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APRIL IN ALLORA 2016

Local singer/songwriter Maggie Stokes has a new music festival planned for this April in Allora to support our soldiers returning with Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome. This will be the first festival held by Maggie in April. The festival in September which we call our Stampede is the first festival of it's type run in the region making this September our no 7 we started in 2010. Maggie is so pleased to see the festival grow each year last year being the biggest yet with over 300 caravans and huge support from locals from Warwick, Allora, Toowoomba coming out for the huge Friday and Saturday night concerts. Our good friend Lawrence Springborg has opened all our shows and will do again. We are trying to increase tourism to our area as well as help our charities. As Maggie finances these shows herself and operates as a non profit venture, any sponsor support would be most welcome. Maggie is so pleased to give back to the community she loves living in.

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We have a horse breeding stud with paint/quarter horses having two great colour producing stallions and 30+ mares and foals with horses for sale at all times by appointment. Maggie is also involved in an engineering business with her husband. It has been Maggie's dream after purchasing land and owner-building their house in Goomburra 16 years ago to run a festival to create a place where her love of music could run its natural course.

It's been a big learning curve dealing with country music artists and it's been great meeting all the stars. Just to name a few that have come along are:- Lucky Starr, Lee Conway, Graham Rodger, Evelyn Bury, Laura Downing, Chad Morgan, Reg Poole, Merv Maltman (RIP), Jeff Brown, Gary Fogarty, Norma O'Hara Murphy, Tappin' Ted Thompson, Sharon Benjamin, Ged & Trudy Hintz, Sandi Thorn, Rod Williams, Kylie Castle, Alice Benfer, Emma Jene and a host of talent young and older trying to get established.

So this April please come and show your support for our gallant soldiers. 'Let's Help Them'. Please ring Maggie on 4666 6062 for all info. Who would you like to see perform? Let Maggie know and we will see if it's possible. A big thank you to Allora Show Society for the upgrade of amenities and assistance. LEST WE FORGET (this is for our soldiers).



Lucky Starr, Evelyn Bury, Maggie & Jimmy Williams

Letters to the Editor...

The Editor,
I am writing today, as an intending candidate for SDRC councillor for the upcoming local government elections to address information which is being spread about the SOS group, currently holding a series of public meetings in the region in the lead up to those elections.

The Save our Shires and Ratepayers group who have been holding these meetings is not a political party or alliance. There are no deals. If elected no-one will be telling me how to vote on anything if except for my conscience, after taking into account the majority opinion of the people I would be privileged to represent. I am not a member of this group however I do support the things they want to see happen in the region and as such have been speaking at the public meetings they have been holding.

It is my understanding that any other prospective candidate

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Solution in classifieds section

who supports the common sense principals of this group can attend and talk if they want to. Just ring them up and have a chat to them. Pretty simple.

I would also be privileged to be invited to attend or talk at any group meeting being held if anyone wants to meet me or hear about how I would represent you if elected. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance.

I am happy to put on record that I am a member of the LNP and that is the only political group I am a member of or have ever been a member of. However, as the local government elections in SDRC are non-political, which I firmly believe they should be, and remain so, that is not even relevant, just a matter I wish to place on record.

Andrew Gale

Intending candidate for councillor, SDRC

From the Editor,

The Allora Advertiser would like to state that the 3 Allora ladies who celebrated their 90th Birthday (pictured last week), did so at Amy's Country Cafe and not at the venue named in the photo caption. We apologise to all concerned for any error.

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.

We MUST cut the debt

Candidate for the Southern Downs Regional Council election, Marika McNichol, has warned that the Council's huge debt is scheduled to get worse if action isn't taken immediately.

"Council currently carries more than \$27 million debt on an operating budget of \$66 million and has run an operating deficit for four of the past five years," Marika says. "This means that every year, ratepayers pay around \$2 million dollars in interest to banks – it's dead money!"

Queensland Treasury Corporation recently confirmed how perilous the situation has become when it announced a Credit Risk Review of the Southern Downs Regional Council.

"Clearly they are not only worried about our current debt but also Council proposals to increase our debt. Increased debt is just not on. I'm hearing this from every resident and business person I listen to. Voters must make the message loud and

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"On the Couch"

I am very keen to hear from you about the region and your ideas on how we can raise the bar.

Tracy will be available to speak with you in Allora on the following days:

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clear."
Marika is encouraged that the new CEO of the Southern Downs Council, David Keenan, seems keen to rectify the mess.

"Mr Keenan's recognition that the state of our finances is "dire", as he put it, suggests he wants a sustainable solution. I'm hoping electors will vote in councillors who will give him the support he needs to implement a genuine debt reduction plan. I will certainly support such a plan."

Marika says reducing debt requires responsible management and budgetary discipline. She advocates a review of services the Council supplies, aiming to make them quicker, more effective and at a cost ratepayers can afford.

"We've seen numerous examples where Council gets these things wrong. They are closing smaller waste transfer stations and upgrading key ones... that sounds fine until you discover the new system will cost ratepayers more than the one they are replacing.

"That's the kind of madness we have to stop. People from Allora to Wallangarra are telling me that."
As a councillor, Marika will make it a top priority to urge Council to adopt fiscally responsible policies that will ensure balanced operating budgets and reduced debt.



Marika McNichol, candidate for councillor, talking with Warwick resident Leanne Bednarz and her daughter.

Maggie Stokes to nominate for councillor in Southern Downs Regional Council

Local horse breeder and music festival promoter has lived in the Goomburra district for 16 years with her husband Graham. Maggie has been active in local clubs being treasurer and president. Involved with Allora Show Society Maggies runs the Allora Goomburra Country Music Stampede which last year saw 300 caravans come to Allora. Most staying for a week as tourists from all over Australia based in Allora. Maggie has two paint horse stallions and approximately 30 mares and foals. Her involvement in crafts has been Maggies recreation some are photography, singing and song writing, lapidary, silversmith, faceting of precious stones also holding a diploma in pottery. Maggie in early years qualified as a Ladies Hairdressing starting her career with Stefan, Later studies engineering for several years ran several successful businesses in Brisbane

before moving to Warwick. Maggie is a country girl born in Cunnamulla. If successful in becoming a councillor it would be Maggie's hope that new councillors can forge a new approach working together to get this great shire back on track with great new policies. Some of Maggie's policies would be:

1. Create a strong team within council that would be prepared to discuss, debate all interests of rate payers benefit.
2. Put a freeze on rates.
3. Discuss duties of all council staff.
4. Councillors to hold regular meetings with the public for their concerns.



Maggie Stokes.

