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THURSDAY, 19th FEBRUARY 2015

Pittsworth Carnival wrap up

Congratulations to the Allora Swim Team who participated so strongly at Pittsworth on Sunday 15th February.

All of the children swam impressive PB's – some by 3 seconds (Steph and Molly) and others by up to 18 for Abbey's beautiful butterfly swimming. Special mention to the children who received medallions – including Naimh (gold, 3 silver), Seamus (4 gold, 1 silver), Cooper (2 gold, 2 silver) and Molly (silver and bronze). Ebony found great rhythm in her 100m events, Brock stepped it up a gear in his first carnival as a 9 year old while Danni and Maddi went all out and swam PB's for all of their events. Bailey won all 4 of the 6 year old 25m events and Chloe at 5 made us all proud. Nella swam a beautiful 200m IM – her first at a

competitive level. Niamh and Cooper were named the 8 years Age Champion Girl and Boy of the Carnival whilst Seamus also took the honours of 13 years Boys Age Champion. It was encouraging to have our little club take home 3 of the age champion trophies. The future of local swimming looks strong with a depth of younger swimmers enjoying participating at the many carnivals within the region throughout the season. These swimmers were great ambassadors for our club at Pittsworth – supporting each other and enjoying the comradie of their swimming team mates.



The Allora Swim Club team enjoying comradie at Pittsworth.

Photo courtesy Donna-Maree Willett

Victoria Hill QCWA invites you to our
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PITTSWORTH CARNIVAL: Maddison Griffin in her 50m backstroke start performed strongly throughout the day.
Photo courtesy Donna-Maree Willett

Letters to the Editor...

To the Editor,
Support Red Cross Calling

As Australia prepares to commemorate the landing of the first ANZAC troops in Gallipoli 100 years ago, we ask that you also remember the work of Red Cross by supporting Red Cross Calling during March.

Just like the thousands of Red Cross volunteers who worked so hard to support our ANZAC troops in 1915, Red Cross volunteers still continue to care for those who need it most.

By making a donation or organising an event for Red Cross Calling during March, you can support the everyday work of Red Cross such as making daily phone calls to elderly Australians living alone; provide breakfast for children who might otherwise go to school hungry, or make sure our near neighbours have access to safe drinking water.

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Solution in classifieds section

Red Cross Calling is the one time of year when local Red Cross members, community groups, schools and individuals can all work together to raise money for Red Cross through through local fundraising events.

To make a donation, or to find out how you can get involved with Red Cross Calling go to our website at redcrosscalling.org.au or phone 1800 008 831.

Kevin Keeffe
Executive Director QLD, Australian Red Cross

Dear Editor,

My daughter is donning an apron and taking part in this year's OzHarvest CEO CookOff on Monday, 2 March to highlight the crucial issues of hunger, homelessness and food waste.

At the OzHarvest CEO CookOff she will be cooking with 150 CEOs, partnered with a celebrity chef and serving up delicious meals to 1,000 vulnerable Aussies - while raising much -needed funds for this incredible Australian charity OzHarvest. You can find out more about what they do on their website www.ozharvest.org

I would love you to join me in supporting her in this cause! Her goal is to raise \$10,000 which helps OzHarvest deliver the equivalent of 20,000 meals to Australians in need.

Every \$1 donated allows OzHarvest to deliver the equivalent of two meals and has a Social Return on Investment value to the community of greater than \$5.68.

To donate, simply go to her fundraising page at <https://www.ceocookoff.com.au/ceos/catherine-gambrellis>, and click 'sponsor' or 'donate'.

\$5 or \$500 or any amount you can donate is appreciated and will go a long way to help the most vulnerable people in our community.

Thanks for your support,
Richard Kuipers

WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Min/Max
THU	Heavy Rain. Mostly Cloudy. Cool.	18 22
FRI	Heavy Rain. Mostly Cloudy. Cool.	18 20
SAT	Mostly Sunny. Warm.	16 30
SUN	Morning Clouds. Warm.	15 31
MON	Morning Clouds. Warm.	15 31
TUE	Mostly Sunny. Hot.	16 34

PITTSWORTH CARNIVAL:
Bailey Harm (first in all 4 events for 6 years boys) and Chloe Harm (5 years) with their participation medallions.
Photo courtesy Donna-Maree Willett



Allora CWA notes

Fifteen members attended the first meeting of the year and there were several apologies. A moment's silence was kept in memory of those who have died including Brian O'Grady, husband of long-time member Sue.

Members decided to replace the toilet in the rooms as it had been damaged by the bore water. A quote will be obtained for remedying the ventilation chimney as well.

It was decided to nominate Parkinson's Disease research for the CWA external appeal.

Clifton CWA will celebrate their 90th birthday in March and two delegates will attend from Allora.

Schedules were made available for the cookery, photography and floral art competitions at the International Day in May. These are open to non-CWA members as well.

President Olive Shooter presented 10 members with 10 year certificates.

It was decided to have a morning tea in June as a fund-raiser. This will be quite different from the usual event and more details will be forthcoming.

The members decided to donate \$500 to the Public Rural Crisis Fund.

