previous year's epic long distance run (to Killarney). So come Saturday morning, with the BBQ and chairs loaded, Berocca being downed by the gallon, and the enthusiasm bubbling out into nervous excitement, the Cows set off for their first game at Slade Park.

Game 1: Marbucks XI- The Rascals were off to a solid start again in the Competition, with 19 runs soon amassed, for the loss on only six wickets. And epic start! Thankfully evergreen warrior Ian Christensen, Brad Johnson and Henry Gartery righted the ship and managed a total of 85/8. In response, Nick Van Der Poel made short work of the opposition, taking 5-10/4!! This outstanding bowling performance ensured that the game was going to be close, and put the Cows right back into it, and to the wire it did go. With wickets regularly falling, and 10 required from the last partnership, each ball, fielding effort was completed under immense pressure. Nine runs to go, eight runs, four runs, three runs, swear word, one run, bowled! Tie game! The best result for the way the game played out and thank you to the opposition who made it possible.

Game 2: Hulks XI, Last year's premiers- Batting first, the Rascals scored 73 all out, with Paul Christensen anchoring the innings, scoring 21, and Jake Christensen smashing 27 late runs off 17 balls to make the score more competitive. In response the Rascals bowled out Hulks XI for 120 runs, which is a very fine result considering they were the premiers. Unfortunately the bowling figures sheet did not return to Allora and is listed as missing, presumed fed. So to add some more intrigue as to who took the wickets, we shall say that Matty Christensen definitely did not take two wickets, nor did Karl or Neil- now they might tell you that they did, but how can they argue against the paper- it's the written word. I think we shall say that Keeper Jake Christensen took all ten wickets, as did Simon Moore. Ian Christensen also hugged the fielders who dropped him; Dutchess owned the worst run out possible and Neil Head-butted a fence, whilst apparently he tells us, trying to field a ball that had stopped moving?

Game 3: Mitch's XI- 98/6 was the score of the Cows. Our best of the three games to date! Paul Christensen again anchored the innings with another 21 runs, Liam Keating added 22 and Jamie Holmes added 24 before Joe Morris added a final 19 off 6 balls to boost the score. Again, the bowling score sheet does not exist for this game and we presume that this sheet is still hiding somewhere in Red Rooster. Though by memory, they scored the runs in about 16 overs after losing about seven

wickets. These seven wickets were claimed by, let's say, Amber Christensen.

Game 4: Scots XI Past Students- Wow! 198/3 off 19 overs! Wow! Sight and Sound! Yes, that was our score, thanks to an unbeaten 100 off 60 from opener Dutchess, 27 off 16 from Liam Duncan and 60 off 33 from Liam Keating. This score is awesome, but I think you may already have guessed that. There were some very exciting times in the games, three 6's in a row- twice, Jake getting out for two, Matty getting a life on 0, and then out for 1 and Henry Gartery 'attempting' to jump over a fence. In response the Scots students compiled 120/9, where Brad Johnson and Matthew Christensen somehow bagged two wickets each. More wickets were taken, and someone who cannot be named for their protection, dismissed Patty Geyle, who plays in our regular season team. Training will be fun on Thursday!

Game 5: Dalrymple Dingers- Wow! Enter the young up comers! Chasing a solid 124 set by the Dingers, the Cows talented youth shone through and amassed a total of 180/6 after their 20 overs (if you are wondering, each team must bat out the 20 overs). After being 3-11, the Cows, through Tom and Joe Morris flew to 60 runs, with Tom making 50 of these before being caught out. Joe Morris (43 off 36) and Liam Duncan (59 off 38) then added a 77 run partnership before both being dismissed and allowing Henry Gartery and James Moore to finish off the overs in style! Liam Duncan, Liam Keating each took two wickets, and we are not sure who took the rest as this score sheet found out about the previous one heading to Red Rooster and joined it as taste support!

At the end of the tournament, the Cows were in the running for a few awards, namely the most wickets (Nick Van Der Poel-10), best bowling figures (Nick Van Der Poel- 5-10/4), highest partnership (Dutchess and Liam Keating- 154) and most embarrassing (Neil Christensen). Unfortunately, even though we thought we had the last one in the bag, we did not take out these awards (and the highest partnership was not an award this year). There was surprise however, and a well-deserved surprise at that! Nick Van Der Poel taking the bowling average for the competition with 10 wickets at 5.80!!!

The 2015 Blue Cow XI: Ian Christensen, Jake Christensen, Matty Christensen, Neil Christensen, Paul Christensen, Karl Christensen, Liam Duncan, Henry Gartery, Jamie Holmes, Brad Johnson, Liam Keating, Luke Kilah, James Moore, Simon Moore, Joe Morris, Tom Morris, Clayton Smith (Dutchess) and Nick Vanderpoel.

