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THURSDAY, 7th MAY 2015



## Thank you Allora!

It is with great pride that the Ken Gillam family and the Allora Advertiser donate \$1200 to Allora Clifton Blue Care from the sale of the 2015 Allora Calendar.

The calendar was designed and printed by the Allora Advertiser to commemorate the 80th birthday of Gwen Gillam, a very talented artist. Gwen is renowned for her structural pen & ink drawings and Colin Newport provided historic details for the sketches of the buildings presented.

A big thank you to the businesses who sold the calendars and to the Allora community for supporting the project to honour Gwen Gillam.

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Jack Clifford.

### Anzac Day #diggertribute Facebook Photo Competiton winner

Congratulations go to Jack Clifford, who submitted the winning photo entry to win an Anzac Day prize pack worth \$250. The prize is from The Great War Collection and was supplied by The Military Shop [www.agw.militaryshop.com.au](http://www.agw.militaryshop.com.au)

### Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor

Have they sorted out how they plan to lower the road toll after the "disastrous" Easter weekend? Some have been putting forth ideas in the press how this could be done.

We are given maximum speed limits to follow and when they're exceeded the police will ticket offenders. But if someone is going below the posted speed limit by 20K or more it is only then that police will ticket slow vehicles, but they also have to be travelling in the right hand lane of a two lane carriageway going in the same direction, for this to apply.

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Solution in classifieds section

### THE ALLORA PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Calling all interested shutterbugs...

The Allora Photography Group will be holding its next meeting on

**Wednesday 13th May at 7.00pm**

at the **Allora State School** in Warwick Street.

All are welcome, no matter what your level of prowess,

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Stupidity, inexperience, careless driving, and inattentive driving is the cause of most accidents. We need to study how the Swedes have tackled their road safety issues. Does anyone else have useful suggestions?

Jay Nauss,  
Glen Aplin

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my thoughts to you, through your paper. A great big THANK YOU, to all who were involved with the ANZAC commemorations over this past week.

We attended the moving Dawn Service; had a delicious breakfast; attended the historic street parade and capped it all off by going to the wonderful ANZAC concert. As a visitor to your beautiful township, my husband, son and I are full of praise. The performers, the band, the volunteers, the organisers etc. all banded together to show what a community combined can do; not only for such memorable events, but to highlight your township of Allora. Well done everybody!

Ethel Mill,  
Adelaide, S.A.

### WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Min/Max
THU	Showers. Morning Clouds. Warm.	16 31
FRI	Storms Late. Morning Clouds. Warm.	16 31
SAT	Storms Late. Afternoon Clouds. Warm. Humid.	17 29
SUN	Storms Late. Broken Clouds. Warm.	16 31
MON	Morning Clouds. Mild.	17 27
TUE	High Level Clouds. Warm.	14 30

## 2015 Allora Scope Club Annual Fundraiser Afternoon Tea - Saturday 2nd May



**TOP:** There was a full house at the Allora Community Hall for Scope's Annual Afternoon Tea.

**ABOVE:** (back) Scope president Daphne Whatley with Scope friends from Gladstone.

**LEFT:** Margaret Davey from Wynnum.

**BELOW LEFT:** Cassidy Henry and Mary Higgins.



**ABOVE:** Kenita Auger, Helen Smith and Wendy Ardrey.

**LEFT:** Stacey Turner, Sarah Turner and Jo Denny sang songs from A Brown Slouch Hat and The Rising Sun concert.



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## ANZAC Day in Thailand

Five thousand people attended the ANZAC Dawn Service at the Konyu Cutting also known as 'Hellfire Pass' on the infamous Burma Thailand Railway in Thailand. Amongst them were Allora connections Lyn Wright, Colin and David Newport who were part of the 65 strong Quiet Lion Tour organized by the Burma Thailand Memorial Railway Association. A special guest of the Tour was Mr. Neil McPherson O. A. M. who worked as a P. O. W. on the building of the line in 1943. In spite of a 2 a.m. wakeup call, members of the Quiet Lion Tour were amongst the 1,500 in number limited to the cutting itself but missed out on the available seating. The sound of 'The Last Post' by the Thai Army buglers, 'The Lament' by the Scottish pipers and the sound of the birds at dawn were highlights of an emotional service.



The 10 a.m. service was held at the Kanchanaburi War Cemetery which is the resting place of the 6,982 Allied soldiers who died on the railway south of Nieke in Thailand. Those who died to the north of Nieke are buried at the War Cemetery at Thanbyuzayat in Burma. Young members of the Quiet Lion Tour assisted in the laying of wreaths to all those who had died on the building of the railway. Lyn, Colin and David laid a wreath in remembrance of the 2/26th Infantry Battalion

Colin and David Newport and Lyn Wright at the grave of Pte. George Cubby in the Kanchanaburi War Cemetery in Thailand, ANZAC Day 2015.