5. Plant inventory to be taken and surplus equipment sold.
6. No new equipment purchased until condition of machinery is determined.
7. All surplus council land sold so new rates can be received.
8. No open parks used by the people to be sold (Brisbane is now having to buy back parks that they sold years ago.
9. Councillors wages to be frozen for term of office.
10. A critical look at a 5 year business plan for council.
11. All expenditure of council to be totally transparent.
12. Tourist visitors to be welcomed, Warwick to be RV friendly.
13. Create incentives for new business to come to Warwick.
14. Re instate rate discounts.
15. Calculate amount of monies required to payout redundancies for employees wishing to retire and set a procedure to raise that money.
16. No more borrowing by council until deficit is reduced considerably and is under control.
17. Community groups to be involved in special projects around the area in parks and gardens.
18. No more council waste in double handling of projects.



Allora CWA notes for December

It was an early start for the very busy last meeting of the year and we arrived to find Mary Schelbach had decorated the table beautifully for Christmas.

The Christmas raffle was drawn and the lucky winners were Wendy Reis with the IGA voucher, S. Goldman with the decorated Christmas cake and Bernie Bott with the plum pudding. Thank you to those who cooked, those who sold tickets and those who bought tickets in a very successful raffle.

Family and friends of members were very fortunate because Olive Shooter conducted a class in making flower decorations for cakes. She came prepared with a large patty cake for each member and some models she had prepared. Then we rolled out icing and made roses, some of which developed rather interesting shapes, leaves which were easier and fancy circles to top the cakes before we attached the flowers. Olive shared her secrets and tricks and everyone produced an excellent result – a tribute to a well prepared and presented class.

Allora now has a sister branch in Boulia and we look forward to helping them as they struggle with the drought. Like Allora, this is a long established branch in an agricultural area. Their special need is for handcrafts to help the morale of the town by giving people more skills. We plan to send handcraft supplies out early in the year so we will welcome any excess people have.

2016 will be a busy year with a visit planned from the breast cancer nurse, handcraft classes starting and our International Day and competitions on 29 April. The country of study this year will be Greenland and Alison Payne will attend an International Study weekend in January to gather ideas for the year.

It was decided that the branch will volunteer one day a month at the CWA cafe in Grafton Street as they are short of helpers and this is a valuable facility for the area offering good and cheap refreshments every week day.

Thank you to all the members and those who have helped us during the year. A Happy 2016 Year to all.

Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago
January 1991

Motor Bike Rally

More than 90 motor bike riders from Queensland, N.S.W. and Victoria, on machines ranging in age from 1918 to newer models, descended on Allora to compete in a rally. Heavy rain caused many of the competitors to pull out of the race but 35 riders left the Railway Hotel at one minute intervals to attempt the first stage. Flooding in the Clifton area disrupted the course and only Allora locals, Scott Mitchell on a Honda CBR 1000 and Les Schellenberger on a Honda CB 1100R safely negotiated the water. After completing the second stage of the race the bikers returned to the Railway Hotel for a barbeque lunch and presentation of trophies. The organizers, including Railway Hotel licensee, Geoff Keevers, received a number of requests for another rally to be held in the future.

Allora's Past 50 years ago
January 1966

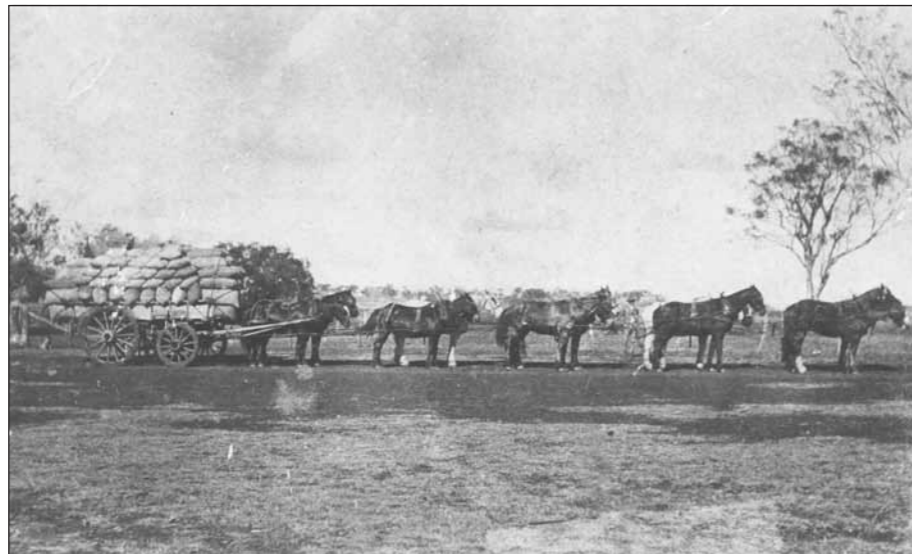
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

As the end of January, 1966, marks the date on which the Swimming Pool Appeal Committee is to hand the funds over to the Allora Shire Council, would any who have promised to contribute but have not already done so, and any others who were not contacted by the canvassers, but are willing to contribute, please leave their donations with the Treasurer, Mr. Glen Williams, C.B.C. Bank, before January 29th. ALLORA SWIMMING POOL APPEAL COMMITTEE

Allora's Past 100 years ago
January 1916

Allora Convent

The dedication of the new convent and school took place on Sunday after 11



Gwynne's horse team and wagon circa 1915. Photo courtesy Les Gwynne.

o'clock mass by His Grace, Archbishop Duhig, assisted by Father O'Carroll, parish priest. Father O'Carroll read a statement which showed that there was only a balance of £293 owing on the convent. During the short time that he had been parish priest, over £2,400 had been spent in improvements which comprised a new Presbytery, Grotto, Statues and the new convent.

Archbishop Duhig tendered a hearty welcome to Allora to the Sisters of St. Joseph and outlined some of the history of their Order. He congratulated Father O'Carroll and his people on the magnificent building that they had opened that day. The collection at the opening of the convent was £100. The ladies provided light refreshments.

Allora's Past 125 years ago
January 1891

Freight Rates

One of the largest and most representative meetings of farmers and businessmen ever held in Allora assembled for the purpose of considering the effects of the new railway freight rates on the trade of the district. Messrs Barnes, Archibald & Co had already commenced to cart wheat

to Warwick by road. Messrs Kennedy Bros. had abandoned plans to enlarge their Allora flour mill in consequence of the increased rates. (In the reminiscences of Mr. J. H. Gwynne he recorded that Kennedy Bros. had contracted him to carry 200 tons of flour to Toowoomba as evidence that carriage by road could be as cheap as by rail. He delivered the first load himself and the remaining trips were completed by his sons).

The meeting unanimously passed a motion that a protest be lodged with the Government about the increased freight rates on farm produce. A committee of Messrs. Harvey, Deacon, Kennedy, Kelly, Cooke, Collins, Kelleher, Banks, Shannon and Dalton was elected to carry out the objects of the meeting.

