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THURSDAY, 1st DECEMBER 2016



Lewis von Stieglitz and staff of the Warwick Credit Union with representatives from Allora Men's Shed, Senior Citizens Club, Allora RSL and Allora State High School celebrate the donation of \$1500 to Allora community groups. L to R: Ian Tate (Relationship Manager, Warwick Credit Union), Stuart Campbell (Secretary, Allora Men's Shed), Lewis von Stieglitz (CEO, Warwick Credit Union), Joan Barnett (President, Allora Senior Citizen's Club), Lyn Wright (Secretary, Allora Subbranch RSL), Kath Turner (Treasurer, Allora Subbranch RSL), Allora State High School students Siobhan McEvoy, Amy Harrison and Sophie Otten, Robyn Westerman (Allora State High School), Caroline Ridgway (Branch Supervisor, Warwick Credit Union)

## Funding boost to Allora community

Warwick Credit Union CEO, Lewis von Stieglitz, was delighted to announce a further \$1500 in grants to the Allora community on Wednesday. The funds will be shared by the Allora RSL, the Allora Men's Shed, the Allora Senior Citizens Association and the catering department of the Allora State High School.

"The Allora community are great supporters of the Warwick Credit Union and we, in turn, are always looking for ways to give back" said Lewis.

Representatives of the RSL, the Men's Shed, the Senior Citizens Association and Allora State High School were thrilled to receive the funding boost.

The grant couldn't have come at a better time for the Allora Men's Shed. The group are faced with the challenge of building a new shed on a new site so all contributions are more than welcome.

Every year, Year 10 students from Allora State High School visit to Canberra to learn about how the government works. The school's catering students are responsible for fundraising a large proportion of the cost. "This donation gets our fundraising off to a great start for next year" said Robyn Westerman.

Warwick Credit Union has been providing full service branch banking to Allora since 1992. "We are a local, customer owned institution – so profits stay right here in our community" said Lewis.



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### Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

A call out to all the cooks of Allora and the surrounds - The hunt is on for your favourite or never before published recipes to add to our Recipe Book for our Allora State School 150 Years Celebration. We are looking for if possible, a recipe and a sentimental story to be included. A reason why this recipe is special can also be included, for example Auntie Mag's Powder Puffs always made their way to the table for family celebrations.

Email your recipes or any queries to cchan5.eq.edu.au, lharr281.eq.edu.au or phone Kaye Mullins 4666 3330 or drop off typed recipes to the School Office.

Recipes are required no later than 20th January 2017.

Regards,

Lee Harrison and Cathy Chandler

*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.*

### Days For Girls Report

We held our final Packing Day on 24th November. Thirty enthusiastic ladies attended to pack 160 kits. The good news is that 100 of these are already on a ship to the Philippines to be distributed within the next six weeks to the girls of a small mountain village. This has been made possible through a Vale View contact who travels there to distribute the kits.

The remaining kits will be delivered to Boonah next week and are destined for the Solomon Islands. Boonah also facilitated the kits packed in September to Cambodia and the balance is on its way to Laos. Kits packed earlier in the year have been distributed in Nepal. As you can see our international involvement is quite extensive. We are pleased to report that the distribution has become much quicker.

This year we packed 885 kits bringing our two year total to 1250. We hoped to double our output this year (365 for first

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year) so we have more than achieved that. We hesitate to set a goal for 2017 but with more people sewing and contributing maybe 1000 kits is a possibility!

Our group keeps growing, by word of mouth and presentations. We have two new venues to address next year already.

We wish to thank everyone for their support, our cutters, sewers, packers, financial supporters, fund raisers, shoppers, bookkeeper, our muscle men and donors of material. We are a great team. The sense of camaraderie among the ladies is phenomenal and we have had the opportunity to meet many interesting and enthusiastic people.

Best wishes to all for a happy and peaceful Christmas and a healthy and successful new year.

### Carolling at the Seniors

The Allora Senior Citizens want to get us all in the Christmas Spirit with a Christmas Morning Tea. This will be held at the Allora Senior Citizens Hall, 9th December 2016. The entrance fee will be \$5, with raffles on the day and a lucky door prize. Not to mention a lovely afternoon tea. The entertainment will be provided by The Saxy Lady and her band and Lynette assures us that she will put together some lovely Christmas Songs for our enjoyment. All are welcome.