Council to proceed with stage 2 of Stormwater Drainage program

Southern Downs Regional Council will soon begin Stage 2 of the stormwater trunk drainage system in Glengallan Road, Warwick.

Manager Works Construction Eric Kraak said the proposed work will extend the stormwater trunk system to accept stormwater from the existing system in Rodeo Drive and Peregrine Court.

"The extension of this system will help to alleviate excess stormwater flows on the roadway in Glengallan Road between Rodeo Drive and the Horsman Road intersection.

"To achieve this Council Works Construction crews will install 190 metres of large stormwater pipe and associated access chambers in the footpath on the eastern side of Glengallan Road and connect to the existing downstream stormwater trunk main. The estimated cost of this work is \$240,000.

"Regrettably to install the pipeline it is necessary to remove some established trees from the footpath. Council considered



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other alignments in an attempt to avoid removing the trees however due to other constraints it isn't possible to avoid their removal.

"Council will replace the removed trees with other native trees suitable for footpaths as part of the project.

"Council will endeavour to minimise any disruption to residents and traffic while this work is underway over the next couple of months," he said.

Works will begin on February 23 and should be complete by the end of April, weather permitting.

Anyone with questions about the works please call Council on 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372)

GALLIPOLI CENTENARY ATTENDANCE PASSES RELEASED

More Australians will be offered the chance to attend the Anzac Day Dawn Service at Gallipoli as the next call on the ballot's waitlist has been activated.

Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC, Senator the Hon. Michael Ronaldson, said 304 double passes have been released to the next Australians on the Gallipoli waitlist.

Round seven of the waitlist will allow individuals offered a double pass 14 days to accept it. Those who no longer wish to attend are encouraged to decline the offer as soon as possible so it can be released to the next person on the waitlist.

In accepting a double pass, the ticket holder is required to provide confirmation of their travel arrangements. Applicants should speak to their travel agent as soon as possible to ensure they can access suitable tour bookings and flights to and from Turkey in time for the events on Anzac Day.

The Anzac Centenary is this nation's most significant period of commemoration and the Government is committed to ensuring all Australians have the opportunity to participate.

Those without attendance passes to the commemorations may

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consider visiting Gallipoli on 6 August 2015 for the Battle of Lone Pine Centenary commemoration service. The Battle at Lone Pine saw some of the fiercest fighting of the Gallipoli campaign.

Australians may also consider attending another Dawn Service in Australia or overseas or watch the television broadcast of the Gallipoli and Villers-Bretonneux services on the ABC. Another option is to visit Gallipoli at another time during the Centenary year.

For more information on Anzac Day commemorations at Gallipoli visit www.gallipoli2015.dva.gov.au

Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago
February 1990

PUBLIC NOTICE

The ALLORA WOMEN'S HOSPITAL AUXILIARY has catered for functions for more than 30 years. We do not have enough members and helpers to cook, prepare and/or serve meals. All work is voluntary. Membership is 10 cents.

Does the Allora community feel that we are a worthwhile service and are still needed? If so, you are invited to attend a meeting at the C. W. A. Rooms on Monday, 19th February, at 2.30 p.m. WE CANNOT CARRY ON WITHOUT MORE SUPPORT. Please come along - men and women welcome.

Olive Shooter, President.

Allora's Past 50 years ago
February 1965

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Allora's Past 75 years ago
February 1940

Steward's Enquiry

Allora Lad, a five-year-old gelding raced by Darling Downs sportsman, Mr. H. Geck, and trained in Brisbane by Mr. V. L. King, won the Plate Handicap over one mile and 57 yards, at Albion Park so convincingly that the stipendiary stewards questioned the horse's running in the Richardson Welter at Ascot the previous Monday.

At Ascot, Allora Lad started at 12 to 1 and finished sixth in a field of eight. Yesterday at Albion Park he was raging hot favourite



Harry Geck (right) and son-in-law Bill Sinton at Geck's sawmill, Allora.
Photo courtesy the Sinton family.

at 10 to 9 and after trailing the leader, dashed to the front and won by four lengths with a time only a second outside the course record.

After hearing evidence from the trainer, the stewards were satisfied that the horse had been genuinely backed for the Ascot race and that the jockey had done his best to win.

(At that stage of his career the Allora bred gelding had had 60 starts since his metropolitan debut in June 1937 for 12 wins, 7 seconds and 9 thirds.)

Allora's Past 100 years ago
February 1915

Pig Trucking Yards

The Secretary of the Allora & District Progress Association (Mr. G. S. Briggs) has handed us the following letter, addressed to Mr. F. Grayson M. L. A. relating to the long-vexed question of pig trucking yards in Allora.

'Sir, Referring to you call on the Commissioner on the 3rd inst. concerning

trucking yards in Allora, I beg to inform you that it has been approved to remove the station master's residence to another site and to erect new trucking yards on the site thus vacated and extending the grain shed siding for this purpose. Instructions have been issued for the work to be proceeded with.

Your obedient servant

Arthur J. Crowther'

(After talking with Joan Cronin I have assumed that the station master's residence must have been moved a short distance to the east to make room for the pig and calf trucking yards to be built adjacent to the railway line. The house may have been placed on high blocks at that stage to avoid dust and smell from the yards.

