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Glyn Rees – For Current Community and Future Generations

Councillor candidate for the Southern Downs Regional Council, familiar Allora local Glyn Rees, hopes to continue to be a voice for the region's wider community, especially small towns and rural areas, having nominated for the 2016 Local Government Elections. "Coming from Allora and regularly visiting the regions other small towns & villages, I am hearing the message regularly, people want to identify with a person from their area with smaller community knowledge" said Mr Rees.

"The Southern Downs region encompasses a very broad area, with differing priorities and cultures, people from all areas want to feel "represented, respected & remembered" and many don't feel they are currently" said the current Regional Councillor and

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former Warwick Shire Councillor. Current Councillors also continue to deal with what are the significant challenges still evident in amalgamating the former Warwick & Stanthorpe Shires as one, while representing the community as a whole. Glyn Rees would like to see the Council make up continue to be balanced as it were, with representation obviously from the larger centres of Warwick & Stanthorpe, but also representation of rural areas and small towns by people from that sector. The subject of reintroduction of Divisions is a popular topic throughout the Southern Downs and needs to be considered by Council.

The role of a Councillor on the Southern Downs Regional Council will be no less challenging in the coming term, than it has been over the past eight years. Amalgamation issues continue to linger and will do for some time to come, as will the

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Letters to the Editor...

The Editor,
 On March 19 Queenslanders will be asked to make an important decision about our state's future. Held on the same day as the local government elections, you will be asked to decide whether the term of our State Parliament should be changed from an unfixed, three-year term to a fixed, four-year term.

I am supporting fixed terms because they will provide far greater certainty for Queenslanders and take away any political opportunism that can play a part in government decisions on election timing. This reform will put a 'leg-roped' politician who are used to calling elections at a time that suits them, and often well ahead of when an election is due.

There are solid practical reasons to introduce fixed, four-year terms. Over the years I've had many people approach me asking for greater clarity on this issue given the significant impact an election can have on the day to day running of businesses and people's personal lives; whether it be planning holidays around an election or simply deciding how to place your vote.

Fixed terms will also remove the constant election date speculation from our political process and provide the certainty and confidence to business that we know drives investment and job creation in our region. Voting yes will mean the voters of Southern Downs and right across Queensland will know exactly when an election will be held and can plan accordingly. Finally, I am certain fixed terms will deliver better government and policy making for all Queenslanders as decisions will be made in the interest of better outcomes and improved services for the community, rather than for short term political gain.

I encourage you to give strong consideration to this important question, and in the interests of all Queenslanders vote yes on March 19 to four-year fixed terms.

Lawrence Springborg
 Opposition Leader
 Member for Southern Downs

To the Editor,

The election for local government is nearly upon us, with all or most of the current councillors and mayor seeking to be re-elected.

The current Council has failed to reduce the very large debt of

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some \$29 million dollars which has increased from \$23 million dollars in 2011. Rate revenue has increased in the same period from \$34 million dollars to \$45 million dollars. Recently one councillor when interviewed by television news in relation to the debt, made the comment, residents will have to get use to NOT receiving gold plated services. What a joke or is the Councillor confusing his salary with the lack of services by this Council.

None of the current Council should even have the hide to nominate for the upcoming election as they are all responsible for the current situation.

A vote for ANY of the current members of the council is a vote of confidence in their ability to manage the current debt. If the majority of the current council is re-elected they will start to reduce services further and or start to impose levies on rate payers.

None of the currently council is worthy of a single vote and should be shown the door.

Regards,
 Kel. Timms, 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.

St Patrick's School Students Get Creative on Canvas for 'Art in the Convent'

The St Patrick's School community are in full swing with preparations for the Centenary celebrations next weekend, March 12th & 13th. Students have been busy being creative on canvas as each class completes their art piece to be unveiled at the 'Art in the Convent' Art Show, next Saturday evening, commencing at 6.30pm. Each child in the school will have a painting on display for the community to view and

WEATHER FORECAST

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THU	Mostly Sunny. Mild.	17 27
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MON	Mostly Sunny. Warm.	18 29
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Talgai Students with their masterpieces.

purchase through a silent auction over the weekend. There are over fifty creative pieces and photography nominated for the Art Show from very talented people across our Southern Downs region, in addition to the pieces produced by the students of St Patrick's School. Tickets for the 'Art in the Convent' Opening night went on sale last Thursday at \$20 per person. Those attending the evening are encouraged to purchase their tickets early to ensure they do not miss out on the enjoyable cultural evening. Tickets include a commemorative wine glass, as well as music entertainment by local music talent and a rustic themed grazing station of antipasto foods. The Centenary



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Southern Downs' arts and culture supported through RADF funding

A diverse range of creative arts and cultural projects will unfold around the Southern Downs as part of one of the State's most active arts programs, the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF).

The RADF is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Southern Downs Regional Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.