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of which their father and grandfather Norman Newport was a member. A focal point of the families of the 2/26th Battalion in the Kanchanaburi Cemetery is the grave of Private George Cubby, an aboriginal member of the Battalion from St. George in Queensland. Other former residents of the Allora district who were P. O. W. members of the Queensland raised 2/26th Battalion include Phil Hall, Eric Hall, Buff Holmes, Leo Clay, Bill Masters, Jack Wright and Stan Carlyon. Eric Hall was killed by Allied bombing and is buried in the Thanbyuzayat War Cemetery in Burma. Jack Wright returned to Singapore on the completion of the railway only to die a few short months later. Other former residents of the Allora district who were P. O. W.'s include Dick Slatter and Les Cooper who were members of the 2/10th Field Regiment Artillery (also a Queensland raised unit), Wally Carstens of the 8th Division Ammunition Company and Harvey Beasley who served in the R. A. F.

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## Christian Unity

Each year the week before Pentecost is set aside as a special week of prayer for Christian unity. This year the dates are 17th - 24th May. The combined churches of Allora will celebrate this event with an ecumenical service at the Uniting Church at 7.00pm, on 24th May - Pentecost Sunday.

## FREE MEETING: REAL LIFE AFTER SCHOOL

Come one, come all - A FREE meeting is being held from 3.30pm to 5.30pm, at Warwick Library on Wednesday, 13th May, with the purpose of providing parents and youth between 15-25yrs with life skills education. Topics will include: Budgeting; Sharing; Shopping; Relationships; Healthy food & drink choices. A question and answer session will be held. All are welcome and new ideas are encouraged.

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Southern Downs Regional Council advise residents that there will be NO KERBSIDE COLLECTION for green waste or storm debris.

Council's Manager of Environmental Services Tim O'Brien asks everyone to ensure green waste is disposed of appropriately by either composting at home or taking it to waste facilities.

"We implore that people do not dump the waste and debris into bushland, but dispose of it in a responsible manner.

## BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

Doctor to Patient: Do you want the good news or the bad news first?

Patient: The good news, please.

Doctor: The good news is that you have only twenty-four hours to live.

Patient: If that's the good news, what's the bad news?

Doctor: I should have told you yesterday.

## THINGS THAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY - 7th MAY

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| 1824 - Beethoven's 9th (Chorale) Symphony, premieres in Vienna.  | 1946 - William H Hastie inaugurated as 1st black governor of Virgin Islands.  | citizens are killed and 20 wounded when a NATO aircraft bombs the Chinese embassy in Belgrade.  |
| 1888 - George Eastman patents "Kodak box camera".  | 1951 - International Olympic committee allows Russia to participate in 1952 Olympics.                                     | 1999 - Pope John Paul II travels to Romania becoming the first pope to visit a predominantly Eastern Orthodox country since the Great Schism in 1054. |
| 1895 - In Saint Petersburg, Russian scientist Alexander Stepanovich Popov demonstrates to the Russian Physical and Chemical Society his invention - the world's first radio receiver. In the former Soviet Union the anniversary of this day is celebrated as Radio Day. | 1952 - The concept of the integrated circuit, the basis for all modern computers, is first published by Geoffrey Dummer.  | 2002 - A China Northern Airlines MD-82 plunges into the Yellow Sea, killing 112 people.   |
| 1902 - Soufriere volcano on St Vincent kills 2-5,000.  | 1958 - US Air Force Major Howard Johnson sets world aircraft altitude record in a Lockheed F-104 Starfighter at 27,810 m. | 2007 - The tomb of Herod the Great is discovered.   |
| 1914 - US Congress establishes mother's day.   | 1966 - Mamas & Papas "Monday Monday" hits #1.   | 2012 - NATO air strike kills 14 and wounds 6 civilians in Afghanistan's Badghis Province.   |
| 1934 - World's largest pearl (6.4 kg) found at Palawan, Philippines.   | 1982 - IBM releases PC-DOS version 1.1.   | 2013 - 4 people are killed after the Mayon Volcano erupts in the Philippines.   |
| 1941 - Glenn Miller records "Chattanooga Choo Choo" for RCA.   | 1992 - US space shuttle STS-49 launched (maiden voyage of Endeavour).   | 2013 - Delaware becomes the 11th US State to legalize same-sex marriage.  |
| 1945 - WWII: unconditional German surrender to the Allies signed by General Alfred Jodl at Rheims.   | 1993 - South Africa agrees to multi-racial elections.   |   |
|  | 1999 - Kosovo War: In Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, three Chinese   |   |

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**ALLORA'S ANZACS REMEMBERED:  
 A project by the Allora Historical Society**

**ADA PRISCILLA SMITH - NURSE WW1**

Ada Priscilla Smith was born in Warwick in 1887, the 3rd child of James and Anna Maria Smith's large family of twelve. As a child, Ada was always adventurous and a leader. She trained

as a nurse at the Warwick Base Hospital. In those early days, nurses were poorly paid and they were expected to scrub floors as well as care for patients.

