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Shirley Woodrow, June Lawson and Jean Holmes celebrated their 90th Birthdays together at Amy's Country Cafe in Allora.

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Warwick woman runs for Mayor

Tracy Dobie has confirmed that she is standing for Mayor of the Southern Downs Regional Council at the March 19 local government elections.

"I grew up in Warwick. I went to school here and my family, the McGowans, have lived in the region since the 1850s. Like so many others, I have real concerns for the future; for young people finding jobs here and job security for those who choose to call the Southern Downs home.

Ms Dobie said she was "dismayed to see how low the Southern Downs has been dragged by a dysfunctional Council crippled by infighting, petty squabbling and, in the case of some Councillors, putting their own interests before those of the community".

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The Rotary Club of Allora Inc. 

ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

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Friday, 4 March 2016
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Letters to the Editor...

Dear Sir,

HISTORY: 100 years ago when Allora was known as the Village Council of Allora, which had trouble financing itself, it was threatened with takeover by the then Queensland State Government for being able to finance itself. So to prevent this, Allora Village Council approached nearby Clifton Council to see if it would sacrifice part of its Shire to save Allora from takeover by the State Government of the day.

Clifton did not like the idea of giving up part of its Shire but they did. They gave to Allora the area of Talgai West of some 27,500 acres in size, to give Allora extra ratepayers and stop the State Government takeover.

Now 100 years later history may repeat itself. With Southern Downs Regional Council in so much trouble financially, State Government of Queensland is looking at doing the same thing, only this time it is a much bigger Shire, known as Southern Downs Shire of Warwick. We will see what happens in the next 12 months.

Derek Weier,
Talgai West.

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.

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"It was my intention to enjoy early retirement when I came back home but, with work and life experiences providing a unique skill-set, I cannot stand by and watch this region continue its economic slide when I have something to contribute".

As Mayor, Ms Dobie said, her priority would be establishing a "community-first" culture; a unified and well-governed Council with strategic planning to achieve prosperity and growth. Most importantly, she said, a new Council under her leadership would work with the CEO and senior staff to ensure that strategy was implemented.

"You will hear from others on their objectives of better management, bringing the budget under control, limiting rates increases, and the like. And while I strongly agree with all of these objectives, they can only be achieved under a strong leader and manager who can bring reform and good governance. I am that person."

Tracy Dobie believes it is essential to elect a new Council.

"The natural tendency is to vote for people we know. But if we

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continue to vote that way, as happened four years ago, we will finish up, in another four years, with the same, or even worse scenario: a local economy continuing to go backwards; escalating Council debt, as has happened over the past eight years, resulting in the current unsustainable \$29million debt.

"It is my plan to encourage a small team of experienced people, from financial, business and agricultural sectors, to run for Council for the first time. I look forward to an alliance that will bring professional expertise - something that is sadly lacking in the current Council."

Ms Dobie said there was urgent need to promote economic development through agribusiness, tourism and manufacturing, all of which required a positive attitude from Council: "Proactive promotion of our region and ourselves, identifying opportunities and seeking-out investment. With the exciting development of Wellcamp airport only an hour from Warwick and under two hours from Stanthorpe, we have to take advantage of new and developing opportunities.

"The Council we elect on the 19th of March cannot continue to rely on income from ever-increasing rates. We, the ratepayers of the Southern Downs region, cannot afford more missed opportunities, deferred decisions and costly court actions. The next four years would be hard for the new Council, Ms Dobie said.

"We must have the strength to see-through vital initiatives essential to get this region back up where it belongs. This change of direction can only happen with a mayor who is a proven leader, who can generate the strategies required for future prosperity backed-up by proven management skills.

"The Mayor needs to stand up and act in the best interests of all members of the community, and I am the person who can do that," Ms Dobie said.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

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FRI	Afternoon Clouds. Hot.	16 35
SAT	Storms Late. Broken Clouds. Humid.	19 37
SUN	Few Showers. Cloudy. Warm. Humid.	20 31
MON	Storms. Morning Clouds. Warm.	20 30
TUE	Showers Late. Mostly Sunny. Warm.	18 30



Tracy Dobie.

subsequent experience in the rural, business and tourism sectors, Mayoral candidate Tracy Dobie offers a whole-of-region approach.