A spokesperson for the association said that she hoped this would be the first of these Musical Teas. We are discussing a few more activities for our Seniors and for the general public for 2017, including Bingo starting early in the New Year which would probably run every fortnight. When asked about membership the spokesperson said anyone over the age of 55 can become a member of Senior Citizens for just \$5 per year. We welcome new members and new ideas. We would love to have our doors open a few more days during the week and we are hopeful of doing this in 2017. Anyone who is interested in becoming a member or has an interesting idea for an activity please contact us on:- 0435 801 102 or write to the Secretary P.O. Box 10, Allora, Q. 4362.

### WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Min/Max
THU	Sunny. Hot. Dry.	15 34
FRI	Breaks of Sun Late. Very Hot. Dry.	15 37
SAT	High Level Clouds. Very Hot.	18 38
SUN	Mostly Sunny. Very Hot. Humid.	19 39
MON	Morning Clouds. Very Hot. Humid.	18 39
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*Submitted by Dave Wellings.*

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## Building Better Regions Fund set to grow Maranoa communities

The entire Maranoa electorate is set to benefit from new Federal Government funding, announced last Wednesday 23rd November, specifically targeted to improve and increase liveability in regional communities.

Maranoa MP David Littleproud – whose vast rural electorate covers about 42% of Queensland – said the \$297 million Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) program would provide a huge boost.

“I’ve advocated for rural communities across Maranoa and I believe we’re represented in the Coalition Government’s new BBRF as major capital cities have been excluded in the funding’s guidelines,” Mr Littleproud said.

“The BBRF has been divided into two streams. The Infrastructure Projects Stream will invest in new infrastructure construction or project to upgrade the extension of existing infrastructure; and

the Community Investments Stream is about strengthening liveability.

“This government understands our nation is made of more than steel and roads – that’s why the Community Investments Stream might help expand a local festival, attract a theatre production or major sporting event to boost local tourism, or it might be leadership or business training for young locals.

“A new social benefit criteria will also allow applicants to demonstrate how a project will make their region a more attractive place to live or improve community connections.

“These changes recognise the valuable contribution our rural communities make to our national economy.

“With three regional councils in Maranoa alone contributing more per capita than Brisbane City Council, it makes sense our regions should be supported.

“Whether it’s the food you eat, the fibre you’re wearing or the gas and coal used to power your home or business – Maranoa has produced the lot and we’re the ones who keep our cities

ticking too.”

Regional Development Minister Fiona Nash – the BBRF architect – said our regional communities in Maranoa allowed cities to exist.

“Our capital cities would grind to a halt within an hour if these investments ended. Of course these investments in the city are not seen as “bailouts” – they’re sensible ongoing investments, and this is the mindset which must be adopted to government investment in rural, regional and remote Australia,” Minister Nash said.

“Projects in remote and very remote areas will receive a loading on their project score, and also will not need to produce 1:1 matching funding. The Government will provide up to 75% of the investment for remote and very remote projects.

“Also, projects will now be assessed against projects of similar size, so small community projects are not competing against huge projects worth tens of millions, for example.”

The BBRF opens from January 18, 2017. To access the BBRF guidelines and to lodge an application visit: [www.business.gov.au/bbrf](http://www.business.gov.au/bbrf)

## Report highlights Council is achieving improved financial position

The latest Finance Report considered by Southern Downs Regional Council at its General Meeting held last Thursday highlights that Council’s financial position is continuing to improve.

Southern Downs’ Shadow Portfolio Councillor for Governance and Finance, Rod Kelly has commended the Council team on the year to date result but cautioned that Council must continue with a conservative fiscal approach.

“We have seen great improvements in the financial health of Council, as reflected in the recent 2015-16 Annual Report.

“Southern Downs Regional Council has a huge responsibility to its ratepayers and communities across the region, and performs many activities in providing the level of services that it does to the community.

“To do this, Council needs money and it shouldn’t be forgotten that Council is a business, like all other businesses. It must remain liquid and have financial sustainability.

“That has of course come with its challenges in doing more with less. We have seen significant reductions in expenditure and at last there are now funds set aside in reserves.