Ada was nursing in Murwillumbah, NSW when World War One broke out. She returned to Warwick after making the decision to enlist. She was accepted immediately her letter addressed to the "Principal War Matron", Brisbane reached the Matron at the Brisbane Hospital.

Ada was fitted with her uniform of an ankle length pale grey dress and scarlet cape as well as a scarlet overcoat with a large cavalier cape and grey bonnet. The nurses wore a white veil and a white apron over their dress while on duty.

Ada was one of 120 nurses and 1100 servicemen on board the "Orsova" embarking from Sydney and landing in Egypt. She was stationed at the 2nd Australian General Hospital (AGH), Cairo when casualties from Gallipoli arrived on 28th April 1915. Because of her training in the theatre in Warwick, Ada mostly worked in the operating theatre in Cairo.

More than 2,000 cases were admitted to the 2nd AGH on that first day. Ada wrote "Some of the boys are terribly wounded and we have quite a lot of deaths. And there are such a lot of amputations. There'll be a great number of disabled people



Sister Ada Smith.  
 Photo courtesy Heather Smith and Jillian Trethewey.

after this war". As the fighting at Gallipoli continued, the hospitals were kept busy day after day. In August 1915, Ada wrote: "The wounded were coming from Gallipoli and we were on duty ready to receive them. I have never forgotten the look of these men. Of course, the badly wounded were on stretchers, but the walking wounded were so tired out, they could have gone to sleep standing up. Many had not had a wash for weeks for constant shelling on the beaches stopped them from even using the sea. Once in the hospital they were quickly relieved of their grimy clothes, washed, their wounds dressed, then they were fed and put to bed. It must have been like heaven to them". In 1916 the 2nd AGH was sent to Marseilles when the Australian divisions were rushed to France. Ada wrote home describing conditions in the wards, the severe cold and the sounds of war only a few miles from the hospital. The winter of 1916-17 was the coldest in living memory. At the time of the Battle of Messines in 1917, Ada was in charge of five hospital tents with 150 patients. In July of that year Ada took leave to England, her first holiday in 2½ years. She was still in France when the Armistice was signed. She was then stationed at a hospital in Sutton Venney England before sailing for home at the end of 1919. She was physically exhausted and with damaged hearing. Her family and the people of Allora gave her a hero's welcome and she was discharged in 1920, after 4½ years overseas service. Ada nursed at Rosemount Repatriation Hospital before marrying Reginald Farnsworth, a widower with two children. Reg and Ada had a daughter Daphne. The family were living in Gladstone when WW2 began. Daphne was sent to live with her Uncle Reg Smith's family in Warwick until a place was available at PGC in Warwick. Reg Farnsworth was Chief Air Raid Warden and Ada was in charge of the Ambulance Station and trained the local Voluntary Aid Detachment in Gladstone. Ada led the Anzac Day procession in Gladstone each year, wearing her service medals and ribbons. When Gladstone erected a War Memorial, Ada was invited to open it which she was very proud to do.

Ada's story was written by Heather W Smith and Jillian E Trethewey and included in their book, "The Smiths of Freestone".

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**SDRC joins other councils in opposing Federal Assistance Grants indexation freeze**

Southern Downs Regional Council will gain \$7 million in Federal Government Financial Assistance Grant (FAGs) funding for the 2014/15 year however will record its opposition to the indexation freeze on this important funding source.

Discussing the FAGs program at last Wednesday's General Meeting, Council acknowledged the importance of the funding to its revenue base.

Mayor Cr Peter Blundell said the Federal Government's decision to freeze the indexation of FAGs for three years will unfortunately cost councils across Australia an estimated \$925 million.

"The Australian Local Government Association and the state local government associations are seeking the support of Council for advocacy to have the Federal Government reverse the decision to freeze the indexation of FAGs.

"Council, and every other council in Australia, have been asked to pass a resolution acknowledging the importance of the Commonwealth's Financial Assistance Grants in assisting Council to provide important community infrastructure.

"We certainly agree with this and will take all opportunities to recognise the FAGs funding in Council's media releases, annual reports and other publications.

"This will help ensure local communities and residents understand that Federal funding is integral to the delivery of local government services, programs and major infrastructure and this will only be impeded if the freeze continues.

"Council also resolved today to advise the local Federal Member that Council would welcome discussions to lift the freeze on FAGs which have reduced in recent times affecting Council's financial position and ability to provide services and hopefully a fairer system will be achieved for this Council and others," he said.

Cr Blundell emphasised that Federal Government funding was imperative to local government as there are limited opportunities for State Government funding as well as the growing trend of cost shifting to local government for services that are not necessarily the normal business of Councils.

"This is combined with the rising costs of infrastructure, energy and even down to the increasing cost of postage. All of these factors mean we face difficult times in formulating a council budget.

"At the same time however Council is very happy with the level of external funding to complete capital works including funds for bridges and especially Royalties to Regions Round 4," he said.