Proven leadership and business management experience include demanding roles in strategic intelligence and as a commanding officer of the 1st Recruit Training Battalion at Kapooka. Working with Foreign Affairs developed negotiation and conflict-resolution skills at an international level. Ms Dobie managed a large staff in consulting and training roles in Australia and Asia and successfully managed multi-million dollar budgets in the private and public sectors producing results under strict financial constraints.

Before moving home to Warwick, Tracy Dobie and her husband, Colin, owned a rural property in South Australia breeding Black Angus. They also raised Simmental and Murray Grey cattle, primarily for the domestic market.

"I love this region and, even though my career took me to other



Marika McNichol (left) talks with Stanthorpe local Debbie Wilmot.



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parts of Australia and overseas, this has always been my home," Ms Dobie said.

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Council Candidate calls for community consultation

A prospective candidate for the Southern Downs Regional Council election, Marika McNichol, says the current council has failed to consult with constituents and ratepayers over key decisions such as steep rate rises.

"People need to feel that their views are being heard and that their local council understands the problems and pressures they are feeling," Marika says. "I just don't see that happening here and I feel let down."

She says above cost of living rises applied to rates in recent years are a blatant example of lack of consultation.

"Queensland Treasury figures show that the region has a median personal income of just \$448 per week and household income of \$837 per week. Some of the most disadvantaged areas of the state are in this council area. Steep rate rises particularly disadvantage people on low incomes and that isn't fair."

She doesn't see evidence that the present council has applied any real pressure to reverse the trend of rising costs for council services. She says council services must be reviewed to

ensure ratepayers receive value for money.

"The sustainable solution is to get council's operating budget into balance, its services properly managed and policies focused on promoting economic growth.

"One thing we can do immediately is start listening to the people of the Southern Downs and understanding their needs, not just Warwick and Stanthorpe but all of the villages. This council seems to have avoided doing that.

"As a councillor, if I'm elected, I'll spend a great deal of time talking to people about issues that affect them. I'll be pushing council as a whole to adopt proper consultative processes so that we know and understand what people think before key decisions are made."

Marika says that sometimes, unpopular decisions need to be taken for the good of the community. "When that happens, council must be prepared to explain itself to voters. The council and the administration need to be more accountable."

Contact: Marika McNichol 0427 812 688; marika@marikaforcouncil.com

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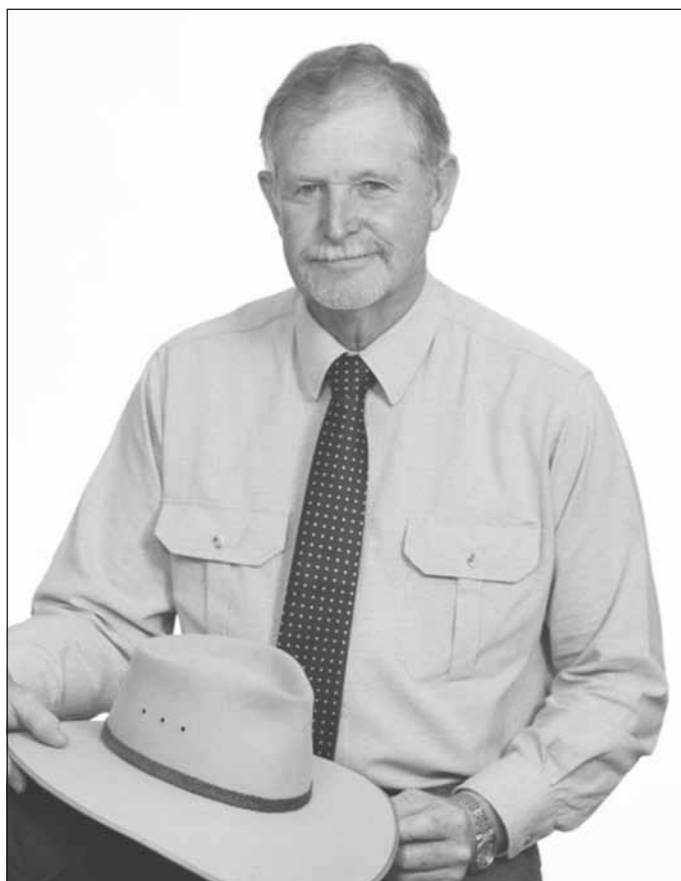
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Cr. Ross Bartley.

