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## A Day of Celebration and Fun at Allora P-10 State School Grandparents Day & CEECAP Day!

Last Friday the Allora State School hosted two special events that celebrated our own early childhood school community as well as staff and children from Headstart Allora Child Care Centre and children and community members from Allora and surrounds.

Firstly they hosted Grandparents' Day at Prep. Every year Queensland school celebrates Grandparents' Day. This day is an opportunity for everyone to make grandparent's day so special by thanking them for their love, guidance and support. It also recognizes the vital contribution of the increasing number of grandparents

who are full-time carers for their grandchildren. The students' grandparents visited the Prep classroom in our morning session to participate in a shared activity morning.

As well as the many varied and fun activities undertaken, students made commemorative handprint plaques and painted their favourite Grandparent stories.

The morning concluded with a delicious shared morning tea provided by Narelle Moore and her team at our school's Tuckshop.

After this wonderful morning a special round of fun activities were hosted to promote CEECAP (Connecting Early Education and Childcare at Allora Program).

Children who are enrolling at Allora State School as Prep students next year, other children from Allora Kindergarten along with a group of children from Allora's Headstart Childcare

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TOP: Jonte May with (left) 'Nanna' (Sharon Masters) and 'Gan Gan' (Jan May)

ABOVE: Isadore Briggs with 'Grunna' (Keith Wilson)

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**Letters to the Editor...**

To the editor,

11 November 2016 - At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918 the Armistice ending the First World War came into effect and the fighting on the Western Front stopped. Almost 300,000 Australians served on the Western Front, where more than 45,000 lost their lives and more than one-third of those have no known grave. During the First World War the Anzac legend was born, which helped define the character of our young nation. Sadly, this was not the last time that Australians have been called upon to fight, and die, for the values and freedoms that also define our national character. More than 102,000 Australians have died serving our country in all wars and conflicts. On Remembrance Day, we honour each and every one of those Australians. At 11am we fall silent, not to glorify war but to honour the bravery and sacrifice of the men and women who serve in defence of our country. Lest we forget.

The Hon Dan Tehan MP,  
 Minister For Veterans' Affairs  
 Minister For Defence Personnel  
 Minister Assisting The Prime Minister For Cyber Security  
 Minister Assisting The Prime Minister For The Centenary Of Anzac.

To the editor,

Under Shannon Fentiman's watch, we've seen too many tragic failings within the Child Safety Department and now we learn these failings have spread to the critical portfolio of Domestic and Family Violence. In the last 12 months there has been a 240 per cent increase in demand for crisis accommodation for domestic violence victims across Queensland. As a result, existing crisis accommodation has been pushed to the limit - forcing vulnerable women and children into motel accommodation. In 2015-16 around 9000 nights of motel accommodation were provided to 9000 women and 13,393 children fleeing domestic and family violence.

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**Solution in classifieds section**

Housing vulnerable families in insecure motels should be a last resort. However, part of the problem is the Palaszczuk Labor Government discouraging domestic violence crisis centre DVConnect from referring vulnerable women and children to private shelters. I have spoken with private crisis shelters from Far North Queensland to the Gold Coast that are putting their hands up to house these families - at a fraction of the cost of a motel - but they say the referrals have stopped with no explanation. These shelters have the security and support families need at their most vulnerable time - yet women and children are left to suffer because of Labor's ideological drive to keep things in State hands. What's even more frightening - through Minister Fentiman's own admission - is that police have been called to at least three incidents at motels where domestic violence victims have been placed. What could possibly justify this stance on private shelters when more and more victims are being turned away from over-capacity Government-funded accommodation? Shannon Fentiman needs to do her job and get to the bottom of why families in danger are being forced into motels, when private shelters are waiting in the wings to help. It's simply madness. The sooner the Minister ensures these private shelters are utilised, the better off these families will be.

Ros Bates,  
 Shadow Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence.