**Looking Back...**

**Allora's Past 25 years ago May 1990**

**Debutante Ball**

Three debutantes were presented to Father Geoff Thomas of St. Luke's Toowoomba at the annual Anglican ball held in the Allora Community Hall on the 11th May. The debs were trained by Mrs. Jan Gilmore and Mrs. Marion Denny and the official party included Fr. G. Thomas and Mrs. Thomas, Fr. Bill Redman, Cr. and Mrs. Jim Deacon, Mr. and Mrs. T. Finlay, Mr. and Mrs. S. Aason, Mr. and Mrs. A. Erhardt and Mr. and Mrs. G. Metzroth.

Mrs. Lesley Telford provided the music for the debutantes and flower girls. The Maids of Honour were Barbara Finlay and Debbie Blissett and the Matrons of Honour were Mrs. Phyllis Shooter and Mrs. Alice Wilson. The debutantes were Miss Leah Gilmore who was partnered by Mr. Peter Turner, Miss Susie Atkinson, partnered by Mr. Karstin Steinmetz, a German exchange student, and Miss Kristina Blissett who was partnered by Mr. Gerard Gosen. Rachele Russell, Joelene Beardmore, Kristy McKinney, Tanya Chandler and Jacqueline Buck were the flower girls.

**Allora's Past 75 years ago May 1940**

**Presbyterian Moderator**

The Rev. Alfred Hadden, of Allora, who was inducted as Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland in St. Andrew's Church, Creek Street, last night has ministered in three countries. He is the first unmarried man to be chosen for 20 years. Of genial disposition, he is keenly interested in social welfare amongst all denominations. Born in County Tyrone, Ireland, he studied for the ministry and served in various Irish



Rev. Alfred Hadden. Photo courtesy Betty Wiles.

centres before accepting a call to National Park, Colorado. He came to Australia in 1923 and settled in Allora where he has ministered for 15 years.

**Allora's Past 100 years ago May 1915**

**Send-off to Pte. McDowell**

Before leaving Allora for active service, Pte. John McDowell of Berat was given a send-off by representatives of the various patriotic societies who desired to show, in an informal way, their appreciation of the action that he had taken. The Shire Council was meeting at the time but adjourned at the request of the Chairman, and the members took part in the

proceedings. Speakers from the St. George Society, the Hibernian Society and the St. Andrew's Club complemented Pte. McDowell and wished him a safe return to Allora. Pte. McDowell briefly responded saying that he hoped to do his bit for his country and return safe and sound when it was all over. A number of those present, and other townsmen, saw Private McDowell off at the station. (Private John McDowell served with the 47th Battalion and was killed in action in France on the 10/8/1916)

**Allora's Past 150 years ago May 1865**

**ALLORA PETTY SESSIONS May 3, 1865.**

Today the first Court was held at Allora. Although the Police Magistrate attended

on two occasions previously, there was no business.

Before J. C. White Esq., Police Magistrate Thomas Blanchfield on summons, for being drunk and disorderly, on the 19th April.

Henry Black on summons, for being drunk and making use of profane and indecent language, on the 23rd April.

George Munro, ditto.

All found guilty, and were admonished and discharged, this being the first offence.

William Burns and James Gleeson, disobeying summons. Warrants to be issued. (*Darling Downs Gazette* 13th May 1865).

Colin Newport



Left to right - Drivers John Broderick, Paul Ryan, Chris Halliday onboard the 1079 steam engine.

## Bety steams into South West Qld to celebrate 150 years of rail

Tickets are now on sale for South West Queenslanders to be part of a special steam train journey to commemorate 150 years of rail throughout the state.

From 28 May 2015, a beautifully preserved steam locomotive – fondly known as ‘Bety’ – and a set of seven heritage wooden carriages will whistle their way between Brisbane and Charleville as part of Queensland Rail’s 150th anniversary celebrations.

Executive General Manager Travel and Tourist Martin Ryan said Queensland Rail was excited to share this special milestone with South West Queensland communities and encouraged those interested to get in quick, as availability was limited.

“Queensland Rail has a rich history throughout Queensland dating back to 1865 and we hope to spark a few fond memories as the steam train passes through South West Queensland towns,” Mr Ryan said.

“Almost 14,000 people have already embarked on a trip with Bety throughout the state this year as part of Queensland Rail’s year-long celebrations and we are pleased to now be sharing her with South West communities.

“As she travels to Charleville Bety will be stopping in towns along the way where passengers can explore local communities and enjoy local accommodation and foods.

“The trip will allow people of all ages to experience what travel was like in a past era when steam travel was the backbone of the state.

“Bety, or BB18 1/4 1079, is the pride of Queensland Rail’s heritage fleet and more than 60 employees have put in thousands of painstaking work to ensure she is in pristine condition for her journeys.

