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The Team at the Allora Advertiser would like to thank all who support us with advertising & printing.

We also thank the contributors of our sporting stories & team results; the historical stories & event write-ups. In particular we would like to thank Cr Glyn Rees who provides many articles on behalf of the community; Colin Newport & Lyn Wright for their historical extracts & stories.

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Letters to The Editor...

The Editor,

As Christmas approaches, and hopefully we have all had a good year, I would like to thank the people at the Allora Advertiser for providing an interesting paper to the community every week. I really am pleased with the progression to colour. This year in particular I have enjoyed reading the recognition given to the history through stories of the brave men of Allora and surrounding areas who went off to fight for our country in WW1.

The Advertiser has also been quick to salute our sports stars whether it be for winning a Premiership or a World Cup or promoting other sports stars recognised by the Allora Hall of Fame.

I wait in anticipation each week for the advertiser to arrive and even enjoy the 'bad joke' of the week. Thank you to the people at the Advertiser, keep up the good work, and to everyone in the 'Best Little Town on the Downs' have a happy and safe Xmas.

Eileen C

From the Editor – Thank you for your kind words Eileen. The Team at the Allora Advertiser have fun in putting together the publication each week, however, we also appreciate the efforts of our contributors. We wish you and yours a Merry Christmas & happy readings in 2016.

Dear Editor,

Youth mental health tips for the holidays: As we rapidly approach the end of the year it is a great time to reflect and express our gratitude for the good things - big and small - that have come our way in 2015.

For many of us it can be a very difficult time, particularly for people experiencing isolation, loneliness and mental health issues, as we are bombarded with messages of celebrations,

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gifts and holidays.

For young people, particularly those facing big life changes like starting a new school, higher education, or seeking employment, it can be a really challenging time. Losing the normal routine and structure of school, missing the regular contact of friends, or having to financially support themselves can cause additional pressure.

Parents are key in helping young people to get support, so knowing the signs and symptoms something might be wrong and then how to get help is vital. Whilst parents don't need to be able to solve everything, noticing changes and signs that something isn't right is a good first step. You may notice they withdraw, and stop doing things they usually enjoy, seem down, worried or irritable.

There is help available. headspace, the national youth mental health foundation provides support for parents and young people aged 12 to 25 who are having a tough time. General mental health and wellbeing resources can be found at headspace.org.au.

For online and telephone support please visit eheadspace.org.au or call 1800 650 890, which is staffed by qualified youth mental health professionals. Our service is available between 9am - 1am EST over the holiday period, including Christmas day.

Wishing you and your family a safe, relaxing and enjoyable break over the holidays.

Chris Tanti
CEO, Headspace

Letters to the Editor must have name and address for authentication, but upon request there will be consideration to withhold names. Publishing or editing of letters is at the editor's discretion.

WEATHER FORECAST			
Day	Forecast	Min/Max	
THU	Morning Clouds. Mild.	15	24
FRI	Mostly Sunny. Mild.	15	26
SAT	Early Fog Followed by Sun. Warm.	13	29
SUN	Morning Clouds. Mild.	13	27
MON	Morning Clouds. Warm.	16	30
TUE	Early Fog Followed by Sun. Warm.	16	31

Allora Independent Steel & Staff would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Safe & Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

We thank you for your support throughout 2015 and look forward to seeing you again in 2016

From all at...

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Marika McNichol - The Ugg Boot Councillor?

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"I have managed the bookkeeping for my husband's business for 30 years, and know how important it is to balance the



Marika McNichol - The Ugg Boot Lady.

books; my policy is "if you don't have it you don't spend it." The Ugg Boot Lady brings her into contact with many people:

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"Hearing their concerns - about money, health and the things people value - have increasingly made me think about the community in which we live and how we can help each other." It has prompted Marika to run for election as a councillor in the

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Southern Downs Regional Council election next March. "It'll be a challenge" she said, "but I have always liked that. I've gone outside the square many times and I am really looking forward to the election campaign. I want to try to make a positive difference for people."

Marika says it would be an extension to the charity work she has been involved in over the years. "Being a councillor will give me bigger opportunity to help people out and that feels right for me."

"This is a wonderful area that we live in; I would like to see it stay that way. I am looking forward to new challenges and what the future might bring."

The Allora Community Directory...

ORGANISATIONS

Allora Community Circle - Meets 4th Wednesday of the month 5.30pm, at Senior Citizens, Drayton Street, Allora. All welcome.

Allora Community Kindergarten - 7 Gordon Street, Allora. Children attend 5 days per fortnight - Qld School Terms. Phone 4666 3420.