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**WEATHER FORECAST**

Day	Forecast	Min/Max
THU	Mostly Sunny. Warm.	16 31
FRI	Morning Clouds. Warm.	14 31
SAT	Isolated Storms. Clouds. Warm.	17 31
SUN	Showers Early. Mostly Sunny. Warm.	18 30
MON	Sunny. Cool.	12 23
TUE	Sunny. Mild. Dry.	8 24



Parachute fun at Grandparents Day & CEECAP Day.

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Centre with director Josh Jones and his wife Chantal. The day was considered to have showcased the commitment, care and dedication School staff, parents and community members have towards our Early Years Education and the importance is has in the development of our children.

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## Southern Downs welcomed first Rural and Regional Planning conference

The Southern Downs region welcomed almost 160 town planners during the last week in October, who converged in Stanthorpe for the Planning Institute of Australia's inaugural Rural and Regional Planning Conference.

Hailed a great success, the first conference of this type will now become an annual event. The delegates came from all over Australia, including Western Australia, Victoria and Far North Queensland. Most delegates stayed for two to three 3 nights and injected an estimated \$54,000 into the local economy.

Southern Downs Mayor Tracy Dobie said that the Southern Downs was well placed to host conferences of this size.

"Our region has an abundance of quality accommodation, great venues like the Queensland College of Wine Tourism which hosted the conference, fantastic locally sourced food, and of course, boasts many award winning wines.

"We're close to airports for our interstate visitors; so our region is an ideal location," she said.

The conference focused on addressing issues in Rural and Regional Australia, including sessions around agriculture, mining, telecommunications and tourism. The Mayor highlighted that the Southern Downs community faces challenges in all of these areas and Council is working hard to encourage investment and growth to meet these challenges.

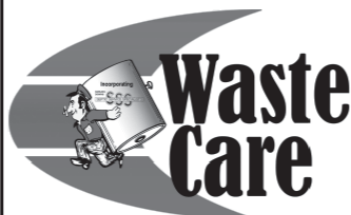
"Council is striving to ensure the region grows. We need the right planning in place and we have staff focused on assisting businesses and attracting new investment.



Conference speaker Costa Georgiadis giving his keynote address.

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"Conferences like this ensure that we learn from world best practice and provide an invaluable opportunity to promote the Southern Downs," she said.

The closing speaker was Costa Georgiadis of ABC TV's Gardening Australia, who presented his keynote address 'Dining boom is more important than a mining boom'.

"Costa also made an impromptu stop at the Applethorpe State School which boasts a sign as the 'Coolest School in Queensland', meeting with teachers and kids.

"By all accounts, Costa was a huge hit and such a promotional boon to get a national TV identity out to our region.

The Mayor also pointed out that the delegates' feedback on the venues, food, wine and general experience of Stanthorpe was excellent.

"Many delegates including both interstate and North Queenslanders who had not been to Stanthorpe or the Granite Belt before spoke highly of their experience and said they will be back.

"On top of the Warwick Rodeo and Campdraft, the region has had a busy few weeks and it really has showcased our communities in the best light.

"All venues delivered top quality service, and Stanthorpe will see return visitors for holidays and recreation; a great outcome," she said.

In addition to the main conference, delegates participated in a study tour, visiting Suttons Juice Factory, the Rizzato apple packing shed and The Summit Winery. Some delegates enjoyed a cycling tour of the district, with a stop-off at Whiskey Gully Winery, and conference dinners were held at the Granite Belt Brewery's Happy Valley Restaurant and O'Mara's Hotel.

## Allora Cup

All roads lead to Warwick's Allman Park racecourse this Saturday for the historic race day named in honour of 'the Best Little Town on the Downs', Railway Hotel Allora Cup day.

Allora's big race day gets underway for the fourth time in three years since its re-emergence.

Cup day major sponsor Robyn Miles, mine host at Allora's Railway Hotel, is looking forward to another great cup day supported by the Allora community and the district's racing fraternity.

After a lull of around 45 years, the sound of a bugle ringing out "Call to Post" was heard once again for an Allora Cup horse racing meet in 2014, indeed the rebirth of the race meet named in Allora's honor.