“However, it must be stressed that this has to continue, not just this financial year, but into the future. As they say, ‘one swallow does not make a spring,’ said Cr Kelly.

Cr Kelly pointed out that the Finance Report for the period to 31 October shows clear evidence that Council’s finances are in a healthy situation.

“The net operating position is \$3million over the estimated position for the financial year to date.

“Expenditure is \$2.7million under the year to date estimate with employee costs approximately \$1.6million under budget. Materials and services are also \$1million under the year to date budget.

“Of key note are the working capital, operating surplus, net financial liabilities and interest coverage ratios which are all pleasingly green.

“This is now a regular monthly trend which demonstrates the financial sustainability that Council needs to maintain now and into the future,” said Cr Kelly.

Cr Kelly also commended Council’s Chief Executive Officer, Finance Manager and staff for their close adherence to Council’s financial budget and their understanding of the significance of meeting the budget and returning a surplus.

These sentiments were echoed by Deputy Mayor, Cr Jo McNally who also praised the efforts of all members of the Council team in playing their part to improve Council’s financial position.

## Looking Back...

Allora’s Past 25 years ago December 1991

### Amalgamation Proposal

Three of the four Warwick district local authorities appear to be happy with the boundary changes put forward by the Electoral and Administrative Review Commission. Warwick City Council and Allora and Glengallan Shire Councils reacted favourably to the recommendation by EARC to disband the Rosenthal Shire and split the land between the three remaining councils.

Allora Shire Chairman, Cr. Jim Deacon, said that his council accepted the EARC proposals. “It is the only way that the rural residents of the Rosenthal Shire could maintain their representation and local identity” Cr. Deacon said. Rosenthal Shire Chairman, Cr. Jim Mitchell, said that he was disturbed that no-one had considered the people of the Rosenthal Shire.

Allora’s Past 50 years ago December 1966

### ALLORA KINDERGARTEN

I wish to thank those parents whose patronage has enabled the kindergarten to become established and to express my thanks to the business houses of Allora who have given me their support.

For enrolments for next year’s kindergarten commencing on 23rd January, 1967, please contact Mrs. V. J. Costelloe.

Allora’s Past 75 years ago December 1941

### Brothers Farewelled

To farewell Privates Jack Wright and Dick Wright, the Allora and District Soldiers’ Welfare Committee arranged a social evening in the Shire Hall. Privates Jack and Dick Wright are brothers, and are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wright of Allora. Mr. W. A. Hicks (chairman of the Welfare Committee) presided and paid tribute to



the Central Theatre c.1972, formerly Sharpe’s Hall and now the Allora Community Hall.

the decision of the boys to serve their country in the A.I.F. Cr. W. M. Holmes presented each man with a gift from the citizens of the district and wished them Godspeed. Mrs. Leggatt presented each man with a parcel of comforts from the Australian Comforts Fund.

(Private Jack Wright served with the 2/26 Infantry Battalion. He survived the



Private Jack Wright, 2/26 Battalion. Photo courtesy Janet Hegarty.

privations of the Burma Thailand Railway but died of encephalitis in Changi Hospital on the 18th March 1944 after his return to Singapore. Private Dick Wright served with the 2/15 Infantry Battalion in the Middle East and New Guinea and returned to Allora after the war)

Allora’s Past 100 years ago December 1916

### Hall Opened

The official opening of the fine new hall recently erected by Mr. J. T. Sharpe took place last night. It took the form of a plain and fancy dress ball, the proceeds of which are being devoted to the Warwick ambulance. The floor was in first class order and had been especially prepared for the occasion. Music was supplied by Miss M. McEniery, Warwick. Mr. Ralph Sharpe made an efficient master of ceremonies. Refreshments were served on the stage, Mrs. J. T. Sharpe and Mrs. F. Pain supervised the arrangements.

The hall is a most commodious one and it is estimated that it will seat 1000 persons. The stage is roomy and well appointed and the floor of the hall being all mahogany. The lighting is at present acetylene but at a later date Mr. Sharpe plans to install an electric plant.

