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THURSDAY, 15th DECEMBER 2016




## Allora Mountain Display in Herbert Street

Allora Landcare Group conducted its most recent working bee last Thursday to decorate the shop front window next to the Frog and Swallow cafe. The display includes photos of work done by the Group over recent years to create a community space on Allora Mountain that can be enjoyed by locals and visitors alike. The display also includes an 'Insect Hotel' made by one of our members with information and resources available through the group. The Group has had a sign made to advertise the Allora Mountain Flora and Fauna Reserve and this can also be seen in the window. A second sign has been installed on the wall of the amenities block of the Allora Showgrounds for the information of campers and visitors. The Group has had a highly active, enjoyable and productive 2016 and looks forward to more of the same next year. Anyone is welcome to join the group and we meet on the 3rd Thursday of every second month at the Commercial Hotel at 7.30pm. The first meeting of 2017 will be February 16th.

Allora Landcare Group in front of the informative Allora Mountain window display in Herbert Street.

The Allora RSL proudly presents an afternoon of,

# 'Community Carols'



**At the RSL Hall & Memorial Park**

**Music from 1pm**  
Warwick Salvation Army Band and local performers, singing Christmas Classics.

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The Carols was blown away in a ripper Old storm! So to keep the Christmas spirit alive join us for an afternoon of BBQ, singing and celebration. It won't be quite the show of the Creekside Carols, but we will make up for it in fun and spirit!

**Food from 12**  
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**Advice for residents to “stay cool” in hot conditions**

Healthcare workers are reminding residents to be mindful of their health as the region braces for a possible heatwave at the end of this week.

Darling Downs Public Health Unit Director Dr Penny Hutchinson said hot weather could lead to dehydration, sunburn and other more serious heat-related illnesses such as heat stroke.

“Heat stroke occurs when a person’s core body temperature becomes high and doesn’t cool down,” Dr Hutchinson said.

The condition can be caused by not drinking enough water, spending too much time in the sun and not being able to cool down quickly.

“All Queenslanders are at risk during periods of hot or prolonged high temperatures, but some people are at a higher risk of harm, such as the elderly, especially those who live alone, babies and very young children, pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers, as well as those who are physically active, such as manual workers or people who play sport.

“Some of the symptoms of heat-related illness include dizziness, headaches, bright or dark urine which indicates possible dehydration, nausea or vomiting, and fainting.

“In extreme cases, heat stroke can lead to confusion or slurred speech, a rapid pulse, vomiting and diarrhoea, and a loss of consciousness.

“If this occurs, it is important to call triple zero (000) as soon as possible.” Dr Hutchinson also believes it is important to remember sun safety messages in the summer months.

“It’s important to wear a hat, keep out of the sun between 10am and 2pm, wear long sleeves and light clothing and apply sunscreen.

“In times of high temperatures it is also important to keep an eye on family, friends and neighbours, especially those who may be more susceptible to the various forms of heat-related illness,” she said.

How to prevent a heat-related illness:

- Drink plenty of fluids; cool water is best. Don’t wait until you are thirsty to drink, but instead drink regularly throughout the day.
- Urine colour is a good guide to hydration. It should be clear to light straw-coloured, not dark or gold.
- Stay indoors in very hot weather, preferably in an air-conditioned building, or ensure there is good airflow with fans and open windows.
- Public venues, such as air-conditioned shopping centres and pools, can provide refuge from the heat.
- People can also stay cool by taking cool showers or baths, soaking their feet in a basin of water or wetting a bandana or washer and wrapping it around their neck.
- Take time to adjust to the environment, pace yourself and limit strenuous outdoor activity where possible.

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Solution in classifieds section

**Letter to the Editor...**

Dear 2016 has been anything but successful for Education Minister Kate Jones.

Queensland school results have declined in all areas in the latest Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) results.

In Science, Queensland fell far behind the ACT and Western Australia.

In Reading, Queensland ranked considerably behind the ACT, Western Australia and Victoria, and fell below South Australia and NSW.

In Maths, Queensland ranked behind all other States and Territories except Tasmania and Northern Territory – and fell below the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) average.

Under Kate Jones we saw the hasty closure of the Aurukun School in Cape York leaving children in the lurch.