That reborn event, the "Railway Hotel Allora Cup Blues, Brews & BBQ's Race Day" race meet was hosted at Warwick's Allman Park by the Warwick Turf Club on Saturday, February 1st.

Some may not be familiar with the former Allora Race track to the south east of the town neighbouring the New England Highway. Many a great day of racing was held on the track amid the 62 hectares that is now leased for agriculture. The track is now maintained by the Southern Downs Regional Council as a race horse training facility.

The Allora Jockey Club was formed at a meeting held in Allora's Princess of Wales Hotel on October 6th, 1888. Horse racing was held continuously at Allora after that date including "Patriotic Meetings" during WWI. Racing may have been suspended in Allora during the Second World War, the first reference to a race meeting after the war was a New Year's Meeting held on the 2nd January 1949.

The first "Allora Cup" appears to have occurred at a meeting held on October 8th, 1949 when the cup was run for overall prize money of £45 and a cup valued at £10/10. The race club secretary in 1949 and for the next eleven years at least, was the Allora railway station master, Jack Hilton. The winner of the inaugural Allora Cup was 'Nobleman' owned by Tom Cowley, trained by Dick Byrne and ridden by Joe Murphy. The 1950 Allora Cup was won by R. C. Crowther's "Bon Ami".

In 1953, the Cup winner was the mare "Plane" owned and trained by Frank Armstrong, and at the presentation of the 1955 Allora Cup, won by Frank Armstrong's "Lurcher Queen", Allora Jockey Club secretary, Jack Hilton, said that Mr. Armstrong apparently had a mortgage on the cup because it was the fourth time that he had won it.

The presentation was made by Mrs. Vera Henry, wife of club president, Mr. Stuart Henry, former Allora Shire Chairman.

Local racing historian Shirley Murray recently reminisced that the cup meeting was a huge event in Allora with a half-day holiday granted. Top race caller, Vince Curry, would call the races from the back of a utility backed up to the course fence. From 1956 the Allora Cup was run on Melbourne Cup Day, and the 1956 winner was "Bubbatonga" owned by Bob Armstrong. The final Allora Cup meeting appears to have been run on the 3rd November 1959.

The reintroduced Allora Cup occurred twice in 2015, relocating from its initial February date to November.



Some Allora Cups from the past, Ted Cowley with the very first Allora Cup won by 'Nobleman' owned by Ted's father Tom Cowley, Railway Hotel Allora Cup major sponsor Robyn Miles with the current Cup and Allora Cup Race Day sponsor Barry Burgess with another Cup from the 1950's.

Allora locals turned out in force on Sunday November 15th last year, at Warwick's Allman Park, soaking up the sunshine at a hugely successful 'Railway Hotel Allora Cup' won more than convincingly by more than six lengths by five year old bay gelding, 'Real Favulous'.

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## BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

This antique dealer was trying to sell a man a skull.  
He said, 'It's Oliver Cromwell's skull you know.'

The man said, 'It can't be, it's not big enough.'

The dealer said, 'It's Cromwell's skull when he was  
a little boy.'



2015 Railway Hotel Allora Cup winning owners of 'Real Favulous' Adrian & Julia Simmons and Shane Simmons collect the winners accolades from major sponsor Robyn Miles and Warwick Turf Club President Phil Grant at Allman Park, Warwick.

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Clifton based owners Adrian & Julia Simmons and their son Shane Simmons were thrilled with the performance of 'Real Favulous' who was having a cracker of a year after enjoying success in the 2015 Weetwood Handicap.

They received their Railway Hotel Allora Cup from major sponsor Robyn Miles with Warwick Turf Club Chairman Phil Grant.

Other key races close to the hearts of the Allora community last November were the 'Justin Briggs Commemorative Class 3 Plate' and the 'Colleen Burgess Memorial Benchmark 65 Handicap' sponsored respectively by Robyn Miles of Allora's Railway Hotel and Allora district racing identity Barry Burgess. Four year old gelding 'Starwood' was too quick across the 1100 metres winning the 'Justin Briggs Commemorative Class 3 Plate' and jockey Jason Orman rode six year old grey mare 'Jo's Luck' to victory in the 1500 metre 'Colleen Burgess Memorial Benchmark 65 Handicap'.