Neil Masters has a vague recollection of the pigs and calves being herded across Darling Street from the pig yards to the trucking yards with the help of a couple of handy dogs.)

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ALLORA'S ANZACS REMEMBERED:

There were five servicemen from Allora who were killed during the Gallipoli campaign. Their stories and those of all the other men who died during WW1 will be told in a book to be compiled by members of the Allora and District Historical Society as the society's contribution to Anzac 2015.

HERBERT JOHN BLACKLOCK – A family's Anguish

Herbert was a labourer aged 20 years when he signed his enlistment papers before A Hamilton JP at Allora on 29th December 1914. He named his mother May Blacklock as his next-of-kin. Official birth records show that May had four children, William, Herbert, Florence and Stanley. The father of the children is not listed.

The Allora Guardian reported that three young men have swelled the list of volunteers for active service from the Allora district. Among them, H J Blacklock has joined the Infantry Detachment of the Queensland Expeditionary Force. 'They have all passed the necessary medical examination, and all of the type of Australian manhood calculated to do themselves and their native land every credit. We wish them well'.

Herbert was a member of the 6th Reinforcements and joined the 15th Battalion at Gallipoli on 2nd August 1915.

Stanley Blacklock enlisted for active service on 13th September 1915 one month after Herbert was listed as missing in action on the 8th August 1915. Stanley was only 17 years of age. After six months training Stanley landed in Marseilles in March 1916. He served with the Cyclist Battalion until he was



Private Herbert John Blacklock's name is recorded at the Lone Pine Memorial.

transferred to the 26th Battalion.

A mother's anguish can be felt when reading the words of May Blacklock's letter to the Officer of Base Records. This letter was received in January 1916: "Could you give me any information of Corporal H J Blacklock of the 15th Battalion 6 reinforcements 4 Brigade. He has been missing since the 8th August 1915 and I have not heard anything of him since that month. I would be pleased if I could hear a little of him. I know you can't do anything more than your best". Kindly Oblige M Blacklock

Herbert's sister Florence also wrote enquiring about news of her brother 'missing in the Dardanelles'. The Officer in Charge of Base Records explains in his reply that they are aware of only the names 6 officers and 54 men of other ranks being taken as prisoners and now interned in Turkey. The Turkish authorities have established a War Information Bureau at Constantinople for information to be communicated through the American Ambassador on a daily basis.

It would not be until a Court of enquiry held on the 6th April 1916 that Herbert was officially listed as killed in action. Two members of the 15th Battalion furnished statements – "Informant saw him killed at Hill 971 on Aug. 8. His body was left and there is no chance of it having been recovered. The ground was not held and has not yet been retaken".

Stanley was killed in action on 25th April 1917 only six months after he enlisted and seven months after his brother's death. May Perry (formally Blacklock) again wrote to the Officer in Charge of Base Records. In her letter she enquires about the belongings of her sons. She has not received anything belonging to them. Her humble words "If at all possible I should like to receive their few things" are poignant.

Letters on file dated 1921 indicate that the final resting place of Herbert John Blacklock was not known by the War Graves Unit. Letters sent to Mary at that time ask her to forward any communication she has received to identify the circumstances surrounding Herbert's death, particularly the exact locality at which it occurred, or where he was last seen alive.

Herbert John Blacklock is remembered on the Lone Pine Memorial, Gallipoli Peninsula for those with no known grave. Note; May Blacklock is known as May Perry on Stanley's enlistment forms; A letter to Base Records from May mentions J Perry as Stanley's step-father; Thomas Blacklock is listed as Stanley's father on his gravestone; William who is not referred to in letters to Base Records regarding family members may have died young.

Lyn Wright

Rotary Celebrates 110 years

The Rotary Clubs of Allora, Boonah Beaudesert, Fassifern Valley, and Jimboomba celebrated the 110th birthday of Rotary at a dinner at Beaudesert at the Beaudesert RSL Services Club Inc. on the Tuesday, 3rd February. The evening was well attended by members from these clubs and gave an opportunity for members to learn more about Rotary history, as well as meeting their Rotary colleagues from other clubs.

Rotary International, a 1.2 million-member organization, started with the vision of one man, Paul P. Harris, a Chicago attorney, who formed one of the world's first service organizations, the Rotary Club of Chicago, on 23 February 1905 as a place where professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. Rotary's name came from the group's early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of each member.

The earliest community service was the purchase of a horse for a local business and later the provision of public toilets in Chicago. From these, a myriad of community projects emerged, ranging from building schools in developing countries to erecting signs in local areas, sponsoring exchanges and providing emergency assistance after natural disasters. The highest profile project is the End Polio campaign which promises to rid the world of a preventable disease (only the second time in history this has occurred) through universal vaccinations.

Paul P. Harris once said, "Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves." Rotarians celebrate their on-going involvement in Rotary projects both local and international, as well as celebrating the achievement of a movement that has survived for over a century.

