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THURSDAY, 17th MARCH 2016

RIGHT: Incoming president, Bill Lester, congratulates winning team, A Dry Argument, presenting them with the Rotary Trophy. The team generously donated the winning prize of \$400 to Rotary.



BELOW: Wooden spooners and good sports, A-Town Old Boys, all smiles. Our thanks to this team of younguns for donating their prize back to Rotary.



Rotary Trivia Night successful again.

Our annual Rotary Allora Trivia Night was a great success, with a dozen teams doing battle for a handsome prize. There were less protests this year and some younger faces. Although the questions were "too hard", a team from 'out-of-town' called A Dry Argument, fairly blitzed the field and led all the way.

Throughout the night, teams also bid for 'wild cards', did battle in song and many prizes for the raffle were drawn. Few went away empty-handed. Liz

Marshall provided sumptuous refreshments and Robyn Draper was MC, keeping the unruly in order.

Our thanks to the Allora community for coming out on the night to make it successful, our thanks to all our generous sponsors for providing prizes and thanks to the school for the use of the hall.

Our Trivia Night will come up same time next year, so keep Friday nights in early March free.

Andrew Westerman

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Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

Lions Club of Warwick Inc. and The Lions International Clubs District 201Q1 intend to form a Branch of Lions Club of Allora, if there is enough interest in your community. A branch can be formed by 5 or 6 interested members for a start or maybe more. If there are members of the Allora community who would be interested, the District officials intend to have a information night in Allora, at this stage Thursday, 7 April 2016, a venue and time TBA.

I hope that a Lions branch will eventuate in your community dependent on interest. Contact me by mobile 0422 158 181 or concettolg@gmail.com so that I can pass any info to the District.

Concetto Lo Giudice

President, Lions Club Warwick Inc. District 201Q1

To the people of Queensland,

This weekend you will be asked to vote on the future of your rights in Queensland by considering the possibility of fixed four year terms.

This proposal is to change Queensland's constitutional law so that the Government will have another year in power.

Before you decide, we encourage you to consider the detrimental impact this move will have on the rights of you as a citizen to influence the very government made to serve you.

To put it simply, longer parliamentary terms will water down our democratic standards and reduce the accountability of the parliament to you, its electors.

Apart from the election, Queenslanders have no form of checks and balances over their government in order to hold politicians to account.

Even with three year terms in place we have seen two previous governments treat the people of Queensland with contempt.

Consider what the cost would be if similar governments were given an extra year to exert their power.

As voters we expect the government to perform and make effective decisions, this will not happen by giving elected officials more breathing space with little accountability to the public in the meantime.

The risk of unaccountable authoritarian Government should far outweigh the convenience of less elections.

In essence this referendum works to serve and assist only one group of people - politicians.

Voting 'YES' plays into the hands of the major parties, securing the jobs of politicians and bureaucrats, not the people of Queensland.

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Solution in classifieds section

The truth is by supporting four year terms, you will not be 'Bringing Queensland into line with other states.'

Queensland is the only State without an Upper House of Parliament, to act as a check on the actions of government in between elections.

Other States with four-year terms have an Upper House as a safeguard for the people, Queensland would instead stand bare with no upper house, diminished democracy and little public accountability.

As it stands the Queensland government is far from the perfect system, however handing politicians another year of power is a backwards step.

Real security comes from a government working to do what is best for its people - a good government should not fear going to an election.

Don't weaken your vote, say 'No' to four year fixed terms.

KAP Member for Mount Isa Rob Katter

KAP Member for Dalrymple Shane Knuth

Madam,

WHY? - I am turning into an Informal Voter and have been for a while. In Queensland they are wanting us to vote for a 4 year term of government. What is the use?

We elect a State or Federal Government and what happens? We vote in one Party with a leader we think will stay, (Prime Minister or Premier of the elected Government.

But in turn, the Prime Minister or Premier is put out by their own Party, and a non-voted for leader becomes the leader and backstabber. As for a full 3 year term - Government does not go full term before a double dissolution of Parliament.

What has happened to stability in this country? Until we get a stable Government; Federal or State, this country will remain unstable in many ways. So I have become an Informal Voter: why vote for an unstable Government?

Informal Voter, Talgai, Qld

Dear Editor,

I recently travelled from NSW to Allora with the intention of looking at Real Estate investments in your area.

WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Min/Max
THU	Morning Clouds. Mild.	17 28
FRI	Broken Clouds. Warm.	15 30
SAT	Storms. Mostly Cloudy. Mild. Humid.	16 27
SUN	Morning Clouds. Mild.	16 26
MON	Partly Cloudy. Mild.	14 26
TUE	Morning Clouds. Mild.	13 26

One of the first things I noticed was people living in sheds in the town, the level of noise and dust from what I came to learn were wheat silos.

Then of course I discovered the outrageous rates that residents are subjected to. My company pays cheaper rates in Chelmer, one of the blue Ribbon suburbs of Brisbane for Residential properties.

Needless to say, our company won't be investing in Allora or surrounds.

Yours faithfully,

Name Withheld

Letter from the Editor -

St Patricks inaugural "Art in the Convent" Art Show on Saturday night proved to be an enjoyable and professionally run event.

Attendees enjoyed the ambiance of the convent in displaying the artwork. One would hope this event will become an ongoing showcase of local artistic talent in the Allora Events Calendar.

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.



Chairman Jeff Ferguson, 2016 YOTY Sally Higgins and President Con Lo Giudice.

Sally Higgins win the

Prestigious 2016 Lions - NAB YOTY.