“The steam locomotive was originally built in 1956 and will be joined by seven heritage wooden cars, the oldest of which was built in 1902 and a dining car which was built in 1935.” Tickets start from just \$20\* and passengers can take part in the entire journey from Brisbane to Charleville, travel one sector or take a short journey between stops en-route.

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## Council makes a bid for Warwick and Stanthorpe to be considered "Regional Capitals"

Southern Downs Regional Council has provided a submission detailing the reasons why Warwick and Stanthorpe should be named "Regional Capitals" by the Federal Government's Senate Standing Committee.

Decided at last Wednesday's General Meeting, Council agreed that having Warwick and Stanthorpe as designated Regional Capitals would bring economic, tourism and financial benefits. Mayor Cr Peter Blundell said the Senate Committee's review of Regional Capitals was timely.

"The committee will look into a number of matters including the demographic trends and changing role of Regional Capitals, an analysis of current funding provided to Regional Capitals, investment challenges and opportunities and sustainable growth.

"In our submission we have conceded that for the Darling Downs Toowoomba would most probably be considered the Regional Capital, however as the Senate Committee has not provided a definition for a Regional Capital we have made our case strongly.

"We have argued that both Warwick and Stanthorpe have identifiable and distinct population catchments and communities with significant economic and community infrastructure, as well as higher order services from a health, education and recreation perspective.

"Our submission also makes suggestions around government policy that could help regional centres take up opportunities for population growth, business and industry expansion and

## ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT RATTLE OF THE BRAINS FRIDAY, 29th MAY 2015

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tourism potential," he said.

The Senate's Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee will consider submissions over the coming months and will provide a report to the Federal Government by 1 December 2015.

## Mother's Day Brunch



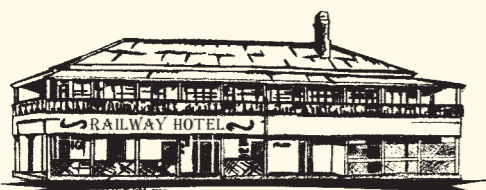
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		Oakey to Toowoomba	\$13.50
<b>Sun 31 May</b>		<b>Thu 4 Jun</b>	
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## Heritage experiences

As part of a state-wide Heritage Festival program over April and May, there will be multiple heritage experiences to be enjoyed across the Southern Downs for the next five days.

The program includes experiences in steam rail, as well as opportunities to explore Glengallan Homestead, the Warwick and District Historical Society Museum Complex, the Stanthorpe Heritage Museum, the Killarney and District historical Society Heritage Centre, the Killarney RSL Sub-Branch War Memorial Display and Warwick's Veterans Support and Advocacy Service Military Memorabilia Display.

Building on this expansive heritage program, started as a collective last year, Warwick Tourism & Events has added two cemetery walks to the five-day program.

According to Visitor Centre volunteers and walk coordinators Fran Hockings and Betty Wells, the cemetery walks are a chance to discover the story of some of our earlier settlers.

"The monuments and headstones in the Warwick cemetery are more than just names and dates," Fran said.

"They reflect aspects of our social, religious, folk, architecture and literary history not found in such a combination in any other place."

Mrs Hockings has her grandmother and a primary school teacher to thank for her passion for heritage and history.

"I had a teacher at primary school who was passionate about history and she made us live it like we were there," Fran said.

After much research, the ladies are certain they've included a good cross-section of people with interesting stories to tell in their tour. Back stories will include that of an hotelier, early settlers, a clergyman, a ticket-of-leave convict and John McCullough the talented stonemason. They will also visit the War Graves cemetery as part of the tour.

Tours will be run Today Thursday May 7 and Saturday May 9 from 10am to 11.30am. The tours are free. For full details of the Heritage Experience program, visit the Warwick Visitor Centre, or [www.warwickevents.com](http://www.warwickevents.com). Enquiries to 4661 9073.

### Thursday 7th May

**10.00am to 11.30am - Cemetery Walk.** Discover the story of some of our earlier settlers and explore the Warwick Council Cemetery. For more details Ph 07 4661 9073.

**10.00am to 4.00pm - Stanthorpe Heritage Museum.** For more details 07 4681 1711.

**9.00am to 3.00pm - Southern Downs Steam Railway.** Entry \$2.00. For more details 07 4661 9788 - [www.southerndownsteamrailway.com.au](http://www.southerndownsteamrailway.com.au)

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### Friday 8th May

**10.00am to 4.00pm - Stanthorpe Heritage Museum**

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4. If you were spelunking, what would you be doing?
5. What is the male satin bower bird's favourite colour?

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**12.00pm to 3.00pm - Warwick and District Historical Society Inc - Museum** - For more details Ph 07 4661 3234

**10.00am to 4.00pm - Glengallan Homestead**

### Saturday 9th May

**10.00am to 3.00pm - Killarney RSL Sub-Branch War Memorial Display.** For more details Ph 07 4664 1084.

**10.00am to 2.00pm - Killarney and District Historical Society Inc - Heritage Centre.** For more details Ph 07 4666 4155.