In 2016, Allora Rotary will celebrate our 50th year of service to Allora. The inaugural President, Lex Ellwood, is honoured each



Rotary Presidents from the Rotary Clubs in our local cluster celebrate 110 years of Rotary by cutting a Rotary birthday cake. Maureen Wilson (Boonah), Mark McCabe (Beaudesert), Geoff Smith (Jimboomba), Marjorie Porter (Fassifern Valley), Andrew Westerman (Allora), Wendy Scarlett (District Governor)

year in the presentation of a bursary to a student in Year 10 at Allora State School.

For information on how to become a Rotarian or a friend of Rotary, contact President Andrew Westerman at andrew.westerman@gmail.com or speak with any of the current Rotarians - Ann Balmain, David Brown, Jim Deacon, Robyn Draper, John Gordon, Graham Hoey, Liz Marshall, Roy Smith and Norm Tranberg.



Allora Rotarian, Norm Tranberg and Rotary partner, Andrew Balmain enjoying the Rotary birthday celebrations at Beaudesert.

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Council baiting program underway for wild dogs

Southern Downs Regional Council has begun promoting its first baiting program of the year, in an effort to reduce the number of wild dogs in the region.

Pest Management Officer James Eastwell said Council is aware that wild dog numbers have increased in certain areas of Southern Downs.

"At the last Wild Dog Advisory Group meeting, it was decided to run a baiting round sooner rather than later as there were a lot of reports of young dogs being seen and stock being bitten and killed.

"We believe previous baiting campaigns have been successful as less adult dogs are being seen. We now need to take swift action to reduce the amount of young dogs reaching maturity and breeding.

"Our usual schedule of days and times has changed so we urge landowners to please read our flyers carefully," he said.

The first 2015 baiting program will be held on February 24 in the southern part of the region and from 25 - 27 February in the northern part of the SDRC area.

The program involves Council Local Laws Officers baiting meat for local landowners at baiting stations located around the region.

Mr Eastwell emphasised that Council efforts are making inroads with wild dog numbers however this will only improve if more landholders become involved in the program.

"Landowners must involve themselves in the shooting, trapping and baiting of wild dogs as a combined effort on control measures.

"Bounties of \$100 for adult wild dogs and \$50 for pups continue to be offered as reward. By combining the baiting program with hunting, trapping and shooting, this will cover a larger geographical area than that of baiting alone and will increase the long term benefits of the program.

"Wild dogs are not only damaging and costly to our community but they are potentially dangerous to the health of people, pets and livestock," he said.

Anyone who wishes to get involved in the baiting program should contact Southern Downs Regional Council on 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372) or go to www.sdrc.qld.gov.au for further information.

Schedule for Wild dog baiting program:

Tuesday February 24: 7am Goldfields, cnr Goldfields and Inverary Roads; 8.30am Pikedale, cnr Pikedale Lane and Springdale Road; 11.30am Mingoola, Glenlyon Dam (just past camp ground entry); 2pm Wallangarra, Saxby-Reid Road; 3pm Eukey, Eukey Rural Fire Shed, Eukey Road.

Wednesday February 25: 8am Goomburra, Goomburra Hall; 10am Maryvale, North Branch Road; 11.30am near Cunningham Highway Freestone, Jack Smith Gully Road Water Reserve (windmill) Upper Swanfels, Bill Mosely's; 1pm gate 'Mooroolin', Top Swanfels Rd.

Thursday February 26: 7am Willowvale/Bony Mountain, Cnr Wheatvale and Lawler Roads; 10am Greymare, Greymare Hall; 12pm Karara, 'Gradenfloe', Thanex Crk Rd; 3pm Leyburn, Leyburn Forestry Rd (near police station).

Friday February 27: 7am Braeside, Coochie Rd turnoff New England Hwy 9am Dalveen, Old Stanthorpe Rd, near 'Brooklands'; 12pm Risdon/Murray Bridge, Cnr of Derreen & Wildash School Rds; 3pm Killarney, 602, Spring Creek Rd, The Falls.

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2015 Allora Showgirl Lauren Wilson catches up with Southern Downs Regional Council Mayor Cr. Peter Blundell at the Allora Show.

Pride of Allora Lauren Wilson, 2015 Allora Showgirl

With the fanfare faded and the curtains drawn on one of Allora's biggest events of 2015, the 137th Allora Show, the whole experience of being the ambassador for the Allora Show Society may have initially seemed daunting to 2015 Allora Showgirl Lauren Wilson, but she carried out her role admirably and to the highest standard.

Lauren was officially announced as the 2015 Allora Showgirl amid family, friends and Allora Show Society committee members at the picturesque Allora Show Grounds on Sunday, February 1st.

It was a special moment for the young lady, who hails from the family Droughtmaster cattle stud on the northern fringes of the 'Best Little Town on the Downs', sashed by 2014 Allora Showgirl Katie Dennis & Quest organiser Alana Frizzell. Allora Show Society President Mrs. Shirley Cornhill congratulated Lauren on her commitment to the Allora Show and her busy fundraising efforts in recent times that included Allora's famous 'Dalrymple Duck Race' with Showgirl Quest organiser Ted Cowley raising in excess of \$750.00 in support of the Show Society.