Colin Newport

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December -

- Sat 3 **Allora Creekside Carols**  
Food from 4.30pm, Carols from 6.30pm
- Fri 9 **Senior Citizens Christmas Music Melody**  
Senior Citizens Hall Allora, 1.30pm

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 Trivia Night**  
Allora Community Hall

April -

- Fri 28 **Opening of the Joyce Gibson Scented Garden**  
Pre-school grounds, 2.30pm
- Fri 28 **Bush Dance - Allora Community Circle/Allora S.S.**  
6.00pm - 9.00pm

- Sat 29 **Allora State School 150 Year Celebrations**  
Sat 29 **Allora Autumn Festival**  
& Sun 30 Allora Township

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.





Congratulations to the following Allora students who have graduated from Scots PGC on Friday. They are: Cooper Rafton, Sarah Moody, James Gilmore, Sarah Atkinson and Arnie Briel.

## The Allora Community Directory...

### ORGANISATIONS

**Allora Community Circle** - Meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month, 6.00pm at the Senior Citizens Hall, Drayton Street Allora. Enquiries, contact Julie 0407 954 615.

**Allora Community Kindergarten** - 7 Gordon Street, Allora. Children attend 5 days per fortnight - Qld School Terms. Phone 4666 3420.

**Allora & District Historical Society** - Meets 3rd Wednesday of every month, 7.00pm, at Old Shire Hall, Warwick St., Allora. Drayton Street Museum open 1.30pm - 4.30pm every Sunday. Contact Carolyn Anderson 4666 2090.

**Allora & District Rural Neighbourhood Watch** - Meets 3rd Tuesday bi-monthly at the Allora Court House, Raff St., Allora, 6.30pm. All welcome. Contact Wendy Ardrey 0488 673 778.

**Allora Landcare Group** - Meets every two months at Blue Cow Hotel, 7.30pm, on third Thursday. Contact Peter Thomas 4666 6210 or 0419 724 025.

**Allora Men's Shed Inc.** - Open weekly Thurs. and Sat. at old Fire Station, Herbert St. 8.30am to 12.00pm. All welcome. President Glenn Miller 0408 063 387, Secretary Stuart Campbell 4666 3499. Email alloramensshed4362@gmail.com.

**Allora QCWA** - Meets 3rd Tuesday of month, 10.00am. Contact Olive Shooter 4666 3474.

**Allora R.S.L. Sub Branch** - Meets at R.S.L. Hall. Contact Kath Turner 4666 2050.

**Allora Red Cross** - Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month from 1.30pm at 22 Forde St., Allora. Contact Kay Graham 4666 3035.

**Allora Rotary Club** - Meets every 2nd Monday at Railway Hotel, from 6.30pm. Contact Ann Balmain 4666 2450.

**Allora Scope Club** - Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of month. Contact Daphne Whatley 4666 3691 for details on venue.

**Allora Senior Citizens** - Meets Monday and Friday, 1.00pm - 3.30pm for cards and Rummikin. Contact Shann O'Connell 0478 637 604.

**Allora Show Society** - Meets 1st Sunday of the month at 2.00pm at Show Society Ring Office, Allora Show Grounds. Contact Conrad Schnitzerling 0418 756 498 or Shirley Cornhill 0427 100 210.

**Doctor Who Club of Australia: Allora Local Group** - Meets bi-monthly at Allora QCWA, Warwick St. Allora. Contact Fraser Clark on 0401 432 587, email allora@doctorwhoaustralia.org or join our Facebook group www.facebook.com/groups/dwca.allora for upcoming meeting dates.

**Friends of the Homestead** - Meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 2.00pm. Contact 4666 3694.

**Goomburra Hall Committee** - Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month, from 6.30pm at Goomburra Hall. Contact John O'Brien 4666 6050 to confirm.

**Hope Masonic Lodge** - Meets 1st Friday each month at 7.30pm, at Gordon St., Allora. Inquiries welcome. Contact Graeme Allen 4666 3164

**St. Patrick's Parish Pastoral Council** - McKillop House (old convent)

Warwick St., Allora. Contact 4666 3377 and leave a message.

**Victoria Hill QCWA** - Meets 1st Tuesday of month 1.30pm at Victoria Hill Hall. Contact Shirley Erhardt 4666 3470

**Warwick Veteran & Vintage Vehicle Club Inc.** - Meets 1st Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm. Contact Graham McMillan 4666 3554 to confirm venue.