Allora & District Historical Society - Meets 3rd Wednesday of every month, 7.00pm, at Old Shire Hall, Warwick St., Allora. Drayton Street Museum open 1.30pm - 4.30pm every Sunday. Contact Carolyn Anderson 4666 2090.

Allora & District Rural Neighbourhood Watch - Meets 3rd Tuesday bi-monthly at the Allora Court House, Raff St., Allora, 6.30pm. All welcome. Contact Wendy Ardrey 0488 673 778.

Allora Landcare Group - Meets every two months at Blue Cow Hotel, 7.30pm, on third Thursday. Contact Peter Thomas 4666 6210 or 0419 724 025.

Allora Men's Shed Inc. - General meeting is held last Saturday of the month at old fire station, Herbert St., Allora. Contact President Trevor Shields 0401 018 450, Secretary Stuart Campbell 4666 3499. Email alloramensshed4362@gmail.com.

Allora Playgroup - Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month (excluding school holidays), from 9.30am - 11.30am at old Girl Guides hut, Warwick St., Allora. Contact Jodie 4666 6166.

Allora QCWA - Meets 3rd Tuesday of month, 10.00am. Contact Olive Shooter 4666 3474.

Allora R.S.L. Sub Branch - Meets at R.S.L. Hall. Contact Kath Turner 4666 2050.

Allora Red Cross - Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm at 22 Forde St., Allora. Contact Kay Graham 4666 3035.

Allora Rotary Club - Meets every 2nd Monday at Railway Hotel, from 6.30pm. Contact Ann Balmain 4666 2450.

Allora Scope Club - Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays of month. Contact Daphne Whatley 4666 3691 for details on venue.

Allora Senior Citizens - Meets Monday and Friday, 1.00pm - 3.30pm for cards and Rummiking. Contact Shann O'Connell 0478 637 604.

Allora Show Society - Meets 2nd Thursday of the month from 7.30pm at Show Society Ring Office, Allora Show Grounds. Contact Shirley Cornhill 4666 3394.

Doctor Who Club of Australia: Allora Local Group - Meets bi-monthly at Allora QCWA, Warwick St. Allora. Contact Fraser Clark on 0401 432 587, email allora@doctorwhoaustralia.org or join our Facebook group for upcoming meeting dates.

Friends of the Homestead - Meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 2.00pm. Contact 4666 3694.

Goomburra Hall Committee - Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month, from 6.30pm at Goomburra Hall. Contact John O'Brien 4666 6050 to confirm.

Hope Masonic Lodge - Meets 1st Friday each month at 7.30pm, at Gordon Street, Allora. Inquiries welcome. Contact Graeme Allen

4666 3164

St. Patrick's Parish Pastoral Council - McKillop House (old convent) Warwick St., Allora. Contact 4666 3377 and leave a message.

Victoria Hill QCWA - Meets 1st Tuesday of month 1.30pm at Victoria Hill Hall. Contact Shirley Erhardt 4666 3470

Warwick Veteran & Vintage Vehicle Club Inc. - Meets 1st Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm. Contact Graham McMillan 4666 3554 to confirm venue.

ART & CRAFT GROUPS

Allora Arts & Crafts - Meets every Tuesday, 9.00am - 12.00pm, at St. David's Hall, 1 Church St., Allora. Contact Sue Dalton 4666 3083.

Allora Photography Group - Meets 2nd Wednesday night of every month, 7.00pm, Allora State School Home Ec building, Warwick St. Allora. Contact email alloraphotographygroup4362@gmail.com, Linda Coombes 0407 693 822, Karen Johnson 0419 340 430, Joan Wylde 4666 3373.

St. Patrick's Craft Group - Meet on 1st Monday of the month at McKillop House (old convent) Warwick St., Allora. Contact Cathie Wilson 4666 2441.

SPORTING / HEALTH ACTIVITIES

Allora Sports Club - Meets 2nd Monday of the month at the Club House, Warwick St., Allora. Contact John Ellwood 0448 196 647.

Allora Sports Museum - Regular hours each Sunday, 12.00pm - 4.00pm or other times open by appointment. Contact Perry Cronin 0407 034 320 or Glyn Rees 0400 811 093.

Allora Tennis Club - Sunday Social Tennis 2.00pm, phone 4666 2260. Ladies Tennis Tuesday AM and PM. Court available for night tennis. Contact 0439 702 051.

Line Dance Classes - Tuesday 6.30pm - 8.30pm, at Allora Sports Centre, Darling Street, Allora. Contact Jenny 4661 2448.