At its General Meeting held last week, Council approved six projects from across the region which will benefit from more than \$33,800 in funding under the second RADF Round for 2015/16.

Southern Downs Regional Council's Director Planning, Environment and Community Services, Mr Ken Harris said Council was pleased with the high standard of applications received.

"In the main, Council continues to receive not only well developed but exciting applications for projects which will continue to strengthen the important arts and cultural fabric of our region," he said.

Premier and Arts Minister Anastacia Palaszczuk said the Queensland Government is providing \$2.08 million in 2015/16 for the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF), a state and local government partnership with 59 local councils across Queensland.

"The \$2.08 million will leverage approximately \$1.8 million from local councils, and means an anticipated total of \$3.9 million will be available for arts projects across the state," the Premier

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responsibility of debt reduction. While working to address those challenges, if elected, Mr Rees also wants people in our smaller communities to know they have a voice & and there is an ear with a genuine knowledge of what they have been, and continue to experience.

Glyn Rees is a name many will be familiar with around the Southern Downs, particularly the Allora and Warwick areas. He can boast 40 years of dedicated involvement within his local and wider and former communities. He has resided in the Region for the past 27 years, a former fire service officer who transferred from Gladstone for a short term stay, and never left, "the Region has so much to offer, and when we arrived in Warwick in 1989 we decided this was a perfect location to raise our family". "People will mostly associate me with local government and junior sport administration, but my community involvement has spread, and continues to do so, across many voluntary organisations".

Local Government experience on the new Southern Downs Regional Council will be very beneficial, if not vital, and Mr. Rees can boast such experience having served as a Councillor with the former Warwick Shire from 2004 – 2008, representing the Warwick Shire's Division 1 area (Allora district), and the past four years a Councillor on the Southern Downs Regional Council.

said.

"Each year around 500,000 people are involved in RADF projects as practitioners, participants or audience members, helping to ensure that Queenslanders can engage with arts in their local community.

"RADF supports arts, cultural and heritage projects throughout Queensland, ranging from local festivals and celebrations, to training, education and employment outcomes for Queensland artists.

"The revamped RADF program developed in consultation with local councils has opened the way for an expansion of the arts at a local level with public art commissions, access to touring productions and more training opportunities on offer," she said. Round Two successful RADF grant recipients are:

Stanthorpe Pottery Club – To engage local prominent sculptor Maggie Brookie to conduct a "Feathers & Fur: Sculpting Nature" workshop to up skill participants in naturalistic 3D modelling, \$1,400.

Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery – To engage professional street art muralist Travis Vinson to undertake a Stanthorpe Street Art Project during the 2016 Apple and Grape Festival, \$4,200.

Stanthorpe Camera Club – To conduct of a two-day Photoshop course facilitated by an accredited trainer and photographer for local photographers, \$3,960.

Granite Belt Choir – To engage Graeme Morton, Director of Brisbane Chamber Choir to facilitate workshops for musicians and singers, \$1,316.

Jumpers and Jazz Organising Committee – To support engagement of jazz musicians and ensembles for the Jazz program of the 2016 Jumpers and Jazz in July festival, \$20,091.

Allora Photography Group – To engage Blue Dog Photography tutor to conduct a two-day environmental portrait workshop to enhance participants' knowledge and skills, \$2,875.

"Council is satisfied with the diversity of projects supported this round and that the funding will deliver ongoing arts and cultural benefits to a number of communities within the Southern Downs," said Mr Harris.

As a result of the Round Two approvals, the 2015/16 RADF program funds have been fully allocated, and there will be no further rounds offered for the 2015/16 financial year.

For further information about Council's RADF program, please contact Kristy Rohde, RADF Liaison Officer, on 1300 MY SDRG (1300 697 372) or visit Council's website www.sdrq.qld.gov.au/doing-business/grants-funding.

Glyn's 27 year residency on the Southern Downs has seen him living for six years in Warwick, & the past 21 years in Allora. He and wife Wendy share a 36 year marriage, and are very proud of their four grown children & four Grandchildren.

The former career fire officer, who has received numerous employee and community recognition awards, has worked tirelessly within community & sporting groups/clubs throughout the Southern Downs.

He has served for over three decades as a region representative of local community organizations, local regional & State sport and workplace employees at regional & state level.

Mr. Rees retired from the Queensland Fire & Rescue Service in 2008 after more than 25 years service, including twenty years as a Delegate to the United Firefighters Union, Qld State Management Committee having represented Central Queensland and South West Queensland in turn.

Previous to the Fire Service Mr. Rees operated a business as a Builder in the Gladstone area.

The past 26 years has also seen him engaged as a casual/freelance media reporter/columnist with newspapers and magazines in the Southern Queensland region.

Warwick Shire Council Australia Day "Citizen of the Year" 2004, Glyn Rees has proven his passion for his community, and if re-elected will continue with that passion as a Southern Downs Regional Councillor, "a strong voice on Council for all Southern

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Glyn Rees

Glyn says "I make no promises other than to say I will continue to dedicate myself to the community of the Southern Downs, while pursuing necessary and realistic outcomes, that serve to enhance lifestyle, opportunity and our Region as a whole".