Race 1 on the 2015 Allora Cup program was the Rose City Carvery Maiden, Warwick horse 'Close Enough' was first to the finish post, before the Toowoomba trained 'Wild Romance' proved a class above the rest in the Ross McIntosh Maiden.

'Heavenly Glass' won the Ray Bunch Machinery RQ Cannonball Series race and the Tom Dougall trained 'Deputy Peck' was a comfortable winner in the Barry & Ann Glass sponsored AEW Horse Walkers Maiden.

Allora locals provided great support as they turned out for what the Warwick Turf Club considered a very successful day.

The 2016 'Railway Hotel Allora Cup' meet will begin this Friday evening at 6.00 pm, with a Calcutta at Allora's Railway Hotel featuring horses in the five race program on race day Saturday. Saturdays Race Day program (Queensland time)

Race 1 - 1.22pm Anthony Parker Painters 800m Maiden Plate (Two Year Old & Up - Set Weights)

Race 2 - 1.57pm Justin Briggs & Colleen Burgess Commemorative 1100m BM50 Handicap

Race 3 - 2.37pm Invergarry Equine Centre 1350m Class B Handicap

Race 4 - 3.12pm Railway Hotel Allora Cup 1500m BM60 Handicap

Race 5 - 3.52pm Allora RSL Sub Branch/The Blue Cow Hotel 1200m Maiden Plate (Two Year Old & Up - Set Weights)

A bus will depart the Railway Hotel at Allora for Allman Park at 11.30 am on Saturday. To book seats contact Robyn Miles (4666 3402) or Glyn Rees (0400 811 093)

For further details On the 2016 'Railway Hotel Allora Cup'

contact Barry Burgess (0402 489 348), Glyn Rees (0400 811 093) or Warwick Turf Club Secretary Kristen Doyle (0414 899 854).

Glyn Rees



## Remembrance Day

In November 1918, the Germans called for an armistice in order to secure a peace settlement. They had suffered heavy defeats during the preceding four months. They accepted the allied terms that amounted to unconditional surrender. It was at 11am on 11th November 1918 that the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous fighting.

On the first anniversary of the armistice in 1919 two minutes silence was instituted as part of the central feature of commemorations on Armistice Day.

After the end of the Second World War, the British and Australian governments changed the name to Remembrance Day. It was a day which would commemorate all war dead. In later years it was formally proclaimed that at 11am on 11th November each year one minutes silence would be observed to remember them.

This November 11th, 2016, a Remembrance Service will be conducted by the Allora State School in conjunction with RSL Allora Sub Branch at the Cenotaph as part of the now tradition of remembrance of those have died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts.

It has become a tradition in Allora for the senior students of the Allora State School to conduct the service. All the students from the school are escorted to the Cenotaph by their teachers. Through their participation, the students gain an understanding of the significance Remembrance Day and the honour bestowed on those who have suffered in service for their country. Members of the Allora community are asked to show their support and be at the Memorial Park at 10.45am for the commemorative service at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, 2016.

RSL Allora Sub Branch members will be selling poppies and other Remembrance Day memorabilia outside Jon Constable's Chemist and the I.G.A. premises on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th November. All proceeds help support welfare of veterans and their families.

The following poem was written by Harold Metson to commemorate Remembrance Day. Harold read his poem "The



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Coming of Age" at this year's Anzac Service and has written a tribute titled "Percy" to his great uncle Percy Forde who died during WWI. Percy Forde's story was told in "Keeping Their Memory Alive" a tribute to the men of Allora and district who died during WWI.

### An old "Digger's" story

He'd go down to the local - have a drink with some old friends. to rid himself of memories - those thoughts that never end - those visions of the battlefields were always on his mind, the bullets and the mortars, for the sake of all mankind.

His friends were understanding when he spoke of all he saw, for they'd heard his many stories many times before, they showed him much compassion, for he had grown old, but the stories he related, well, they needed to be told.