### ART & CRAFT GROUPS

**Allora Arts & Crafts** - Meets every Tuesday, 9.00am - 12.00pm, at St. David's Hall, 1 Church St., Allora. Contact Sue Dalton 4666 3083.

**Allora Photography Group** - Meets 2nd Wednesday night of every month, 7.00pm, Allora State School Library, Raff St. All welcome. Contacts - Pres. Chris Johnson 0412 097 424, Sec. Sandra Head 0427 032 798, email alloraphotographygroup4362@gmail.com.

**St. Patrick's Craft Group** - Meet on 1st Monday of the month at McKillop House (old convent) Warwick St., Allora. Contact Cathie Wilson 4666 2441.

### SPORTING / HEALTH ACTIVITIES

**Allora & District Campdraft Association** - Contact Secretary Angela Hart on 0418 708 366.

**Allora Sports Club** - Meets 2nd Monday of the month at the Club House, Warwick St., Allora. Contact John Ellwood 0448 196 647.

**Allora Sports Museum** - Regular hours each Sunday, 12.00pm - 4.00pm or other times open by appointment. Contact Perry Cronin 0407 034 320 or Glyn Rees 0400 811 093.

**Allora Tennis Club** - Family Fun Nights, first Friday of month from 5.30pm, phone 4666 2260. Ladies Tennis Tuesday AM and PM. Court available for night tennis. Contact 0439 702 051.

**Line Dance Classes** - Tuesday 6.30pm - 8.30pm, at Allora Sports Centre, Darling Street, Allora. Contact Jenny 4661 2448.

**Southern Downs Rifle Club** - Long Range Full Bore rifle competitions each Sunday, 9.00am - 12noon, at the Risdon Rifle Range, Connelly Dam Road, Warwick. Contact Margaret Taylor on 07 4666 1018 or Bob Tyllyer bobbytyllyer@hotmail.com. Web site www.southerndownsrifleclub.websyte.com.au

**Squash** - at Allora Indoor Sports Centre. Phone John 4666 3100 for key.

**St. Andrews Indoor Bowls Allora** - Meets Tuesdays from 7.15pm at St. Andrews Hall, Warwick St., Allora. Contact Kathy Shannon 4666 3286.

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### Council Advisory Committees off and running

Southern Downs Regional Council's Advisory Committees are getting down to business, with many having held their inaugural meetings over the last month.

Community representatives were officially appointed to the eight Council Advisory Committees at a special meeting of Council in September 2016.

Southern Downs' Mayor Tracy Dobie said the majority of the committees have now met at least once and have commenced development of their strategic priorities for the region.

"The aim of these committees is to provide guidance and advice to Council on community strategic expectations.

"At their inaugural meetings, the committees revisited their Terms of Reference and are now set to work towards creating a vibrant vision and strategy for each of the areas they manage," said Cr Dobie.

Shadow Portfolio Councillor for Economic Development, Rod Kelly acknowledged the professionalism of his fellow committee

### BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

In the old days the English and Scottish armies used to fight by gathering their armies on top of the hills and at day break they would run down the hillside into the deep gorge below to fight.

One morning at dawn there was a fog (as thick as pea soup) and the two generals decided to refrain from fighting that day. Whilst the two armies were resting a voice, with a scottish accent came from within the dense fog.

"Any one scotsman can beat any 10 englishmen".

With this, the english general sent down 10 of his soldiers. There was a hell of a fight and NO ONE returned. An hour later, the same voice was heard.

"Any one scotsman can beat any 50 englishman".

With this the english general sent down 50 of his soldiers. The same thing, a terrible fight ensued and again NO ONE returned. An hour later the same voice.

"Any one scotsman can beat any 100 englishman".

Same same, down went 100 of the best. NO ONE returned. An hour later.

"Any one scotsman can beat any 1,000 englishman".

By this time, the english general had had enough and was about to send down his elite soldiers, when he saw a lone englishman crawling up the hill.

He was battered to a pulp. As he reached his general he said, "Don't send any more troops down, its a trap, THERES TWO OF THE THEM".

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members, following the first meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee on October 24.

"There were some great ideas around the table and the committee will be well placed to provide strategic guidance to Council as it moves forward," he said.