"The priority of course is continuing on Council's current direction to rope in levels of debt that are serving to slow the region's development opportunities and affect levels of service." If I can make a simple suggestion to all in our Southern Downs Region, "What's Past is Past, let's Move Ahead to the Future." It's not meant to sound prophetic, just a few words that give simple guidance to a way forward, a vital directional sign for the Southern Downs Regional Council and the Southern Downs community.

Yes we have debt, we are all aware of that fact, but your Council is making effective traction to retire that debt while addressing the significant responsibilities & services that must be a priority across our region.

The debt must be addressed, which doesn't have to be in the form of demanding rates & cost rises, but there is much to consider to have our Region approaching the future in a productive & positive manner.

The new Southern Downs Regional Council must & will be a team regardless of make-up, a team within itself and a team with the organisation's dedicated staff. Those team colours are also worn by all community members of this amazing part of Queensland, the Southern Downs. Together the "Southern Downs Team" will achieve and enjoy success along with the fruits of such commitment.

On the road of progress the Southern Downs continues to build on its early foundations, expanding and prospering, leaving the past behind having harvested its lessons while moving towards the future.

It is with these thoughts and goals in mind that I, the current Councillor Glyn Rees, humbly requests your support to continue the passion, dedication and commitment I have given my communities over the past four decades.

"For Our Current Community & Future Generations"

Glyn Rees, JP (Qual)

SCOTT CHRISTENSEN

VOTE 1
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FOR SOUTHERN
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✓ Motivated to work within our means to get the job done.

✓ Team Player

✓ Believes communication is the key

✓ Ensuring even allocation of council resources

"Your vote is important and I hope you make the best decision for your family."

"I am a local striving for satisfaction for you and your community.

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INTRODUCING VOTE 1 Maggie Stokes

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Allora Mens' Shed Golf/Bowls Day

50 participants enjoyed a sunny, if windy day at the Allora Mens' Shed Annual Golf & Bowls Day at the Allora Sports Club on Saturday.

Representatives of the Major sponsors of the day - Komatsu Forklifts Brisbane and Joe Wagner Group Toowoomba - battled to be the top team. The Wagner team swore to return to turn the tables next year on Komatsu who were definitely the 'best' dressed on the day.

The major raffles were drawn on the night, the winners being: - 2 tickets to V8 Supercars: Phillip Bailey; Family of 4 accommodation at Paradise Resort: Neil Ellwood; Family pass to Australia Zoo: Mellissa Selimich. The winner of the lucky door prize of a \$100 gift card to Dreamworld: Anita Thornes.

In presenting trophies, President Trevor Shields congratulated the winners, all participants and he especially thanked the Allora Community for their so valued ongoing support of the local Mens' Shed.

Any potential members are most welcome to call in at the old Fire Station on Thursday and Saturday mornings for a chat.



Amber Kowaltzke of Komatsu Forklifts Brisbane team gives the 'thumbs up'.

BAD JOKE(s) OF THE WEEK

Grandmother: Now William, be a good boy and eat your spinach. It will put some colour in your cheeks.

William: But I don't want to have green cheeks.

How do you get a boxer to laugh?

Start telling a joke and then hit him with the punchline.

Teacher: Today I want you to write an essay on an elephant.

Pupil: But won't we fall off?

DAYS FOR GIRLS

Days for Girls is in full swing again after a short break. We met for Morning Tea in Allora and afternoon tea in Warwick. Both events were well attended and renewed enthusiasm in our members. Robbie Burton and Roslyn Amiss, our Chapter Leaders, attended both events and gave us an up date of the delivery of 1500 (which included ours) DfG kits to Nepal. Roslyn has organised a network of health workers to deliver future kits and showed us the kits which the Nepalese ladies have learnt to sew and distribute themselves. This is great progress. Another shipment is ready to go, some to Nepal and some to The Philippines.

When we started, there were seventy-two countries receiving help from Days for Girls. Now there are ninety-two so many

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women are benefiting from the organisation.

Our Team has grown considerably and we now have sewers, cutters, etc from Clifton, Maryvale, Wiyarra, Warwick, Cunningham and interest from Victoria Hill, Pratten and several community groups in Warwick.

Our major Fund Raiser at the moment is a small change collections. Members are recruiting teams and there are collection jars in several local businesses. Contributions will continue until 30th June so we would appreciate your support. We will have a Packing Day on April 7th with the aim of Packing 100 plus kits. This takes place at Mary McKillop Meeting Room from 9.30. These days are very successful and sociable. Morning Tea is served. Anyone who would like to attend is most welcome.

Currently we are low in cotton/ poly cotton material for shields and bags. If anyone has either of these materials left over from previous projects, donations can be left at Allora Tyre Service or Bryson's Cafe in Warwick. All would be put to good use and much appreciated.