In the last few weeks the Warwick Lions Club heard Sally Higgins had been chosen to represent her Assumption College Warwick at Gallipoli for ANZAC. Sally has earned another prestigious trophy, the Lions - NAB Youth of the Year 2016.

In a full house at the Criterion Hotel dinner room, 60 people were welcomed by President Con Lo Giudice on behalf of the Lions and Lions Ladies members. The Audience consisted of students, teachers, judges and parents and members' families. All came to listen to the 8 contestant students from the Warwick top schools and colleges in the annual Lions YOTY, run by the Lions Club of Warwick Inc. and proudly sponsored nationally by the National Australia Bank.

Conducting the night was Club YOTY Chairman, Lion Jeff Ferguson who worked tirelessly in the last few months, preparing to make this a successful program in recruiting students to participate in the event.

From Scots PGC there were Grace Hardy, Abbey Britt-Keen

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Back - Grace Hardy, Andrew Fraser Peterson and Jacob Meiklejohn, Front - Emily Follett, Ella Harrison, Sally Higgins, Larissa Millard and Abby Britt-Keen.

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and Andrew Fraser Peterson. Assumption College Warwick were represented by Sally Higgins, Ella Harrison and Larissa Millard and from Warwick State High School were Jacob Meiklejohn and Emily Follett.

Chairman Jeff explained to the audience that the students primarily had day interviews by the Judges, Nola Roche, Tony Hagley and Kelly Robson, manager of the NAB, at the residence kindly offered for the occasion by Lions Trevor Sheeran and Lions Lady Margaret, whom both acted as chaperones.

The program started soon after the dinner, with each student taking a turn to answer the two Impromptu Questions.

Q1 - "Make suggestions for an advertisement which warns young people of the dangers of drugs?"

Q2- "What advice would you give on the involvement and future development of sport in the community?"

Sally Higgins' 5 minute prepared speech was based on "Spirit of Anzac today". Sally will be representing Warwick Lions and her College at the Goondiwindi Regional Final on 19 March. Good luck Sally.

Another Assumption College student Ella Harrison was the winner of the Public speaking award.

In presenting all the students their certificates and awards, President Con Lo Giudice said all 8 students were well mannered and their presentations were of a high standard which exemplified the expectations of their teachers and schools. They were all winners on the night.



Mane Matters Horsemanship Program

Attention all horse lovers and Dancers on the 2nd of April there will be a great day of entertainment at the Allora Showgrounds in the form of a Fun Day Gymkhana for all level of riders and a Bush Barn Dance for the young, old and the non-horsey. All proceeds go towards helping at risk youth engage in Equine Assisted Learning which is showing great result both here in Australia and worldwide. Please go to cvc.org.au for more information.

My name is Erin Wilson and I am a Chaplain for SU QLD in the local Warwick community. I also have a have background in the Horse Industry at a professional level and am currently running a program called Mane Matters. This program is run in my days off from Chaplaincy where I volunteer my experience and resources to help young people learn invaluable life skills. This is a high cost program that is either run for free or at a reduced fee, as the young people that attend usually are unable to afford this type of program. The costs are high but the returns are immeasurable. I am passionate about Mane Matters as it shows great improvements in participants in the following areas:

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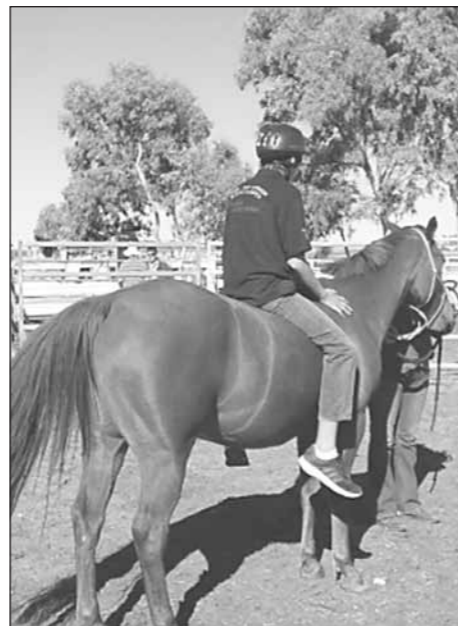


The Mane Manners Program develops social behaviors for "At Risk Youth" through interaction with horses, reining in antisocial behaviors using basic horsemanship to teach core social etiquette. The program can help the young person regulate their own behaviors by the use of horses and help develop acceptable social skills to navigate the young person away from negative behavior patterns. The participants are provided with basic horsemanship skills to enable them to work safely with the horses. Participants who return on a regular may be able to use this as a basis for a pathway to employment in the horse, rural or farming industry.

Mane Matters uses horsemanship skills to break down barriers, to jump over hurdles. At Mane Matters our motto is "You Only Get What You Put in". Horses help participants to learn how to control their body language and energy levels in order to work with the horses. The program works not just for people interested in horses but anyone.

Horses provide a great tool to help people in many areas of life, fear, self-control, confidence and so much more.

So please come and support this event to help our local youth. Donations are also accepted and tax deductible. Please contact Erin on 0499 995 770 or erinw.chappy.org.au for more information



Palm Sunday Procession in Allora

There will be an ecumenical service at St David's Anglican Church, Allora on Palm Sunday, 20th March at 10.00am. A procession will then leave the Homestead at 11.15am, making its way through the town to Peace Park for a short service. Everyone is welcome to attend a shared lunch in St David's Hall afterwards.

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Waste services during Easter break

During the Easter period, Southern Downs Regional Council waste collection services and waste facilities will operate as normal with a few exceptions.

Council's Environmental Services Manager Mr Tim O'Brien said the Pratten, Yangan, Maryvale and Allora Waste Transfer Stations will be closed on Good Friday, 25 March 2016. They will reopen on Saturday, March 26 for normal hours, starting at 8am.