Allora's Past 150 years ago
January 1866

Minister Appointed

The Rev. Thomas Kingsford, Presbyterian minister, lately officiating in the town of Warwick, has been appointed to the charge of Allora and surrounding districts. (The Brisbane Courier 20th January 1866)

Colin Newport



Q Local Legends Rugby League Trivia

Name the Wattles player who was married on Saturday and then fronted up to the Grand Final on Sunday?

Answers in Classifieds section

ABOVE LEFT: The annual Dalrymple Duck Race was held on Australia Day this week at the Allora Swimming Pool. Owner of 3rd place winning duck in the starting race, Rhiannon Clark is presented with \$10.00 3rd prize by 2016 Show Girl entrants Breanna Campson and Danielle Logan.

LEFT: Dalrymple Duck Race organiser Ted Cowley helps Show Girls Breanna Campson and Danielle Logan launch the rubber racers into the Allora Pool.

First World War project seeks 'citizen historians'

A global project has been launched which will research the lives and wartime service of 'Geordies' – from the North-East of England - in the armies of Australia, New Zealand, Newfoundland, and Canada during the First World War. 'Dominion Geordies in World War One' – funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council – will seek to 'crowdsource' research by recruiting volunteer researchers in Australia and overseas.

Dr James McConnel, History Lecturer at Northumbria University, explained:

"The first stage of the project will involve collecting information that will help us build a comprehensive and fascinating insight into the stories of so many of the local men and women of the North East who, having left their native land in the three decades or so before the war, found themselves volunteering to return and fight for the homeland in the campaigns of the war across the world.

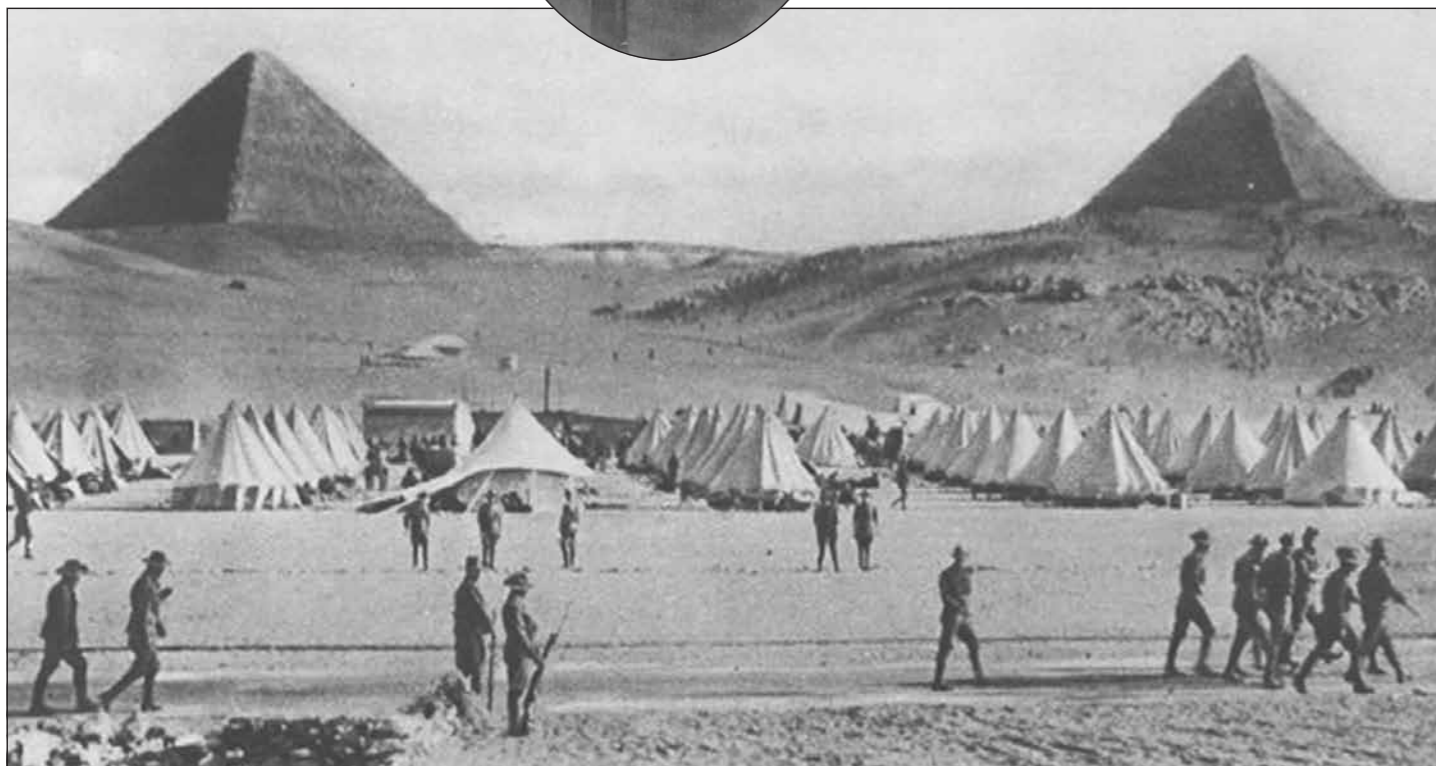
"By better understanding their complex identities, we hope to get a clearer picture of a fascinating aspect of the First World War that has been almost completely forgotten."

The most famous 'Geordie' in any of the Dominion armies is John Simpson Kirkpatrick – known as the 'man with the donkey' – who earned this epithet when he used a donkey to ferry his injured comrades to safety during the Dardanelles campaign. He served with the Australian army and the fact he was originally from South Shields, Tyne and Wear (UK), is well known, but he was one of a much larger contingent of English men and women whose stories have been sadly lost. The research will consider not only individual 'migration histories' but also the way that individuals and communities saw their own identities - as 'Geordies' and Britons, but also Australians, Canadians, or New Zealanders.

The information for the database will be gathered by 'citizen historians' and the



LEFT: John Simpson Kirkpatrick.



The Australian camp in Egypt during the first World War.



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12-month project is open to anyone – all you need is an interest in the First World War.

Using this information, the project organisers plan to produce a short film and write a number of research papers in order to profile the men of the North-East who fought in the armies of the Dominions.

"It will be an interesting and challenging project to work on," said Dr McConnel,

"And we want to get as many people as possible involved - from experienced researchers to first-time historians. Participants will have the opportunity to learn the skills necessary to research the lost stories of these service men and women's lives and to work with other researchers across the world.

"We are confident that anyone who can take the time to learn just a little about the scale and impact of the war will be encouraged to play a part in the project."

To volunteer to be part of the 'Dominion Geordies in World War One' project or for more information, please visit dominiongeordiesinww1.co.uk or contact james.mcconnel@northumbria.ac.uk

Consultation period opens for proposed Planning Scheme amendment

Southern Downs Regional Council is proposing to make an amendment to the Southern Downs Planning Scheme and is welcoming public submissions as part of the community consultation process.