Thank you for your interest and support. We are very proud of our supporters and acknowledge their great contributions. Contact Rosemary 4697 3474 or Cathie 4666 2441 for further information.

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11-13 March 2016 Brisbane Showgrounds

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National 4x4 Outdoors Show, Fishing & Boating Expo - AND FREE TICKET GIVEAWAY OPPORTUNITY

With an unrivalled line-up of outdoor activities, demonstrations and celebrities, the National 4x4 Outdoors Show, Fishing & Boating Expo on March 11-13, 2016 at the Brisbane Showgrounds will be THE premier event for outdoors enthusiasts this year.

More than 20,000 square metres will be dedicated to everything outdoor related, with leading exhibitors showcasing the best of the best in the caravan, camping, touring, towing, fishing, boating and 4x4 arenas.

Tickets are now on sale to this premier outdoors event, which will showcase a fantastic variety of popular industry experts and retailers, and all of the favourite Show features again this year. Don't miss out on all of the action on the dedicated Eagers Holden Colorado Proving Ground, Campfire Cooking Stage, Fishing Stage, WAECO Outback Stage and the adrenalin-pumping Action Arena.

The first of the special guests joining the Show have been announced, with the line-up including John 'Rothy' Rooth, Shaun and Graham from 4WD Action, Rick and Jamie from The Off Road Adventure Show, and Jase Andrews from All 4 Adventure.

On the popular Fishing Stage, visitors can also see special guests Steve 'Starlo' Starling from Channel 10's Off Road Adventure Show and his wife, Jo Starling, who will be talking about how 'the family that fishes together, stays together'.

Ex-AFL footballer, Peter 'Spida' Everitt and his wife Sheree will host the Campfire Cooking Corner, inspired by their exciting adventures on the road in the hit show, The Great Australian Doorstep.

Each special guest has their own unique, exciting and interesting stories to share, and can provide fantastic advice to those who love the great Australian outdoors.

Off the stage, thrill-seekers will be treated to heart-pumping displays on the Action Arena, with plenty of entertainment and excitement for all ages.

Another exciting new feature sure to draw the crowds will be the new 4WD Proving Ground, which features a purpose built track where visitors can not only test the latest 4WDs with

The Allora Community Circle Invites Your Participation!

An event such as **The Allora Autumn Festival** can only happen with the good will of the community organisations, businesses and residents.

The Allora Community Circle are delighted with the enthusiasm and commitment to date and wish to invite your participation.

We need men to help setup and take down tables and chairs etc. and to take on roles for the event as needed.

Allora Advertiser is offering complimentary double passes to the **National 4x4 Outdoors Show, Fishing & Boating Expo** for 11th-13th March, at Brisbane showground to the first 5 men who register to help with The Allora Autumn Festival.

To register your interest, phone 4666 3128.

professional drivers on hand to answer questions, but experience a range of driver education demonstrations ranging from safe towing to recovery and rescue.

Big name exhibitors already confirmed for this year's Show include ARB, TJM, Opposite Lock, WAECO, Kingdom 4WD,

Conqueror and Eagers Holden, plus a host of other industry leaders.

Tickets for the 2016 National 4x4 Outdoors Show, Fishing & Boating Expo are available now and priced at \$18 for adults, \$13 for seniors, with children under 15 free. A two day adult pass is also available for \$30.

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World Day of Prayer is held each year on the first Friday in March worldwide. This year the Service in Allora will be held in the Uniting Church at 10.00am on Friday, 4th March (tomorrow). The Service has been written by the people of Cuba. The Guest Speaker will be Mr Peter Campbell from Warwick who, together with his wife Sue, has recently visited Cuba. All are welcome to enjoy this time of fellowship. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea after the Service.

Local Legends
Rugby League Trivia

Who, when asked to play with Wattles so that he could make the Toowoomba team, said, "If I want a Toowoomba jersey, I'll buy one!"?

Answers in Classifieds section

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Community Organisations in South East QLD Encouraged to Apply for Our Neighbourhood Grants

Community organisations across South East Queensland can benefit from funding of one-off cash payments of up to \$10,000 with applications now open for the 2016 Our Neighbourhood Community Grants program.

The program recognises the important role smaller charities and community groups play across the country in building connections for people who are excluded or isolated.

Through providing funding of up to \$10,000 per project, the program helps community organisations working to build a more inclusive and connected society.

Australia Post, General Manager Community Relations, Andrea Pearman, said Our Neighbourhood Community Grants focus on supporting local community groups that often get overlooked for funding elsewhere.

"We live in a world that's more connected than ever, but it's still the things happening in our streets, in our neighbourhoods and in our communities that often have the biggest impact," Ms Pearman said.

"At Australia Post, we believe in the power of communities. We understand the importance of local projects and we are passionate about supporting local groups that bring people together and build lasting connections within communities and neighbourhoods," she said.