**1.00pm to 4.00pm - Stanthorpe Heritage Museum**

**12.00pm to 3.00pm - Warwick and District Historical Society Inc - Museum**

**10.00am to 2.00pm - Southern Downs Steam Railway**

**10.00am to 4.00pm - Glengallan Homestead**

**10.00am to 11.30am - Cemetery Walk.** Warwick Council Cemetery.

### Sunday 10th May

**10.00am to 3.00pm - Killarney RSL Sub-Branch War Memorial Display**

**9.00am to 1.00pm - Stanthorpe Heritage Museum**

**10.00am to 2.00pm - Killarney and District Historical Society Inc - Heritage Centre**

**1.30pm to 4.00pm - Allora and District Historical Society Inc. Historical Museum.** A collection of memorabilia depicting the early history of the Allora District including: photos, household items, clothing, farm machinery and military. Entry \$2.00 For more details Ph 07 4666 2090

**10.00am to 4.00pm - Glengallan Homestead**

## Private Jon Leak V.C. Remembered – Our Restless Warrior

Authors, former Federal Government Minister the Honourable Tom McVeigh & Mr Ron Seibenhausen describe themselves as two 'old Alloraites', and while indeed they are former long time residents and well known across the region that envelopes 'the best Little Town on the Downs', they have combined their scribing talents & pride in their home region to recognise a former resident and amazing achiever, Private John Leak – 'Our Restless Warrior'.

It all started over lunch at Brisbane's Irish Club in late 2008,

Tom & Ron deciding to pen a book about the life of a remarkable character in Private John Leak, Queensland's first Victoria Cross winner.

The two friends who grew up in Allora met regularly reminiscing about the 'good old days' and their association as delegates to the Queensland Graingrower's Association. On that occasion back in 2008 Ron asked Tom if he knew anything about Private J. Leak being a soldier settler in the Allora district. Ron advised that his wife Dolly had drawn his attention to the name 'Pte J Leak' being recorded as a V.C. winner on a visit to the National War Memorial in Canberra. Dolly's father Mr Ernie Balderson, who had served at Gallipoli, had told Ron when selling him his property that he had at one time farmed the property known as portion 179, property selected by Private John Leak and was known as 'Leak's Paddock'.

The result of that Irish Club discussion was to investigate the matter further. After enthusiastic meetings with local's who were aware of the Leak presence in the Goomburra Valley, it was decided to commence researching the life of Queensland's first V.C. winner, research & investigation that took Ron & Tom across the nation.

Tom & Ron visited Allora last Thursday with former Goomburra Valley resident Mr Ian Smith to officially launch "Our Restless Warrior", and make presentations to the Allora State School, St. Patrick's School, the Allora Library, the Allora District Historical Society & the Allora RSL Sub-Branch.

The book of 192 pages outlines the life & times of an amazing character in Private Leak, a soldier settler at Berat from 1919 to 1920. Ian Smith and co-author Ron Siebenhausen presented a copy of the book to the Allora State School, Mr Smith's parents having taken over the Leak property when John Leak left the area, the farm later owned by Ron Siebenhausen.

The house in which Leak lived on the property was relocated to the Smith family property at nearby "The Aloes".

Presentations were also made to students at St. Patrick's School by Tom McVeigh and his sister Betty Peters, both past students of the school. Tom and Ron along with Ian Smith addressed the Allora RSL Sub-Branch and guests and made book presentations to RSL President Mr Jim Corby, Allora RSL member Mr Bill Sinton, Allora District Historical Society Vice-President Mr Graham Anderson and SDRC Councillor Glyn Rees for the Allora Library.

When community members wander through Allora's Memorial Park one cannot help but be drawn to read the lengthy roll of names of those that made the supreme sacrifice in conflict listed on the Memorials that rise from the neatly cut lawns.

An etched black marble plaque at the base of the towering World War 1 memorial recognizes the military exploits of Private John Leak VC, Queensland's first recipient of a Victoria Cross, the highest award for acts of bravery in wartime. Few towns would be able to recognize a local Victoria Cross recipient in their special area of remembrance, Allora most fortunate to have that honour. While John Leak was born in



Former Federal Government Minister and author the Honourable Tom McVeigh and his sister Mrs Betty Peters, present a copy of "Our Restless Warrior" to St. Patrick's School students (Back Row) Anna Morris, Matthew Higgins, Cooper Seng, Abigail Phelan & Alex Bender and (Front Row) William Denny, Angus Brasch, Emily Jones & Sophie Summerell.

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Twenty-two year old Leak enlisted as a Private in the Australian Imperial Force on January 28th 1915, and joined his unit, the 9th Battalion on June 22nd at Gallipoli, before being posted to France and the Western Front in early 1916. As a result of his incredibly heroic actions on the 23rd July 1916, the first day of the Battle of Pozieres in France, part of the Battle of the Somme, he was awarded the Victoria Cross for most conspicuous bravery.