"All other waste facilities across the Southern Downs region will continue with no changes or interruptions over the Easter period (Good Friday March 25 to Easter Monday March 28).

"Council wishes everyone a safe and happy Easter and reminds everyone to take the opportunity to recycle paper, cardboard and other materials where possible during the holiday period," he said.

For enquiries please call 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372) or visit Council's website www.sdrc.qld.gov.au.

Allora CWA notes for March

Fourteen members attended the March meeting where the main item on the agenda were plans for the International Day on April. This year the country of study is Greenland and International Officer, Alison Payne has exciting plans.

This year the format will change with guests receiving a lunch based on Greenland cooking. Alison has found a speaker who visited the country only last year so she will be able to share her impressions with us as part of the after lunch entertainment. There will be music, skits and other items as well as raffles.

This will also be the day for judging the Floral Art, Cookery and International competitions and the cakes will be available for sale. Lunch guests will be able to look at the entries including those by the children.

These competitions are open to non-CWA members. Local schools have been contacted with details about the competition but other interested people can ring Alison Payne on 4666 1542. The crafts are a red/white beanie in knitting, crochet or other material or a card featuring Greenland.

The QCWA competitions at a local level for photography and knitting and crochet will be held at the April branch meeting and these are also open to the public.

Bags of donated goods have arrived for our handcraft drive for our sister branch and we are very grateful for all the items. It is planned that they be taken out to Boulia this weekend and we appreciate the sponsorship of Agrimix and AGR Industries who will pay the costs. The local CWA and friends are eagerly awaiting the gifts having organised a workshop day to see what is available and to share knowhow. Unfortunately the weather

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BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

Bill and I went golfing the other day. We were in the middle of the sixth fairway when Bill stopped in midswing and took off his hat in deference to a funeral procession that was passing by. Usually, he just played on ignoring all distractions. Impressed with his behavior, I did the same.

When the procession had passed, I asked him, "Bill, that was damn respectful of you to pause for a procession like that. Why the unusual behavior?"

"It's the least I could do for my wife ..."

Allora / Clifton Anglican Parish Service Times for Holy Week and Easter

Maundy Thursday 24th March, 5.00pm at St David's Allora
Good Friday 25th March, Stations of the cross at St David's Allora

Easter Sunday, service St David's Allora

CLIFTON - Maundy Thursday, Passover meal and feet washing, 7.00pm at All Saints Hall
Good Friday, service 8.00am at All Saints Clifton
Easter Eve Vigil, service Saturday 26th March, 6.00pm

is not being co-operative and the trip may have to be delayed as the road into town is currently closed.

The group also planned their catering for the Heritage Day on April 16. As usual we will have sandwiches, scones with jam and cream and slices with tea and coffee. We are very pleased to be associated with this event which keeps alive the history of the area especially as our ex-President Olive Shooter will be honoured with the naming of a building in appreciation of the work of her and her husband Ray.

We congratulated Margaret Shelley whose grandson Braiden Fearby has been awarded a CWA bursary of \$1000 by the Condamine Valley branch to help with his studies in physiotherapy at UQ. This bursary is one of two made available annually.

Handcraft classes will start on February 25 at 9 in our rooms and are open to all. Cost \$3 and bring along what you are working on or ideas on what you would like to learn.

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Book Review – “The Riddle of the Rynnes” researched and written by Rita Rynne

Although Rita and her cousin Mary Tarrant had the opportunity to visit Ireland in her quest to put the family story on paper she did not get much information. She found as other researchers have done, that the Irish people are not particularly interested in family history and sometimes cannot understand why we as the descendants of immigrants to Australia, have the need to find our Irish roots.

Rita and her husband Brian started researching in the 1960s. Their aim was to record the Rynne story to pass on to their five

sons and to their grandchildren. They wanted the book to be more than a list of names and dates. They wanted to tell about the characteristics of their ancestors that had been passed down maybe from the Vikings who had settled in Ireland many centuries ago.

Rita acknowledges the assistance she received from family members who have passed away. The adage “When an old person dies a library is lost” is so true. How many family historians have lost their ‘library’ before they get interested or take the time to record the stories.

I have often said to people who visit the Allora Historical Society’s Research Centre, your story is also my story and Australia’s story. Each one of us has a family history that makes up the history of our country. Those of us with an Irish heritage can read Rita’s book and relate to the Rynne story.

Rita’s story begins with John and Ellen Rynne (nee Fitzpatrick) who did not come to Australia. They lived in County Clare. John and Ellen were farmers. They leased a small acreage of what was probably poor quality agricultural land.

Three of John and Ellen’s children came to Australia, another migrated to America. Mary stayed in Ireland and Honora died on her way to Australia a few years after her brothers John and Darby and sister Ellen had migrated. Ellen, who married Thomas Bermingham came to Australia on her honeymoon in 1855. She is believed to be the first Rynne to settle in the

colony. As new family members followed they were drawn to settle in the Allora/Warwick area ‘to be near their cousins’. Many of the Rynne family pioneer settlers are buried in local cemeteries including Greenmount and Allora.

Rita’s book sets out the story of each of the children of John and Ellen including all the descendants to the present day. She includes certificates, census forms, maps and photos to create an interesting story for family members and other readers, interested in family history.

The last chapter in Rita’s book titled “Solving the Riddle of the Rynnes,” refers to the many Rynne families in Ireland, England, U.S.A. and Australia. Many share the same christian name, which made it difficult to track down descendants. Rita made contact with four other branches of the Rynne family in her research. One of those families was Francis and Catherine Rynne, who also lived in County Clare. Their only son, Michael married Mary Kelly. Of their eleven children at least two came to Australia to settle and raise their families in the Warwick and Allora areas.