Southern Downs Rifle Club - Long Range Full Bore rifle competitions each Sunday, 9.00am - 12noon, at the Risdon Rifle Range, Connelly Dam Road, Warwick. Contact Margaret Taylor on 07 4666 1018 or Bob Tyllyer bobbytyllyer@hotmail.com. Web site www.southerndownsrifleclub.websyte.com.au

Squash - at Allora Indoor Sports Centre. Phone John 4666 3100 for key.

St. Andrews Indoor Bowls Allora - Meets Tuesdays from 7.15pm at St. Andrews Hall, Warwick St., Allora. Contact Kathy Shannon 4666 3286.

IS YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP OR ORGANISATION NOT LISTED? Please email admin@alloraadvertiser.com with your details or talk with the team at Allora Advertiser office on 4666 3128 to confirm your details for next month's Allora Community Directory listing. Change of contact details are the responsibility of the individual groups.



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Test results clear water supply of Cryptosporidiosis

Test results received from Queensland Health have cleared Southern Downs Regional Council's water supplies in Warwick and Allora of any Cryptosporidiosis infection.

Southern Downs Regional Council's Mayor, Cr Peter Blundell said Council commenced investigations into the water supply following media and social media reports about an Allora resident's concern that her child had contracted Cryptosporidiosis from the Allora water supply.

"At the time Council was contacted by the media, we had not received any direct complaints nor been notified by any person, including the resident, or agency, that there was an issue or concern with the water supply in Allora or Warwick, and in particular with Cryptosporidiosis.

"However, Council staff responded quickly, and in addition to doing extra E.Coli water tests, staff also took samples for Cryptosporidiosis and Giardia.

"Nine samples were obtained over two sample periods and sent to Queensland Health for analysis, and I'm pleased to confirm that all test results have been returned negative, clearing the water supplies of both Cryptosporidiosis and Giardia," said the Mayor.

The water samples were taken from the following locations, including at the home of the Allora residents with the affected child:

- 1 sample from Allora Reservoir;
- 1 sample from an external tap at the Library, Allora;
- 1 sample from the resident with the affected child, Allora;
- 1 sample from the Allora Water Supply trunk main, Willowvale

**Local Legends
Rugby League Trivia**
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• 1 sample from the small swimming pool, Allora;
• 1 sample from the big swimming pool, Allora;
• 1 sample from the Water Treatment Plant, Warwick; and
• 2 samples from Mel Gibson Park in Warwick.

"Given the negative result, no further specific tests will be conducted for Cryptosporidiosis and Giardia. However, we will continue to carry out our regular water quality testing in accordance with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines," concluded the Mayor.

Cryptosporidiosis is a parasitic infection of medical and veterinary importance that is spread by faecal-oral transmission including person to person, animal to person, waterborne and food borne transmission.

Control methods include practising good personal hygiene, taking care when disposing of human or animal faeces, and ensuring careful hand washing after handling animals with diarrhoea.

Residents with concerns about or issues with the water or wastewater supply are encouraged to contact Council on 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372) or via the MY SDRC App, so officers can investigate and Council can ensure the quality of the water supply is maintained.

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

A few old couples used to get together to talk about life and to have a good time. One day one of the men, Harry, started talking about this fantastic restaurant he went to the other night with his wife.

"Really?", one of the men said, what's it called?

After thinking for a few seconds the Harry said, "what are those good smelling flowers called again?"

"Do you mean a rose? the first man questioned.

"Yes that's it," he exclaimed. Looking over at his wife he said, "Rose what's that restaurant we went to the other night?"

It's OK to grieve.

If you or someone you know has been affected by suicide, talk to The Salvation Army HOPELINE, a 24 hour telephone counselling service for those left behind by suicide. Our counsellors will help you work through your grief, and offer you 24 hours of hope. **1300 HOPELINE (1300 467 354)**



Weapons Licencing Safety Course

Clifton Shooting Club are running another Weapons Licencing Safety course on Sunday, 10th January 2016 for Catagory AB, (rifle) Licencing.

The course will be held at the Laurie Bowe Rifle Range at Rosenthal Boundry Rd, Leyburn. The cost of the course is \$120.00 per person and juniors over the age of 11yrs are welcome to attend. You will need to be at the range by 7.30am as it is an 8.00am sharp start.

After lunch starting about 1.00pm we will be conducting a Category H (handgun) safety course for anyone who may be interested, the cost of this course is \$120.00 as well.

If you would like o book or want more information please call Gordon on 0418 877 525.

Council advises waste facilities closures over Christmas

Southern Downs Regional Council is advising all residents that most supervised waste facilities in the Southern Downs region will be closed on Christmas Day.