The five players in contention for the Blue Cow XI, 'Cow of the series award' are Nick Van Der Poel, Paul Christensen, Liam Keating, Liam Duncan and Dutchess. Unfortunately, they will not find out the result until our end of season presentation.

Personally, I would like to thank all our players for a great weekend of cricket and fun. Where everyone who batted scored a run or three, alongside three 50's, one 100 and a fivefa! A special mention goes out to all the parents and players who helped transport the BBQ's, cricket gear, esky's, kids and adults to all the games. Furthermore to the man who is always behind the scenes getting things done and the BBQ cooked, Mr Van Der Poel! Again thank you to Denise at the Blue Cow, the home of the Blue Cow XI, for your sponsorship again this year! We hope to repeat our success next year with the same players and supporters from this year, and perhaps a few new players!

Brad Johnson



Railway Hotel Rascals vs. Allora

The replay of round seven of the season witnessed the Railway Hotel Rascals take on Allora at our combined home ground. Again, as has happened all season, I lost the toss and am

approaching some sort of record now- 10 in a row! Allora's start was shaky, with the opening three batters back in the shed with 19 runs on the board, with Joe Morris the man doing the

damage. Cameron Masters was the thorn in our side, scoring a classy 53 runs during two good middle order partnerships. After his departure, Allora were 5-120, and the remaining five wickets were taken with the final score on 183. This was about 60 runs more than the Rascals were hoping to see, as our bowling has been great over the last few months, especially as the amount of wides bowled has reduced significantly. Joe Morris, 2-24/6 and Nick Van Der Poel, 2-31/8 bowled well all day and Paul Christensen was the pick of the bowlers with 3-18/4.1! Brad Johnson and Keeper Jake Christensen both took two catches in the field, and Jake was involved in a good run out with the help of a Tom Morris thunderbolt. The Rascals response was hampered by regular wickets from the outset, with only three batters putting up any real resistance. If it were not for opener Paul Christensen (who was man of the match in a losing team) the Rascals score would not be so pleasing. Scoring 48, a personal best, Paul batted for 24 overs before being run out attempting a single for the other batter. Mick Kelk with 25 and Joe Morris with 16 were the other contributors. Soon enough, the Rascals batting will all come together on the same day and a score of 200 is just around the corner- if only we could take the Australia Day Carnival from into the regular season... well, Paul did!

Railway Hotel Rascals player of the year points - 3: Paul Christensen, 2: Joe Morris, 1: Mick Kelk. The Rascals next game is against the Sovereign Animals at Slade Park this Saturday, 12.30pm. We need to win this game and the next game to get off the bottom of the table and have a second chance at making the grand final in reserve grade. In our last game against Sovereign, we lost by five runs in interesting circumstances, and look to improve on that performance this weekend and take out a solid win. Thank you to our sponsor, The Railway Hotel, for your kind support over the last two seasons!

Brad Johnson



The Dalrymple Dingers. Back L-R Al Taylor, Craig Cousar, Scott Sparksman, Cameron Masters, Adam May, Nick Johnson, Jarrod Vietheer, Chris Thomas, Michael Laughren, Allan Shanks. Front L-R Nick Morris, Andrew Petersen, Aaron Vietheer. Other players who played over the weekend not in photo were: Bradley Fietchner, Ethan Vietheer, Warren Wright, Kris Wright and Terry Heslin

Dalrymple Dingers at Australia Day Cricket Carnival

On the long weekend in January saw the Dalrymple Dingers play in the annual Australia Day Cricket Carnival. The boys played well, winning 2, losing 2 and drew 1 game. Thanks to all the players who travelled to play in the weekend. Was great to see you all here this year and hope to see you all again next year.

Also a huge thank you to all the businesses for your donations over the weekend. Without your help it would not be possible. They were: Railway Hotel, Allora Foodworks, White's Garage, Allora Buses and Allora True Value Hardware.

The winners from the cricket raffle this week were: Meat Tray - Matty K, Meat Tray - Andrew Bryson, Railway Dinner - Rhonda, BBQ Chook - Noelene, Bottle of wine - Ted Cowley and Scratchies - Noelene. Thank you to everyone for your support. The cricket raffle is on every Saturday night from 5.30pm at the Railway Hotel.