Rita would love to hear from descendants of the Rynne family who still live in the area and would like to share the story of their ancestors. Her Email address: rita@rynn.com.au

Preview:

“Keeping Their Memory Alive” researched and written by members of the Allora & District Historical Society.

This book was the idea of Colin Newport, the research officer, to honour the men from Allora who died during World War I. The Society received a grant from the Queensland Anzac Centenary Program to have this book published. The book contains the stories of 72 men who had a connection to Allora. These stories tell of their family and military history. One of these stories is about John Michael (Jack) Rynne. His father, Francis John (Frank) and uncle, James from County Clare, Ireland settled in the Allora district. Frank married Johanna Gibson.

Jack was working as an overseer on Talgai West Station when he enlisted on 24th November 1915. Jack is honoured on Allora’s World War I Memorial and with a plaque on the Shrine at St. Patrick’s Church. He was recently honoured by St. Patrick’s school in naming one of their three sport’s houses “Rynne House”.

“Keeping Their Memory Alive” will be launched on Anzac Day at the R.S.L. Hall, Allora.

The book researched by the members of the Allora Historical Society will be launched on Anzac Day at the R.S.L. hall, Allora.

Marika McNichol is Ready to Turn Things Around

I am running for Councillor in the 2016 Southern Downs Regional Council election to turn things around for our Region. I want a brighter future for our residents, let’s work together.

It will take teamwork and dedication, but I am ready for the challenge to make our Region a place where people want to work, live and raise a family again.

The biggest challenge facing council is reducing the debt whilst trying to maintain our way of life.

Over the years I have managed two businesses and the finances for my family of 10, these experiences have taught me how to cut costs and make hard financial decisions.

Reducing the debt will not be easy, it will require responsible management and budgetary discipline. I will be urging council to adopt fiscally responsible policies that will ensure operating budgets are balanced whilst reducing the debt.

We need to establish a task force to review and implement cost cutting measures and savings for each department as well as looking at efficiencies throughout council and recommending where the best changes and savings can be made.

I ask you to vote for me the in the Southern Downs Regional Council election so I can work with you to get us back on track.

Looking Back...

Allora’s Past 25 years ago March 1991

No Council Summer Close-down

The annual Christmas close-down for council staff is now a thing of the past in the Allora Shire. The outdoor staff have traditionally taken their holidays in a block during December-January. At the monthly meeting last week, councillors decided to stagger annual leave so road plant would be utilized all year. Cr. Antonia Atkinson said that the council lost both time and money when plant was lying idle. Shire Clerk, Mr. Gerard Kennett, said that an extra staff member could be needed to fully utilize plant if annual leave was staggered. Cr. David Moore said that although the council had ceased the block holiday, it wanted to co-operate with the staff as much as possible.

Allora’s Past 50 years ago March 1966

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Bob Ball wishes to announce that he has purchased the firm known as Cresswell’s (Allora) Pty. Ltd. and advises that he will be pleased to give prompt attention to all your motoring problems in the future.

Allora’s Past 75 years ago March 1941

Soldiers Fawelled

Corporal Robert Deacon, Privates T. Carney, John Gilmore, P. George, W. Morris, W. Petersen, A. Turner, G. Neale and A. Nielsen were fawelled recently

at an evening function arranged by the Welfare Committee. A large crowd of residents of the district gathered to honour these boys, most of whom are members of long established families of the district.

In a separate function, members of the P.A.F.S.O.A. gathered to say farewell to Private G. Neale who has been visiting Allora on leave. Private Neale, who has been an enthusiastic member of the organization for some years, received a presentation on behalf of the members from Mr. H. G. Deacon. Private Neale thanked the gathering for their handsome gift.

Allora’s Past 100 years ago March 1916

Obituary

The death of Mr. Edward James Anderson occurred in the Warwick hospital. Mr. Anderson was born at Maryvale 55 years ago and was the third son of the late Mr. Edward Anderson, one of Allora’s pioneers. For about 20 years, Mr. E. J. Anderson was overseer on Goomburra Station, subsequently taking up land in that locality for himself and going in for stockbreeding and farming. He was a consistent winner at Queensland shows with his horses and also carried off many



(L to R) Pte. Des Whatley, Cpl. John Gilmore, Pte. Sam Carney and Pte. Gay Neale (all from Allora) taken in Syria 16/8/1941.

awards with his Shorthorn herd. He did not, to any extent, seek to participate in public affairs, but none the less, he was held in high regard and esteemed as one of our most valued residents. He is survived by a widow and five children. The funeral moved from the Hendon railway station and as it proceeded to the Allora cemetery, assumed large proportions.

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Council’s report card looking good with positive community feedback

Southern Downs Regional Council’s report card is looking bright, following a review of compliments and positive feedback received from the community about Council services over the last six months.

While a lot of negativity has been publicly aimed at Council in recent times, there is much to celebrate with residents and visitors regularly complimenting Council services and thanking staff for going ‘above and beyond’ in the execution of their duties.

Southern Downs Regional Council’s Chief Executive Officer, Mr David Keenan said in a climate of increasing negativity, particularly in social media, it’s important to balance that against the ‘positives’ and celebrate the successes.

“Council officers often get portrayed poorly with stories aired about failings on the service delivery front, and this impacts both staff morale and the broader community’s perceptions not only about Council, but our region.

“So it’s been enlightening to have a look at the breadth of customer and community compliments and thanks that Council has received over the last six months, which averaged out to about six to seven per month.