Southern Downs Regional Council's Manager Environmental Services, Manager Mr Tim O'Brien said waste facilities will reopen on Boxing Day for normal hours, starting at 7am.

"Most waste facilities will be closed on Christmas Day, re-opening Boxing Day, with the exception of the Killarney Waste Transfer Station, which will remain open during the

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"Locked waste facilities to which residents have keys will also remain accessible, and all JJ Richards waste collection services will carry on as usual with no changes or interruptions. "The household pick up of general waste and recycling bins is unaffected. So if your pick up day is a Public Holiday it will be done that day.

"At this time of year there are more bottles, cans and paper, all of which can be recycled, thereby reducing the amount of waste going into landfill.

"We wish all of our residents a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and encourage everyone to remember recycling during the holiday period," said Mr O'Brien.

If you require any further information, please contact Council on 1300 MY SDRS (1300 697 372) or visit Council's website www.sdrc.qld.gov.au.

Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago
December 1990

Truck Overturns

The New England Highway was blocked for three hours on Sunday night when a north-bound cattle truck carrying 55 head overturned at Allora. A police spokesman said that the accident occurred at the intersection of Warwick Street and the New England Highway where roadworks are in progress. The driver received minor injuries but the prime mover was extensively damaged. Police said that the cattle had dispersed around the town. One beast had to be destroyed. Sgt. Kel Timms of the Allora Police warned motorists to take notice of the signs on the New England Highway near the town.



Warfield brothers Harry, Herbert, John and Sydney taken in 1915.

Allora's Past 50 years ago
December 1965

NOTICE

All those persons wishing to obtain their Christmas Ice have to order same by 2 o'clock on Wednesday 22nd December, 1965. 2/- per household block. Warwick Co-operative Dairy Assn., Allora.

Allora's Past 75 years ago
December 1940

Allora Farewell

Union Jacks and the Australian Flag figured prominently in the decorative scheme for the dance and social evening arranged in the Central Hall to say farewell to a number of the fighting forces who were visiting Allora on leave. Those farewelled were Aircraftsman Chard, Privates G. Holmes, V. Kelly, P. Hall, S.

Carlyon, F. Forster, E. J. Hansen, Gunner L. T. Cooper and Corporal Gilmore (R.A.A.F.) Mr. W. H. Cross (chairman of the Soldiers' Welfare Committee) was chairman of the function. Other speakers who wished the men good luck were Cr. H. S. Warfield (on behalf of the Allora Shire Council) and Mr. B. H. Cobcroft (president of the Allora sub-branch R.S.S.I.L.A.) Mr. W. A. Deacon on behalf of the citizens of Allora asked each guest of honour to accept a gift.

Allora's Past 100 years ago
December 1915

Hendon Send-off

At Hendon on Saturday evening last a send-off by about 50 or 60 residents of the district was accorded to the four sons of Mr. J. Warfield of Hendon, who have answered their country's call by enlisting for the front. Mr. Muir (Chairman of the Allora Shire Council) presided, and Mr. G. C. Clark proposed the toast of "The Guests of the Evening." The four young lads each responded. A musical programme was rendered during the evening. It may be mentioned that of Mr. Warfield's five sons, four have offered their services. The other is under age. The Hendon people justifiably feel proud of this splendid record of self-sacrifice in a local family.

(Sergeant John Warfield was killed in action in France in 1918. Private Harry Warfield was wounded in action and was invalided to Australia in May 1917. Private Sydney Warfield returned to Australia in 1919. WO2 Herbert Warfield was awarded the D. C. M. and also returned to Australia. He served for 10 years as Chairman of the Allora Shire Council).

Colin Newport



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TUESDAY 29TH DECEMBER - OPEN
WEDNESDAY 30TH DECEMBER - OPEN
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Allora Men's Shed

Christmas festivities were enjoyed by Allora Men's Shed members and their wives last wet Saturday. Members have enjoyed a number of community and bonding activities during the year and look forward to an even more involved time in 2016 commencing with the Allora Heritage weekend.

Our major fundraiser of "Bowls, Gold and Trivia" as per this year, will again be held at the Allora Sports Club, on Saturday 27th February 2016. Although delayed due to floods this year, it guarantees to be bigger and better with major prizes again offered and the community is invited to enter into the enjoyment and bonhomie. Men's Shed participation is offered to all men looking for community involvement and comradeship. The old Fire Station Shed is open Thursday and Saturday mornings 9.00am to midday.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our community supporters and families.

Four Allora Men's Shed members ready for Christmas Dinner.