Violence has been on the rise in schools across Queensland, teachers are being assaulted, and suspensions rates are increasing.

Minister Jones has failed to negotiate any way forward for schools funding with her Federal counterpart, instead she’s played politics at every opportunity.

We need more schools but have heard nothing from Kate Jones as to how she plans to deliver extra classrooms.

Yesterday the Teachers Union was planning political campaigns in the classroom – yet the Minister’s silence was almost deafening.

It was revealed that almost 20 per cent of state schools across Queensland don’t have a permanent school Principal.

2016 was far from a success for Kate Jones – just ask the students and school communities who have been let down by this do-nothing Minister.

By any measure, it’s just not good enough.

Tracy Davis,  
Shadow Education Minister

*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.*

**WEATHER FORECAST**

Day	Forecast	Min/Max
THU	Mostly Sunny. Hot.	14 35
FRI	Morning Clouds. Warm.	17 30
SAT	A Few Storms. Morning Clouds. Warm.	18 30
SUN	Scattered Showers. Haze. Mild.	16 27
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TUE	Morning Clouds. Warm.	16 28

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**Mens Breakfast This Saturday**

The Scots Presbyterian Church Men’s Breakfast is being held on Saturday, 17th Decemeber this month, starting at 7.20am. Our Guest Speaker is Wes Leake. Wes’s passion is to see kingdom businesses raised up, established and supported in Australia and worldwide. He is very conscious that a new day has dawned in terms of the God’s people being equipped to serve God where they are, the marketplace. Raised in a Christian home, Wes gave his life to the Lord when he was, nine years old. Since then it has been a time of growing in God’s grace through many different circumstances and challenges. He watched as his parent’s business went through bankruptcy; saw the family rebuild, only then to face the death of his mum. He studied accountancy, in some way to ensure that he could learn the principles needed so that his family would not go through what he had. But along the way, God has revealed through study, his work and times alone with God, that it is through God alone that success comes. Success is not as the world views success but as God views success, a life of relationship with the living Lord. Professionally Wes is an Accountant and Business Trainer/Coach/Spiritual has held positions with Guide Dogs Queensland, Scripture Union Queensland and was the founding Australian Director for

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Crown Financial Ministries, Scripture Union Australia, Willow Creek Association and New Hope Brisbane. Wes serves on the board of Transformation Connections where he serves as President. He is married to Pam and has four children, Johanna, Bethany, Samuel & Elijah and attends Bayside Christian Family Church where he serves in an eldership capacity.

Wes Leake is a People Builder. His focus is to see people from all walks of life become whom God has called them to be. Being set free from everything that is hindering them to achieving their destiny. Because of his accounting background, his main focus has been business owners, through Business Blessings, where he seeks to see those in business supported physically, spiritually, relationally and financially.

A title for his speech could be: With God on the Journey - With God it’s all about the journey. The journey of coming to know God and the journey of walking with God as we walk through life. The journey is not always easy or pleasant, but we have a promised that God will never leave us nor forsake us. Wes will share some of his journey with God and with those he works with to encourage and inspire you that no matter, you are worthy to receive all God has for you.

**Searching for Oldest Allora Student**

The Allora P-10 State School 150 year reunion organizing committee are searching for the oldest living student of the Allora State School. They hope to be able to invite the past student to the celebration to assist with the cutting of the anniversary cake on Saturday 29 April 2017.

So far, organizers are aware of Pauline Grimmer nee Warfield who was born on 2/1/1921 and who is currently living in Brisbane.

If you should know of anyone of a similar age, please ask them to contact Robyn Draper (0447 767 401) or forward their contact details. We would be very pleased to hear of anyone who has attained 90+ years.

Glyn Rees

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### Australian Red Cross Won't Let Christmas Pass In Silence

Red Cross's national network of Telecross volunteers will be busy Christmas morning, making a phone call to bring joy to a stranger's day. However, joy and goodwill are not the only things Red Cross will be sharing through the festive season. Volunteers will be checking on the safety, security and wellbeing of aged and socially isolated people – who rely on daily contact from Red Cross. Australian Red Cross' Social Support Services Manager for

Queensland, Rhee Duthie, said Telecross supports frail, aged, disabled and isolated people to live in their own homes in communities they know and love.