Shannon Masters



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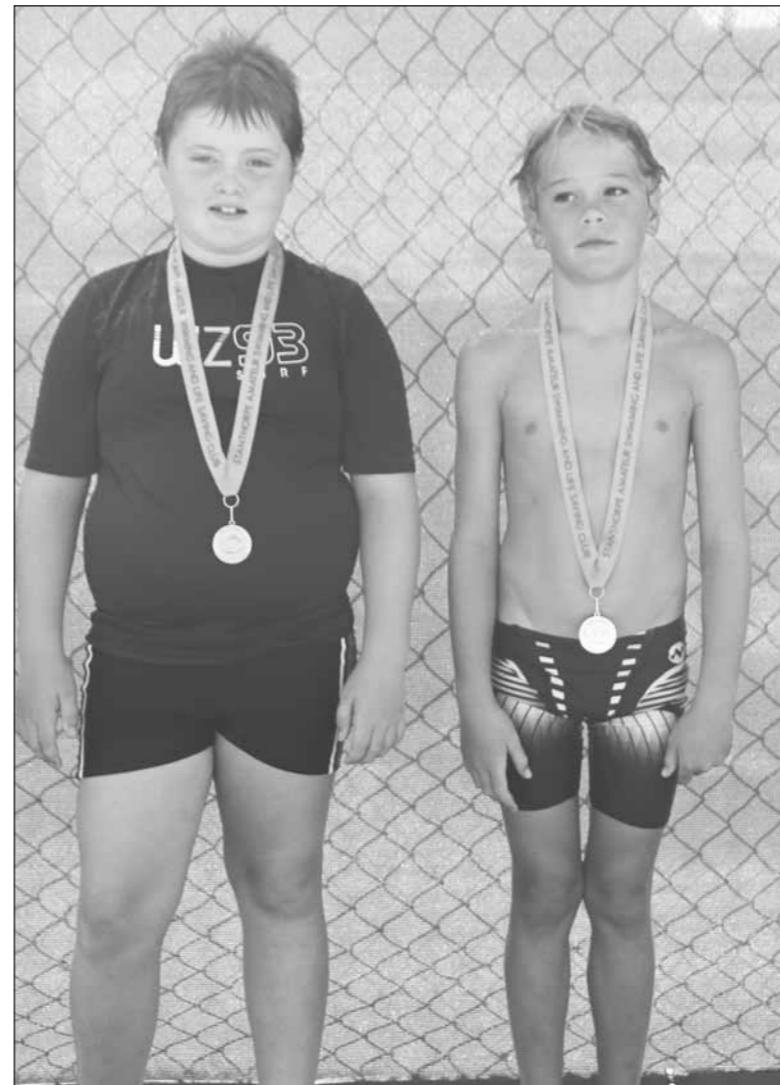




Stephanie Lamb competed well.
Photo courtesy Donna-Maree Willett



Molly Harm – gold 50m backstroke
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Brock Seibel (4xBronze) and Cooper Harm (4x/silver)
Photo courtesy Donna-Maree Willett



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The Allora Sports Club committee voted recently to award Honorary Membership for 2015 to well-known and widely respected Allora locals Phil and Sue Higgins. The honorary membership was bestowed as recognition for the invaluable assistance that Phil and Sue provided to the Sports Club in preparing and submitting a grant to assist in the renovation and refurbishment of the kitchen at the club. When Phil and Sue learned that the Sports Club was applying for a grant, they immediately volunteered to assist in whatever way they could and without their help it is unlikely that the application would have been successful. The grant was subsequently approved and the kitchen renovations were completed last month. Pictured are Phil and Sue in the Sports Club kitchen receiving their membership cards from Sports Club President Kev Harrison, whilst wearing their complementary Allora Sports Club polo shirts.

John Ellwood

GOLF

Allora Golf Notes

Last Friday saw a good field of 14 golfers contest the weekly Duck Run. The winner with 23 points was Rod Simpson.

This fellow is in great form at the moment and no doubt the "big three" will be looking over their shoulders with the Club Championships starting in a few weeks. Runner-up with 16 points was Mark Ellwood. Good to see you back in Allora Mark – I hope you did a bit of work around your old man's house while you were in town. Pin shots went to Rod Simpson on the 11th (give someone else a go Rod) and Garth Simpson on the 17th. The Duck Run will be on this Friday so come down and have a hit before heading off to the Rodeo at the Allora Showground.

It was terrific to see the family and friends of Brian O'Grady down at the Sports Club on Friday celebrating Brian's wonderful life. What a great family the O'Gradys are.