Cr Kelly, also Portfolio Councillor for Regional Promotion, Tourism and the Arts, said he was very excited about the energy and enthusiasm of the new Regional Promotion, Tourism and the Arts Advisory Committee, which also met in October.

"This is a very passionate group and although the first meeting did sway a bit more to tourism, I'm confident that we have the right people to set the scene for tourism, arts and regional promotion," he said.

Council's Deputy Mayor, Cr McNally highlighted how impressed she was with all of the under 25 year representatives.

"They're not intimidated by the other members. They are confident and very keen about putting their views forward and I believe they will be a great asset to all of the committees," she said.

The new Events, Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee met on 1 November 2016. Yve Stocks, Portfolio Councillor for Events, Sport and Recreation said the committee discussed a range of topics.

"Key to discussions was the Committee's role to grow events, sport and recreation to gain economic benefits, and how to leverage off the strengths we currently have, and identify opportunities to build on," said Cr Stocks.

Portfolio Councillor for Rural, Environmental, Sustainability and Waste Management, Cameron Gow, and Chair of Council's Pest Management Advisory Committee highlighted that this committee is a transition from the former working group, which is a legislated group that maintains the Pest Management Plan.

"The committee members are an exceptional group of professionals with an interest in pest management. The committee is very keen to not only maintain, but improve its place in the sphere of operation in which it works," said Cr Gow.

The inaugural meetings were largely focussed on the consideration of ideas, opportunities and challenges, and future meeting will have a greater focus on actions.

The role of the Advisory Committees is to provide strategic rather than operational advice to Council, and the advice should be in relation to the entire region. Advice provided through Advisory Committees will be reported back to Council through the Minutes of each committee.



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## Council proposes electronic voting and Local Government run elections to ECQ review

An electronic voting system for future local government elections could be on the cards if a proposal by Southern Downs Regional Council to the Electoral Commission of Queensland (ECQ) Review panel gets the nod.

The ECQ Review panel requested feedback from councils which undertook postal voting only, on the 2016 local government election process and the future of postal voting or possible alternatives.

Southern Downs Mayor Tracy Dobie said Council has proposed two recommendations in its submission to the ECQ Review panel.

"Council has recommended that the Electoral Commission of Queensland undertakes a feasibility assessment of electronic voting for future Local Government elections in Queensland.

"In an age of constantly advancing technology and the growing population of tech-savvy public of all ages, Council believes that electronic voting is the way forward.

"The success of this method used by the ACT Electoral Commission over the past five Legislative Assembly elections certainly supports this as a sensible and viable option in Queensland.

"There is an opportunity to offer a unique service to residents as part of the on-line voting process by enabling voting at Library facilities owned and operated by Council.

"This has several benefits: it allows for people unaccustomed to using computers to access computers to do their voting in a familiar and recognised environment, and in a safe and secure environment.

"It also provides ready access for those people that do not have computers or smart devices, or internet service to be able to cast their votes.

"Council has also recommended that Queensland Local Governments become the responsible authority for all future elections with the Chief Executive Officer appointed as the Returning Officer.

"We are of the view that Local Government authorities have the capacity, experience and capability to successfully run local government elections and therefore councils should become the responsible authority.

"However, if the management of the elections continues to be outsourced, councils should be provided with a fixed cost estimate so that this can be accurately included in budgets and forecasting," said Cr Dobie.

The Mayor also highlighted that there were some significant issues with the postal voting only system conducted by the ECQ for the Southern Downs' 2016 local government election.

"Many voters were frustrated by the process. 25,254 registered voters were forwarded ballot papers but, for reasons unknown, 5,424 voters failed to return the documentation.

"Moreover, informal votes for the election of the eight Councillors totalled 6,304, which equates to around 31.7% of returned

ballot papers; a very poor result.

"Voters tended to bring their complaints about the election and voting process to Council, which Council then had to refer on to the ECQ. This created delays and caused voter frustration and created the unfair impression that Council was 'blame-shifting'.

"If Local Government had full responsibility for the election process, as has been the case in the past, Council believes there will be a more streamlined process with less voter frustration and confusion," said Cr Dobie.

Southern Downs Deputy Mayor Jo McNally supported the Mayors comments. "This is an important submission because it relates to the future of our voting system.

"The last two local government elections have been hindered by the State Government. In this year's election they included a referendum, and in the one before, they decided to hold the State election at the same time the local government election was scheduled to be held.

