

2016 SCHOOL YEAR SHOWS BUSY TIMES AHEAD FOR ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL

Our school community would like to extend a warm welcome to new and current families for the new school year. This year brings about some changes to our school staffing and on behalf of the parent community we welcome Mr Tyrone Maher, our new school principal, and wish him well in his role as leader of our dynamic little school. We also wish to acknowledge and welcome three new staff members, Miss Karine Preston, APRE and Year 1/2 class teacher, Mr Mark Spranklin (HPE Teacher) and Mrs Helen Pitstock (School Officer – Prep Aide).

The staff gathered together at the beginning of the year in Stanthorpe for a retreat. This was a positive experience through which everyone on the team was able to contribute to discussions around the formulation of a shared vision for the community of St Patrick's in 2016. This was then complemented by a two day workshop at Highfields around the building of Professional Learning Teams.

This year we welcome 9 Prep students to our straight Prep class with a class teacher and Prep aide. Wednesday morning last week the Prep students, with family in tow, arrived bright eyed and ready to learn for their first day of formal school. The community of St Patrick's looks forward to working with our new and current families, in continuing to build on the positive outreaching and supportive culture that has for many years been part of what we do.

This week the students once again commence HPE lessons with our new PE specialist teacher Mr Mark Spranklin, who will visit our school every Tuesday.

Count down is on for our big 100 year celebrations of St Patrick's School to be held the weekend of March 12th-13th. We invite the community to come and join our celebrations which will commence on Saturday evening with the 'Art in the Convent' Art Show Opening at 6.30pm.

Guests will be treated the opportunity to view art pieces from local artist and works from our current students, as well as wine, cheese and music entertainment for a per person admission cost. Pre-sale tickets will be available for purchase later this month. Watch this space for ticket sale release date! The committee welcomes anyone interested in exhibiting artworks in the Art Show to collect a registration form from the school office or Allora Post Office, or if preferred email artintheconvent@gmail.com for further information.

The weekend's events will involve a number of activities

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Hands on learning for St Pat's Staff members: (Standing L-R) Tyrone Maher, Deb Goombridge, Cindy Dowdle, Steve Clark. (Crouched L-R) Karine Preston, Andrea Lewis and Helen Pitstock.

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Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

At the council meeting last week "Emu Swamp Business Case" was received and noted. Cost of the dam and infrastructure is now \$121.5 million (including interest) for the recommended "Scenario 2", with "Customers" contributing 35%, customers being Irrigators (22%) and SDRC (13% ie \$15.8 million which equates to a one off cost for urban use of \$21 000 per ML.) The ongoing operational and maintenance costs are not taken into account.

Many have been led to believe that the dam would be funded wholly by Government money, eg, National Water Infrastructure Development Fund (NWIDF).

Approvals have not yet been given for the preferred scenario. The report states that "Further work is needed to determine the project's feasibility and NWIDF funding will be important in this regard".

Council is in debt. An additional amount of up to \$7 million of the "Customer's" money has already been spent previously on endless consultants' reports and studies.

The consultant's "Next step" apparently has not been taken ie "On 14th January 2016, SDRC will apply to the Queensland Government for Australian Government (NWIDF) funding as further work is needed to determine the project's feasibility". Have the customers applied to the government for an extension of time?

Surely a full feasibility study is one of the first steps after such a proposal as Emu Swamp Dam is put forward and therefore should have been done years ago? Who is driving this?

Sue Johnson
Candidate, SDRC 2016

The Editor,

NO WAY! Our current PM is looking at making this country a republic. That means no local or state government. The PM intends to call Australia the U.S.A. (United States of Australia). This means roads and other local and state government jobs will need to be okayed from Canberra, if the jobs need doing or not. In other words, no elected councillors for rate payers to approach, to have jobs done which need doing. This will have to come from Canberra.

If republics were so good, why then are all these boat people coming to Australia to live?

Derek Weier, Allora

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.