“In that time, Council has received in the order of 40 notes of thanks and appreciation, compliments, and positive feedback about a range of Council services such as road and infrastructure works and improvements, maintenance of the wonderful parks and gardens and other community facilities across the region, cemetery services, library services, and the assistance and support provided to community and sporting groups right across the region.

“This is consistent with the positive comments I continue to receive directly from residents, business operators and visitors, about the high level of customer service offered by staff and the quality of the services delivered by Council’s indoor and outdoor staff.

“Whilst significant challenges remain for Council in relation to financial sustainability and the level of services that can be delivered to meet community expectations, it is important to reflect on the great things that Council is achieving, and the enormous efforts that Council staff make to ensure services continue to be delivered both efficiently and effectively across the region,” said Mr Keenan.

Mr Keenan went on to say that the high utilisation of the MY SDRC App has meant that response times have been reduced in dealing with issues raised by those residents that have downloaded the MY SDRC App.

The MY SDRC App can be downloaded for free from the App Store (apple devices) or Google Play (android devices).

St. Patrick's Centenary Celebrations

12th & 13th March 2016



ABOVE: The sack race was a popular event.



ABOVE RIGHT: In 1916 the original school was started by the Sisters of St Josephs - represented here by their 2016 contemporaries.



Kerri Shooter, Corrine, Terri Esson and Anita Wright enjoy the Art in the Convent event on Saturday evening.



Ilma Cavanagh with Helen, her youngest of ten children all of whom attended St Pat's.



Congregational Leader of the Sisters of St Joseph, Monica Cavanagh is chauffeured to the church by John Denny in his vintage 1928 Buick Master Sedan.



Students presented St Patrick's Way of Life - the special Josh Arnold composition and video clip - to conclude the Centenary Mass.

"It was a weekend of celebrations at St Patrick's, Allora as the parish school community marked the centenary of Catholic Education in this town."



Father John Brown, Father Rod MacGinley and Father Mick Carroll enjoy the barbecue lunch.



The oldest surviving St Patrick's School student, Audrey Doyle is joined by the youngest current boy and girl - Sophia Fein and Logan Schelbach.

Events Calendar

2016

March -	
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 -	
Sun 3	Wattles vs Gatton Platz Oval, Clifton
Sun 10	Wattles vs Highfields Platz Oval, Clifton
15-25	Southern Downs Heritage Festival For full events calendar email jeffoo13@gmail.com
Sat 16	Allora & Dist. Historical Society Display & Demo Day Warwick Street Museum, Allora
Sat 23	Wattles vs Pittsworth Platz Oval, Clifton
Mon 25	"Keeping Their Memory Alive" Book Launch Anzac Day at RSL Hall, 12 noon. Wendy 0488 673 778
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, Poppup Market 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	Wattles vs Souths Platz Oval, Clifton
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
Sun 29	Wattles vs Valleys Platz Oval, Clifton
June -	
Sat 11	St. Davids June Afternoon St. Davids Hall, Allora
Sun 12	Allora Community Auction Allora Show Grounds
Sun 19	Wattles vs Oakey Platz Oval, Clifton
Sat 25	Allora Men's Shed Meeting Allora Men's Shed (old Fire Station), 9.30am
July -	
Sun 10	Wattles vs Warwick Platz Oval, Clifton
Sat 23	Wattles vs Brothers Platz Oval, Clifton
Sat 30	Allora Men's Shed Annual General Meeting Allora Men's Shed (old Fire Station), 9.30am
August -	
Sun 7	Wattles vs Goondiwindi Platz Oval, Clifton
Sat 20	Wattles vs Dalby Platz Oval, Clifton
October -	
Sat 8	Allora High Tea Fundraiser

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ALLORA NIGHT BOWLS RESULTS - ROUND NINE - 2016 SEASON

I knew it was going to be a good night when Beetle arrived singing. Bill got us confused by being here when he was supposed to be there and confusion reigned as players arrived and we sorted out the teams. Four teams were down a player but thank goodness we had some available substitutes. Wendy and John were in town so Wendy was bar wench and John was the kitchen hand. Thank you both. We need our sustenance before and after our game. Here's a hint. It takes 3 beers to play well but after 6 you play like a champion. Ask Luke, his game improved after each trip to the bar! From rink 7 you can look right across the green. You see players positioned to bowl, then lean as their shot travels down the rink. They may even talk to their bowl - 'come in, COME IN', 'WHOA' and then they swear at it. Those bowls have minds of their own!

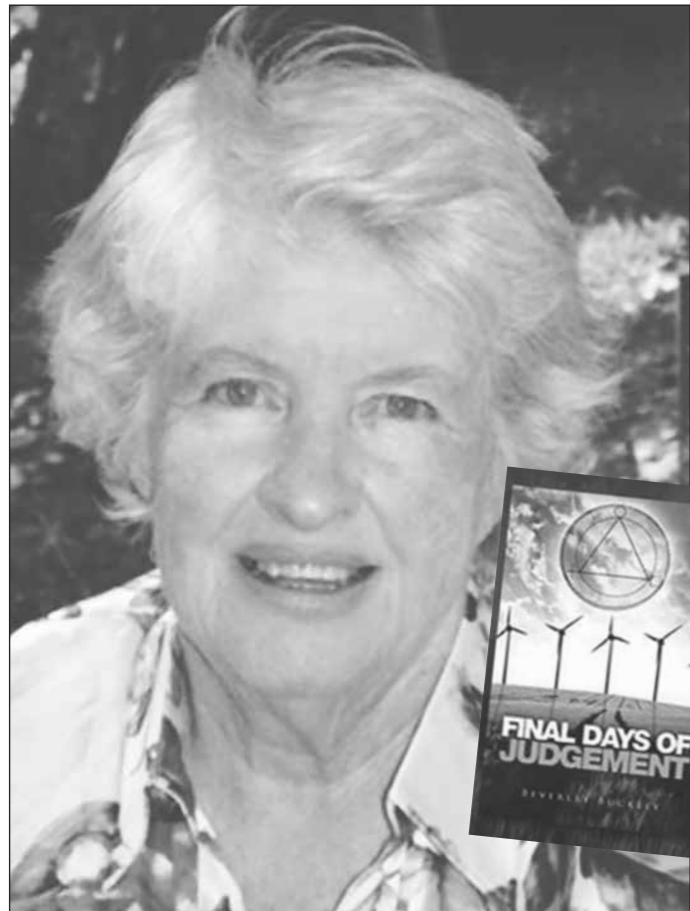
Here are the latest progressive scores:- Roonicks 6; Team Engel 2; Bindartins 11; Lawn Grubs 12; Swimming Pool 8; Honda Hawks 10; Railway 3; Zoolanders 14; The Three Amigos 14; Doesn't Matter 6; The Old Boys 16;