CR ROSS BARTLEY STANDS FOR MAYOR IN 2016

Deputy Mayor Cr Ross Bartley has confirmed that he is standing as a Mayoral candidate for the Southern Downs Regional Council at the local government elections in March 2016.

"After 4 terms on Council, it is time to roll up my sleeves and take on the top job" Cr Ross Bartley said. "I have a long and close association with communities throughout the Southern Downs Region, from Allora to Wallangarra, Leyburn to Killarney & all areas in-between. I have gained a good working knowledge of the former Warwick & Stanthorpe Shire's history, geography and needs of the locals."

Cr Bartley was born in Warwick, and is involved in a successful family farming business at the Hermitage just outside Warwick. He is the 4th generation to raise a family there, previously working as a Telstra technician across Southern Queensland "The farm environment helps me to remain level-headed, fit and aware of the needs of rural producers."

"I like to think I represent the issues concerning both the

residents and business people of the Southern Downs" Cr Bartley said.

"Almost on a daily basis, I am out somewhere in the region gathering the sentiment of the electorate, where people continue to express their concerns regarding the way that SDRC is currently operating."

Cr Bartley said, "If elected Mayor, I look forward to unifying Council with better, regular communication between councillors and staff. Over the years, we have not always had the numbers to positively reform the way Council operates, but ratepayers from Warwick to Wallangarra are demanding a back-to-basics approach to operations."

"With a hands-on approach, there are many times that we have stepped in on behalf of local groups and communities" Cr Bartley said. "Saving mobile libraries, rectifying cemetery fees, cutting excessive charges to community groups like senior citizens and sporting clubs and co-ordinating help to flood-affected residence, are examples in this term."

"We already have a great place to live. It is time for some hard work to get Council and the Southern Downs economy up and running again."

"We need a Mayor who is continually amongst the people consulting sincerely and regularly at events" Cr Bartley said. "In this term, we seem to have lost many business opportunities by not following through with assistance from higher levels of government. This needs to change."

"We need a Mayor with passion, drive and experience on Council"

Warwick's Jumpers & Jazz in July Festival: 21 to 31 July 2016

The question everyone is asking is "What is the theme for 2016?" We are announcing it here the theme for the Tree Jumper Exhibition is BOHEMIAN.

The time is right to start making plans for the 2016 Jumpers & Jazz in July Festival. Fire up your imagination and charm your whole family by participating in Warwick's premier winter event that transforms the CBD streets into a living gallery, with more than 100 handmade art works installed on our bare winter trees.

Jumpers and Jazz in July is looking for your support. The Advisory Team has received many offers of help and is committed to making sure that everyone who wants to be involved can be, no matter whether that contribution is time, skill, money, ideas or all four. The Advisory Team is comprised of Rob Hamilton (Chairperson) from Destination Southern Downs; Karina Devine from the Warwick Art Gallery; Lynn Bryson from Bryson's Place Cafe and Gifts; Robyn Fraser from Classic Dimensions Boutique and Sheila Stebbings from Southern Downs Regional Council).

Rob Hamilton said "At the community meeting in October we identified a number of projects and events that were in need of volunteers to undertake planning and implementation. All of the events are now being organized but we still have several projects that are in need of a manager including venue/equipment coordination, the program booklet, ticket sales and merchandising. If you are interested in assisting with these projects please contact me via email at rob@destinationssoutherndowns.com.au or via telephone on 46619073".

If you are planning on running an event for the 2016 Jumpers and Jazz in July Festival and would like to see your event promoted in the official Program please ensure you register your event by 12 February 2016 with Rob Hamilton.

The Festival's marketing brochure will be released in February, with the official Jumpers & Jazz in July Festival 2016 Program scheduled for release in late May.

For further information about Warwick's 2016 Jumpers & Jazz in July Festival, visit www.jumpersandjazz.com or telephone: (07) 4661 9073 (Destination Southern Downs) or (07) 4661 0434 (Warwick Art Gallery).

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Australia Day Ambassador Announced for the Southern Downs

The Australia Day Ambassador for the Southern Downs, Alison Fairleigh, arrives on Monday, 25 January 2016 to take part in our local Australia Day activities.