In 2016, Our Neighbourhood Community Grants will be awarded to community organisations and projects that focus on the following areas:

- Digital Capability: projects that build digital skills for individuals and the wider community
- Employment Pathways: projects that increase employment opportunities for marginalised people
- Community Inclusion: projects that build community spirit and foster inclusion
- Disaster Readiness: projects that help communities better prepare for natural disasters

"While we recognise the value of the thousands of different causes and projects around the country, we focus our resources on these four key areas where we think we can make the biggest impact," Ms Pearman said.

"We're encouraging community organisations across South East Queensland to head to the website, read through the information and apply now online," she said.

To apply for an Our Neighbourhood Community Grant or to find out more about eligibility, criteria and application tips visit ourneighbourhood.com.au.

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Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago March 1991

Trough in Park

A large wooden water trough, built in 1948, has been placed in Dalrymple Park. The trough, with a capacity of 1200 gallons, was cut by Jack Busiko and Bill Blocksidge from a dead bloodwood tree in the Pechey State Forest. Jack Busiko worked for the Stark family at Pechey until 1940 when he moved with the family to Ellinthorp. He returned to work in the forest at Pechey in 1944. In 1948 he arrived at Ellinthorp with the trough as a birthday present for Mr. Watty Stark. It was carried on the back of an ex-Army GMC 6x6 truck.

The Stark family sold the Ellinthorp property in 1980 and the current owners, Don and Margaret Duff, have donated the trough to the Allora Shire Council. Allora

Shire Chairman, Cr. Jim Deacon, accepted the trough on behalf of the Shire. Denny's Engineering, and crane driver, Mr. Don Crawford, played a significant role in the task of transporting and installing the trough in the park. Jack Busiko and members of the Stark family were present to see the trough placed in position.

Allora's Past 50 years ago March 1966

Allora-Clifton Football Club

First Training Run for the Season on Friday, 4th March. All intending players are urged to attend.

FIRST TRIAL MATCH

Allora-Clifton v. Collegians
Sunday, 6th March, at Clifton.

A Grade, Reserve Grade, Under 18,
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Allora's Past 75 years ago March 1941

Airman Entertained

Aircraftman Neville Guy, a former resident of Allora, visited the district recently while on leave. He was the recipient of a presentation of a wallet and ever-sharp pencil from the Allora Welfare Committee. During his stay in Allora he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Munsie.

Allora's Past 100 years ago March 1916

Obituary

Mr. George Webb, an extremely popular resident of the district, passed away suddenly at his home at Headington Hill on Sunday night, the cause of death being heart failure. The deceased gentleman, who was in his 63rd year, was an Englishman and came to Australia while a young man, taking up pastoral pursuits with his brother, who predeceased him by a number of years. Some years ago he purchased several portions of the Headington Hill Estate, which he converted into a very fine property and on which he successfully carried on mixed farming with dairying as a speciality. He was also prominent in sporting affairs, and coursing in particular owed much in its palmier days to his generous patronage. His kennels supplied the victor of many a sternly contested event. He leaves a widow and grown-up family to mourn his loss, with only the youngest son residing at "Bundarah", Mr. Webb's home. The interment took place in the Allora cemetery on Tuesday, the Rev. S. Baggaley officiating at the graveside.



"Bundarah" built for Mr. George Webb in 1898. Owned by the Newport family from 1919 to 2000.

Colin Newport

Commonwealth Bank staff support young Australians for tenth year by pledging \$2 million in community grants

Applications opened Monday, 29 February, for organisations that support the health and wellbeing of Australian youth to apply for a Community Grant, as Commonwealth Bank continues its annual staff-funded initiative for the tenth year. Commonwealth Bank staff in partnership with the Bank will invest \$2 million in local communities across Australia by awarding hundreds of individual grants, worth up to \$10,000 each.

Since the initiative launched in 2007, \$11.7 million in grants have been awarded to more than 1,400 youth-focused organisations to support a range of programs on education, health and social inclusion.

The Community Grants program is an initiative of the Commonwealth Bank Staff Community Fund, Australia's longest running employee contribution program. Staff can contribute a nominal amount from each pay towards the fund, which is then matched dollar-for-dollar by Commonwealth Bank.

Kylie Macfarlane, General Manager Corporate Responsibility, Commonwealth Bank, said: "Our staff have a long and proud history of supporting the health and wellbeing of young Australians, and our Community Grants are just one of the ways we can help improve the lives of Aussie kids."

"The grants are made possible by the generosity of more than 13,000 of our current and retired staff donating a little from each pay to the fund."

"We look forward to receiving this year's applications and encourage eligible organisations across the country to apply." To be eligible for a 2016 Community Grant, organisations must support the health and wellbeing of Australians up to 21 years of age and be endorsed by the Australian Tax Office with Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status.