On Sunday we played for the Railway Hotel Monthly Mug – thanks for your continued support of the club Robyn. A handy field of 17 golfers contested the event with the winner being Chad Wilson with a net 63. Chad is playing great golf, due probably to his Golfing PT skills. Runner-up with 64 was Tom Brown who is back finding form after an extended injury lay-off. Balls were won by Lindsay May and Michael Madden. Approach shots went to Adam Cummins on the 2nd and John Wilson on the 11th. Pin shots went to Adam Cummins on the 4th and John Sparksman on the 7th. It was good of Adam to print off the golf calendar so we know what's on every weekend. We just need to teach him how to read it himself (although he did square off by donating the pin shot trophies). This Sunday the trophies will be donated by David Golf. Thanks (again) to Whit for mowing the course on Saturday. Whit is great to watch on the Toro mower. On Saturday did a pirouette on the ladies tee on the first that would not have been out of place in Swan Lake.

Golf quote of the week: If your opponent has trouble remembering whether he shot a six or a seven, it means he probably shot an eight.

Allora Swimming Notes

Welcome back to club, congratulations to our junior Dolphins (7&u) who all received a special pack. Also well done to our new members 11&u who received welcome packs. Thank you to Swimming Queensland for acknowledging these swimmers. The JX swimmers were also awarded, congratulations to Molly (gold) Will (silver) Seamus (bronze) Toby (bronze) Lucy (bronze). The swim team travelled to Stanthorpe on Sunday. Molly, Cooper, Bailey, Chloe, Danni, Maddi, Ebony, Brock, Stephanie, Charlotte, Seamus, Nella and Niamh. Niamh received age champion for first 50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, second in 50m backstroke and 50m butterfly, Molly was first in 50m backstroke, Seamus first 100m breaststroke, second in all 4 50m events and third in 200m IM, Cooper placed second in all 4 50m events, Brock placed third in all 4 50m events. Fantastic results for all swimmers. Club championships are fast approaching and it was decided by committee that the date be changed due to clashes with other representative sports. The dates now are Monday 9/3 long distance events and Sunday 15/3 all remain events and club breakup party (note back to 2 days).

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ALLORA NIGHT BOWLS NOTES

Week 3 - Blame the rain – Another good roll up of bowlers despite the grey skies with a hint of moisture but unfortunately the rain got heavier so we had to stay indoors until the rain cleared. No worries, delay the play, snaffle a raffle, we bowlers are happy to socialize. The new-fangled, neon-flashing number machine was used for the first time. Denis had the honour of pressing the button. The machine whistled, numbers appeared and the winners were announced by Paddo. Nick wrote up the names of winners – Jim, Paul, Mike & Angela, Gary, Kev, Darren Brett and Donna had a chance to win the Jackpot. Donna missed her chance so Jackpot will be \$80.00 next week. Everybody got their bowls and their 'hankies', sorted out the team skip, tossed the coin and were ready to roll. The game was on and soon laughter, groans of dismay or squeals of delight could be heard. It was several ends later that Kev was seen tossing his cloth in the air. When asked he said he 'threw in the towel'. Needless to say the Honda Hawks got beaten by the Bindartins. They are serious those ex-dart players, Kevin and Nick were seen mid green discussing tactics (like the tennis pros). Note of warning to all teams – Men's Shed team member Andrew Cave wanders over adjoining rinks of play. We caught him twice stepping over our 'head'. It is not often that the UQ's (that stands for unquestionable) win a game but they beat the Ring-ins soundly on Tuesday night. They were very nearly disqualified when their score card was lost by one of their players (She who will not be named also lost a biro). Thank goodness the score card was found and handed in otherwise no one would know that we won by 17-9. Talk about serious, Bev bought along two tapes to measure the nearest to kitty. Her teammate Denis was happy to use his 'eye' but Bev had to be precise! And she is not the Official Tester!

On a serious note – Games Director Greg Paddo would like everybody to follow the accepted lawn bowl etiquette - when changing ends place the bowl of next bowler on the mat ready for play.

It is a credit to Paddo that there are 14 teams of three players

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on the green each week. If your team does not have a substitute and you are down a player, do the right thing by Paddo and the other teams by notifying Paddo. He has a list of names of people willing to play as subs with a bit of notice. This week Bev, Julia, Rex, Bill, Wendy, Di and M & M subs were happy to fill teams. Denis was the \$5 1st Toucher prize winner, Craig, Julia, Brett, John C, Mike and Terry won 'Toucher Chocolates'. Thanks to donors Darren and Gary Evans Drilling.

Go Sandstone Solutions team is on the board with a win and a winner's prize of a 'six-pack' each and women substitute players Wendy, Di and Julia playing for Kelsey's Doormats won the loser's prize. Congratulations all.

Paddo expressed his thanks to all sponsors – Railway Hotel, Swimming Pool, True Value, Paul Parker, Painter, Bolzen's Sand. Allora Sports Club and Foodworks – and to all helpers – Donna, Nick, Denis, John E (he mowed the verge this week), Team Trophy donors and Lyn and everybody joined in acclamation.

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