He was just a lad from a small country town whose life, on enlisting, was swiftly turned around, for he can't clear his mind of all that he had seen in the turmoil of war in the places he'd been; he may now be old, but he always spoke well of all of his comrades who went into hell, as into the fields of death they were sent, meeting mortar and gunfire wherever they went, and for those who survived they lived with the hell of the stench of the dead - those men they knew well.

What is the legacy of those who go to wars at the behest of politicians, who decide behind closed doors? It is broken minds and bodies - graves in a foreign land - despair of the survivors - but do politicians understand? Now the old man's not complaining, but he often wondered why politicians are oblivious to a Digger's cry.

In the local now, there is an empty chair, yet all raise a glass remembering a man who isn't there - for now the old man stands erect and proud at heaven's gates - anxious to share his tales with his old Digger mates.

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### ?? CSIRO Double Helix Quiz ??

1. True or false? Tigers have striped skin.
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November -

- Sat 12 **Wattles Rodeo**  
Allora Showgrounds
- Sat 12 **Allora Rotary Swimming Carnival**  
Allora Swimming Pool
- Sat 12 **Phil Crook Trio in Concert - \$10 - Ph 4528 6288**  
Warwick Senior Citizens' Auditorium, 7.30pm
- Sat 19 **Allora Doctor Who Group Meet-Up & Party**  
Allora QCWA rooms, 10.00am
- Sat 19 **Toowoomba Hospice Wine Tasting Bus Tour - \$70**  
To book call Christine Siebuhr on 4633 3014.
- Sat 26 **Christmas Party at the Goomburra Hall**  
Goomburra Community Hall, 4.00pm

December -

- Sat 3 **Allora Creekside Carols**  
Food from 4.30pm, Carols from 6.30pm

2017

January -

- Sat 28 **Allora Heritage Weekend**  
& Sun 29 Allora Showgrounds.

February -

- Sun 12 **Allora Swimming Club 50 Year Celebrations**  
Allora Swimming Pool
- Sat 18 **Allora RSL Afternoon Delight by Mixed Generations**  
Allora RSL. Hall, 1.30pm - 4.30pm

March -

- Fri 3 **Allora Rotary Tirvia Night**  
Allora Community Hall

May -

- Sat 6 **Scope Club of Allora 40th Anniversary Afternoon Tea**  
Allora Community Hall

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

## Dress Up Day at Allora P-10 State School

On Friday, 28th October, Allora State School combined the "Wear Red for Daniel Morcombe Day" as well as the "Rodeo" day and created a "Red or Rodeo Dress Up Day." Many students and staff got into the spirit of the day either wearing red or a rodeo themed outfit. Some staff and students combined the two.



**LEFT:** Alex Gilmore (Year 3) dressing in a combination of Red and Rodeo. **ABOVE:** Staff from the Allora State School primary campus getting into the spirit. Photographs courtesy Leanne Kanowski.

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veggies under running water and dry with a paper towel just before eating. You may need to scrub soil from root veggies. There is no need to wash bagged fresh salads or cut vegetables if the label says it has been pre-washed, but make sure you use them by the use-by-date.

• Finally, don't forget that some foods, such as raw eggs, unpasteurised dairy products, cold deli meats, soft cheeses, pâté and salads that you haven't prepared at home, may be contaminated by Listeria. These foods need to be avoided entirely by some at risk groups who have a higher risk of listeriosis, including pregnant women, the elderly and people with poor or compromised immune systems.

Southern Downs Regional Council congratulates the Food Safety Information Council on the work they have done in promoting food safety since the first Australian Food Safety Week in 1997.

Council encourages all Southern Downs' residents to take the Food Safety Quiz to test your knowledge about how to reduce your risk of food poisoning from foods that are raw and risky. For further information about food safety or to access the quiz, visit [foodsafety.asn.au](http://foodsafety.asn.au). Alternatively, you can contact Council's Environmental Health team on 1300 MY SDR (1300 697 372) or visit Council's website [www.sdrc.qld.gov.au](http://www.sdrc.qld.gov.au).