What Ever 8; Allora Men's Shed 4; The Intruders 12

Out of the winning teams this week, the The Old Boys took home the prize and again the Swimming Pool team were the other prize winners. I reckon Stewart Sparksman must be a 'dead-eye dick', he takes home a toucher chocolate every week. Other winners were Jim who is pretty consistent, Gene, John Cochran, John Wright and Chris Lawlor. Had to laugh, Barry Donegan won some vouchers. He was quickly up to the bar to exchange them for 'legal currency'. Other prize winners were Dave, Nickox2, Slug, Robyn & Kev. Robyn won the chance to cut the cards but missed the Jack & Joker. Next week a super Jackpot of \$200.00 Our sponsors always get some exposure. Greg thanks them each week for their generous donation. Thank you to Paul Parker, Painter, Swimming Pool, True Value Hardware, Bolzen Sands, I.G.A., Garry Evans Drilling and the Allora Sports Club.

Garry Evans has the green in great condition and this week we can thank John Ellwood for mowing the edges.

The Clifton Clock will be played here in Allora on 2nd April. Thank you to all players who filled the team. Be at the club at 12 noon for a 12.30 start of play. We desperately need to snatch back that trophy.



Author Beverley Buckley and her latest book 'Final Days of Judgement'.

'Final Days of Judgement' author Beverley Buckley to visit Warwick Library

Southern Downs Regional Council's Warwick Library will welcome author Beverley Buckley to the Library on March 23 to speak about her new book 'Final Days of Judgement'. Beverley Buckley's book explains how thought is the tool of creation and suggests that we are in a period of major transition away from a world created in fear to one where we will operate from our fullest potential for love and happiness. Southern Downs Regional Council's Library Service invites locals to come along and join in a conversation with Beverley about her latest book at the Warwick Library, 49 Albion Street, on Wednesday, 23 March 2016 at 10.30am. A light morning tea will also be provided. To reserve your place for this free event, call the Warwick Library on 4661 0342 by 21 March 2016. In the 1980s, Beverley Buckley learned that her purpose for being on Earth at this time was to access and share knowledge

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3. Which is the densest planet in our solar system?
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relating to the universal laws that underpin the Earth's vibrational shift. Her life's journey has been defined and guided by this mission. Working with stress defusion, the healing modality she created, Beverley has guided people through personal challenges by facilitating recovery of lost memories. As a sustainable organic farmer, Beverley studied the application of the laws in the natural world and, as an international educator and workshop facilitator, Beverley teaches how the laws apply to all aspects of life.

Make sure your Postal Vote counts!

Postal ballot material for the 2016 Local Government Quadrennial Elections and the State Referendum has now been dispatched to postal electors across Queensland. The Commission reminds all postal electors to carefully read and follow the instructions provided within the material. It is important the three correctly completed ballots are all enclosed within the declaration envelope, then placed into the reply paid envelope provided.

Electoral Commissioner, Walter van der Merwe said "Postal voting assists in ensuring the right to vote is fully accessible to all electors, irrespective of circumstance or location. By being transparent in our processes we hope to reassure electors of the secrecy and integrity of their vote."

To assist electors, the Commission has released a video "Postal Vote Process".

The short video provides information on the entire postal vote process including step-by-step instructions for completing the ballot material and declaration envelope, and returning it correctly to the Commission. Further to this, the video outlines how postal votes are received by the Commission to ensure that the integrity of the voting system and anonymity of the voter is upheld.

The video can be found on the Commission's Facebook page or via the following link: youtu.be/rdKxA4p1E2I

For more information visit the Electoral Commission's website www.ecq.qld.gov.au or call the helpline on 1300 881 665.

Allora Swimming Club Representative Season

The Allora Swimming Club has been well represented by our competitive swimmers over the 2015/16 summer.

Allora swimmers commenced their season swimming at the RJ Mcnamara Sprints in Warwick on 15th November with some swimmers also heading to Goondiwindi on 28th November. Next stop was our home carnival at Allora – the annual Rotary carnival was held in superb conditions on 6th December. Allora was well represented especially among our younger age groups. Concordia Swim Club from Toowoomba were the overall Rotary Carnival winners.

A strong contingent of William and Toby Gilmore, Jackson and Darcy Pitstock, Seamus, Nella and Niamh Ryan and Molly, Cooper, Bailey and Chloe Harm headed off to a very wet Darling Downs Country Championships held at Goondiwindi on 16th January. There were some great performances from our small but strong team – with Will and Cooper being named Age Champions of their respective groups. Cooper and Will are to be presented with their accolades at the upcoming DDRSA Presentation Dinner.