Events Calendar

2016

- 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** St Pat's School Centenary: Art in the Convent
Mackillop House, 6.30pm
- Sun 13** St Pat's School Centenary: Mass & Celebrations
St Patrick's School, 10.00am followed by celebrations
- Thu 17** Victoria Hill QCWA St. Patricks Day Concert & Lunch
Victoria Hill Hall, 9.30am.
- Sat 19** Allora Men's Shed Meeting
Allora Men's Shed (old Fire Station), 9.30am
- Sat 19** Doctor Who Club of Australia - Allora Local Group
Allora QCWA rooms, 10.00am.
- 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 on Drayton, Pop-Up Stalls & Displays, Open Gardens
Allora Community Circle
- May -**
- Sun 1** Allora Autumn Festival: Penny Farthing Bikes, Allora's Great Gourmet BBQ, Open Gardens
Allora Community Circle
- Fri 6** Victoria Hill Hall Cent Sale
Victoria Hill Hall, 7.00pm
- 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
- Sat 25** Allora Men's Shed Meeting
Allora Men's Shed (old Fire Station), 9.30am
- July -**
- Sat 30** Allora Men's Shed Annual General Meeting
Allora Men's Shed (old Fire Station), 9.30am
- October -**
- Sat 8** Allora High Tea Fundraiser

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

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

Applications are now open and close at 5.00 pm AEDT on Monday, 28 March 2016. To apply for a grant or for more information, visit commbank.com.au/grants.

Fire trails to blaze ahead with funding boost

Southern Downs' residents will stand to benefit from the construction and maintenance of more fire trails in the region, with funding confirmed by the Queensland's Deputy Premier, Jackie Trad.

At last week's General Meeting, Southern Downs Regional Council noted correspondence from the Deputy Premier approving a contribution of \$31,680 to Council under the Queensland Government's 2015-16 Community Resilience Fund for fire trail construction and maintenance.

Southern Downs Regional Council's Mayor, Cr Peter Blundell said the funding was welcomed and, along with Council's in-kind contribution of more than \$20,000, would help to protect residents from the devastating effects of bushfire, through disaster preparedness and risk mitigation.

"Council is very pleased that our application to the Community Resilience Fund was successful and will enable Council to proceed with the additional fire trail construction and maintenance in partnership with Rural Fire Service Queensland (RFSQ)," said the Mayor.

Council's Disaster Management Coordinator, Mr Mark Saunders, said the bulk of the funding is earmarked for use in the southern end of the Southern Downs region.

"Three new fire trails, of approximately 13 kilometres, have been identified for construction in and around Ballandean and Eukey, and some maintenance of existing trails will also take place in these areas.

"Some of the funding will be used to undertake maintenance of the existing 42 kilometres of fire trails in the ranges east of Warwick, which were built during the fires of 2009," said Mr Saunders.

Southern Downs Regional Council worked in partnership with the Stanthorpe and Warwick Groups of RFSQ to identify and prioritise construction and maintenance of new and existing fire trails across the region.

"Significant work was undertaken by RFSQ staff and volunteers and Council officers in mid-2015 to develop the application to the Community Resilience Funds, and it's a credit to all involved that the application has been successful," added Mr Saunders.

Michael Welsh, Group Officer for Warwick Group and Acting Bush Fire Safety Officer with RFSQ said fire trails allow Rural Fire Brigades to access areas that are generally inaccessible so they can attack and cut off fires.

"If we can get resources closer to the fire then we can attack it earlier. Less land will be burnt out and the safety of our volunteer fire fighters is markedly improved, allowing them to get home and get back to work sooner.

"Fire trails can also be used as control lines for hazard reduction burns during operation Cool Burn" said Mr Welsh.

The first project meeting of key stakeholders was held last week, to determine the schedule of works. It is envisaged that

?? CSIRO Double Helix Quiz ??

1. What does MRSA stand for and where do you usually find it?
2. How many electrons can a carbon atom accept?
3. What is an anticline? Is it a) a fold in layers of rock, b) a type of extinct mammal, or c) a chemical imbalance?
4. What body part do butterflies use to taste?
5. What makes the noble gases noble?

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the fire trail works will be completed ahead of the next bushfire season.

Council would also remind land owners that they need to take action to reduce the fuel load on their properties as a further mitigation strategy.

For more information about the Fire Trails project or disaster management, contact Council's Disaster Management Coordinator on 1300 MY SDR (1300 697 372) or visit Council's website: www.sdrq.qld.gov.au/council/disaster-management. For information about preparing for Bushfires, visit the Rural Fire Services Queensland website www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au.

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Council staff give generously to Southern Downs ARK

Southern Downs Animal Rescue and Kare (ARK) will be able to continue its important work in rescuing and rehoming unloved, forgotten and abandoned animals with a donation from Southern Downs Regional Council staff, who have been going 'Casual for a Cause'.

At today's General Council Meeting, Mayor Peter Blundell proudly presented a staff donation of \$420.95 to Southern Downs ARK President, Ann Simon.