At its General Meeting on 24 June 2015, Council resolved to make a major amendment to the Southern Downs Planning Scheme to include additional land in the north of Warwick in the Specialised centre zone, and subsequently provided details of the proposed amendment to the State Government along with a request for a State interest review.

Southern Downs Regional Council's Director Planning, Environment and Community Services, Mr Ken Harris said that Council had received confirmation from the Queensland Government that the relevant State interests have been integrated into the proposed amendment, and that Council may undertake public consultation.

"The proposed amendment is now available for community consultation, and any person is welcome to make a written submission to Council on any aspect of the proposed amendment during the consultation period, which is open until 5pm on Friday, 11 March 2016.

"The purpose and general effect of the proposed amendment is to include more land within the Specialised centre zone to consolidate the area already within this zone and to provide areas of land of adequate size to accommodate larger developments, such as showrooms and homemaker centres, which would accord with the purpose of the Specialised centre zone," he said.

Submissions to Council on the proposed planning scheme amendment must: (a) be in writing and, unless the submission is made electronically, signed by each person making the submission; (b) be received on or before 5.00pm on Friday, 11 March 2016; (c) state the name and residential or business address of each person who made the submission; (d) state the grounds of the submission and the facts and circumstances relied on in support of the grounds; and (e) be made to Southern Downs Regional Council at PO Box 26, Warwick Qld 4370, or mail@sdrcl.qld.gov.au

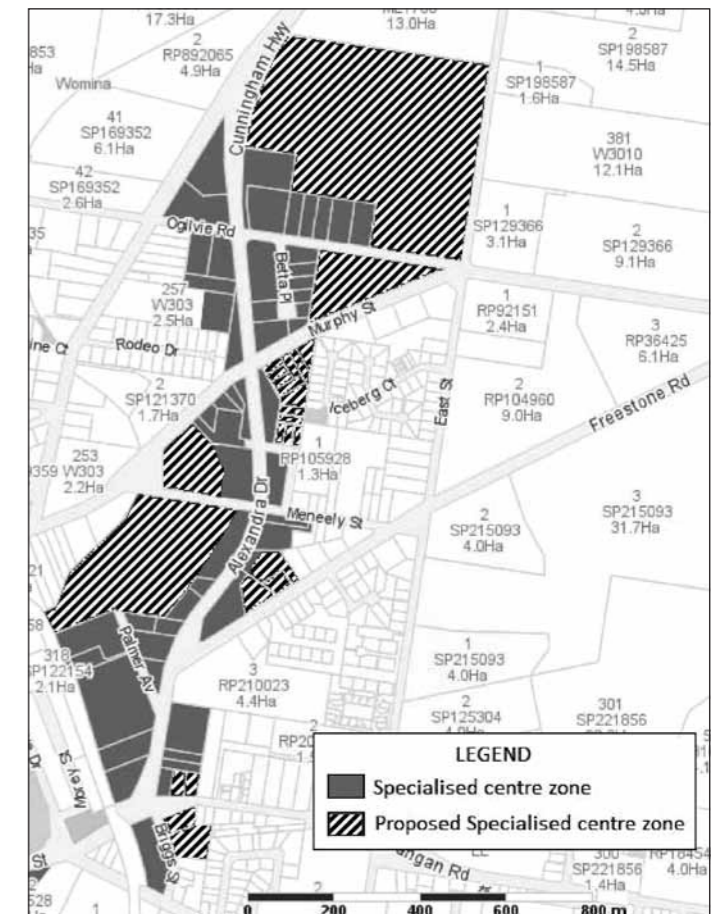
The proposed amendment to the planning scheme is available for inspection and purchase at Council's offices at 64 Fitzroy Street, Warwick, and 61 Marsh Street, Stanthorpe. The proposed amendment can also be viewed on Council's website www.sdrcl.qld.gov.au. Further information is available by telephoning Council on 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372).

?? CSIRO Double Helix Quiz ??

1. What class of marine animals includes octopuses, squid and cuttlefish?
2. What fraction of Australia's total water use occurs within the Murray Darling Basin? Is it a) one third, b) one half or c) three quarters?
3. Which family of crustacean was named after the ancient Greek philosopher who lived in a barrel? Is it Diogenidae, the hermit crab family; or, Sacculinidae, the barnacle family?
4. What is the name for a solid mixture of metals?
5. True or false: There are more than 500 species of ladybirds in Australia.

Answers in Classifieds pages

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Consultation map showing existing and proposed Specialised centre zone

2016 Australia Day Award Winners NORTHERN REGION

Citizen of the Year – Robert Keogh

Warwick's Australia Day Citizen of the Year for 2016 is awarded to Robert Keogh.

Robert or "Bob" as he is more widely known is proudly Warwick born and bred. He is one of the founding members, Past-President and current Vice- President of the Southern Downs Steam Railway Association, a volunteer, not-for-profit tourist heritage steam railway based at the Warwick Railway Precinct. With a long held vision for the reintroduction of steam rail travel in the Southern Downs region Bob worked tirelessly, rallying old friends and railway acquaintances to the renovate an old steam locomotive and was instrumental in the formation of the Southern Downs Steam Railway in 1996. Bob was heavily involved in the enormous task of not only restoring the locomotive and carriages, but lobbying government at regional, state and federal levels to achieve sufficient funding which, coupled with innumerable volunteer hours, resulted in Southern Downs Steam Railway achieving certification to run on the main Queensland Rail line in the heart of the picturesque Southern Darling Downs and Granite Belt regions. Southern Downs Steam Railway has carried in excess of 3000 passengers in 2015, showcasing the Southern Downs to tourists and locals alike. The volunteer work carried out by Bob has shown vision, commitment and strength of leadership in his many community achievements, including as member of the Knights of the Southern Cross, Patron of the Warwick Recreation Aero Club, former Board Member of the Warwick Fire Services, and former Chair of the local National/LNP Branch for several terms.

Bob's tenacious spirit is also evidenced by his overcoming of significant personal and financial barriers to gain his pilot's licence at age 19 and his Senior Commercial Pilot's Licence at age 34, following which he established the Downs Flight Centre, educating and mentoring pilots over the course of 40

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years.

Bob is an exemplary role model and a very worthy recipient of the 2016 Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award.

Junior Citizen Award – Millie Hauff

The Australia Day Junior Citizen for 2016 is Millie Hauff.

This award recognises Millie's considerable dedication and service to community. Millie embodies the character of a great young citizen -she is community-minded, enjoys participating in a range of sports, has a passion for volunteering for the betterment of others in the community, and demonstrates a maturity beyond her 15 years of age.

Millie is an active member of several community and sporting groups, including the Warwick Cancer Council; Warwick Relay for Life, St Vincent de Paul, Warwick's Riding for the Disabled, Killarney School of Dance, Warwick Gymnastics Club, and the Warwick Swimming Club of which she was captain in 2014 and 2015.