Alison is a passionate advocate for rural mental health and farming communities. In 2013, Alison was chosen as the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC) Queensland Rural Woman of the Year for her advocacy in improved rural mental health services and suicide prevention, and it is her mission to ensure that mental health is seen to be just as important as physical health within the agricultural sector.

Alison has successfully used social media to shine a light on life in rural and remote Australia and is passionate about empowering others to find their voice through this powerful medium. Alison is currently the Townsville Area Manager at the Mental Illness Fellowship North Qld Inc, where she is working to deliver drought assistance programs in northern and western Queensland.

Alison said "I'm truly honoured to be chosen as an Australia Day Ambassador. As an 8th generation Australian, I feel no connection to any land other than Australia. This is my heritage and I'm proud to represent my forebears who worked long and hard to create the life I have today."

"Council looks forward to being the host for Alison Fairleigh as our Ambassador for Australia Day this year." said Mayor, Peter Blundell. "Her clear passion and advocacy for rural mental health and farming communities is an absolute credit to her. The Southern Downs communities look forward to hearing more of her inspirational stories."

For more information concerning the Southern Downs Australia Day Celebrations contact Council on 1300 697 372 or visit www.sdrq.qld.gov.au.

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Everyone is invited to celebrate Australia Day!

Southern Downs Regional Council is inviting everyone to enjoy a great Australia Day on Tuesday January 26 with celebrations and Australia Day awards ceremonies to be held at Warwick and Stanthorpe.

Mayor Cr Peter Blundell said Australia Day was the perfect opportunity to have a family day out and celebrate everything that is great about Australia.

"Celebrations for Warwick will begin at 8am and this year will be held at Leslie Park. Council is really looking forward to Australia Day celebrations and the awards ceremony at Leslie Park, which is a great central location for all the community to gather and celebrate in a relaxed and informal environment.

"Australia Day celebrations at Leslie Park will kick off from 8am with an Aussie barbeque breakfast, and there will also be childrens' activities and entertainment. The formal part of the day will start at 10am with the northern region Australia Day awards and citizenship ceremonies.

"Celebrations for Stanthorpe will begin at 2pm at Weeroona Park. There will be musical entertainment, food stalls, flag raising, a citizenship ceremony and of course the southern region Australia Day awards ceremony.

"The Stanthorpe celebrations are a much anticipated highlight for the Granite Belt and many locals return every year to watch the wood chop, Billy-boiling and other Australia Day activities.

"We look forward to seeing many people at both celebrations and also paying tribute to our local heroes during the awards ceremonies," he said.

Cr Blundell said other smaller communities, such as Killarney, Pratten, Allora and Glengallan, are also celebrating Australia Day in their own way and he encouraged residents to support and participate in these local events.

Local Legends Rugby League Trivia

Who were the two nervous committee members summoned by the Justice Department to explain why there was no permit for Wattles' Car Raffle?



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Support your Australia Day Award nominees at local celebrations

Nominations for the 2016 Australia Day Awards are in and the award winners will be announced at Australia Day celebrations next week at ceremonies in Warwick and Stanthorpe. Southern Downs Regional Council's Mayor, Cr Peter Blundell said he was very pleased to see the community getting on board and taking the time to nominate those people that have offered outstanding contributions to communities across the Southern Downs.

"I'm thrilled that Council received more than 35 award nominations to the Warwick and Stanthorpe Australia Day Award programs, across the eight award categories:

- Australia Day Citizen Award
- Australia Day Junior Citizen Award
- Australia Day Cultural Award
- Australia Day Junior Cultural Award
- Australia Day Sports Award
- Australia Day Junior Sports Award
- Australia Day Sports Administration Award
- Australia Day Community Event of the Year

"These Awards recognise the outstanding contribution of individuals and groups who, through their commitment and effort, make our region a better place to live.

"Although there can only be one winner in each of the Warwick and Stanthorpe Award categories, I believe it's important to acknowledge all of the very worthy Australia Day Award nominees whose efforts inspire us and are worthy of recognition.