"For people who have limited contact with family or friends, a phone call from Red Cross on Christmas Day makes a world of difference. It's especially important at Christmas, which can be a really tough time for many people.

"That reassuring phone call translates into better health, happiness and safety," Ms Duthie said.

Two thirds of the daily Telecross phone calls go to people aged over 80 with a further 27 per cent to people aged between 65 and 80.

The daily phone call lasts a few minutes and is made by a trained volunteer, who can activate an emergency response if a call is unexpectedly not answered.

Australian Red Cross chief executive officer Judy Slatyer said the strength of Telecross is in the trained volunteers.

"We're founded on a spirit of volunteer service," Ms Slatyer said. "People see us in emergencies but they might not know we're quietly working away at creating safe, healthy, secure communities," she said.

Red Cross has launched its festive season fundraising appeal, calling for supporters to donate to local social inclusion programs, like Telecross, and other community-led programs around Australia and in our region.

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### Council releases info sheet about mowing of nature strips

Mowing of nature strips has been a topic of interest recently, with Southern Downs Regional Council receiving some enquiries from the public about maintenance responsibilities. In response, Council has put together a Mowing of Nature Strips Information Sheet, which reinforces the understanding that residents and businesses have a role in maintaining these grassed areas around their properties.

Southern Downs Director Engineering Services, Mr Peter See said there has always been an understanding that residents and businesses would maintain the nature strip, or frontages, of their properties.

"Generally, most residents take responsibility for mowing their nature strips and this has been the case for many many years. "Council welcomes and very much appreciates this type of maintenance by residents to present their homes, and their streets, with a degree of civic pride.

"Likewise, many businesses, commercial and industrial, do the same, and this creates a sense of professionalism for their business as well as a welcoming environment for their customers and the general public.

"It's also great to see those residents and businesses that engage local contractors to do this maintenance as part of their overall property mowing and maintenance, as it supports local employment," he said.

Mr See said Council certainly encourages this proactive approach to continue, but noted that not everyone may be aware of their role in maintaining the local amenity of towns in our region.

"As new people come into our communities as residents or business operators, there may not be the same level of understanding about the need to take care of these areas, so Council's information sheet aims to provide that clarification," he said.

The information sheet emphasises the important and valued role residents and businesses play in taking responsibility for mowing these nature strips, which are mostly at the front of a property, but may include the side or back of a property depending on its particular location in a street. It also notes that there is an avenue available to persons to contact Council where there are exceptional circumstances that prevent them from being able to undertake this maintenance. It also highlights that opportunities may exist for not-for-profit organisations with substantial areas to maintain to access low-cost assistance through the Women in Custody Program.

The information sheet is available on Council's website [www.sdrc.qld.gov](http://www.sdrc.qld.gov). Just look for the Hot Topic link.

For further information about mowing of nature strips and road reserves, please contact Council on 1300 MY SDRS (1300 697 372).

### Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years  
ago December 1991

#### Removal Houses

The Allora Shire Council at its monthly meeting, resolved to formulate a policy to regulate the placement of removal houses within the shire boundaries. At present the council does not require an application for land use consent for: houses, agriculture, aquaculture, public utilities and rural use.

The new policy will guard against the possibility of removal houses being re-sited in the shire without the required finishing work being carried out. A policy had already been implemented to increase the bond on removal houses to ensure this work was completed.

Allora's Past 50 years ago December  
1966

#### NOTICE

Orders will be received for Christmas Ice up to 4 p.m. Wednesday 21st December. Price 2/- a household block. For convenience of customers ice will be given out between 4 and 6 p.m. on 24th December.

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Allora's Past 75 years ago December  
1941

#### Pre-Wedding Evening

Miss Lorna Pleash, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pleash of Hendon, will shortly wed Mr. Frank Crothers, and in her honour Mrs. Dick Turner and Miss Olive Castles arranged a florin evening in the Alliance



Mrs. Catherine Muir, wife of Allora Shire Chairman Tom Muir (centre) cutting the ribbon to open the new Ellinthorpe to Victoria Hill road.