## A Grade Player Hoping For Easy Ride At Wattles Rodeo

Eight seconds isn't long in a rugby league game, but Wattles' hooker Liam Ross knows from hard hitting experience that it can feel like infinity when you're steer riding.

But the A-grade football player is hoping to go the distance when he switches sports again this weekend to defend his celebrity rider title at the annual Wattles Rodeo in Allora. It is the third year the local football club has held the rodeo as a major fundraiser and the chance to watch rugby league stars like Ross, and team mates Dale Perkins, Jayden Baker, Brendan Perkins, Matt Wiedman and Michael Crank try their hand in the arena has guaranteed an audience.

Wattles club president Neil Phelan said last year's rodeo attracted more than 1000 people, including a swag of professional bull riders.

"It's an important fundraiser for our club, but it's also become a really popular event for the local community, as well as serious rodeo competitors," Mr Phelan said.

"We're fortunate to have professional rodeo organiser Scott Keogh live locally, so he joins with us to organise the event and brings along some of Australia's top bull riders.

"So while our footballers get their time in the spotlight, the crowd is also guaranteed a chance to see some of the best rodeo competitors around."

It might be the sport's big guns who steal the glory, but an auction of the celebrity riders, before they tackle the steer ride ensures the locals have maximum crowd support.

"It doesn't matter whether it's footy or rodeo, we're very loyal around here and we like to see locals do well, so there is always some enthusiastic bidding at the auction," Mr Phelan said.

"I am tipping Liam Ross to ride time again and it's a place for picking favourites so get on board and support the boys." Meanwhile Mr Phelan said like all community events, the rodeo came together as a result of the generosity of many local businesses and individuals and the club was grateful for their support.

The 2016 Wattles Rodeo kicks off at the Allora Showgrounds this Saturday from 5pm with the junior rodeo events. The celebrity steer ride starts at 6pm, followed by the main rodeo at 6.30pm. Entry adults: \$20; children under 14: Free.

This year there will also be a children's push bike give away at the rodeo courtesy of Warwick ice-cream van extraordinaire Charlie Thorne.

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Double Movement: Wattles player Brodie Frizzell will be switching his footy gear for a role as a bullfighter at Saturday night's rodeo.

Wattles would like to thank their 2016 rodeo sponsors: GrainX; Pursehouse Rural, Allora; Thompson Longhorn; Glenn & Margaret Hentschel; Whites Garage; Willett Electrical; Brelong Agri-Services; Ray Bunch Machinery; Riverina (Australia) Pty Ltd; Southern Downs Ag; Clifton Real Estate; Clifton Auto Ag; Paul Parker Painters; Allora Engineering & Welding; Woods Grain; Hughes Elite Builders; PBA Feeds; Federal Ammunition Company (Talgai); Gilmore Cabinets; Wilson & Rigby Allora Paint & Panel; South Qld Engine Reconditioning; Allora Show Society; Railway Hotel, Allora; Eggcetera.

## Allora Swimming Club host Rotary Shield

It will be a huge day of swimming on Saturday when Allora Amateur Swimming Club host the 49th annual Rotary Open Meet at the Allora Swimming Pool.

With 124 swimmers from across the Darling Downs expected to travel to Allora to compete club spokesperson Donna Willet is expecting some very high standard swimming.

"Our Allora Club can boast some strong representation, many of whom will take to the water in their first club carnival." BBQ facilities will be available throughout the day, along with multi draw raffles, "it's our biggest fundraiser of the season and it's looking like it will be a great day" according to Donna.

"After an 8.00 am warm up, events commence at 9.00am." The prestigious Shield has a history that dates back to the summer of 1967/68 when it was won by Warwick. Allora first won the Shield donated by the Rotary Club of Allora in 1976/77, the first year in a four year dominance that stretched to 1979/80.

Glyn Rees

## Raw & Risky foods the focus of Food Safety Week 2016

'Raw and Risky Foods' come under the spotlight during Australian Food Safety Week which is held from 6 to 12 November 2016.