"I'm very pleased to announce that the 2016 Australia Day Awards nominees for both Warwick and Stanthorpe are:

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2016 – WARWICK NOMINEES
 Ralph Afflick, Raye Batham, Simeon Burrill, Adam Byrne, Hilary de Mestre-Thrift, Rosemary Easton, Jeff Ferguson, Janice

Flood, Jason Gard, Millie Hauff, Jill Hulme, Robert Keogh, Nathaniel Leigh, Jacob Meiklejohn, David O'Leary, Aaron Payne, John Telfer, Event - Allora Creekside Carols, Event - March of the Dungarees 2015 – Demonstration of Support.
AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2016 – STANTHORPE NOMINEES
 Dan Cuthbert, Judith Flitcroft, Sarah Green, Jenel Hunt, Tom Jensen, Ron & Liz Look, Hal Lyons (posthumous nomination), Vince Nocente, Raymond Palmer, Natasha Petrocchio, Hannah Reeves, Peter Salata, Anika Spiller, Kay Webb, Event - Celebrate a Citizen Day, Event - The Summit Uniting Church Centenary Weekend.

"I would strongly encourage residents to get behind these nominees and support them by coming along to the official Awards ceremonies in Warwick and Stanthorpe on Tuesday, January 26, at which time the Award winners will be announced. "The Northern region Australia Day celebration will kick-off from 8am at Leslie Park, Warwick with the official Awards and Citizenship ceremonies to start at 10am.

"The Australia Day celebrations for the Southern region will be held at Weeroona Park in Stanthorpe from 2pm, with the official Awards and Citizenship proceedings to begin at 3.45pm.

"Australia Day is the perfect opportunity to not only have a family day out and celebrate everything that is great about Australia, but offers the community the chance to stand together and recognise the wonderful efforts, contributions and achievements of all those nominated for an Australia Day Award," Cr Blundell said.

More details of the Australia Day celebrations are at www.sdrc.qld.gov.au.

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3. Brimstone is the old name for which chemical element?
4. True or false: Many supermarket checkout scanning windows contain sapphires?
5. What is the name of the solid, waxy material formed in the digestive system of some whales, often used in the perfume and medical industries?

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.

Looking Back...

**Allora's Past 25 years ago
 January 1991**

**80th Birthday
 Celebration**

Well known Spring Creek identity, Jack Gilmore, celebrated his 80th birthday with family and friends at the Dalrymple Creek Reserve at Allora. Jack and his wife Rosie raised a family of nine, seven boys and two girls. All were present at the celebration along with twenty grandchildren. Eldest son, Syd, presented Jack a painting on behalf of the family and spoke appreciatively of the upbringing that they had received from their parents.

**Allora's Past 50 years ago
 January 1966**

Allora Rural Youth

First Changeover Dinner Dance
 St. Patrick's Hall
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(The Rural Youth was known as the Junior Farmers prior to 1966)

**Allora's Past 75 years ago
 January 1941**

Farewell

The Allora Soldiers' Welfare Committee arranged a farewell social evening in the Shire Hall in honour of Gunners R. Slatter and H. Grainger. Dancing was enjoyed by the younger guests, the music being supplied by Messrs Hayes and Hilton. Mr. W. A. Deacon asked the guests of honour to accept gifts from the citizens and wished Gunners Slatter and Grainger good luck. Representatives from the Shire Council, the Patriotic Fund, the



50th anniversary celebrations of the Allora Junior Farmers/Rural Youth. From left - John Wright, Beth Crothers (Neal), Marrilyn Harrigan (Byrne), Lyn Wright (Newport) and Garry Crothers.

R.S.S.A.I.L.A., the Comforts Fund and the Red Cross Society spoke and wished them "God-speed". Reference was made to the fact that Gunner Slatter is a son of a member of the first A.I.F. Supper was served by ladies of the Welfare Committee. *(Gunner Richard (Dick) Slatter was a member of the 2/10 Field Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery. He was taken P.O.W. on the 15th February 1942 and worked with D Force on the Burma Thailand Railway. He was returned to Australia on the 15th October 1945)*

**Allora's Past 100 years ago
 January 1916**

Neighbourly Act

As outlined in our last issue, one of the

severest sufferers from the recent destructive storm, described by old hands in the Mount Marshall district as the worst ever in their experience, was Mrs. Henry Gwynne. Less than two months ago Mrs. Gwynne lost her husband, Mr. Henry Gwynne junr. at the young age of 32 years. Practically all the buildings on the Gwynne farm were partially or wholly unroofed or otherwise damaged. Various neighbours and friends however, determined to repair the havoc caused and during the week and turned up in force to make all shipshape once more. In another column Mrs. Gwynne acknowledges the aid thus given. She naturally appreciates the spirit underlying the act of kindness rendered.