Getting set to learn

The C&K Allora Community Kindergarten, Gordon Street will be celebrating it's 30th year in October 2016. With children attending as far as Leyburn, Maryvale, Clintonvale, Pilton, Greenmount and surrounds the kindergarten plays a vital role in the provision of early childhood education within our

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community. The State government recently announced that from 2017 Prep will become compulsory for all children. Kindergarten teacher Fiona Milburn says, "In order to give your child the best opportunity to be prepared to enter the Prep learning environment all children need to attend Kindergarten. We provide foundations for every child to be successful lifelong learners. Children experience many learning opportunities to explore, enquire, solve problems, develop friendships, imagine, and use their creativity to extend their capabilities in all curriculum areas including language, literacy and numeracy". Last week the kindergarten welcomed new children and families for the start of 2016. For enquiries about the kindergarten phone 4666 3420.

WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Min/Max
THU	Scattered Showers. Cloudy. Mild.	19 24
FRI	Morning Clouds. Mild.	17 28
SAT	Mostly Sunny. Mild.	16 28
SUN	Morning Clouds. Warm.	17 30
MON	Sunny. Warm.	15 30
TUE	Mostly Sunny. Warm.	17 28



St Pat's Prep class 2016.

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throughout the day on Sunday 13th with a Mass celebration at 10am including student choir performance, followed by Memorabilia Display, Centenary Book launch, mementoes for sale, many opportunities for reminiscing, good old fashion races and games, and a BBQ lunch will be available. We look forward to celebrating with the community on the special occasion.

Year 10 Students Fundraising for Canberra Trip

The Year Ten Students of Allora P-10 SS were all smiles as they worked the drinks stall at the annual Allora Heritage Weekend, Jan 23rd and 24th. Teamed up with a roster of St Pats parents, they braved the heat and served the chilled drinks to hundreds of grateful customers. Thanks to the warm weather and strong crowd, both schools have commenced the year with a healthy boost to their fundraising coffers. The Year 10 students will continue to fundraise throughout the year in readiness for their annual Canberra trip and wish to thank all those who supported the stall.

Pictured L-R Allora P-10 SS Year 10 students: Shae Erhardt, Austin Lack, Jack Bradfield, Ella Gartery and Mary Higgins.



St. Patrick's Inaugural 'Art in the Convent' Art Show

Centenary Celebrations of St Patrick's School
12th & 13th March, 2016

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Saturday, 12th March, 6.30pm

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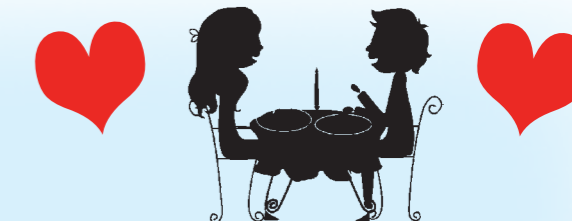
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5. **"Centenary Celebrations"** - themed photography or art piece by Local or Past Pupil
6. **Photography** - Any subject

Exhibitor's fee of \$5.00 per adult art piece and \$2.00 per youth and junior art piece. Artworks can be for sale with a 10% commission withheld by committee. People's Choice Awards - voted by the viewers and announced Saturday night. For further information contact: **Anita Wright 0488 663 836, Kylie Brasch 0417 754 452, Sue Higgins 0448 663 835** or artintheconvent@gmail.com for Conditions of Entry and Registration Forms. Registrations close 22nd February

VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCH

Sunday, 14th February
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3 Course Meal

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MAYORAL CANDIDATE TRACY DOBIE: New Council faces three Cs challenge - CULTURE - COHESION - COMMUNICATION

Mayoral candidate Tracy Dobie believes cultural change in Council is imperative to a positive future for the Southern Downs. She sees three major hurdles to be overcome by the Council elected on 19th March 2016: Culture, Cohesion and Communication.