"In both cases, the State Government did not provide the necessary level of resources or funding to ensure smooth and trouble-free election processes," stressed Cr McNally.

Feedback from the Southern Downs Returning Officer for the 2016 Local Government elections indicated that confusion amongst registered voters with the process of completing the voting documentation was a major reason for votes being declared informal.

This, combined with the large number of voters who requested replacement ballot papers, has resulted in the Returning Officer recommending that postal voting be discontinued for future local government elections.

## ?? CSIRO Double Helix Quiz ??

1. What is the name of the biggest storm on Jupiter?
2. Are owls native to Australia?
3. What does a corrosive chemical do?
4. What is greywater?
5. What is the difference between a brown-water ship and a blue-water ship?

*Answers in Classifieds pages*

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## Allora XI vs Rascals

On Saturday the Allora XI took on the Rascals for the first time since last season's finals. Winning the toss and electing to bat, the Allora XI were in fine touch with the opening partnership ticking past 50 for the second consecutive week thanks to Nick Morris (36) and Cam Masters (29). From there everyone contributed with Gav Scheiwe (66), Tom Higgins (52), Mitch McLennan (22), Nick Goltz (20), Luke Cullen (14) and Andrew Every (10) all scoring good runs towards the highest score in the competition so far with a total of 9-302.

With the Rascals requiring 303 to win two good run outs in the opening overs from Sean Bryson and Nick Goltz had the Rascals on the back foot at 2-23. And from there wickets fell at regular intervals as Andrew Every (3 wickets) and Sean Bryson (2 wickets) dismissed the tail for a total of 110. This gave the Allora XI our 3rd win of the season and gives us great momentum heading into the mid-season break.

Once again thanks to all of our supporters and in particular Robyn and the crew from the Railway Hotel. Please feel free to pop down to the Railway every Saturday afternoon from 5.00pm for your chance to win vouchers in the Allora Cricket Club Raffles.

## BOWLS Allora Sports Club – Night Bowls Results

**WEEK TEN - 22nd NOVEMBER 2016** - A wise old man (JC) once said "When you are down, you gotta (sic) get up". Well, Greg Patterson took that advice to heart. You have got to hand it to him and his team, Zoolanders – Dennis Allen & Aleece & Liz & Rachael & Bev, they are now equal first with Honda Hawks on 16 points. Zoolanders 15 won over the Three Amigos 10 this week!!!!!!Rachael was in the harem and Liz was playing with two amigos). Honda Hawks 12 went down to the Frog & Swallow 18. Other results:- Roonicks 17 v Ritchie's Rat Bags 7; The Old Boys 19 v Swimming Pool 4; Team Engel 13 v Allora Men's Shed 9; Lawn Grubs 17 v Railway Hotel 5; Maydan 16 v Doesn't Matter 9

I think these names come up consistently on the list of toucher winners – Lynn Patterson, Greg Patterson, Sam Ritchie, Len Hoey & Jim Pigeon. Great to see Regean McMillan taking home a chocolate too.

Somebody has been tampering with the 'number machine'! John Cochran pressed the button as usual and the damn machine whirred and flashed for ages before stopping on the winning number. John tried to be nonchalant, sipping his beer while somebody else shouted "Give us back the chocolate wheel"! This week's winners – Barry Donegan, Ivan Kotsopoulos, John Ellwood x2, Nikko, Greg Patterson and Adam Cummings had a chance to cut the cards for the Jackpot. Someone will win extra cash for Christmas with the prize now \$100.

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This week we welcomed Ashley who tended the bar and John & Jean, travellers from South Australia. They were substitute players and are enjoying their stay in Allora.

Lyn Wright, Scribe



2016 Age Champions at St Patrick's Swimming Carnival.

## St Patrick's School Extends Warm Wishes for the Festive Season

This week brings the close of another school year at St Patrick's School. The final term of the year has been a busy one. Early in the term, Years 5 and 6 headed off to Tallebudgera for school leadership and team bonding camp. A memorable time was had by all. Years Prep to 2 were delighted to have a visit from the local fire brigade. The highlight was testing out the powerful firehose. We may have a few budding firemen and women in the future.