Lauren was presented with prizes as the new Allora Showgirl of a gift basket from Allora Pharmacy, a voucher from P.R.'s

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RIGHT: Action in the Dog Arena. Dobermann, Ch Derringer What A Chance (Imp NZ), was put through his paces by his part-owner and handler, Rhonda Harnell, to take out Best Junior in Show under General Specials judge, Mrs S Hewinson on Saturday.
Photos courtesy Joan Wylde

Hair Design in Allora and monetary prize from the Allora Show Society.

The daughter of Allora locals and well known community volunteers Garry & Kaye Wilson, she has been a citizen of Allora for a decade now, a former student of the Allora State School and the Warwick State High School, before completing studies as a Veterinary Nurse. For the last fifteen months Lauren has been a member of the friendly staff at the Allora Veterinary Clinic.

The cheery 19 year old who is a former Allora State School Sports Captain, loves rural life and is an enthusiastic supporter of the Allora Show, both motivations for her to enter the Showgirl Quest.

Lauren thoroughly enjoyed Allora's annual carnival weekend and her role within, and is now keen to represent as Allora's ambassador at the Darling Downs Showgirl Quest later this year in Toowoomba.

Glyn Rees



Demolition Derby

ABOVE: End of the road for Nicko.

LEFT: Victory to "Billy"

Photos courtesy Joan Wylde



ALLORA SHOW 2015 FEBRUARY 6th & 7th

Events Calendar

2015

- February -**
Sat 21 Allora Community Pink Stumps Day
 Allora Cricket Grounds, 12 midday.
Sat 21 Allora Men's Shed Golf & Bowls Day
 Allora Sports Club
Sat 28 Allora Men's Shed Inc. Monthly Meeting
 80 Herbert Street, Allora, 11.30am
- 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
 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
Sun 30 Golf/Bowls Fun Day
 Allora Sports Club
- June -**
Sat 13 St. David's Guild June Afternoon

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5. How many legs does a crayfish have?

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Council & QFES co-operation good for community safety

Co-operation between Southern Downs Regional Council and the QLD Fire and Emergency Service is benefitting local communities with the installation of four water fill points along the Warwick - Allora water pipeline able to be used for fire fighting.

Disaster Management Co-ordinator Mark Saunders said SDRC and QFES have a long-standing good working relationship and this year further improvements are being made.

"Last year Council was an invaluable resource during the large fires around Eukey and Ballandean. Council provided plant, water trucks and traffic controllers as well as supplying message boards to advise that Eukey road was closed, as required by QFES.

"Along with other emergency services, both Council and QFES are on the Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) ensuring that we have a co-ordinated and comprehensive response to disaster.

"Another important aspect of our work together is contingency planning and an achievement in this area is the installation of four water fill points along the Warwick - Allora water pipeline.

"These fill points ensure fire fighters have better access to water in the Mt Marshall and Goomburra Valley areas which can be difficult to find in this area during dry times.

"QFES can use the filling points to fight grass fires but due to the capacity of the water main on the Warwick - Allora pipeline, the fill points will only provide limited assistance when combating structural fires. However this is still an improvement over the present system of trucking water from Allora.

"The fill points are cost effective and cheaper than having Council water trucks working after hours or being redeployed from council construction/maintenance works which in turn can delay those construction crews.

"The fill points are secured by QFES registered locks and we would hope that no-one would interfere with this important community asset. Having said that if anyone sees vehicles other than QFES or SDRC vehicles at the filling points they should report that activity to police," he said.

QFES Inspector Hemmo de Vries praised Council's efforts and agreed that the access to the water main between Allora and Warwick would be invaluable.

"Rural Fire Service Queensland, Fire and Rescue and Southern Downs Regional Council have a unique working relationship that I have not seen before in my 29 years in the Fire Service. The support that all QFES get in an emergency is terrific and we as a community can be grateful for this working relationship," he said.

Check the status of your driver licence online

Not sure what the status of your driver licence is? You can now check it for free online.

Transport and Main Roads Director-General Neil Scales said

the new service allowed drivers and employers to check on the status of a Queensland licence in a matter of minutes.

"Being able to quickly check the status of a driver licence online is handy for drivers, and will be a vital tool for many employers - particularly those in the transport industry," Mr Scales said.

"In the past, customers would have to contact our call centre or fill out lengthy paperwork - but they can now check it quickly and easily at www.qld.gov.au/checkdriverlicence.

"Drivers will also be able to check their own licence to see if a period of licence suspension has ended before driving."

Mr Scales said employers could also check the status of their employees' licences quickly and for free.

"Previously an employer had to have their employee fill out forms, produce documentation at a Transport and Main Roads customer service centre and then pay an application fee - so this online service is a great efficiency initiative for businesses," he said.

"This was a time consuming and inconvenient process, and did not provide any ongoing checks about licence status.

"Car hire companies will also be able to take advantage of the service before renting a car to a prospective customer."

Mr Scales said checking a licence online requires the licence holder's name, date of birth and licence number.

No personal details are disclosed as part of the service, such as a person's address, traffic history or demerit points balance.

Website: www.qld.gov.au/checkdriverlicence

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

A guy runs in a bar and he asks the bartender for 24 shots of his finest whisky.