"We must overcome ingrained negativity so that the Southern Downs can lift itself back up where it belongs. But we cannot achieve change without cohesion.

"As Mayor I would expect all councillors to work together; to develop a code of behaviour and a set of key performance goals; be held accountable for performance and measured against a defined criteria on an annual basis".

In her campaign for Mayorality Tracy Dobie has committed to a six-pillar platform:

- Rates rises restricted to the CPI or lower;
- Achieving financial sustainability;
- Addressing regulations that restrict economic development;
- Enhancing services delivery;
- Pursuing business development opportunities, and
- Creating jobs.

"Every candidate, for mayor or councillor, should have these same or similar goals. But to be able to achieve any of them, there has to be change from seeing only the fault in things that confront us and choosing to do nothing about it," Ms Dobie said.

"Councillors and Council staff need to communicate better with our business and community leaders to gain an understanding of their expectation; to respond promptly and realistically on whether these expectations are achievable; to encourage, support and, where possible, facilitate the proposals that have proven and positive outcomes.

"We can change: We can support initiatives that grow business and promote jobs; celebrate those who continue to make contributions to our communities; encourage economic development; welcome visitors; send them away singing our praises and encouraging others to the Southern Downs. To achieve effective and meaningful change, Ms Dobie said, every voter must consider the impact of their upcoming vote for Mayor and eight Councillors.

"Ask yourself if the person seeking your vote is qualified, of strong character, is a leader, who puts the community first, has a track record of success and will be a good representative of our region.

"Don't fall into the trap of voting for friends just to keep them as friends. A vote on merit, and merit alone, will begin a process of change for the better".

For information on mayoral candidate Tracy Dobie visit www.tracydobie.com.au

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Allora Local to run for Council

Allora farmer and father of four, Scott Christensen has announced his intention to nominate for a position within the Southern Downs Regional Council. Born in the local community, Scott and his wife of 24 years, Bronwyn, have consistently participated in the Allora area helping with functions and volunteering whenever they could make time away from



Scott Christensen.

family and business commitments. "I was motivated to join the Southern Downs Regional Council to help the region recover from their current financial position." With a family growing up in the region, Mr Christensen finds it necessary to improve upon the area and provide more sustainability for future generations.

"Being a representative on the local drought committee for the Queensland Dairy Organisation I hear first-hand, issues relating to drought and how the agricultural sector is coping. This, in turn reflects how the local economy is suffering in the outlying areas. Southern Downs is first and foremost an agricultural community dependant on all types of agriculture to support the towns, this support needs to be recognised and returned to the community. Tourism also has an important role in the local and regional economies of the Southern Downs Regional Council. Promoting the tourism industry in the region would help stimulate the local economy and inject financial stability into the region, allowing the council room to concentrate on other pressing matters such as improving services to ratepayers." With family and ancestry in the Freestone and Stanthorpe regions he looks to use his position to help the more rural communities of the region. "I want to converse with committees and organisations across the region to try and accomplish an even keel for outlying and built-up areas." Mr Christensen said as a councillor he'd communicate more with the community and make decisions to best represent the interest of the region's residents. The former President of the Allora Landcare committee insisted that communication is important, "One of my goals is to liaise with committees to better understand what they require and ensure that these requirements are addressed." He continued, "The council should utilise as well as promote local businesses to keep the revenue within the Southern Downs. We want to be able to encourage future families to call this great place home and make it prosperous for generations to come."

Councillors need to communicate. If you'd like to contact Scott Christensen don't hesitate to call 0407 466 292 or email scowyn6@bigpond.com

SUE JOHNSON, CANDIDATE FOR SDRC in 2016

Having lived, worked, run successful businesses and been involved in the community in the Southern Downs region for 19 years, and attended council meetings regularly, I feel I have gained enough expertise to be a good councillor.



Sue Johnson.

It is the role of councillors to consult with the people and hear what they want, then convey to council administrators those desires of the people. This is not currently happening. If I am elected I will be available to listen to the people and make known their needs to council.