A strong hope that a cure for cancer will be found has driven Millie to help establish and serve enthusiastically on the committee of the Warwick/Southern Downs Relay for Life in 2013, 2014 and again in 2015, and she is a keen fund raiser for the local Cancer Council Queensland branch in Warwick.

Millie has a passion not only for helping people, but caring for animals and works part time at a local Vet Clinic, as well as volunteering and assisting children to experience the joys of horse-riding through the Warwick Riding for the Disabled program.

Volunteering is a key feature in Millie's life, and she regularly assists with events held by the St Vincent de Paul group at Assumption College, and volunteers each year to assist with water stops and marshalling at the Warwick Pentath events.

Millie's selflessness, dedication, enthusiasm and community spirit render her an excellent role model for young people and she is a most deserving recipient of the Junior Citizen Award for 2016.

Cultural Award – John Telfer

The 2016 Australia Day Cultural Award is presented to John Telfer. John has contributed to extending and protecting the cultural heritage of Warwick over many years.

In particular during 2015 John has made a tremendous effort to keep the Anzac legend alive. He submitted stories of the local men who enlisted from the area to the Warwick Daily News. This led to a flood of requests which resulted in him writing over 30 profiles on local World War One and World War Two heroes. Among his many other achievements, he has also written a history of the Scots College cadet unit which is to be published later this year.

John also made a significant contribution to the successful delivery of the "March of the Dungarees 2015 – Demonstration of Support" event.

In a similar vein, John was co-opted by the Warwick Choral Society to be part of the concert organisation where some of his wartime poetry and stories were read out at the Anzac tribute concert in November 2015.

John has been an active volunteer for many local organisations including the Warwick Woodcutters Group, the Anzac Day organising group and many other groups who continue to deliver a service to veterans or that continue to uphold the memories and achievements of local war veterans.

His significant work on collecting and preserving the Anzac stories, along with his active volunteering and generosity of spirit make John a well deserving recipient of the Australia Day Cultural Award for 2016.

Sports Award – Adam Byrne

The Australia Day Sports Award for 2016 is presented to Adam Byrne.

Adam's sporting involvement includes memberships of the Warwick Hockey, Cricket and Touch Football associations, the Warwick Car Club and the Warwick Cowboys Rugby League Football Club.

For 30 years, Adam has been actively involved in and

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contributed to the rich sporting fabric of Warwick through many roles as player, coach, umpire and supporter, but Hockey is clearly where he has excelled.

Adam's love of Hockey started early when he joined Warwick juniors at age six and went on to play for Queensland teams each year from the age of 12 to 20, including one national under 18 championships held in Warwick.

Adam has played for numerous teams including the Queensland Blades, Gold Coast and East Ballina. Following his selection at the State Titles, Adam played in the Queensland over-35's team, which came fourth in the nationals in Cairns last year.

Adams' sporting prowess has been recognised with his recent selection to the Australian Over 35's Hockey Team which will complete in the Masters Hockey World Cup in Canberra in March.

Equal to his passion for playing Hockey, is his passion for passing on his extensive knowledge and expertise to younger players coming through the ranks at the Warwick Hockey Association. Adam has coached junior representative teams and is a well respected mentor to the young hockey players.

Adam's obvious commitment, talent and dedication to his sport makes him an admirable role model for aspiring sportsmen, women and children, and he is a very worthy recipient of the 2016 Sports Award.

Junior Sports Award – Simeon Burrill

The Australia Day Junior Sports Award for 2016 is presented to Simeon Burrill.

This young 17 year old has gone out with a bang in his last year of schools' sporting competition in his field. Simeon came out on top at the Australian Orienteering School Championship in Victoria in October 2015 where he won two gold medals and one silver medal in the three rounds of competition.

He was also a member of the Queensland Senior Boys Team which came first in the School Championship relay event and Simeon also took second place in the sprint event at Federation University.

Another of Simeon's most recent sporting achievements was competing in the Junior World Orienteering School Championships in Norway in July of 2015. Earlier in 2015 he placed third in the Senior Boys Orienteering Australia/New Zealand Challenge and then travelled to Burra in South Australia where he achieved second place in the Men's 17 – 20 year age group at the Easter Three Day Event.

Last year Simeon also held the position of Vice School Captain at Warwick State High School, and is a member of the Warwick Scout Group and the Bullecourt Boulder Bounders orienteering club.

Simeon has demonstrated a great aptitude for sport, and particularly orienteering, with a number of successes and is deserving of the 2016 Australia Day Junior Sports Award.

Sports Administration Award – David O'Leary

The Australia Day Sports Administration Award for 2016 is presented to David O'Leary.

David has been involved with the Warwick Cowboys Rugby League Football Club, the Warwick Touch Football and Cricket associations, and the Australia Day Cricket Carnival.

For the past 18 years, David has proven himself to be an integral cog and active member of the Warwick Cowboys. He has worn many hats within the club during that time as Vice President for five years, and as a player, coach, referee, strapper, barman for game days and functions, event organiser and general volunteer.

He willingly helps out on all game days, both home and away, volunteers at both of the Warwick Junior Clubs – Collegians and Eastern Suburbs, and was on the Cowboys Rodeo sub-committee.

David has taken on the position of President for the Warwick Cowboys 2016 season and is already making positive plans for the future of the club.

He is a font of knowledge, with unsurpassed passion for the sport of rugby league and is a highly valued member of the Warwick Cowboys. David's amazing drive, commitment and dedication to the sport is greatly admired by his cohort and recognised through his nomination for the 2015 TRL "Clubperson of the Year".

David is a well deserving recipient of the Australia Day Sports Administration Award for 2016.

Community Event of the Year – March of the Dungarees 2015 – Demonstration of Support

The Australia Day Community Event of the Year for 2016 is awarded to "The March of the Dungarees 2015 – Demonstration of Support".

2015 was a year of national significance in commemoration of the Anzac Centenary. The March of the Dungarees 2015 – Demonstration of Support event was selected as a signature event by the Queensland Government through the Commemorative Events funding program. The event, held in December last year, is unique to Warwick in that it re-enacted an event held 100 years before in Warwick on the night before the original First World War Dungaree recruits stepped off on their march to Brisbane.

The re-enactment of The March of the Dungarees 2015 – Demonstration of Support event brought the Warwick community into the spotlight displaying it as a vibrant and active community, and was made possible through the collaboration of an outstanding team of community representatives, and through the support and contribution of numerous community groups, organisations and individuals:

Southern Downs Regional Council; The Warwick and District Historical Society Inc; Warwick RSL Sub- Branch; Combined Services Clubs of Warwick; 139 Army Cadet Unit; 11th Light Horse Montrose-Warwick Troop; Qld Police Mounted Unit; Warwick City Brass Band; Warwick Thistle Pipe Band; students from Warwick Christian College, Scots PGC and Assumption College Drama Group, Warwick Lions Club Inc; The Salvation Army; Allora RSL Sub-Branch; QCWA Border Division; and entertainers including Warwick Choral Society; The East Street Singers; Norma O'Hara Murphy; Susan Needer; Bob Townshend; Erin Hilton, Brendan Babbington, Anu Woodruff-Becker, Margaret Bryant, and Marco Gliori.