When the bartender has poured the shots the guy drinks them down as fast as possible.

The bartender says "wow I've never seen anyone drink that fast before"

The guy says "You would too if you had what I had"

The bartender asks "What is it you have?"

And the guy says "25 cents" and runs out of the bar.

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CASA LISTENS TO COMMUNITY SERVICE FLIGHTS FEEDBACK

The Civil Aviation Safety Authority has responded to community feedback about proposed changes to safety requirements for community service flights.

CASA will not pursue the option of requiring community service flights to be operated under the authority of a self-administering

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organisation.

This follows an analysis of the responses to a discussion paper issued in 2014 on the most appropriate safety standards for charity flights.

In the discussion paper CASA indicated preliminary support for an option requiring community service flights to be conducted within the rules of a CASA approved self-administration organisation.

However, responses to the paper opposed this option for a number of reasons including cost and complexity.

CASA's Director of Aviation Safety, Mark Skidmore, said at present the guidelines and practices used by community service flight organisations such as Angel Flight are sufficient.

"We have listened to the feedback to CASA's preferred option and we accept this is not the way to proceed," Mr Skidmore said.

"CASA is not proposing any changes to the existing regulatory requirements for community service flights at this time.

"That does not mean we have stopped looking at this issue completely as the discussion paper put forward ten options - including doing nothing, passenger briefings and additional pilot training and checking.

"If CASA does propose to explore any of these options further there will be additional consultation with the aviation community and the public before any changes are implemented.

"CASA recognises the importance of community service operations such as Angel Flight to rural and regional Australia.

"Given the community clearly values the benefits of these flights CASA will not take any action that unnecessarily limits their ability to operate."

There were 65 submissions submitted in response to the community service flight discussion paper.

GOLF

Allora Golf Notes

Last Friday saw 10 players contest the Duck Run. The winner with an incredible 22 points was Aaron Simpson who clearly was not distracted by a robust conversation he had with the club secretary on the 10th tee. Aaron is one of the few players in the club who can drive the 15th and in fact he has had a hole in one (albatross) on this hole in the past. Aaron put his tee shot on the green and just missed the eagle putt. Runner up was Jack Fulwood with 19 points on a count-back from Garth Simpson. Approach shot was won by Garth Simpson on the 11th and the pin shot on the 17th was won by Rod Simpson.

Sunday saw the Jenco Monthly Medal contested by 17 players, including new member Wayne McKewan and Warwick visitors Trent Watts and Anthony Austin. The winner with a net 66 was Aaron Simpson who is certainly in a purple patch of form at the moment. Runner up with a net 68 was Max Bielefeld who is featuring every week as we head towards the championships next month. Balls were won by our Warwick visitors Trent and Anthony. Pin shots went to Aaron on the 4th; Max on the 7th; Kel on the 8th; Adam on the 16th and Kev on the 17th. Congratulations to Kev who drove the 15th and nailed his 20 cm putt for an Eagle.

This correspondent has learned that the club secretary played courageously with a shoulder injury for 9 holes however succumbed on the 10th hole, much to the disgust of his most uncharitable playing partners.

Next Saturday the club is hosting the Men's Shed for a golf/bowls charity day and we are encouraging everyone to come along and support this most worthwhile organisation. Turn up at the club at 11.00 am and you are guaranteed to have a great day. Sunday is a club trophy.

Golf quote of the week: Golf is a game that is played on a five-inch course – the distance between your ears.

competitiveness, the continuance of a great local rugby league tradition and it is also as a day when we recognise the wonderful league contribution by the Barrett Family."

The famous trophy was provided by the Barrett family in 1992 as a prize for the annual Warwick verses Wattles pre-season trial, with the next clash in ten days time the 23rd contest between the two Southern Downs based Toowoomba Rugby League clubs. Over that time Wattles have hoisted the trophy as winners on ten occasions, the 'Cowboys' on eleven occasions, with a solitary draw in 2000.

Wattles are looking for a hat trick after taking the honours in 2013, 38 - 10 at Father Ranger Oval, and again victorious last year in front of a packed to the rafters crowd at Clifton's Platz Oval in what is rated as one of the toughest Barrett Family Shield contests, with Wattles holding on to win in a cracker of a game 24 - 22.

It was Wattles' tenth Barrett Family Shield success in the Southern Downs league tradition's 22 year history.

Barrett family members Ron, John, Leo, Mary Hamblin, Joan Bourke & Gaye Barrett and their families have been present to witness the presentation of their prestigious Shield to the winning team captain for over two decades.

The "Barrett Family Shield" concept was born at a Wattles Rugby League Club committee meeting in 1992 when Wattles club Secretary of the time Peter Glass suggested that a perpetual trophy be introduced for the annual pre-season trial between the neighbouring Wattles and Warwick clubs.

Wattles then President Mary Hamblin (nee Barrett) offered a trophy in the Barrett Family's name. The Barrett name is synonymous with rugby league throughout the South West Queensland region. The family has very strong rugby league links in the Southern Downs area, their roots with the Warwick & Wattles Rugby League Football Clubs.