I am a participant in series of meetings around the small communities within the region and the response has been quite alarming. The people are extremely pleased that we have made the effort to come to them – they rarely if ever see their councillors. They have been very glad to have someone who is willing to try to understand the issues in their communities. I have a desire to see all those communities flourish. If even the small communities are flourishing, then the region flourishes, as do the state and the whole country.

The rises in rates and charges are excessive and unaffordable. Rises should be no more than the national cpi and should be frozen in the first year of the new council. Currently rates are budgeted to rise by 4% for the next 10 years. Disposable income of ratepayers and businesses has been whittled away by these excessive rate increases in the past several years. I believe that councillors should therefore have their salaries cut accordingly and take a 10% pay cut immediately. They need to share the pain they are causing.

The high rates together with the high fees and charges of setting up a business in the region are deterring businesses from coming here. High rates make businesses less profitable. Council must return to its core business.

In May last year I addressed council on its wasteful spending. Since then I still see ratepayers' hard-earned money being wasted and spending out of control. We must stop spending on unnecessary projects at least until we have paid off the debt which is unsustainable. The Stanthorpe streetscape is just one example. Most people in Stanthorpe don't want it. People do

BAD JOKE(S) OF THE WEEK

Patient: Doctor, doctor! I'm becoming invisible.
Doctor: Yes I can see you're not all there.

Patient: Doctor, doctor, I think I'm developing a split personality.
Doctor: Well, sit down, both of you.

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not come to a town to see the streetscape. It is being pushed in the mistaken belief that it will bring visitors to the town. Visitors already come for the wine and other tourist attractions. But If all the shops are filled with a diversity of attractive merchandise, that gives vibrancy and life to the town, people want to come and the locals will be happier. And there are a myriad of such projects that are wasting our money. Like most people I am quite vocal in my criticism of council and councillors. I read something that really resonated with me and is the reason I am standing for council: You have no right to complain unless you are prepared to do something about it.

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Col is a successful author of 20 Christian books. His book 'On Eagles Wings' has become an international best seller and has been endorsed by Joyce Meyer, Kenneth Hagin Jr, Jerry Savelle, Jesse Duplantis and Kenneth Copeland. His book '800 Horsemen' has also been a best seller.

Col has a great love for his homeland and believes the Lord is calling him to minister not only in the towns and cities but throughout the Australian outback, taking hope to farmers etc. who have been affected by drought, flood and fire.

Men's Breakfast participants are welcome to come along and hear from this highly rated speaker. R.S.V.P would be appreciated. Phone Col 4666 3327 or Stuart 4666 3786.

POTENTIAL TURN AROUND ON Grainx ISSUES AT ALLORA

Cr Jamie Mackenzie was pleased that the Southern Downs Regional Council reversed its decision at its January 2016 General Meeting and is now prepared to meet with the operators of the Allora Grainx site at a special meeting to

address concerns over on-going environmental nuisances. "Finally we might get somewhere" remarked Cr Jamie "but it is frustrating that it takes 3 council meetings since last August to get dialogue rather than legal action."

"The operator raised no problem with tabling committee discussions in open Council and is keen to meet with Council to resolve outstanding issues including landscaping of the Herbert Street frontage of the site, the hours of operation of the grain elevator, loading and unloading of grain both during and outside of peak harvest periods."

"A Special Meeting will hopefully resolve what the committee has not. I am disappointed that residents told us first, rather than the Consultation Committee, that empty container loading was still happening on the Herbert Street site and not at Council's Allora depot as required by the Memorandum of Understanding" Cr Mackenzie said.

"All we seek is some balance" Cr Jamie Mackenzie said. "Grainx operations close to the centre of Allora has created employment and generated income for the town but at the same time, residents of Allora deserve an acceptable level of neighbourhood amenity."