As Master of Ceremonies, Marco Gliori's outstanding talents enabled him to weave the past and the present to re-create an authentic representation of the original 1915 Demonstration of Support event.

The 2015 Demonstration of Support event showcased local talent and informed the community of the significance not only of the 1915 Dungarees March; but the participation and support of the community at that time. The 2015 event was privileged to include Mr Don Meneely, son of original Dungaree Mr Harold Meneely, and Mr Harry Anstey, son of original Dungaree Mr Henry Anstey, in honour of their heroic fathers.

The community response to the event was overwhelmingly positive, with people expressing how it touched their hearts and made them cry. They learned so much about the original event and felt they were transported back in time to 1915.

The delivery of this outstanding event was achieved through the combined knowledge, passion, and enthusiasm of all involved, and is a commendable recipient of the 2016

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Community Event of the Year Award.

SOUTHERN REGION

Citizen of the Year – Hal Lyons (Posthumous Award)

Stanthorpe's Australia Day Citizen of the Year for 2016 is awarded posthumously to the late Mr Hal Lyons.

Hal was a member of several local clubs and community organisations, holding a range of committee positions. Notably, Hal was a member of the Stanthorpe Rotary Club for 26 years during which time he served as President and was recognised by Rotary International for his contributions and exemplary service.

Hal was a Charter Member, Vice President and Activities Officer with the Stanthorpe Probus Club; a Life Member and valued volunteer with the Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery, and patron of the Stanthorpe Scouting movement. He was also a Charter member of the Stanthorpe Men's Shed, and his commitment to the club was recognised through dedication of the Shed as "Hal's Place" at its opening ceremony.

Hal was a volunteer driver for Blue Care, and was involved in organising the Craft Awards for the local high schools for which he was also a judge for more than 20 years.

Although building was Hal's vocation, he generously volunteered his time and building expertise locally for many projects such as the Rotary barbeque area near the Stanthorpe Visitor Information Centre; an outdoor auditorium at Ballandean Estate for Opera in the Vineyard; the Stanthorpe Girl Guide hut; relocation and renovation of the Stanthorpe Scout Hall; and the meeting and activities area for the Stanthorpe Pony Club.

He also donated his time, skills and expertise to assist with projects in Fiji and mentored several young men during these projects. He was also a regular volunteer at the Stanthorpe Museum undertaking repairs and construction.

Hal was always a willing and available volunteer who enthusiastically and generously assisted any person or group who sought his time or expertise, and is a worthy recipient of this posthumous award as the 2016 Citizen of the Year.

Junior Citizen Award – Tom Jensen

The Australia Day Junior Citizen for 2016 is Tom Jensen.

This award recognises Tom's contribution to the community through his volunteering and sporting commitments.

In particular, Tom participated in a committee to raise funds for an important community project to purchase a hoist for use by people with a disability at the Stanthorpe pool. As part of his commitment to this project, Tom organised a St Joseph's School Swim-a-thon raising a phenomenal \$5500 towards the project, with a staggering \$28,700 raised in total.

Tom volunteers his time as a referee for the Stanthorpe Junior Gremlins, and worked as a volunteer at last year's Intrust Super Cup event held at Sullivan Oval. Tom's sporting commitments include playing, refereeing and linesman duties for several sports including the Gremlins Rugby and Junior

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Rugby League clubs; Stanthorpe Oztag; Stanthorpe Junior Cricket and Stanthorpe Basketball.

In 2015, Tom's involvement in school life and his academic and sporting achievements were recognised with the Award of School Dux. He was also a School prefect and awarded the 2015 St Joseph's School Mayors Medal. His service to the Stanthorpe Gremlin's rugby league club was recognised in 2014 with a Golden Gremlin Award.

Tom's willingness to support and contribute to local projects, events and the sporting community through volunteering makes him a deserving recipient of the Junior Citizen Award for 2016.

Cultural Award – Jenel Hunt

The 2016 Australia Day Cultural Award is presented to Jenel Hunt.

Jenel is a Life Member of the Granite Belt Choir and is currently the Choir's Assistant Musical Director. She is a member of the Stanthorpe Little Theatre, Granite Belt Dance Club, and has participated in several committees including Carols in the Park, Apple and Grape Festival and the Border District Eisteddfod. She has also contributed to and performed in Australia Day concerts and seniors' concerts.

Through her involvement in, and dedication to, many local cultural clubs, Jenel has used her singing and musical talents to enhance a range of major events in the Granite Belt for many years. She has also mentored other performers and gives generously of her time whenever necessary to get the job done.

Over the last 36 years, Jenel has made tremendous contributions to the cultural landscape of the district through the Choir, Little Theatre, Dance Club, and local events. She has sung, choreographed, conducted, organised events, and acted in committee roles such as President, Secretary and Publicity Officer.

Jenel's reliability, willingness and work ethic, along with her professionalism and musicality, have added class to local celebrations and endeared her to locals, and a most worthy recipient of the Australia Day Cultural Award for 2016.

Junior Cultural Award – Sarah Green

The 2016 Australia Day Junior Cultural Award is presented to Sarah Green.

Sarah is a student dance teacher in Tap, Jazz and Ballet, which she undertakes on a voluntary basis while she works her way through exams to become a qualified teacher.

As a young person herself, Sarah is an inspiration to the younger dancers that she mentors who are aspiring to achieve higher levels in dance. She is known for her dedication for taking the time to teach the little children at their level, some as young as three years of age.

Sarah takes pride in her work and in instilling in the younger dancers the importance of discipline in dance, and choreographs dances for children of all ages including solos, duos and trios. When called on, Sarah generously gives her time to dance at local community events and functions such as Markets in the Piazza, Carols and the Stanthorpe Show, and if she isn't dancing herself, you can count on her being there to help ensure the little dancers are ready to perform.

In addition to her voluntary dance teaching, Sarah is an active member of Granite Belt Performing Arts Inc and regularly helps with fundraising, participating in street stalls and raffles, as a way to give back to her community.

Sarah is a terrific cultural role model and most deserving of the 2016 Australia Day Junior Cultural Award.

Sports Award – Raymond Palmer

The Australia Day Sports Award for 2016 is presented to Raymond Palmer.

Raymond, or "Ray" as he is better known in the District, has been a keen fisherman for most of his life. He has competed in the Evans Head Fishing Classic for 19 of the 20 years that the weeklong competition has been running.