Hall. The function was well attended by friends of the happy couple. A bouquet of roses was presented to the guest of honour by her niece, little Heather Telford. Bouquets were also presented to Mrs. Pleash and to Mrs. A. Crothers (mother of Mr. Frank Crothers). The presentation of an envelope containing an appreciable monetary gift from her friends was made by Cr. W. M. Holmes who expressed good wishes for the future happiness of the couple. Mr. Pleash (on behalf of his daughter) and Mr. Jim Crothers (on behalf of his brother) thanked the gathering for their gift and the speakers for their kind remarks. Music for the dancing was supplied by Miss Winnie Sullivan.

Allora's Past 100 years ago December  
1916

#### East Talgai Road

The long running dispute between Mr. G. C. Clark, owner of the East Talgai property, and the Allora Shire Council over the road resumed by the council through East Talgai was finally resolved in the Warwick Land Court. The road resumption

involving approximately 18 acres of land was made by the council to give the residents of Talgai West and Victoria Hill more reasonable access to the town of Allora.

The case occupied a day and a half in the Warwick Court and was called to resolve the claim by Mr. Clark for compensation of £700 for the loss of the land in question, severance from water for the land to the north of the new road, damage to cultivation paddocks, fencing etc. Messrs C. E. McDougall and P. Donovan appeared as witnesses for Mr. Clark. Mr. W. A. Deacon and Mr. P. J. Higgins (Crown Land Ranger) appeared for the Council. The Council's case involving much detailed work, was prepared by Mr. Andrew Hamilton (Shire Clerk). The Court finally decided that, taking into consideration the value of other closed roads ceded by the Council to Mr. Clark, an amount of £339/7/0 was due to Mr. Clark as compensation. A claim of costs of court was refused to the claimant.

Colin Newport

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2. How long does it take a laser beam to travel from Earth, bounce off a mirror on the Moon, and return to Earth again? a) 2.6 seconds, b) 2.6 minutes, or c) 2.6 hours?
3. True or false? Sharks have to swim to the surface of the ocean to breathe.
4. Put these lifeforms in order of first appearance on Earth: insects, dinosaurs, flowers.
5. What is the heaviest bone in the human body?

Answers in Classifieds pages

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### Curtain Falls on School's 149th Year

Last Friday December 9th saw the curtain fall on another Allora P-10 State School academic year with students & staff breaking for the holiday period, Christmas and the welcoming of the New Year 2017.

The New Year is certainly significant in the history of the school, given it will celebrate 150 Years of schooling on April 28th & 29th.

Last Thursday morning students, staff and community members gathered on the school's Performing Arts Hall for the annual Primary Awards Ceremony. Recipient of the Year 3 Sue Abernathy Academic Excellence award was Alex Gilmore, while Year 6 student Beau Goldwater received the Karina Glass Memorial Trophy as the recipient of the PEER Award, recognizing participation, effort, enthusiasm and responsibility. Following the Primary Awards Ceremony, Allora's Amy's Cafe was the venue for the annual Volunteers' Morning Tea.

On Tuesday last candidates for student leadership positions presented their campaign speeches and then waited nervously for the outcome of the election conducted via secret ballot.



Allora P-10 State School Year 6 student Beau Goldwater is congratulated by his mother Megan Goldwater after receiving the Karina Glass Memorial Trophy as the recipient of the PEER Award.

The 2017 student leaders are School Captains: Evan Emms and Amy Harrison, Vice-Captains: Emily Tynan and Paige Bain. Deacon House Captains are Sophie Otten and Emily Tynan with Gwynne House Captains Abigail Collins and Paige Bain. The Allora P-10 State School resumes in 2017 on Monday, 23rd January.

Glyn Rees



Proud Mum Jodie Gilmore congratulates her daughter Alex Gilmore, the recipient of the Allora P-10 State School Year 3 Sue Abernathy Academic Excellence award.



Pursehouse Rural staff members looking resplendent and relaxed in their company attire at the company Christmas party, Ben Reedman, Chris Kundy, Marty Kerlin, Wayne Frizzell, Katie Owen and Allora Branch Manager Russell Hughes.