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and will cope with a reasonable amount of water. However, they can rot if sodden for long periods. These plants will grow in full sun to shade. Flowering will be limited if planted in areas of too much shade. Agapanthus are value for money plants as they can easily be propagated by division once large enough. Dividing plants every few years or so will also help with flowering as many clumping plants flower less if they become too large. They suffer very few problems. Agapanthus are prone to mealy bug attack which can be identified by weak distorted foliage and what looks like white mould down the sheath of the leaf. There are a number of insecticides available from your local garden centre to treat this problem. Regular feeding and applications of seaweed based products will boost the health and resilience of plants against insect and fungal attack. The only other problem that really affects agapanthus is children. Nothing worse than waiting twelve months for flowers and

LEFT: Black Pantha Agapanthus.

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little fingers come along and flick the flower buds which easily snap off and you are left with a clump of green stalks. I do encourage curiosity in children, but sometimes the old saying look with your eyes and not your fingers is warranted. Agapanthus are right at home in cottage or formal gardens. They make excellent border plants or textural additions to the garden. Agapanthus are available in dwarf form and with recent hybridising there are many new varieties to choose from. Agapanthus are traditionally blue or white, but are now available in rich purples and two-toned colours. Some even have dark stems. Look out for new and recent releases such as Queen Mum, Black Pantha, Back in Black, Snowball, Purple Cloud, Margaret, Tinkerbell and Amethyst. Agapanthus can be raised by seed, however, it is important to remove spent flowers as they can become a weed problem particularly around waterways. As this is my last article before Christmas, I would like to thank and wish all our readers and customers a very safe and joyous Christmas.



Queen Mum Agapanthus.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT... RAILWAY HOTEL ALLORA

Sue Reiser playing from 8.00pm till 1.00am, 31st December

Robyn, Jan and staff would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Driver reviver to help you arrive alive

RACQ, the State's peak motoring body has taken over the Gladfield Driver Reviver site near Allora on 14th December, in a bid to reduce fatigue related crashes these school holidays. RACQ warned motorists to remain alert behind the wheel as we entered a high risk period on Queensland roads. RACQ Executive Manager Safety and Technical Policy Steve Spalding said last year fatigue contributed to about 15 percent of the road toll.

"Fatigue is one of the fatal five and called the silent killer for a reason," Mr Spalding said.

"Tiredness can drastically affect your ability to drive safely by reducing your attention level, slowing your reaction time and impairing your judgement.

"Fatigue can quickly creep up on a driver with many not realising how tired they are until it's too late.

Mr Spalding said motorists needed to take the risks of fatigue seriously, and realise it was their responsibility to drive safely.

"It's essential drivers take rest breaks at least every two hours and importantly make sure they start the drive fully refreshed," he said.

"If you've had a long day at work it's better to delay the trip until the next morning and avoid driving at times when you normally sleep.

"On longer journeys share the driving if possible." For more information, view the RACQ TV episode on fatigue: www.youtube.com/watch?v=NvfnN-wUAV8

?? CSIRO Double Helix Quiz ??

1. Which has the smallest particles: sand, silt or clay?
2. What does 'pentapedal' mean?
3. Which side is the dark side of the Moon?
4. Does lightning always touch the ground?
5. What is the more common name for an inclined plane?

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.

WIRAC hydro and leisure pools closed for remedial works

The hydrotherapy and leisure pools at the YMCA Warwick Indoor Recreation and Aquatic Centre (WIRAC), Palmerin St, Warwick, will be closed until further notice to allow for some remedial works to be undertaken.

All classes scheduled to be held in the leisure pool this afternoon will be moved to the 25m pool.

The 25m pool and the River pool are operating as normal and are available and open to the public.

For more information about the hydrotherapy and leisure pools and when they will re-open, please contact YMCA WIRAC on 4661 7955.

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Events Calendar

2015

December -

Thu 31 **Allora Show Society New Years Eve - Fireworks**
Allora Show Grounds

2016

January -

Sat 9 **Doctor Who Club of Australia - Allora Local Group**
Allora QCWA rooms, 10.00am.

Sat 30 **Allora Men's Shed Meeting**
Allora Men's Shed (old Fire Station), 9.30am

February -

Fri 5 **138th Allora Show**

& Sat 6 Allora Show Grounds

Sat 20 **Allora Men's Shed Meeting**
Allora Men's Shed (old Fire Station), 9.30am

Sat 27 **Allora Men's Shed Golf & Bowls Day**
Allora Sports Club, 11.00am

March -

Fri 4 **Allora Rotary Trivia Night**
Allora P-10 State School Hall

Sun 6 **Allora Car Boot Sale**
Allora State School soccer ground, 9.00am-12.00 noon

Sat 12 & Sun 13 **St Patrick's School Centenary Celebrations**
St Patrick's School Grounds

Thu 17 **Victoria Hill QCWA St. Patricks Day Concert & Lunch**
Victoria Hill Hall, 9.30am.