At the 2015 Classic event, Ray mainly fished for Luderick,

setting a number of records and winning several trophies and prizes. Notably:

- Ray weighed in the heaviest Luderick on four or five of the seven-day event.
- One day he weighed in the heaviest Luderick ever weighed-in over the 20 years of competition, and then broke that record the following day catching and weighing in an even bigger fish.
- At the competition's end, Ray set another record by finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd on the Luderick board, the first time this had been done in any species over the 20 years of the event.
- Ray was awarded the "Most Meritorious Fish" trophy, presented for the fish the Committee deems to be the best example of the species over the whole competition.

Over the last 19 years Ray has won at least five "Heaviest Fish" trophies as well as numerous prizes, and he now holds the record for the largest Bream and largest Luderick over the 20 years of the Classic.

Ray is also a member and current President of the Lions Club of Stanthorpe.

Ray's obvious enthusiasm, passion and dedication to his chosen sport of fishing makes him a great role model for aspiring recreational sportsmen, women and children, and he is a worthy recipient of the 2016 Sports Award.

Junior Sports Award – Hannah Reeves

The Australia Day Junior Sports Award for 2016 is presented to Hannah Reeves.

Hannah is a member of the Stanthorpe Golf Club, Swimming Club and the Skipping Club, and at just 13 years of age, is demonstrating significant prowess in her chosen sport of golf, with several successes under her belt.

Hannah has won the Darling Downs Junior girls competition for the last two years, as well as representing the Darling Downs at the State titles. Hannah qualified for the Greg Norman Junior Masters competition in both 2014 and 2015.

In 2015 Hannah was selected for the Queensland State team and was the leading girl in her age category at Golf Queensland's Katherine Kirk Classic.

Hannah volunteers as a coach to other junior golfers, as well as volunteering with other members of the Golf Club, and her voluntary work also includes collecting for the Red Shield Appeal.

Hannah's golfing talent and dedication has been recognised this year, with an invitation to attend the Hills International Golf School and Academy, which aims to develop and maximise the potential of junior male and female golfers in a world-class academic and sporting environment.

Hannah is a tremendous role model for other young aspiring athletes and her efforts are commended today with the Australia Day Junior Sports Award for 2016.

Sports Administration Award – Kay Webb

The Australia Day Sports Administration Award for 2016 is presented to Kay Webb.

Kay has been involved in local sport, both as a player and administrator, for 30 years and is a member and past member of the Stanthorpe Rugby and Junior Rugby League Clubs, Stanthorpe Swimming Club, Stanthorpe Golf Club and the Stanthorpe Squash Club.

In her golfing capacity, Kay organises golfers for charity golf days for numerous community organisations and causes. Most recently Kay willingly organised golfers for the Apple and Grape Lions Ambassador, Amanda McCosker's golf fundraiser, and also helped out with the event, before and on the day.

Kay is Director of Golf at the Stanthorpe club, carrying out a broad range of volunteering including coaching for novices and juniors and raising funds to support the club.

Active in Rugby League over the years, Kay has supported clubs through junior sport, and held office in the Stanthorpe Swimming Club. Kay provides assistance to clubs with events and a range of administrative and governance activities, and Kay's contributions have extended outside of sport, volunteering her time to work at the Red Shield Appeals.

Kay's long held passion for sport is evident, and her significant contribution to the sporting life of Stanthorpe through support and participation is recognised today with the 2016 Australia Day Sports Administration Award.

Community Event of the Year – "Celebrate a Citizen Day"

The Australia Day Community Event of the Year for 2016 is awarded to "Celebrate a Citizen Day".

The "Celebrate a Citizen Day" is an initiative of St Joseph's School and has been running for over 10 years, led by Mrs Mary McLucas.

In the 2015 "Celebrate a Citizen Day" Year 4 students each selected a person from the community who does volunteer work and contributes to the welfare of others, to honour their contributions at a special presentation day.

36 special citizens were selected by the students, who conducted face-to-face interviews with their chosen special citizen, based on a series of questions that the students had devised.

Not only did the "Celebrate a Citizen Day" present a wonderful forum to acknowledge the significant contributions made by the special citizens throughout the community, it also provided students with the opportunity to hear about the breadth of



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

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voluntary work being undertaken in the community, and to pick up valuable snippets of advice about what constitutes good citizenship and giving back to ones community.

St Joseph's School's "Celebrate a Citizen Day" is most deserving recipient of the Community Event of the Year Award for 2016.

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 bobtyllyer@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.

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Events Calendar

2016

- January -**
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 -**
Sat 11 St. Davids June Afternoon
 St. Davids Hall, Allora
Sun 12 Allora Community Auction
 Allora Show Grounds

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

AgForce Projects launches new mapping services

AgForce Projects has launched new mapping and GIS services, available to all Queensland landholders.

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"We are providing a great range of products and services including the popular 'Property Digital Dataset Mapping Pack' which provides datasets to assist with the creation or updating of a property computer map including vegetation mapping; GLM land types; property cadastre; contours; watercourses; wetlands and Landsat imagery," Mr Brinsmead said.

"The pack also includes the latest demo version of Phoenix software from AgData and the AgForce Projects Property Computer Mapping workbook (PDF)."

Mr Brinsmead said these packs are particularly useful for graziers interested in achieving 'above industry standard' within Grazing BMP.

AgForce Projects also provide a personalised digital property mapping service, which allows the producer to receive a digital map of their property and training without having to take valuable time away from their property.

Mr Brinsmead said AgForce Projects recognises producers lead extremely busy lives and delivering the service online and over the phone ensures Queensland producers get the best price.

"Technology provides us with the opportunity to keep in close contact with our clients who capture property information on a printed map, which we then transfer onto a digital property map," Mr Brinsmead said.

The producer also receives one-on-one Phoenix Mapping training and continued support.

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ALLORA NIGHT BOWLS RESULTS ROUND ONE - 2016 SEASON VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER

– Membership fees are due. Please pay your \$20.00 to Donna. After much angst and many phone calls Games Director Greg managed to fill all teams that notified him they were short of players then at start of play a team revealed they only had two players. Please, please give Greg plenty of notice – he has a list of names to call on to play substitute.

All the winning teams this week won with big margins. Results were as follows:- Rink 1 – The Old Boys 19 v Team Engel 8; 2. Zoolanders 23 v Doesn't Matter 2; 3. The Intruders 19 v Roonicks 3; 4. The Three Amigos 21 v Bindartins 9; 5. Swimming Pool 17 v Railway Hotel 9; 6. Lawn Grubs 22 v Whatever 7; and on Rick 7 Honda Hawks 12 v Allora Men's Shed 8.

Poor Slugger, he cops a heap of slugging from fellow Lawn Grub team mates. He played some great shots as Skip and 'touched' the jack twice during the 'Touchers'. His second 'toucher' which did not earn him a second block of chocolates but cost them a lead of 4 up to 1. Other winners of the Evans Drilling chocolates were – Dennis Allen, Lynne Patterson, Chris Lawlor, Mal Sinton and Kelly Hoey. Thank you to Garry for donating six blocks of chocolates every week for the entire season of play.