"Southern Downs ARK is the fifth local not for profit community organisation nominated by staff to receive donations under the staff 'Casual for a Cause' initiative.

"Council staff dressed down and made donations throughout December and January for Southern Downs ARK, and the considerable donation of \$420.95 brings the total staff donations made since the start of this initiative to a whopping \$1866.25.

"This is also an opportune time to acknowledge the tremendous work and efforts of Southern Downs ARK in rehoming animals, and the great working relationship that has developed between ARK and Council to enable this rehoming to occur. Notably, this has resulted in a vast decrease in the number of animals at Council's pounds needing to be euthanised; a very positive outcome for these animals and for our region," said the Mayor.

In response to the staff donation, Southern Downs ARK President, Ann Simon thanked staff for their generosity.

"Southern Downs ARK really appreciates the donation. We don't only take dogs from Council's Stanthorpe and Warwick pounds, we take cats and, in fact, in the last 12 months we've taken nearly 400 cats and about 50 dogs and puppies.

"We have a lot of help from rescue groups in Brisbane and on the coasts who take more dogs than we do, as we're so very small and it's such a small community here. We do get quite a few adopted here, but they of course are able to adopt out more animals down there.

"It's an absolute pleasure dealing with the Warwick and Stanthorpe pounds, and particularly Council's Animal Control Officers, Pam, Amanda and Matt, who are so very very helpful to us" Ms Simon said.

The Mayor added "I'd also like to take this opportunity to announce that Granite Belt Support Services Inc is the chosen recipient for the Casual for a Cause staff donations collected throughout February, and Council will certainly look forward to presenting them with the next round of staff donations."

Council's Casual for a Cause initiative makes it easy for staff to show their support for important services, and particularly



Council's Mayor Peter Blundell presents the 'Casual for a Cause' staff donation to Southern Downs ARK President, Ann Simon.

those that are volunteer-based, like the Southern Downs ARK, through a coordinated donation program.



ALLORA NIGHT BOWLS RESULTS - ROUND SEVEN - 2016 SEASON

It looked serious, Kevin and Nick from Bindartins and Denis and Alece from Zoolanders all standing with their arms folded watching as their skips bowl. Wish I had a camera to capture their look of concentration. There is a rule about the standing distance from the 'head' of play. Players shall stand a minimum of 2m behind the head or the mat or on the bank. The 'director' of the team may stand at any point in or in front of the head in order to direct the player on the mat or to indicate where a bowl is to be played, but shall as soon as the bowl is delivered, retire a minimum distance of 2m. Hey, that is serious stuff, but seriously we do need to observe some common sense rules. Paddo enforced the 9 p.m. end of play for the first time. When the bells rings, down bowls and return to club house. He is also getting tough with late arrivals. Games commence at 7 p.m.

With their wins on Tuesday night, The Three Amigos, Lawn Grubs and the Old Boys are all on 12 points. The Swimming Pool had a great win over Rooniks and took home the winner's trophy. Bindartins were the runners up on rink 5. Other winning teams were What Ever, The Intruders and Zoolanders.

The popular segment, 'touchers' starts with a bell clang and is soon over as 'toucher' is called out over the green. Lyn, Brett, Luke, Danny, Stewart and Jim all took home an Evans Drilling block of chocolates. Gene was in charge of supper. He served up spicy and honey satay chicken wings. Thank you to Gene and Bev who assisted too. Everybody watches as the button is pushed and the numbers appear on the screen for the raffle prizes. Greg acknowledges our appreciation of the sponsors each week. Thank you to I.G.A., Bolzen Sands, True Value Hardware, Paul Parker Painter, Swimming Pool and the Allora Sports Club.

Have seen John Cochran down at the Sports Club very early some mornings making sure the green is kept in good condition. Thank you to all the volunteers.

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There are many places to sit and enjoy the garden. Lynn had a great teacher - her mother. Her five sisters also have beautiful gardens and their daughter Susan Wallace is also carrying on the tradition at 52 Arnold Street, Allora. Susan will have her "View from the footpath" cottage garden all ready, a prize winner open on 30th April and 1st of May for the Allora Autumn Festival.

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GOLF Allora Golf Notes

Friday 26th we played our Duck Run comp with quite a few players out on the course giving it a go. The winner for the day with 25 stableford points was Chad Wilson. Runner up was Rod Simpson with 22 points. Pin prizes were on offer for the 16th and was taken out by Chad, the 12th was taken by Kev Harrison. Congratulations to the winners and all players.