Cr Mackenzie said "the tall grain silos are both an Allora icon and a traditional activity with the right to continue operations for the economic benefit of the region. After all, the silos will not be moved in a hurry, so the operator must act as a good corporate citizen and Council must ensure any operator on the

Herbert Street site acts reasonably."

"I am thankful for the patience of the neighbourhood and the efforts of locals on the consultative committee."

"We need a harmonious 'win-win' solution for the benefit of residents, the Council and the operators" Cr Mackenzie said. "The last thing we need is for this to be resolved through lengthy and expensive legal action."

Jamie's experience in rural planning, government and legal matters, as a regional Councillor, 4th generation resident, beef cattle producer, ratepayer and self-employed town planning consultant can be seen on his website: www.jamiemackenzie.com.au



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Looking Back...

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

Allora Showgirl

Naomi Tickle was crowned 1991 Miss Allora Showgirl at the Allora Show Ball held in the Community Hall. Charity Showgirl for 1991 was Tamara Bacon. Tamara raised \$1729 for the Show Society through raffles and street stalls. Naomi and Tamara were the only entrant's in this year's Showgirl quest, and the judges said that choosing the winner was a difficult task.

Letitia Crawford was crowned Junior Showgirl. Four girls entered the Junior Showgirl quest. Serving her second term as Allora Show Society president, Mrs. Shirley Cornhill said that the Show Ball was a huge success. The Showgirl entrants had raised more than \$3000

between them. "The grounds are in perfect order and there are high expectations for the 123rd show." Mrs. Cornhill said.

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

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**Allora's Past 75 years ago
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Gift Evening

Mr. and Mrs. A. Telford, who were recently married, were entertained at a gift and

florin evening in the Alliance Hall. Before her marriage Mrs. Telford was Miss Kathleen Pleash, a member of a family well known in the Allora district. The function was arranged by Misses Audrey Stay and Francie Stewart, two girl friends of the bride. Mrs. Telford received a bouquet of asters from little Daphne Lancaster who also presented bouquets to the bride's sister, Mrs. J. Telford, and the bridegroom's sister, Miss Rosie Telford. Mr. W. A. Deacon wished the couple every happiness and success and made a presentation of gifts to Mr. and Mrs. Telford.

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

Change of Name ELLINTHORP for DALRYMPLE

The following letter, addressed to Mr. F. Grayson M.L.A. and dated January 29, had been handed to us for publication:-

Sir, With reference to your call suggesting that the name of "Ellinthorpe" be adopted for the name of the station 142 miles 45 chains on the Southern Line in lieu of "Dalrymple". I beg to inform you that the correct spelling is "Ellinthorpe", and Executive approval has been given for the adoption of that name.

I am Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Arthur J. Crowther,
Secretary.

Colin Newport



The auction sale of "Brompton Park", Spring Creek, February 1966. Staff of Deacon & Co. in the photo are auctioneer, Kieth Masters, Jim Deacon (booking), Bob Deacon (near tank) and George Anderson (foreground) calling the bids.

ALLORA NIGHT BOWLS RESULTS – ROUND THREE- 2016 SEASON

We had some new faces at bowls on Tuesday night. I am sure that Stewart Sparksman, Alan Hoey and Ben Gilcrest enjoyed their game. Also we had a good roll up of women bowlers. Sad to say only 5 teams out of 14 have women team members. V.I.P. guest player GENE McMILLAN also graced us with his appearance.

The night started with a bit of drama. The very expensive technically superior Sports Club mike broke down. Paddo to the rescue! He announced the teams and rink numbers on a bright blue old-fashioned style megaphone that he bought recently for \$10.00.