### Pursehouse Rural Host a Christmas Treat

Staff and clients of Pursehouse Rural gathered at the Allora Sports Club on Friday evening to usher in the holiday and Christmas period, and celebrate the fruits of 2016 while focusing on the goals of 2017.

Branch Manager Russel Hughes was thrilled with the turn out that included primary producers from around the central & southern Downs, staff from the Allora, Clifton, Pittsworth & Warwick depots along with Pursehouse Rural Commercial Manager Rick Price.

"The Allora Sports Club are to be congratulated for their efforts in hosting the function" said Mr Hughes.

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## Belgium First World War exhibition tours Australia

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Dan Tehan said Belgium authorities were funding a travelling exhibition of WWI artefacts as a sign of their deep appreciation of the service and sacrifice of Australian soldiers.

The Belgians Have Not Forgotten exhibition features wartime artefacts, photographs, maps and film footage from the Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917 in Zonnebeke, Belgium and is supported by the Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917, the Zonnebeke Council, the Flemish

## Events Calendar

### 2016

**December -**  
**Sat 17 Allora RSL Community Carols**  
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 & Sun 30 Allora Autumn Festival**  
Allora Township

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

**October -**  
**Fri 20 St. Patrick's Fete**  
St. Patrick's School Grounds, Allora

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Government and the Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium in Australia.

The Australian Government has provided a grant to transport the exhibition to regional areas, including Launceston, Warrnambool, Dubbo and Hervey Bay.

Mr Tehan said "Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917" was part of the Australian Remembrance Trail on the Western Front and the Australian Government had helped fund the museum's recent extension.

"The title of the exhibition reflects the deep appreciation and gratitude of Belgium for the sacrifice Australians made during the First World War," Mr Tehan said.

"The Flanders Offensive cost Australia some 38,000 casualties. Those who fought and died in these battles are remembered nightly by the sounding of the Last Post under the arches of the Menin Gate at Ypres.

"In September 2017, Australia, with the assistance of Belgian authorities, will honour the service and sacrifice of those who fought in the Third Battle of Ypres with a Dawn Service on the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Polygon Wood. This service will commemorate the centenary of the 1917 battles in this region, and will be held at Buttes New British Cemetery at Polygon Wood.

"The ceremony will again highlight the close relationship between the people of Belgium and Australia. The oversight of the Belgian Federal Government at a time when many countries are commemorating the Third Battle of Ypres is very much appreciated.

"The Belgian touring exhibition and the 2017 planned anniversary at Polygon Wood, demonstrate that both nations will never forget the soldiers who fought so far from home."

The Belgians Have Not Forgotten exhibition will visit:

- Warrnambool, Lighthouse Theatre, 12 December to 23 December 2016
- Dubbo, Western Plains Cultural Centre, 16 January to 7 February 2017
- Hervey Bay, Hervey Bay RSL Sub Branch, 17 February to 17 March 2017



## Allora Golf Notes

Friday, 9th - Our Percys Fruits sponsored Duck Run competition was played and results were. Winner Errol

May 24 pts, Runner Up Garth Simpson also 24 pts. Pin winners for the 16th Jack Fulwood and Laurie King also had a 'hole in one' for the 16th, which would have been the shot to have during our Holden Scramble event earlier this year as that was for a new car. Congratulations to the winners and all players.

Sunday we played a 2BBB aggregate event sponsored by the Allora Butchery. Conditions on the course were fantastic with the breeze just enough to cool things down. Teams were draw after the event and the winning team was John Ellwood and Ken Wilson with 84 pts, Runner up team was Barry Brown Jnr and Chad Wilson on 81 pts. Congratulations to the winning teams. Pins for the 4th went to Chad Wilson, Aaron Simpson got the 13th, John Ellwood claimed the 8th and Dave Ellwood went home with the 17th. The Eagles nest went of on the 7th to Tom Brown and Steve Hughes got the 16th. Approach prizes for the 1st went to Josh Ellwood, Dave Elwood took the 10th and Barry Brown Jnr got both the 3rd and 12th. Congratulations to the winners and all players.

Thank you to the Allora Butchery for their continued support throughout the year. Thank you to the members who gave their time for Saturday's working bee the effort you all put in is much appreciated this will be a very tough hole when it is completed.