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184, the Commonage. The Commonage, as it is still known, signifies an area as part of a district. Its original naming in the 1860's was instead as the parcel of land of approximately 3,540 acres serviced by the Allora Town Council.

A little under four years since embarking on their historical documentation of the life of Private John Leak VC, Tom and Ron completed their research on June, 30th 2012.

The book "Our Restless Warrior" is the result, and much thanks to the support of the Queensland Grants Celebration Committee. A copy of "Our Restless Warrior" can be accessed in the reference section of the Allora Library.

Andrew Craig, Captain RAN (Rtd), Chair of the Queensland Advisory Committee for the Commemoration of the ANZAC Centenary wrote, "The authors (of Our Restless Warrior) have given us a chance to learn about a very brave man – not that John Leak considered himself a hero."

In their words, for Tom & Ron, it's been "A wonderful journey, we enjoyed it and we hope you enjoy this 'Special Piece of History'".

Glyn Rees

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enemy's bombs were outranging ours, Private Leak jumped out of a trench, ran forward under heavy machine gun fire at close range, and threw three bombs into the enemy's bombing post."

"He then jumped into the post and bayoneted three unwounded enemy bombers. Later when the enemy, in overwhelming numbers, was driving his party back, he was always the last to withdraw at each stage, and kept on throwing bombs. His courage and energy had such an effect on the enemy that, on arrival of reinforcements, the whole trench was recaptured."

The former Berat resident was discharged from the AIF in May 1919, but not before being wounded in August 1916 at Mouquet Farm and severely gassed at Hollebeke, Belgium in March 1918. Private Leak received his Victoria Cross at Buckingham Palace on November 4th, 1916, from His Majesty George V.

After leaving the Allora area he resided in New South Wales, South Australia & Western Australia, before returning to retire in South Australia where he died at Redwood Park on October 20th, 1972. On Remembrance Day 2009 the President of the Allora RSL Sub-Branch Mr Eric Taylor unveiled the plaque on the First World War Cenotaph at Allora Memorial Park recording the achievements of Private John Leak. Additionally on April 21st 2010, Allora RSL Sub-Branch Secretary Mr Ken Ashton unveiled a plaque at the Berat site of the firewood sawmill that had been operated by John Leak & partners, a plaque also unveiled on the site of soldier settler Leak's home in 1920, on Block Portion



Co-authors the Honourable Tom McVeigh & Ron Siebenhausen present a copy of "Our Restless Warrior", the life story of Private John Leak VC, to President of the Allora RSL Sub-Branch Jim Corby.



"Our Restless Warrior", the story of the life and times of former Berat resident Private John Leak VC, written by former Allora residents the Honourable Tom McVeigh & Mr Ron Siebenhausen, was launched in Allora last Thursday.



## Wattles Star Matt Duggan Leads Clydesdales to '47th Battalion Trophy' Success

Wattles Captain & halfback and 2014/2015 Toowoomba Rugby League 'Player of the Year' Matt Duggan has led the Toowoomba

'Clydesdales' Open side to victory in the 2015 Central Division '47th Battalion Trophy' Carnival at Roma over the past weekend.

The 'Clydesdales' finished ahead of a tough Bundaberg 'Bears' outfit 20 – 16 at Cities Rugby League Club's Arthur Beetson Oval on Sunday.

Man of the Match against the Sunshine Coast 'Falcons', the second of the 'Clydesdales' three matches, Duggan impressed selectors throughout and was named along with four Toowoomba team mates in the Central Division 'Crows' for the QRL State Divisional Championships.

Gatton 'Hawks' backs Billy Jackwitz & Nick Boney and Valleys 'Roosters' forwards James Crombie & Tyrone Jowett will join Duggan in the Central Division line-up.

Wattles fullback Corey Blades, while not getting the nod for the Division side, had a strong Carnival, & 'Man of the Match' in the final against Bundaberg.

Aside from Duggan & Blades, other Wattles players in 'Clydesdales' colours included Jason Bradfield & Joel Koina, while Wattles A Grade mentor Luke Duggan was the 'Clydesdales' Assistant Coach. Wattles back-rower Ryan Duggan was originally selected in the 'Clydesdales' line-up, but succumbed to a shoulder injury that arose from the 'Warriors' last fixture against Dalby and was forced to withdraw.

Jubilant Toowoomba 'Clydesdales' Coach Eugene Seddon heaped praise on his side, coming back after a first Round loss to retain the prestigious trophy they won last year in Gladstone. Toowoomba led 8 – 6 at half time in the final on the back of tries by flying winger Billy Jackwitz & front-rower James Crombie. Teenage sensation Jackwitz touched down again in the second stanza, along with Corey Blades, Highfields half Jarrod Lee adding to goals for the total.

Gladstone got the better of the 'Clydesdales' 18 – 16 on Saturday in the first match of the Carnival, a result that may well have signalled the end of Toowoomba's title defence.