Week 3 was all systems go with final preparations for the annual St Patrick's Parish Fete. Students performed for the crowd a number of old favourites songs with dance and actions. The success of the fete each year is due to the Allora community support and the tireless efforts of parish and school members who band together in preparation and running of various stalls. A very big thank you to all who supported this event in some way.

Our choir of students in Years 3 to 6 visited community groups recently to spread some Christmas cheer and entertained the folks of the Allora Homestead and Blue Care. This is always a highlight of the school year as the students can bring smiles to many of our senior members of the Allora Community. An enjoyable time was experienced by all through singing, poetry and telling yarns, passing on wisdom and tales of days gone by.

Last Friday St Patrick's School held their annual school swimming carnival. Congratulations to all students who participated. The efforts and swimming talents of our students is to be commended. Everyone who nominated swam their best to participate and earn points for their house teams.

Age champions for 2016:

5 years: Sophia Fein; Billy Keogh

6 years: Ruby Wright; Hugh Denny

7 years: Matilda Gasson; Will Peters

8 years: Sarah Morris; Harry Wright

9 years: Aliza Shelbach; Jason Deehan

10 years: Casey-Lee Shelton; Jack Wright

11 years: Alex Bender; Daniel Morris

12 years: Charlotte Close; Josh Hagenbach

The successful winning team for this year was the blue team 'Hughes'. The House Swimming Trophy gratefully accepted by Trinity Van Bennekom and Josh Hagenbach

To the Allora community, St Patrick's School extends the warmest wishes for a safe and enjoyable Christmas holiday season with family and friends. Many thanks and appreciation for all the continued and valued support given by Allora community members throughout the year. During the school holidays enrolment enquires may be forwarded to the principal, Mr Tyrone Maher, at [allora@twb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:allora@twb.catholic.edu.au)





Hughes House, proud winners of the Tidy Up and Cheer Squad Points Award. Photo courtesy Joan Wylde.

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

1. The largest storm on Jupiter is called the Great Red Spot. Yes, there are several species of owl native to Australia.
2. Yes, there are several species of owl native to Australia.
3. Corrosive chemicals eat into and destroy other materials when they come into contact. Some examples are strong acids and caustics.
4. Greywater is waste water that doesn't come from your toilet. It includes water from sinks, showers and washing machines, and is easily treated for reuse.
5. Brown-water ships are designed to sail along the coast. Blue-water ships can sail over the deep ocean.

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#### Change to Council's December General Meeting Date

Southern Downs Regional Council's December General Meeting has been changed to **Friday, 16 December 2016**, and will be held at the Warwick Chambers, 64 Fitzroy Street, Warwick, commencing at 9:00am.

David Keenan  
Chief Executive Officer

**ALLORA SHOW SOCIETY**  
**General Meeting**  
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#### Allora Community Circle Inc. Invites...

The community to have their say in the outcome of the Strategic Plan for Allora which will be presented to the Southern Downs Regional Councillors in January 2017.

The proposals are outlined in *The Allora Advertiser* issue #3420 on 17th November 2016 (available on the web at [www.alloraadvertiser.com](http://www.alloraadvertiser.com))

You might like to prioritise the projects nominated. Please forward your comments to: [allorafestival@gmail.com](mailto:allorafestival@gmail.com) or in writing to the Allora Advertiser, 53 Herbert St., Allora.

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### Family silver comes back to Glengallan

Slade family silver and 19th century silver trophies for prize stock found their way home to Glengallan this week.

Melbourne resident Adrienne Butler, one of the three daughters of Adrian and Vera Slade, felt it was time for her family to share the fascinating items with visitors to Glengallan, the birthplace of her father and home to grandparents W.B. Slade and his wife, Sophie, for more than 40 years.

The engraved trophies tell a story of Glengallan stud stock success from the Marshall & Slade era of the 1870s through to the early 1920s, while family silver speaks of an age of elegance at Glengallan and later Slade family properties Glenbar, The Glen and Glenelg.

Mrs Butler said she had watched the progress and development of the heritage tourism operation through the involvement of her sister, Jane Morse, in the Glengallan Family History Centre: "The time was right" for return of the artefacts to Glengallan and she and son Chris Owens were looking forward to returning for Glengallan's 150th anniversary celebrations in September 2017.