Maddi and Danni Griffin flew the Allora flag at the Millmerran Carnival on 6th February – bringing home some great placings and a swag of personal best times. Molly, Cooper and Bailey Harm competed at the Gatton WPKemp Qualifying Meet on 13th February also with many placingssssss.

Representing Allora on a larger stage, both Will Gilmore and Cooper Harm qualified for the State Sprints held on 20/21 January at Chandler. Will qualified to swim both the freestyle and fly finals – receiving 4th for his 50m butterfly and 7th for his 50m Freestyle. Cooper Harm also received a top ten finish for his freestyle – placing 9th. Cooper also received the bronze medallion for his 50m Backstroke swim. This is an exceptional honour for both boys to be representing our small club on the Qld Swimming dias.

28th February saw a large contingent of swimmers head to Pittsworth for another successful day of swimming. Age Champions at Pittsworth were Ebony Seibel, Seamus Ryan and Cooper Harm.

Both William and Cooper also attended the Darling Downs Regional Championships on 5/6th March. Both boys had an exceptional carnival and both qualified for the Sprint Final in their respective age groups. Will was the winner of the 12 and under Sprint Final and Cooper placed 3rd in the 10 and under Sprint Final.

Our club is proud of the achievements of all of our representative swimmers over the 2015/16 season. We are grateful to the

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Molly Harm with her first placed medallion for 50m Backstroke at Darling Downs Country Championships in Goondiwindi.

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Cooper Harm – Age Champion – Pittsworth Swimming Carnival.

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Allora Golf Notes

Friday 11th we played our Duck Run competition in great conditions with the winners being Jamie Mutch,

runner up Ken Wilson and Andrew Devner took out the pin shot.

Our third round of the club championships was for club trophies and played on Saturday 12th in conditions that allowed for some fine golf. The winners for the day who continue to play consistent, great golf were Ken Wilson with Barry Brown Jnr Runner Up. Neil Chandler run down winner. Pins were offered on the 7th and went to Matt May with an impressive shot that also took the Eagles Nest, 16th went to Neil Chandler the 4th went to Kev Harrison, no one got the 13th. Approach prizes were on the 1st and went to Kev Harrison, 10th goes to Adam May, the 2nd was taken out by Barry Brown Jnr and Wayne got the 11th. Congratulations to the winners and all players.

Sunday 13th, the fourth and final round of the Championships were played. The conditions over the four rounds have been excellent and some great scores have been carded. The winner for the day's game was Barry Brown Jnr with a blinding score of 58, the handicapper will have some fun with this one. Runner up was Tom Brown. Run down winners were Aaron Simpson and Kev Harrison. Pin Prizes were on offer for the 4th

and went to Lindsay 'Moose' May, Barry Brown Jnr took the 13th, the 7th went to Rod Simpson and Wayne got the 16th. Approach prizes for the 5th went to Kel Strange, Kev Harrison also went away with the 9th and Chad Wilson goes home with the 18th. Congratulations and great playing to the winners and all players for the day.

Thank you to all the workers who continue to do the work on our course it looked and played fantastic over the four rounds. The Winners for the 2016 Allora Golf championships - "A" Grade with a score of 298 was Matt May. Matty is also Club Champion for 2016 following on from his win last year, this being his 4th Club Championship in 5 years. Congratulations Matt. Runner-up in "A" Grade was Adam May with an impressive score of 310. Adam shares the same strong sporting pedigree as his older brother and has vowed to get the better of him next year,



Golf Champions from left to right: C Grade Kenny Wilson (absent) C grade runner up John Sparkesman. B Grade winner Aaron Simpson, B grade runner up Barry Brown Jnr, A grade and Club Champion Matt May, A grade runner up Adam May



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congratulations Adam. Winner of "B" grade was Aaron Simpson with 323 strokes. Aaron played a blinder for the second round which gave him enough space to play consistent golf and secure the win. Congratulations Aaron. 'B' Grade runner up was Barry Brown Jnr with a score of 333, Barry played an outstanding final round of the championships and we are all putting bets on how long before you will be slugging it out in A grade, congratulations 'Bazza'. And the "C" Grade winner with a very impressive 340 strokes was Kenny Wilson. Ken is a wealth of knowledge with the sport of golf, he played over the entire four rounds wearing different attire, using different era clubs then changing from left to right handed clubs on the final day. Congratulations Ken. "C" Grade runner up with 362 strokes was Johnny Sparksman who played good consistent golf over the four rounds, congratulations John. Congratulations to the Winners in each grade and well done to all players.

This Friday 18th for all those interested our Duck Run competition will be played, hitting off at 2.00pm, then Sunday 20th will be playing for our March Monthly medal sponsored by Allora Pharmacy, hitting off from 11.30am. Great golf to you all.

TRL Match Reports

The 2016 Hutchies Toowoomba Rugby League Season started last weekend and we will be posting game comments from the club each weekend.

Pittsworth V Dalby - Dalby Diehards showed they will be a force to contend with in 2016 when they defeated Pittsworth 24-14 at Pittsworth Oval on the weekend. Dylan Taylor was in superb form for Dalby. He kept the ball in the air to put the Danes under pressure all day.

Pittsworth spilt a few of Taylor's kicks in the first half and the Diehards were quick to capitalise by scoring three tries to lead at half time 16-0.

The Danes exploded out of the dressing sheds after half time. Tries to five eight Thomas O'Sullivan and fullback Jeffrey Weber got Pittsworth back in the game 16-10.

But the Taylor brothers lifted their side to put centre Zac Morris and Brayden Alexander in for four pointers to seal the match 24-14 for the 2015 Grand Finalists.