Sat 19 **Doctor Who Club of Australia - Allora Local Group**
Allora QCWA rooms, 10.00am.

Sat 26 **Allora Men's Shed Meeting**
Allora Men's Shed (old Fire Station), 9.30am

April -

Sat 16 **Allora & Dist. Historical Society Display & Demo Day**
Warwick Street Museum, Allora

Fri 29 **QCWA International Day and Competitions**
Allora QCWA

Sat 30 **Allora Men's Shed Meeting**
Allora Men's Shed (old Fire Station), 9.30am

Fri-Sun 29-1May **Allora Autumn Festival**
Allora Community Circle

May -

Sat 14 **Scope Club Annual Afternoon Tea Fundraiser**
Allora Community Hall

Sat 28 **Allora Men's Shed Meeting**
Allora Men's Shed (old Fire Station), 9.30am

June -

Sun 12 **Allora Community Auction**
Allora Show Grounds

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Clients wishing to include their events in the Events Calendar, must book a display (boxed) colour advertisement for the event in The Allora Advertiser, sized AT LEAST 2 column x 4 cm. Clients will then automatically receive, as a bonus, a calendar entry. These entries will be in a 2 line format as above, starting in bold with date and event, followed by venue and time.

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

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**Locals set to shine at Warwick's
Carols in the Park**

With calendars filling up in the lead up to Christmas, Southern Downs Regional Council is reminding residents to set aside Sunday, December 20 for Warwick's 2015 Carols in the Park, which will showcase local performers and entertainers, and local businesses and community groups.

Gather your friends and family, a picnic rug or chair and bring your singing voice to celebrate the festive season in Leslie Park, Palmerin Street. The festivities will kick-off from 5.00pm with the Warwick City Band starting the music program at 5.30pm.

Southern Downs Regional Council's Mayor, Cr Peter Blundell said the Warwick Carols in the Park is simply a beautiful and relaxed family night where we can celebrate Christmas and the blessing of living in a great community.

"It will be an absolutely fantastic evening and I would encourage everyone to come along and be part of a great program.

"This year we're very fortunate to have a team of locals on board; Susan Needer as musical coordinator, and Andy Wilmott from Soular Music and Tracey Gosney from Top Beat Entertainment who will look after all of our sound, lighting and staging requirements," the Mayor said.

The three hour program will include traditional carols as well as your favourite up-beat Christmas songs presented by The Choral Society, The Blue Violets, David and Sarah Hume and crowd favourites Emma Bell, Ebony Wickham and our very own Mayor. Council is also pleased to announce James Blundell as our very special guest artist for the evening.

"For all those who love to sing along, the words to all the carols will be projected on a big screen and printed programs will also be available on the night.

"There will be a visit from Santa and his helpers to delight the kids, along with talented local storyteller, Carmel Wooding, spreading the Christmas cheer, and this year there will be a collection with funds raised to be donated to The Salvation Army.

"While you're at the Carols, why not grab a bite to eat from the dedicated members of the Warwick Rotary and Lions Clubs who will be offering burgers, hot chips, a sausage sizzle, fairy floss, and other summer favourites. Coffee, cold drinks, ice-cream, snow cones, wood fired pizzas, twisted potatoes, Dutch poffertjes and good old Aussie meat pies will also be on offer to tempt everyone's taste buds.

"I would like to give a special thanks to this year's event sponsors: Southern Downs Automotive, YMCA, Creed & Lang and Warwick Credit Union, and would encourage everyone to come along and join in what will be a wonderful, locally star-studded evening full of festive cheer," said Cr Blundell.

For more information about Carols in the Park, contact Council's Support Officer Events, Laurine King, on 1300 MY SDR (1300 697 372) or visit Council's website www.sdrc.qld.gov.au

**Be found quickly in an emergency
this Christmas**

The Queensland Ambulance Service is urging everyone to take a few minutes to download the Emergency+ App before heading away for the Christmas holidays.

QAS South West Acting Superintendent Brad Setch said by taking time to download the Emergency+ App now, critical time could be saved in an emergency.

"Calling Triple Zero (000) can be very confronting when faced with a seriously injured person in need of urgent medical help," Mr Setch said.

"More stress can be added to the situation if the caller does not know where they are, which can easily be the case when travelling in an unfamiliar area.