The green was a bit 'heavy' after the recent rains so we had to use a bit more muscle to place our bowls. Nevertheless both experienced and new bowlers played top shots. Doug Evans danced a jig every time he bowled a good shot. His team mate Dan Hughes was in form, winning the ends with clever 'wicks'. Results:- The Three Amigos 27 v Roonicks 6; The Intruders 17 v Whatever 10; Railway Hotel 14 v Zoolanders 13; Lawn Grubs 15 v Allora Mens Shed 6; Honda Hawks 15 v Doesn't Matter 6; The Old Boys 27 v Swimming Pool 7; Bindartins 12 v Team Engel 11. The teams on rink 4 won both the winners and runners-up prizes.

Ashleigh Brown runs the touchers. She rings the bell to announce that touchers are on/over. This week's winners were GENE v.i.p.; Lyn, Alan, Len, Barry and Dennis. The 6 chocolate block prizes are donated each week by Evans Drilling. Thanks Garry.

The Hoey family had a good night, taking home chocolates and raffle prizes. Team mate Jim Pigeon had a win and Paddo won two prizes. The team trophy was won by Nick and Bec had a chance to win the Jackpot prize. Thank you to our prize donors – Railway Hotel, I.G.A., True Value Hardware, Swimming Pool, Paul Parker, painter, Bolzen Sands and Allora Sports Club. Also thank you to Bev, Chris and John W for helping with ticket sales, writing up the winners and pressing the button (very important task).

I would like to remind bowlers that the 'No Smoking' rule applies on the bowling greens. There is a designated area for smokers. While you might enjoy your cigarette, others are very sensitive to the toxic fumes.

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Railway Hotel Rascals vs. Colts

The Rascals, after two wash outs, five wins and two losses were due to face the Colts side from Warwick on Saturday. After the rain on Friday night, no one expected to play at all on the day; however, to our surprise the rain lifted, the sun poked its bright little head out and stayed around roasting the fielders. Winning the toss the Rascals chose to bowl first, as there was strong chance of rain three hours after the start of the match. If the Rascals could bowl the Colts out for a small to medium total, there was a good chance of chasing down the runs quickly before the rain. Unfortunately the Colts managed to bat their 40 overs for the loss of eight wickets, scoring 241 runs. Many dropped catches in the field ruined any chance of a small total, alongside a few misfields. This will be rectified for the upcoming games, with the Rascals fielding usually a very strong feature of the team. The three great displays from the weekend were the spin bowling from our younger players, namely Henry Gartery and Jake Christensen. Henry, unlucky not to take a wicket, bowled eight overs for only 27 runs, whilst Jake bowled eight overs for 46 runs with the, possibly surprising, addition of five wickets!! Yes, five of them! Liam Duncan also bowled well, taking two wickets off five overs.

In response, the Rascals did not score a run. Yes, that's correct, not a single bye, run or wide. Unfortunately, the rain came down during the first over, and the Rascals were 0-0/0.2. The rain it kept on coming and coming, and the game was washed out. The 3.5 points from the wash-out keeps the Rascals in third position on the ladder, behind only Maryvale and Wheatvale. With two games and one bye to go, the Rascals have a small chance of claiming second spot and the extra life in the finals.

Railway Hotel Rascals player of the year points- 3: Jake Christensen, 2: Liam Duncan, 1: Henry Gartery.

This Saturday, the Rascals take on Wheatvale, the week after is a bye and the final game of the season is the home town local derby on the 20th of February. The finals begin the following week, and details will come when the order of the teams are known. Training from 4.30pm Thursday, everybody is welcome!

Events Calendar

2016

- February -**
- Fri 5 & Sat 6** **138th Allora Show**
Allora Show Grounds
- Sat 6** **"On the Couch" with Tracy Dobie**
Allora Show Grounds, all day
- Fri 12** **"On the Couch" with Tracy Dobie**
Frog & Swallow Cafe, 10.30am - 12.00pm
- 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 -**
- Thu 3** **"On the Couch" with Tracy Dobie**
Frog & Swallow Cafe, 1.00pm - 3.00pm
- 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
- Sat 30** **Allora Autumn Festival: Dinner of Drayton Street**
Allora Community Circle
- May -**
- Sun 1** **Allora Autumn Festival: Penny Farthing Bike Race**
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- Sun 1** **Allora Autumn Festival: Allora's Great Gourmet BBQ**
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- 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**
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Australia Day Weekend Three For The Blue Cow XI