The Shield has a very special meaning to family members, son of Leo & Theresa Barrett and former 'Cowboys' & Collegians Juniors player Michael Barrett shared "the Barrett Shield reminds me of the contribution Dad's family made to the game, and as a result to the community. I grew up seeing so many other families in both clubs also putting in a lot of time into our respective organisations from mini league up to the seniors. It's an honour to have our family name on the Shield, and that the 'Cowboys' and 'Warriors' take the time to say thank you."

The prize for the 'Best & Fairest' player in the A Grade trial is the Terry Doyle Memorial Medallion, an award won previously by Brady Glass (Wattles) in 2011, in 2012 Garry Ellery (Warwick), 2013 Matt Duggan (Wattles) & last year Warwick front-rower Garry Ellery was again judged the winner of the prestigious award.

A former Wattles "Warriors RLF Club" President, Terry Doyle needs no introduction in the Central Downs and Warwick area, his contribution to rugby league in the area significant. Terry was Secretary of the Wattles senior club from 1994 to 1998, and Presided over the club in 1999, 2000 & 2005. He was presented with "Life Membership" of Wattles in 2000 in recognition of his many years of dedication to the organisation. Terry lost a battle with cancer in July 2010, but the memory of his dedication and contribution will live on in Wattles history, and through awards such as the medallion named in his honour.

The "Barrett Shield" was a special event for Terry, his obvious links with the Wattles teams along with close ties with the Warwick "Cowboys" Club and the Warwick rugby league community.

Wattles A Grade team to play Warwick for the 2015 Barrett Family Shield: 1. Joel Koina, 2. Jimmy Johnson, 3. Cameron Moodie, 4. Brenden Wilson, 5. Dale McAntee, 6. Brodie Ciesiolka, 7. Michael Duggan, 8. Matt Transton, 9. Dylan Ebnetter, 10. Glen McMillan, 11. Brod Koina, 12. Ryan Duggan, 13. Aaron Scheid (C), 14. Michael Bermingham, 15. Harry Fulwood, 16. Tim Sharpe, 17. Brodie Frizzell, 18. Mark Duggan. Coach: Luke Duggan. Match times at Father Ranger Oval, Warwick: 'C' Grade (Warwick v Millmerran) - 2.30 pm, & Under 18 - 4.00 pm. Reserve Grade - 5.30 pm and A Grade - 7.00 pm.

Glyn Rees



Barrett family members Mary Hamblin & Joan Bourke present the 2014 Barrett Family Shield to Wattles Rugby League Club President Aaron Scheid.

2015 Barrett Family Shield – the Tradition Continues

This Saturday February 21st signals the start of the 2015 rugby league season in earnest for local league club's the Warwick 'Cowboys' & the Wattles "Warriors", when they run on to Warwick league Mecca Father Ranger Oval to contest the prize for Southern Downs pre-season rugby league supremacy, the Barrett Family Shield.

Wattles' President Aaron Scheid is looking forward to the annual contest that brings out local competitiveness in its purest form, and considers the match a real test for the 2014 A Grade premiership winning "Warriors".

"In the Barrett Family Shield we see such firm and loyal rugby league links between our two clubs" said Mr. Scheid, "we also see tremendous

ALLORA NIGHT BOWLS NOTES

Week 4 - Okay fellow bowlers lets lift our act. We can do it with a bit of time management. Next week try to be at the Sports Club at 6.30 for start of play at 7 o'clock. Surprise Paddo, be ready with three team members or subs, green fees paid and bowls at hand so that we get in plenty of ends before a finish at 9 o'clock.

Bowlers arriving early last Tuesday night were surprised to see the 'guard owls' sitting on the green. They are helping our volunteer head green keeper, Gary Evans keep the birds away. Thanks to the work that Gary is putting in the green is so much better to play on. Gary your effort is so appreciated.

We had some new faces and some old (well not that old) playing as substitutes this week. Welcome back to Kabel, Dean and Robyn and hello to Craig. Thank you to Peter, Jeremy and Terry for helping out. Paddo has snaffled Bev as a permanent team member until she flits off again.

As of start of play three teams were vying for first place, The Three Amigos - Doug, Chris L and John C; The Bindartins - Kev, Nick and Warren; Roonicks - Darren, Jim and Len.

Have to report that the Roonicks are no longer at the top. They played the Three Amigos and got beaten. Darren was heard cursing, wishing (they would drown in their beers), praying (on his knees) and swearing in frustration at the consistent skill of those three players.

Another interesting game to watch was Doesn't Matter - Beetle with subs Dean and Robyn against Ringins - Paddo, Denis & Bev. Beetle pulled out every trick in the book, even threatening physical violence in his effort to win. Dean played well and Bev had some amazing shots. Robyn was flattered by Beetle's constant reference to her (bowls) good weight. The result was a tied 9 all. On a cut of the cards Paddo's Ringins were the winners.

Not sure if Di was helping or hindering Peter and what was she doing at rink 3 when her team the, Go Sandstone Solutions were playing on rink 7 - giving Peter a smooch each time. Peter's play was a bit erratic too!