"By having the Emergency+ App ready on your mobile device and knowing how to use it, our Emergency Medical Dispatchers (EMD) can direct help to you quickly.

"The Emergency+ App works on iOS, Android and Windows devices and displays coordinates derived from the smartphone's GPS function.

"These coordinates must then be read out to the EMD to pinpoint the patient's exact location."

Mr Setch urged residents to download the Emergency+ App free of charge from iTunes, Google Play and Windows stores.

"In an emergency seconds count so knowing your exact location is crucial," he said.

"The Emergency+ App can be obtained free of charge so there are no excuses for smartphone users not to download it today."

Mr Setch said it is still important people take note of landmarks in and around your holiday location.

"Every piece of information helps us get an ambulance to you as quickly as possible," he said.

"Simple things such as knowing your holiday address and the names of major buildings and landmarks nearby can cut minutes off emergency response times, which can mean the difference between life and death."

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To follow up personally, please read John 3:3; Matthew 7:13-14; Luke 13:22-30; John 5:19-47.

**VETERAN SUPPORT SERVICES
CONTINUE OVER THE CHRISTMAS
PERIOD**

Support services for veterans will continue to be available throughout the Christmas period, the Secretary of the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA), Simon Lewis PSM, said today.

"Many people, including veterans, do it tough over Christmas, and I want to reassure veterans that should they need it, help is available over the holiday period," Mr Lewis said.

"While DVA offices will close on Friday, 25 December 2015 and will reopen on Monday, 4 January 2016, veterans and their families can continue to access key DVA services."

These include:

- Crisis counselling – The Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS) offers 24-hour crisis counselling. This service is available toll free on 1800 011 046 to veterans of all conflicts and their families.
- Access to DVA's online mental health information and support – Veterans can visit DVA's At Ease mental health portal <http://at-ease.dva.gov.au/>.
- Transport – If transport is required during this period but has not been pre-booked, DVA clients can pay for the transport up front and seek reimbursement when offices re-open. Alternatively transport can be booked and reviewed, and travel expenses can be claimed online through DVA's

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THINGS THAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY - 17th December

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| 1777 - France recognizes independence of British colonies in America. | 1914 - Austrian troops beat Russians in Limanova Poland. | Australia, vanishes in mysterious circumstances while swimming near Melbourne. |
| 1790 - Aztec calendar stone discovered in Mexico City. | 1914 - Great Britain declares Egypt a protectorate. | 1969 - USAF closes Project Blue Book, concluding no evidence of extraterrestrial spacecrafts behind thousands of UFO sightings. |
| 1791 - NYC traffic regulation creates 1st 1-way street. | 1924 - 1st US diesel electric locomotive enters service, Bronx, NY. | 1986 - Mrs Davina Thompson makes medical history by having the 1st heart, lung & liver transplant (Papworth Hospital in Cambridge, England). |
| 1845 - German explorer Ludwig Leichhardt arrives in Port Essington after a nearly 4,800 km overland journey to explore Australia's Northern Territory. | 1927 - Donald Bradman scores 118 on 1st-class cricket debut, 188 mins 8 fours. | 1989 - <i>The Simpsons</i> , America's longest-running sitcom debuts. |
| 1865 - Franz Schubert's " <i>Unfinished Symphony</i> " premieres. | 1935 - First flight of the Douglas DC-3 (C-47 Skytrain/Dakota) airplane. | 1992 - Gen Suwa finds tooth of 4.4 million year old Australopithecus ramidus. |
| 1885 - France declares Madagascar a protectorate. | 1938 - Discovery of nuclear fission using uranium by Otto Hahn and his assistant Fritz Strassmann. | 1999 - The United Nations General Assembly passes resolution 54/134 designating November 25 as the annual International Day to Eliminate Violence Against Women. |
| 1893 - Russia ratifies Double Alliance with France. | 1941 - Dutch & Australian troops lands on Portuguese Timor. | 2003 - SpaceShipOne flight 11P, piloted by Brian Binnie, makes its first supersonic flight. |
| 1894 - Cricket day 3 IT Australia v Engand; England 325 all out, 261 behind on 1st innings. | 1946 - Bradman & Barnes complete 405 run 5th wkt stand, score 234 ea. | 2012 - Jiroemon Kimura of Japan becomes the world's oldest verified man at 116 years old. |
| 1895 - George Brownell patents a machine to make paper twine (Mass., USA). | 1949 - Burma recognizes People's Republic of China. | 2013 - Australia wins the 3rd test to take win the 2013-14 Ashes test cricket series |
| 1900 - 1st prize of 10000 francs offered for communications with extraterrestrials. Martians excluded-considered too easy. | 1954 - 1st fully automated railroad freight yard (Gary, Indiana). | |
| 1903 - At 10.35 AM, 1st sustained motorized aircraft flight (Orville Wright). | 1959 - " <i>On The Beach</i> " is 1st film to premiere on both sides of Iron Curtain. | |
| 1907 - Ugyen Wangchuck became 1st hereditary king of Bhutan. | 1962 - Beatle 1st British TV appearance (People & Places). | |
| | 1964 - " <i>Goldfinger</i> ", 3rd James Bond film, starring Sean Connery and Honor Blackman premieres in London. | |
| | 1967 - Harold Holt, Prime Minister of | |