Southern Downs Regional Council's Acting Manager Environmental Services, Ms Brooke McKenzie said this year marks the 20th year of Food Safety Week nationally, and is a prime time to consider the impacts from 'Raw and Risky Foods' particularly with the Festive season now on the horizon.

"Each year an estimated 4.1 million people contract food poisoning in Australia, and of those, 1 million Australians visit a doctor, 32,000 people are hospitalised and 86 people die from food poisoning.

"In recent years, there has been numerous major food poisoning outbreaks linked to risky raw foods such as unpasteurised milk, raw eggs, bean/seed sprouts, frozen berries and lettuce," she said.

Raw foods can become contaminated with bacteria and viruses in many ways such as:

- food handlers' unwashed hands;
- soil, compost or dirty irrigation water used to grow food;
- dirty kitchen equipment; and
- through contact with other contaminated food.

Ms McKenzie pointed out that cooking the food usually kills any bacteria or viruses, so there is more of a risk of contracting food poisoning from eating certain raw foods.

By following these simple tips you can reduce your risk of contamination from raw food:

- DON'T use any cracked eggs in raw egg dishes such as egg nog, uncooked desserts like mousses and tiramisu, hollandaise sauces, fresh mayonnaise, aioli, health shakes with added raw egg or steak tartar. Prepare all raw egg dishes as close as possible to when they will be consumed and refrigerate at or below 5°C.
- DON'T wash eggs from your backyard chooks as it spreads bacteria around your kitchen. Use a paper towel or brush to remove as much visible dirt as possible and wash your hands thoroughly afterwards. Again, it's best not to use them in raw egg dishes.
- DON'T eat undercooked dishes including minced meat, such as in hamburgers and sausages, liver (including pâté), stuffed or rolled roasts or poultry. Cook these foods all the way through to 75°C to kill bacteria.
- DON'T drink unpasteurised milk as it is likely to be contaminated with bacteria. If you have your own goat or cow you can pasteurise your own milk by heating it to 75 °C in a double boiler for 2 minutes continuously stirring, then cool and refrigerate in a clean container. Note: it is illegal to sell raw cow's milk.
- DON'T let juices from raw meat or poultry contaminate other foods that won't be cooked, like salads or desserts. Use separate chopping boards for raw meat and salad veggies, and cover raw meat and poultry in the fridge.
- Reduce your risk of food poisoning by washing your fruit and

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### THIS WEEK'S SUDOKU SOLUTION

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### CSIRO DOUBLE HELIX QUIZ ANSWERS

1. True. The stripes in a tiger's fur match stripes of humans to hear.
2. Darwin developed his theory of evolution while exploring the Galapagos Islands.
3. Ultrasound is too high for humans to hear.
4. (d) Sharks, platypuses and yabbies all detect electricity.
5. Earth's atmosphere is mostly made up of nitrogen gas (N<sub>2</sub>).

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### Cricket - Game 5: Railway Hotel Rascals vs. Wheatvale

The weekend's game was played against last year premiers, Wheatvale. Adding to this, Tom Morris played his first game as captain. And what a way to start, winning the toss and electing to bat, especially since a couple of lads were coming in late from work commitments. The first two overs went well, until a steady flow of wickets started, and never really stopped sadly. A knock of 14 from Liam Duncan in his first game this season was a small highlight; however, it was Matthew Christensen again who saved the day for us and added an unbeaten 29 runs, made in his most elegant and casual style. Oh yes, and Jack Rubie, also playing his first game, scored 10 from 9 balls at number 11. Overall the score finished up on 100 even, from 24 overs. Things to consider were that several players were sick on the day, and the batting order was turned on its head. None the less, another 40 of 50 runs would have brought more confidence to the team when fielding. In response, Wheatvale got off to a good start, adding 23 runs before losing a wicket to Jamie Holmes, then another 31 runs were added when Liam Duncan struck several times, four in fact to bring the game back in some sort of balance at 6-73. Liam Duncan finished on 4-21/5. From here on though,

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