Dalby's Thomas Boland received the Hutchie's player of the match. Boland was excellent in defence. He hit Pittsworth's Cameron Miller with a ball terror of a tackle midway through the second half which actually influenced the change in momentum in the contest.

Pittsworth's coach Ian Brackstone said "Our completion rate was poor and you can't let a side like Dalby take advantage of you" He said " It was hot and the Taylor boys were crucial to the game, but we certainly take something out of the game." Daniel York and Thomas O'Sullivan were Pittsworth's best.

Dalby 24 (Zac Morris 2, Michael Fletcher, Chris Wilkes, Brayden Alexander tries Dylan Taylor 2 goals) defeated Pittsworth 14 (Thomas O'Sullivan, Jeffrey Weber, Dean Twidale tries James Dempsey goal)

Reserve Grade: Pittsworth 30 def Dalby 20 - Pittsworth's Alex Sinclair won the Toowoomba Toyota Reserve Grade player of the round.

Under 18: Pittsworth 24 def Dalby 12

Warwick V Gatton - In a tough physical match where momentum swang throughout the match. Warwick snuck home 14-10 by defeated Gatton at Father Ranger Oval on Saturday night. Gatton got away to a 10-nil and the Cowboys rallied to level the scores until Ashley Boney broke the deadlock until Sam Broomhall scored his second try of the night to sneak the Cowboys in front 14-10. Warwick hung on for the win. Warwick Cowboys President David O'Leary was thrilled with the win. O'Leary said "Mick Bloomfield and Dylan Galloway were our best, but the experience of Trent Richardson and Sam Broomhall off the bench really helped us" He also praised young players; Dan Watson and Lindsay Power who made their debuts.

Gatton Hawks Captain Mark Swan said changes disrupted the side late in the week but said their ball control really let them down. Coach Nicki John Harch said new player Alex Ambia was about Gatton's best whilst Denis Burgoyne played strongly coming off the bench.

Warwick 14 (Sam Broomhall 2, Matt Marshall tries Jack Breen goal) defeated Gatton 10 (Alex Ambia, Allan Morris tries Ashley Boney 2 goals)

Reserve Grade: Warwick 40 def Gatton 24

Under 18: Warwick 50 def Gatton 0

Second Division: Warwick 16 def Gatton 10

Brothers V Valleys - Brothers lived up to their "big improvers" tag by convincingly defeating Valleys at Glenholme Park on Saturday night. Former Dragons and Eels player, 31 year old Michael Witt came out of retirement to play a "one off" match for the brethren and showed he hadn't lost any of his skills. The scores were locked at nil all until late into the first half. Then Brothers scored three quick tries to lead 18-0 at the break. They continued their momentum in the second half by scoring a further two tries to lead 28-nil after 50 mins.

The lead was too much for the Roosters who failed to hang onto the ball throughout the match. However, they did show

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glimpses of talent by scoring three tries in the second half to make the score respectable. 53 year old, former NRL, St George, Gold Coast, London Broncos legend Peter Gill also came out of retirement for the match. Brothers Coach Liam Cullen was very pleased with his troops. He said young half back Nick Trevisiol made an excellent debut and his back three, Haines, Squires and Tuite were good. He praised Michael Witt and Peter Gill for helping his side and exposure for the Great White Appeal. An appeal to raise monies to pay for a neurosurgeon to be relocated in the area.

Valleys coach Wayne Barnett said that his players were their own worst enemies. He said his side was starved of the ball, but praised second rower Hnaloan Budden, who played the whole 80 minutes.

Brothers 38 (Michael Cochrane 2, Steve Rach 2, Zac Rub, Jake Head, Michael Tuite, Nickolas Trevisiol tries Michael Witt 5 goals) defeated Valleys 16 (Trent Nicholls 2, Jacob Croker tries Ryan Stevens 2 Goals)

Reserve Grade: Valleys 32 def Brothers 20

Second Division: Brothers 32 def Valleys 16

Under 18: Valleys 34 def Brothers 24

Souths V Goondiwindi - In a close affair. Souths scored with 6 mins to go to beat Goondiwindi by 22-18. The score at half time was 6-0 to Souths. The Tigers stretched their lead to 18-6 with 20 mins remaining. Goondiwindi showed some character to score two quick tries to level the scores at 18 all. But Mr Reliable, Corey Blades scored for his new club to snatch the win for Souths. Coach Daniel Holmes was very happy with his side. He said that Blades was very good whilst Slade Martin's defence lifted his side and Luke Nolan steered the side around the paddock. Holmes, himself played his first game in two years after a long lay off.

Goondiwindi Coach Matt Galvin, whilst disappointed with the loss, he too was proud of his side. He said that Callum Skinner and Kingsley Mathies were his best. But generally, Galvin thought that it was the one they let get away from them but at least he has a good base to work on.

Souths 22 (Corey Blades, Daniel Holmes, Kahl Schemioneck, Brendan Hall tries. Luke Nolan 3 goals) defeated Goondiwindi 18 (Callum Skinner, Levi Wilson, Taiton Marchant tries Thomas Fitzgerald 3 goals)

Reserve Grade: Goondiwindi 16 def Souths 12

Under 18: Souths 26 def Goondiwindi 20

Oakey V Highfields - Highfields travelled to Trevor Mickleborough Field and Oakey proved a handful for Highfields after the Bears were very competitive for the their tough test so early in the season. Highfields led 18-4 at half time and went on to take the match 42-8.

Reserve Grade: Highfields 56 def Oakey 14

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5. A seamount is a mountain on the sea floor that doesn't reach the ocean's surface.

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