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Mr Lewis said it was also important to note that pension payments that would normally be paid on Thursday, 24 December will be paid into bank accounts on Wednesday, 23 December 2015. The first pension payment in 2016 will be made on schedule on 7 January 2016.

"On behalf of the Department, I extend my best wishes for the festive season to all members of the veteran, defence force and ex-service communities and their families," Mr Lewis said.

• CHURCH NOTICES •

The Catholic Community of ST. PATRICK'S, ALLORA
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A prayer that you and your loved ones will be surrounded in the warmth of Jesus' love this Christmas. Have a Blessed Christmas!

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Southern Downs REGIONAL COUNCIL
Waste Facilities Christmas Closures
All supervised waste facilities in the Southern Downs Region will be closed Christmas Day, with the exception of the Killarney Waste Transfer Station, which will remain open.
Locked waste facilities to which residents have keys will remain accessible, and all JJ Richards waste collection services will carry on as usual with no changes or interruptions.
If you require any further information or have enquiries, contact Council on 1300 MY SDR (1300 69 7372).
David Keenan
Chief Executive Officer

QCWA VICTORIA HILL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - Winner Janice Hayward, 2nd Chris Kemp. Money board - 1st C.W. Scott (37), 2nd M. & P. Zerk (87), 3rd Sue Austin (56).

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8	7	9	3	6	2	5	4	1
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CSIRO DOUBLE HELIX QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Clay particles are the smallest, while sand particles are the largest. Pentapedal means 'walking on five legs', When kangaroos walk, they use their tails as a fifth leg, making their gait pentapedal.
2. The dark side of the Moon is an inclined plane is another name for a ramp or slope.
3. Clay particles are the smallest, while sand particles are the largest. Pentapedal means 'walking on five legs', When kangaroos walk, they use their tails as a fifth leg, making their gait pentapedal.
4. No, most lightning strikes connect two points in the same cloud, or two different clouds. Only a small proportion of lightning strikes hit the ground.
5. An inclined plane is another name for a ramp or slope.

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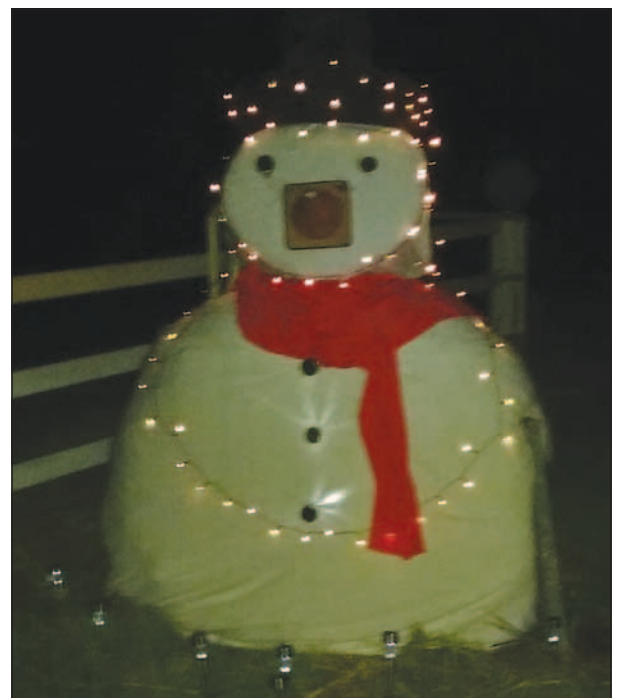
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ABOVE: Wendy Ardrey's hay bale Snowman illuminated at night. See daytime photo on this week's front cover.

LEFT: Allora's Dalek Ky was a huge hit with the kids at the recent Creekside Carols event. For those interested in Daleks and all things Doctor Who, the local Doctor Who group next meets on January 9, 10.00am, at the Allora QCWA room.