Sunshine Coast flexed their muscle on Saturday afternoon to then defeat Gladstone and open the gate for a possible 'Clydesdales' appearance on the Carnival podium.

While it's never over until it's over, the Toowoomba squad took an underdog position on Sunday morning, and after building a 12 – 8 lead burst out of the stables for the second half of the clash with Sunshine Coast to stack on four tries to one and book a place in the Carnival final after overwhelming their opponents to 30 – 14. Elusive centre Nick Boney ran in two first half tries with his 'Hawks' team mate Jeff Nielsen repeating the dose in the second stanza, Highfields winger Sean Hamel & Valleys Jock Waters also bagging tries.

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- Fri 8 Allora QCWA International Day: English Midlands**  
Uniting Church Hall, 1.30pm
- Fri 8 Cent Sale - Victoria Hill Hall Fundraiser**  
Victoria Hill Hall, 7.00pm
- Sat 9 Allora Doctor Who Club Local Group Meeting**  
Allora QCWA Rooms, 11.00am
- Sun 10 Mother's Day Long Lunch - Norma O'Hara Murphy**  
Allora Sports Club, 11.00am, lunch from 12.00 noon
- Fri 29 St.Patrick's School Trivia Night**  
Allora Community Hall
- Sat 30 Golf/Bowls Fun Day - Great Endeavour Rally**  
Allora Sports Club
- Sat 30 Allora Mens Shed Meeting**  
Allora Mens Shed (old fire station), 11.30am
- June -**
- Sat 13 St. David's Guild June Afternoon**
- Sat 27 Allora Mens Shed Meeting**  
Allora Mens Shed (old fire station), 11.30am
- July -**
- Sat 4 Wattles v Warwick**  
Platz Oval, Clifton
- Sat 25 Allora Mens Shed Meeting**  
Allora Mens Shed (old fire station), 11.30am
- August -**
- Sat 29 Wattles v Pittsworth**  
Platz Oval, Clifton
- Sat 29 Allora Mens Shed Meeting**  
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### 'Clydesdales' Match Results.

Match 1 - Gladstone Raiders 18 def Toowoomba Clydesdales 16 (Tries: Billy Jackwitz, Matthew Duggan, Tyrone Jowett. Goals: Matt Duggan 2)

Match 2 - Toowoomba Clydesdales 30 (Nick Boney 2, Jeffrey Nielsen 2, Sean Hamel, Jock Waters tries; Matt Duggan 2 goals) def. Sunshine Coast 14.

Carnival Final - Toowoomba Clydesdales 20 (Billy Jackwitz 2, Corey Blades, James Crombie tries; Jarrod Lee 2 goals) def. Bundaberg Bears 16.

Along with Toowoomba, Gladstone, Bundaberg & Sunshine Coast, teams to contest the '47th Battalion Trophy' included Rockhampton, South-West Country & North Wide Bay.

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**• ANNOUNCEMENTS •**

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Shaz, Graham, Holly, Katie, Keelan and Maddi

**Thanks...**

*The Scope Club of Allora Inc. would like to thank most sincerely all those who helped in any way to make our Afternoon Tea such a success. There are too many involved to mention individually, but all the help was greatly appreciated. The support of the community is so valuable to us.*

*Winner of the major raffle donated by "Hello World" was Margaret Mcveigh.*



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2015 Toowoomba 'Clydesdales' Open team: 1. Corey Blades (Wattles), 2. Billy Jackwitz (Gatton), 3. Nick Boney (Gatton), 4. Joel Koina (Wattles), 5. Sean Hamel (Highfields), 6. Jeffery Nielsen (Gatton), 7. Matt Duggan (C) (Wattles), 8. James Crombie (Valleys), 9. Chris Richardson (Valleys), 10. Dale Perkins (Gatton), 11. Tyrone Jowett (Valleys), 12. Mitchell Carpenter (Pittsworth), 13. Matthew Prowse (Highfields), 14. Mitch Betros (Brothers), 15. Hayden Smith (Highfields), 16. Jason Bradfield (Wattles), 17. Jarrod Lee (Highfields), 18. Luke Smith (Valleys), 19. Jock Waters (Valleys), 20. Luke Nolan (Brothers).

Coach: Eugene Seddon. Assist. Coach: Luke Duggan.

'Toowoomba Rugby League fixtures resume this weekend!'

The Wattles 'Warriors' are back on the road this weekend heading to Oakey to take on the Oakey 'Bears' at Trevor Mickelborough Oval, the A Grade clash between the 'Bears' and the 'Warriors' the Hutchies Cup Match of the Round.

Kick off times are 2.00 pm - Millmerran verses Oakey (2nd Division); 3.20 pm - Wattles verses Oakey (Under 18); 4.45 pm - Reserve Grade and 6.10 pm - A Grade.

Glyn Rees



Wattles halfback Matt Duggan in action at the Central Division '47th Battalion Trophy' Carnival at Roma over the past weekend.

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