Colin Newport

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| 1793 - Louis XVI of France is executed by the guillotine in Paris, following his conviction for high treason. | 1919 - Irish militant nationalist party Sinn Fein creates its own parliament in Dublin and declares Ireland independent of Great Britain, sparking the Irish War of Independence.. | 1960 - Rock falls traps 437 at Coalbrook, South Africa; 417 die of methane poisoning. |
| 1846 - 1st edition of Charles Dickens' "Daily News". | 1922 - 1st slalom ski race run, Murren, Switzerland. | 1976 - Supersonic Concorde, 1st commercial flights, by Britain & France. |
| 1853 - Envelope-folding machine patented by Russell Hawes, Worcester, Mass. | 1941 - 1st commercial extraction of magnesium from seawater, Freeport, TX. | 1979 - Neptune becomes outermost planet (Pluto moves closer). |
| 1880 - 1st US sewage disposal system separate from storm drains, Memphis, Tennessee. | 1941 - Australian and British troops attack Tobruk, Libya. | 1990 - John McEnroe becomes 1st ever player to be expelled from the Australian Open. |
| 1887 - Brisbane receives a daily rainfall of 465 millimetres (18.3 inches), a record for any Australian capital city. | 1942 - Bronx magistrate rules all pinball machines illegal. | 1999 - In one of the largest drug busts in American history, the US Coast Guard intercepts a ship carrying 4,300 kg of cocaine. |
| 1899 - Opel manufactured its first automobile. | 1949 - 1st inaugural parade televised (Harry Truman). | 2008 - The Eyak language in Alaska becomes extinct as its last native speaker dies. |
| 1903 - Harry Houdini escapes from Halvemaansteeg police station in Amsterdam. | 1954 - 1st gas turbine automobile exhibited (NYC). | 2013 - 1 person is killed and 15 are injured by a magnitude 5.9 earthquake in Indonesia |
| | 1954 - USS Nautilus, the first nuclear-powered submarine, launched on | |

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The promotion has been extended through to 22 January 2016 and the promotion Terms and Conditions are available on Council's website www.sdrcl.qld.gov.au/payments---services/my-sdrc-app.

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

All the best chess players were at a big tournament. They hung out for the first hour in the hallway, bragging to each other about all their recent victories.

Suddenly, the hotel manager threw them all out of the hallway.

When asked why, he replied: "I hate chess nuts boasting by an open foyer!"

Bridge funding success for Southern Downs

News on Monday that the Federal Government has allocated \$1.37 million for the replacement of two old timber bridges at Tannymorel and Bony Mountain has been welcomed by Southern Downs Regional Council's Mayor, Cr Peter Blundell. Cr Blundell thanked the Federal Member for Maranoa, Mr Bruce Scott, who announced \$3.9 million in Round Two of the government's Bridges Renewal Programme.

"The Bridges Renewal Programme funding will contribute towards the replacement of two old timber bridges in our region; Tannymorel's Boxs Rd Bridge and Bony Mountain's Connells Bridge, which are both currently load-limited, with new and improved concrete structures.

"Once the funding agreement has been signed, Council can prepare design and construct documents and call for tenders for construction of these two bridges in the new financial year with completion anticipated by July 2017.

"For the Tannymorel, Bony Mountain and surrounding communities these new concrete bridges will make a huge difference to people's daily lives.

"Both bridges are important transport links for not only residents, but farmers and producers, and local businesses.

"The upgrades will improve both the road network and safety of road users, and allow better access to these communities for emergency services.

"Council has a number of old timber bridges within our road network and we have worked hard to prepare submissions for funding of new bridges or bridge repairs.

"We will continue to lobby for improvements to ensure road users have safe and efficient travel to work, school and around our region," he said.