The Australia Day weekend was a great success for Blue Cow XI in their third year of the competition, in the Twenty20 format. Again we must thank our major sponsor, The Blue Cow Hotel, specifically Denise Dagleish, who has assisted us financially. This assistance, quite simply, allows our young team to play over the weekend. After last year, the Cows were looking to make the top eight and get into the finals. The path was much harder this year, with the opposition to beat being last year's grand final runners up, Max's XI, and the local Dalrymple Dongers. So into the game results:

Game 1: Max's XI- Bowling first, the Rascals bowled out the opposition for 114 in the 18th over. Brad Johnson took 5-12/4, well supported by Nick Van Der Poel with 2-19/4. James Moore, Liam Keating and Stephen Hughes also took a wicket each. Eight wickets bowled, two caught. Not a bad start to the competition. In response, Jake Christensen (35) and Liam Keating (27) got the Cows off to a great start, until their dismissal, which brought Tom Morris (33) and Nick Van Der Poel (23) to the crease. These two lads secured the winning runs and were only dismissed chasing extra runs in the last over of the game. Result: Cows 4-133 after 20 overs defeated Max's XI - 114.

Game 2: Dalrymple Dongers- Batting first and in almost reverse batting order, the Cows were off to an ordinary start with two wickets gone with only 16 runs up. Four wickets were gone at 20 runs. Six wickets were gone at 23 runs. Eight at 48 runs. Then Nick Van Der Poel added 15, Jake Christensen added 12 and Tom Morris added 28 runs to bring the Cows total to 90 runs. A little bit ordinary - but enough to give the Cows half a chance. In response the Dongers were 1-28 after six overs, until Nick Van Der Poel started something, taking his second wicket of the game. This saw the next three wickets fall for 20 runs, thanks to some fine bowling from Liam Keating (3-17/3). Some more Nick Van Der Poel brilliance in the form of a runout secured another wicket, until Jamie Holmes (3-11/3) finished the tail off for six more runs. Clayton Smith took the last wicket to win the game for the Cows, bowling out the Dongers for 63 runs.

Game 3: Marbucks XI (semi-final) - The Cows won the toss and chose to field, with Jamie Holmes taking the reins for the all-important semi-final clash. Unfortunately, the Cows batting was not at its usual high standard and after the loss of Tom Morris who was run out, the Cows lost regular wickets. Jake Christensen (19), Clayton Smith (16) and Paul Christensen (12*) were the only real contributors to the Cows total of 77. In response, Marbucks XI chased down the total in the 13th over,

so the Cows let everyone have a bowl for some fun. In this time, James went for 14, Mick 1/18, Henry 16, Ian 1/6, Jake 6, Clayton 1/3 and Paul 23; all off one over each. Much fun was had during the bowling of these overs!

The 2015 Blue Cow XI: Ian Christensen, Jake Christensen, Matty Christensen, Neil Christensen, Paul Christensen, Xarl Christensen, Henry Gartery, Jamie Holmes, Stephen Hughes Brad Johnson, Liam Keating, Mick Kelk, James Moore, Tom Morris, Clayton Smith (Dutchess) and Nick Vanderpoel. And probably someone I forgot!

Stats wise: Batting - Tom Morris 67 runs, Jake Christensen 66 runs and Nick Van Der Poel 46 runs. Bowling- Brad Johnson six wickets, Jamie Holmes five wickets, Liam Keating and Nick Van Der Poel four wickets each. Catches: assorted.

The players in contention for the Blue Cow XI, 'Cow of the series award' are not known at this stage, as the Cows will be conducting a vote to determine the winner. This will be announced at the end of regular season awards presentation night.