Saturday 27th we played the annual Allora Men's Shed golf and bowls day and what a great day it was. A small contingent of golfers and a much bigger contingent of bowlers enjoyed the day. The staff from the Joe Wagner Group and Komatsu enjoyed themselves as can be evidenced with the antics during the trivia challenge which was in the form of charades. Sunday 28th a two ball ambrose event kindly sponsored by Allora Butchery was played and the winners were John Sparksman and Kev Harrison, Runners up were Max Beilfield and Kel Strange, run down winners were Matt May and Ken Wilson. Pin prizes were on offer for the 8th and went to Max, 17th went to Lindsey 'Moose' May, the 3rd went to Barry Brown Jnr, 12th goes to Tom Henry, 6th to Ray and the 15th to Kev Harrison. We also had some long drive prizes up for grabs with the 1st taken out by Corbs and the 10th going to Garth Simpson.

Well done to the winners and all players over our golf filled weekend, some great golf was played and no doubt after the Mens Shed day a few tall tales were told. Once again a big thank you to our volunteer workers for doing the tremendous work on our course. Next week is the start of our Club Championships and you can bet last years winners are sure to do their best to hold off all challengers in each grade. Great golfing to you all.

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Railway Hotel Rascals vs. Allora - Qualifying Final: 3rd vs 4th

So... Sunday morning arrives, the players turn up to Mayhew Oval (at least most were on time... hint hint to someone), and everyone knows they are part of a team that has made their way to the A grade finals, and find themselves in new territory. Uncharted waters for many of the young, but maturing, Rascals players. The Rascals are in A grade, regardless of what happens from here, all players can be proud of their progress, both individually and as a team.

Allora won the toss and elected to bowl, which turned out to be a great move for most of the innings. Only Tom Morris (21), Mick Kelk (12) and a patient 5 from Henry Gartery added any real value to the score. At 9-64 the Rascals were looking down the barrel, thanks to Stewie Henderson taking 3-15/5, and with that taking the Morris boys and Jake Christensen, three of the Rascals best best batters. Nick Van Der Poel was at the crease and must have had a few anxious thoughts as number 11, Matthew Christensen, strode out to the crease confidently - as he always does! Well, what happened next can barely be described in words. Joe Morris watched the action alongside myself, and he could barely believe what was happening, all I heard from Joe (and the team behind him) was mad cheering and whooping for the two batsmen that saved our season! Nick Van Der Poel (38*) and Matthew Christensen (35), both hitting personal high scores, added an amazing 73 runs for the last wicket! This took our score to 137 runs overall, and gave the Rascals a chance with a defendable score. It wasn't only the size of the partnership, but in the manner in which it was done - a six from Nick alongside his five 4's, and from Matty, five 4's, four of which came as his first four scoring shots (.44...4....4) - these shots set the Rascals fans cheering louder that I have ever heard before, and then Nicks six happened!!! So, all out for 137, time to bowl.

Opening the bowling was our strong combination of Joe Morris and Nick Van Der Poel, who again set a great platform with tight bowling that built pressure on the batsmen. Joe (1-18/6) got the early breakthrough whilst Nick (0-20/5) kept things tight. This good bowling partnership allowed Jamie Holmes and Jake Christensen (who I now have to call a part time bowler) to have three overs each before the first drinks break. And it was the old stalwart who took two quick wickets in this spell to move the score from 1-57 to 3-61 - a much better feeling going to drinks. After the resumption of play, Jamie (4-41/10) took another wicket, followed by two from Jake (3-29/10) to leave the Allora side in a precarious position at 5-69. 6-82. 7-95. 8-103. 9-113. Three more wickets to the same bowlers and a great run out, thanks to a throw from that man, Nick Van Der Poel. Last wicket partnership coming up. Thankfully for the Rascals, only three runs were added, as Matthew Christensen had the batter caught by a very good catch from Henry Gartery at leg slip. Allora all out for 116 - game over - the Rascals find a way to advance to the semi-final! Jake also took two very, very good catches in the field and Tom and Joe Morris each took a hard catch.

Railway Hotel Rascals player of the year points- 3: Nick Van Der Poel, 2: Matthew Christensen, =1: Jamie Holmes, =1: Jake Christensen.

This Sunday, starting at 9.45am at Slade Park in Warwick, the Rascals take on Wheatvale in the semi-final. After the last game, who knows what is ahead for the Rascals. We hope to see everyone there, and especially Robbie again, who has supported us continually throughout the year! On a final note, a massive congratulations to Nick Van Der Poel and Matthew Christensen who together accomplished a massive feat. Never give up.

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CSIRO DOUBLE HELIX QUIZ ANSWERS

1. MRS stands for methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* and it is a type of bacteria found mostly in hospitals. Golden staph is an alternative name.
2. A carbon atom can accept 4 electrons.
3. a) An antiline is a fold in layers of rock. It has the oldest rock in the centre or core of the fold.
b) Butterflies taste with their feet.
4. Butterflies taste with their feet.
5. Noble gases are noble because they do not typically react to other chemicals.

LOCAL LEGENDS - RUGBY LEAGUE TRIVIA

Q - Who, when asked to play with Wattles so that he could make the Toowoomba team, said, "If I want a Toowoomba jersey, I'll buy one!"
ANSWER = Ted Cowley

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