Our sponsors have generously offered to donate prizes for the raffles again this year. I.G.A. donate a tray of fruit one night a month, Paul Parker Painter donates a \$15.00 cash prize each week, Bolzen Sands, True Value Hardware and the Swimming Pool donate the 'Jackpot' prize which increases \$20.00 each week if not won. The Railway Hotel donates a voucher for a pizza each week and the Sports Club donate two six packs. Each week in turn the teams donate a raffle prize. This week Zoolanders gave the 'trophy' and next week will be Honda Hawks's turn. Our winners this week were Mal Sinton, Lynne Patterson, Jim Pigeon, Chris Lawlor, Brendan Corby, David Sparksman and Greg Patterson had a chance to hit the Jackpot. Needless to say the prize will be \$40.00 next week.

One of the great things about our social bowls competition each week is the fact that all winners and all runners-up have a chance to take home the Winners and Runners-up prizes. It is the luck of the draw as rink numbers are used to establish the prizes winners. This week Zoolanders were winners and Team Engel the runners-up.

Did you know that in the game of bowls a player should take the correct stance on the mat and with the delivery of the jack or bowl have one foot remaining entirely within the confines of the mat. The foot may either be in contact with, or over, the mat.

ROUND TWO - Happy Australia Day. There were a few happy Australians at bowls on Tuesday night, even those of sober habits enjoyed a fun night of friendly rivalry. The tape came out on several rinks and players hovered over the 'head' to debate the winning bowls. Although things could have got nasty when a bowler on rink 6 kicked a bowl in play off rink 5! He was reprimanded in good old Aussie style. (Under Laws of Sport of Bowls, if a bowl is displaced by a neutral person the bowl is replayed)

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"Yes, 7 & 8 years old," the wife replied.

"Animals?" asked another committee member.

"Oh no! They're very well-behaved!"

Results as follows:- Intruders 14 v Railway Hotel 9; Lawn Grubs 17 v The Three Amigos 14; The Old Boys 12 v Doesn't Matter 11; Honda Hawks 17 v Team Engel 13; Roonicks 14 v Whatever 7; Bindartins 18 v The Men's Shed 8; Swimming Pool 14 v Zoolanders 13. Out of the rinks, No. 7 had all the luck with both teams taking home the winners and runners-up prizes. Yes, Zoolanders again.

There were a few happy raffle prize winners. I won the fruit tray for the first time ever! Other winners were Cheryl Bowen, Doug Christensen, Nicko Johnson, John Cochran, Geoff Allen and brother Denis had a chance to win the Jackpot. Someone next week will have a chance of winning \$60.00. The players love the touchers segment and everybody abandons any thought of strategic bowl placement and bowl to touch the jack. Evans Drilling chocolate winners were Kevin Beggs, Len Hoey, Andrew Peterson, Mal Sinton, Greg Patterson and Robert Hoey.

Thank you to all sponsors – Garry Evans Drilling, True Value Hardware, Bolzen Sands, Swimming Pool, Paul Parker, Painter, I.G.A. and the Allora Sports Club. Thanks to our hard working groundsmen, the green is looking and playing beautifully. There is no excuse to blame the green for mediocre play anymore! Did anybody notice that we have new jacks. The old ones were a bit worse for wear.

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MEN'S BREAKFAST

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Col Stringer is an Australian Pastor/Speaker, Author of 20 Christian books whose mission is to take the uncompromising Word of God to all Australians (and the world) as well as bringing people to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Col will be guest speaker at the Men's Breakfast on Saturday 6th February at the Allora Presbyterian Church Jubb St.

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• SOLUTIONS •

THIS WEEK'S SUDOKU SOLUTION

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4	2	8	9	6	1	3	7	5
1	7	9	3	4	5	8	6	2

CSIRO DOUBLE HELIX QUIZ ANSWERS

1. The Greek philosopher Diogenes.
2. a) About one half of metals, or metals and non-metallic elements that behaves like a metal. b) True. There are more than 500 species of ladybird in Australia, and there are more than 5000 species of ladybirds worldwide.
3. The hermit crab family is Diogenidae, named after Darwin Basin.
4. An alloy is a solid mixture of metals, or metals and metalloids.
5. True. There are more than 500 species of ladybird in Australia, and there are more than 5000 species of ladybirds worldwide.

1. Cephalopoda is the class of marine animals including octopuses, squid and cuttlefish.
2. b) About one half of non-metallic elements that behaves like a metal. c) True. There are more than 500 species of ladybird in Australia, and there are more than 5000 species of ladybirds worldwide.
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LOCAL LEGENDS - RUGBY LEAGUE TRIVIA

1. Name the Watties player who was married on Saturday and then fronted up to the Grand Final on Sunday?
Answer = Bevan Crothers

• PUBLIC NOTICES •

'Meet and Greet' for Allora Show Stewards

The Allora Show Committee invites all 2016 Show Stewards to a



'Meet and Greet' at the main canteen in the Showgrounds on Sunday January 31.

We welcome all stewards to hospitality with the Show Committee at 11.00am.

Please pass the word around to other stewards so all can be present.



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GROUNDWATER PURCHASE TENDER

Queensland Upper Condamine Alluvium
Call for tenders

A groundwater licence purchase tender in the Queensland Upper Condamine Alluvium has been announced with a budget of up to \$10 million.

The tender opens 9.00 am AEDT 30 November 2015 and will close at 5.00 pm AEDT 10 February 2016

The groundwater licence purchase tender aims to protect the long-term productive base of the aquifer, consistent with the groundwater Sustainable Diversion Limits set by the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

Sell offers will be considered from groundwater licence holders within the Central Condamine Alluvium Groundwater Management Area, the Dalrymple Creek Alluvium Groundwater Management Area and the Oakey Creek Groundwater Management Area.

Assessment of offers will be undertaken on the basis of a complete and valid tender application. Offers will only be assessed after the tender closing date.

Further information including the Request for Tender document and application form are available at environment.gov.au/waterpurchasing or by calling 1800 218 478.

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BOTTOM LEFT: Allora Heritage Weekend visitors enjoyed a glimpse into the past when volunteers from the Allora & District Historical Society embarked on some corn threshing. David Benington bags the resulting corn with Graeme McMillan, Ken Petersen and Graham Anderson catching their breath after loading up the cobs.

BELOW: Six year old Nait Lucas from Clifton explored the Allora Heritage Weekend with his Grandfather Trevor Lucas, and scored a seat on one of the eye catching restored Farmall tractors.



RIGHT: Making the trek all the way from Pomona was stationary engine enthusiast James Duffy, attending what may have been his first Allora Heritage Weekend but "certainly not the last" said James. His 1908 built Standard Gas Engine Company Inc. 5 hp gasoline engine, manufacture in San Francisco, USA, spent it's working life on north western New South Wales cattle stations owned by the Johnston Family Holdings.

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