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Postcard Co-Lab is a postcard exchange and zine project open to Australian Residents that plans to initiate experimentation, share and promote art to new audiences and build new connections. A website www.postcardcolab.wordpress.com and limited edition zine will be created to document the project. We are calling for creatives to take part in this snail mail art-sharing experiment. The entry fee is \$35 which includes receiving a finished postcard artwork, promotion of your art on a devoted website and a copy of the limited edition zine. The deadline to enter is Monday 15 February 2016, but the sooner you submit your entry fee the sooner you can get a start on creating your postcard (all artists receive a blank postcard to create their work on once payment is received).

To participate in this exhibition, please email chantelschott@hotmail.com for an entry form with further details.

There's more to water safety than swimming

Being able to swim is not enough to keep people safer in water, according to peak swimming and water safety teacher training organisation AUSTSWIM.

Gaining knowledge of aquatic environments such as rivers, lakes and beaches, in addition to learning personal survival skills and recognising hazards, are the key to preventing drowning tragedies.

In a wake-up call to parents and carers, new AUSTSWIM CEO Jennifer Schembri-Portelli said most people who drowned had some idea of being able to swim, they just didn't have the critical water safety knowledge, skill or understanding to save their own lives.

Former Olympic swimmer Matt Welsh, who recently gained his first AUSTSWIM teacher training accreditation, added his voice to the call for better water safety awareness and action this summer.

"Water-based activities are an integral part of the Australian culture," Matt said. "But people must respect the inherent dangers around water and learning water safety knowledge, skill and understanding is a must if we are to prevent drowning tragedies."

Mrs Schembri-Portelli said Royal Life Saving statistics for 2014/15 showed 271 people had drowned in Australian waterways.

"AUSTSWIM recognises their role in aquatic education and the recently introduced Learning Pillars (Knowledge, Skill, Understanding) help define what the teaching of swimming and

Events Calendar

2016

- January -**
Sat 23 & Sun 24 Allora Heritage Weekend 20th Anniversary Rally
 Allora Show Grounds
Sat 30 Allora Men's Shed Meeting
 Allora Men's Shed (old Fire Station), 9.30am
- February -**
Fri 5 & Sat 6 138th Allora Show
 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.

water safety really means." "AUSTSWIM Teachers are trained to implement the 'think, explore, develop and do' principle to engage and interact with students empowering them to make good decisions in and around water."

In a world first, AUSTSWIM has been accredited against ISO/IEC 17024 for how we train, accredit and licence AUSTSWIM Teachers in Australia. This gives the community further assurance that AUSTSWIM Teachers have the highest accreditation benchmark in aquatics and that AUSTSWIM to committed to providing quality education to reduce drowning, the impact of aquatic accidents and strive for safer swimming and water safety.

"It is vital that when parents are looking for swimming and water safety programs for their children they ensure the teachers they select are AUSTSWIM Licensed," Mrs Schembri-Portelli said.

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• ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Funeral Notice

DAWSON, Allan - Late of Deuchar, and formerly of Redcliffe. Passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on 14th January, 2016, aged 79 years.

Beloved Husband of Pauline (dec'd). Dearly loved Father and Father-in-law of Caroline and Dene; Helen. Loving Grandfather of Amanda and Christopher.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Allan's funeral, to be held at Warwick Funerals Chapel, 48 Willi Street, Warwick. Service commencing at 10.00am, Friday, 22nd January, 2016.

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CSIRO DOUBLE HELIX QUIZ ANSWERS

- The male Emperor Penguin lives the winter so a thin layer is used to protect the glass from Antarctica.
- Aserob rubra means red disjuncting juice.
- Brimstone is another name for sulfur.
- True. Sapphire is hard so a thin layer is used to protect the glass from Antarctica.
- Ambergris is the solid, waxy material formed in the digestive system of sperm whales and pygmy sperm whales.

LOCAL LEGENDS - RUGBY LEAGUE TRIVIA

Who were the two nervous committee members summoned by the Justice Department to explain why there was no permit for Watties' Car Raffle? **Answer** = Jim Gleeson and John Fogarty.

Allora's Autumn Festival

The Allora Autumn Festival Committee is looking for support from the community. We will be holding the festival from:

Friday, 29th April, 3.00pm - 8.00pm

Pop up Markets Allora's Got Talent
Twilight Buskers Music Sessions

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Saturday, 30th April

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