Winners are grinners. You should have seen the grin on Kabel's face when he realized that his team had won. He felt a bit out of form after a lay-off of two months. His team mate Moley was playing with absolute precision and won the end time after time. Great bowling, Moley.

A spy has reported that that Andy was at it again - wandering over the adjoining rink. Maybe we should hit with a 'player default' penalty. Just joking Andy.

Nothing like a bit of competition to raise the ante. As soon as the bell rang to start the 'toucher' competition the 'head' was 'tighter' on every rink. Everyone loves to try and win a chocolate.

Gary and Donna Evans are wonderful supporters of the Allora Sports Club. Donna is not only treasurer but volunteers in the bar on bowls nights and helps out when needed for golf days and functions. She makes the supper for bowls each week. Gary has volunteered to care for the green. He spends a great deal of time maintaining and preparing the green each week. Gary

ALLORA MEN'S SHED

GOLF & BOWLS DAY

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Thank you to prize sponsors, Railway Hotel, Foodworks, Allora Sports Club, True Value, Paul Parker, Bolzen Sand and Swimming Pool and to team trophy donors. Have to announce that the Jackpot of \$80.00 was won this week. Doug Christensen was the lucky winner. This prize is donated by True Value Hardware, Paul Parker and Bolzen Sand. Out of the hat rink winners - Honda Hawks and losers - M & Ms. All team members take home a prize donated by the Sports Club.

Date reminders - Men's Shed Charity Golf/Bowls Day Saturday 21st February; Clifton Clock Bowls Competition Sunday 15th March.

Scribe, Lyn Wright

Week 5 - Another good roll up of bowlers this week, beautiful weather but one rink down. No need for 'hankies' tonight, the green was running hot. Still a bit worried about Men's Shed player Andrew Cave, not only does he wander over adjoining rinks, tonight he was seen 'flashing' a yellow rag during play. On rink 5 Nicko Johnson was seen using his thongs to measure shots before Bev produced her official measure which proved a little more accurate. Denis was a bit excited and bowled ahead of his opposition after losing the last end, next time Denis, wait your turn. Rule of kitty is if you stuff up your first attempt at placing the kitty (Nicko) you do not get a second attempt, it is then given to the opposition. A tie between UQ and Sandstone Quarry resulted in a cut of the cards. Official winners for the night were Roonicks with Ring-Ins being the losers. Touchers tonight went to Jim, Warren, Di, John Chris and Nick, thank you to Gary Evans Drilling for supplying the chocolates. Tracey Heslin who was a sub player had a lucky night winning two prizes in the raffle. Reminders - Team Trophy next week - Roonicks. Membership is due. Men's Shed Golf/Bowls Day this Saturday 21st. "Clifton Clock" Bowls day at Allora on 15th March. Thank you to all the Sponsors, Railway Hotel, Swimming Pool, True Value, Paul Parker, Bolzens Sand, Allora Sports Club and Foodworks and to all the helpers. See you all back on the green next week.

Bev O'Halloran - scribe in training

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• ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Death Notice

NAWRATH, Alfred Ernest "Fred" - Late of Allora. Passed away peacefully on 9th February 2015, aged 82 years.

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A good friend to many.

A private service was held for Fred in Toowoomba.

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Thank You...

On behalf of the Allora Show Society members, I wish to thank all the volunteers, sponsors, donors and the public for their support before, during and after the show.

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CSIRO DOUBLE HELIX QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Phalanges are the bones in the fingers and toes of most vertebrates.
2. The sphere has the lowest possible surface area to volume ratio.
3. It takes around 450 years for a plastic drink bottle to break down.
4. Carbon dioxide is made order decapoda, which means ten feet.
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Allora Oval to Host Third Pink Stumps Day

Allora Pink Stumps Day event organiser & breast care nurse Athaline Mulhall is hoping to see a big crowd at the Allora Cricket Oval on Saturday February 21st, contributing to the



Joe Morris slams the ball to mid-wicket, watched by partner Nick Van Der Poel, fielder Mark Mason and wicket keeper Jamie Holmes, during the 2014 'Pink Stumps Day' at Allora Cricket Oval.

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local efforts in fundraising for the McGrath Foundation while being treated to some eye catching cricket action.

Allora will join community's right across Australia when they don pink on Saturday, to support the McGrath Foundation. Funds raised ensure that every family in Australia experiencing breast cancer has access to a breast care nurse, no matter where they live or their financial situation. By hosting a Pink Stumps Day, the Allora community is helping to make a difference to the lives of families experiencing breast cancer in Australia.

The Allora Pink Stumps Day commences at 11.30 am with the cricket action under way at 12.00 noon with a ladies match, the pretty in pink 'Warwick Health Service' verses the 'Allora Ladies', a fearsome challenge to get the day underway.

Following on at 2.30 pm we will see an Allora Cricket Club side take on the fearless might of the 'Allora District Old Blokes', a clash that will highlight some stunning athleticism.

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At the completion of both games the 'Pink Stumps' cricket gear as well as a cricket ball and hat signed by Australian Test cricketer will be auctioned.

For further information contact Athaline or Ray on 4666 6293.

Glyn Rees