It was a short weekend, two days instead of three, and I know that all the players had a great time playing cricket, laughing at the silly things done on and off the field - like a certain few lads in the creek, a bit of cold water on a sleeping brother, a blown out tyre (nothing dodgy there) and all the usual stuff lads get up to on a weekend away with cricket!

Thank you to the people, who behind the scenes get things done; like the drivers and the BBQers! Again thank you to Denise at the Blue Cow, the home of the Blue Cow XI, for your sponsorship again this year! Get down and visit us at the Blue Cow!

Brad Johnson

Dalrymple Dongers 2016 Cricket Team

On 23rd & 24th January, the Dalrymple Dongers took to the field in the Warwick Cricket Association's annual Australia Day Cricket Carnival. The Dongers had a good weekend winning 2 out of their 3 games, with Brodie Frizzell taking out most wickets for the carnival. Well Done Brodie!

The Dalrymple Dongers team would like to thank their sponsors for this year. They were Dalrymple View Apiary Supplies, Railway Hotel Allora, Olsen's Produce and Clifton Auto Ag Repairs. Without your support it would not be possible so thank you very much.

Thank you to all the players who played over the weekend. Hope you all had a great time and hope to see you all again next year. Thanks also to Scott for cooking the BBQ over the weekend.

This Saturday sees the Allora XI take on Sovereign at Mayhew Oval in Warwick. Players to be at the ground by 12.15pm for a 12.30pm start. Please contact Aaron if available to play on 0428 627 107.

Winners from the cricket raffle this week were: Meat Tray - Frizz, Meat Tray - Frizz, Railway Dinner - Horse, BBQ Chook - Moba, Bottle of Wine - Aaron and Scratchies - Cam. Thank you to everyone for your support. The raffles are held every Saturday night at the Railway Hotel from 5.30pm.

Shannon Masters



Dalrymple Dongers 2016 Cricket Team: Back L-R Warren Wright, Chris Veivers, Kris Wright, Brodie Frizzell, Scott Sparksman, Alex Morris, Luke Kilah, Liam Duncan, Jarrod Vietheer. Front L-R Craig Cousar, Joe Morris, Stew Henderson, Nick Morris and Cameron Masters. Absent: Aaron Vietheer.

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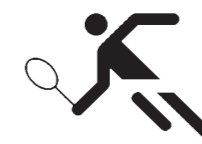
Annual Clifton Fly-In

The Darling Downs Sport Aircraft Assn. and the Lone Eagle Flying School, non-profit organisations run by volunteers, are holding their Annual Fly-In at the Clifton Airfield, on Sunday, 13th March 2016, from 6.00am until 2.00pm.

The fly-in will feature many aspects of aviation including: recreational, vintage, homebuilt and factory built aircraft. A special feature this year will be local "UTE and BOOT" market stalls and possibly a variety of classic cars on display. Fly, drive, come early, bring yourself, your family and friends for an enjoyable outing and ask about the club's annual youth flying training scholarship for 2016.

The day is open to the public, no admission fees. There will be BBQ lunch, tea, coffee and cold drinks available.

The airfield is situated 6 km west of Clifton alongside the Clifton-Leyburn Road. For more information contact Trevor Bange on 0429 378 370, www.loneeagleflyingschool.org.au or admin@loneeagleflyingschool.org.au



Sunday Tennis Returns

After a break over December/January, Sunday Tennis will resume at the Allora Tennis Courts this week from 3.00pm. The ball fee is \$3 per adult, children of playing adults are free. Spare racquets are on hand if needed. Come along for a hit. No serious tennis, just good fun. Please direct enquiries to Andrew on 0408 845 549.

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RESULTS - ALLORA & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY RAFFLE, drawn 24/01/16: 1st Prize \$100 Fuel - Gary Evans, Allora; 2nd Prize \$50 Fuel - Colin Campbell, Park Ridge. We would like to thank Glenmar Fuels for donating the prizes.

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