Next Friday the Duck run will be teeing from 2pm, all welcome to attend then Sunday our final Allora Pharmacy Monthly Medal competition will be teeing from 11.30. All welcome to attend but dont forget your sandbuckets and great golfing to you all.



## Game 8: Railway Hotel Rascals vs. Sovereign

After a few weeks of missed reports, the Rascals results are back and starting with a quick mid-season summary. We are going no good. Ok, now that is sorted, onto the second half of the season. New slate, full team, more training, more Gary and more Gary. Oh, yes, and Gary. So with all these things comfortably under control, the Rascals headed into their T20 game, and first game of the second half of the season, feeling bolstered in confidence.

The T20 game against Colts: Batting first, only Joe Morris (26) and Tom Morris (22) really troubled the scorers, resulting in a total of 86 all out - Henry Gartery was unselfishly run out on the last ball trying to gain an extra run for the team. Things were not going great in the defence, with the Colts at 1-32 after three overs. But then Gary turned up! Seven wickets were taken for the cost of six runs. Indeed! Joe Morris took three in one over and Tom took five in his four overs. 8-38. A 39 run partnership threatened to derail the comeback, however the last two wickets were taken with the score on 77 and 81 respectively. Rascals win by five runs. Amongst all this excitement, Henry Gartery took a good catch to dismiss their top batter, and Mick Kelk took two sweet catches - including the one to win the game! There are no player of the year points for the T20 games, although if there were, Tom would take three points and Joe two.

Following this victory, the Rascals were challenged by the Sovereign Animals at Queens Park Turf. After winning the toss and batting first, the Rascals were off to a solid start. The pitch had a remarkably difference bounce - depending on which part of the pitch the ball struck. Variable is a good describing word for it. Batting - Ben McClure 31, Tom Morris 15, Matt Christensen 15, Mick Kelk 49 (personal high score), Jake Christensen 12, Ian Christensen 10 (regular season personal high score), James Moore 62 off 36 (personal high score), Holmes 8\* and Joe Morris 9\*. Paul was not required to bat and Brad barely troubled the scorers. The final score was 8-258 - a team high score to add to the three personal high scores.

In response, it was all Tom Morris again. Five wickets again! Some help from Gary again! Tom Morris! Joe took one wicket, as did Ian Christensen, whilst Paul took two in one over and is on a hat trick next ball he bowls. James Moore took what will most probably be the catch of the season, a one handed, diving screamer! Jake and Brad also took a sharp catch each. Joining them in the catching department was Ian, Ben and Joe - all with one each. At the end of Tom's carnage (5-39/8), The Sovereign Animals were bowled out for 94runs. The Rascals won by 164 runs, another team record.

Railway Hotel Rascals player of the year points- 3: James Moore, 2: Tom Morris, 1: Mick Kelk.

The last game of the regular season is this Sunday against Maryvale, starting at 10.30am - Slade Park, Warwick. The Rascals hope to keep the current form and win streak going, and climb the ladder during the second half of the season, and perhaps make the T20 grand final (the T20 is a side competition running alongside the regular season). Don't forget to be at the Railway Hotel, from 5pm Saturday, for the weekly raffles. Have a great holiday out there!

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## Allora XI vs Inglewood Roos

On Saturday the Allora XI played the Inglewood Roos for the 2nd time of the season, heading into the 2nd half of the season Allora were sitting 5th needing a win to be tying 4th with the Roos. For the 4th time in a row Nick Morris won the toss and elected to bat. Things were looking shaky after inform batter Tom Higgins fell early. But Mitch McLennan and Cam Masters steadied the ship as the score ticked past 50 before Cam was caught for 25, from there wickets fell at regular intervals but many batters still chipped in to our end total of 177. These batsmen were Mitch McLennan (44), Luke Cullen (25), Sean Bryson (18 not out), Nick Goltz and Matt Kiernan (both 15).

Needing economical bowling and wickets to help us win, opening bowlers Nick Goltz and Mitch McLennan got us off to an unbelievable start snaring 5 wickets for only 19 runs in the first 12 overs (which included a run out by Stew Henderson). The Roos were reeling at 5-15 but two of their most recognisable batsman were in and put on a 50 run partnership to have them at 5-65 before a collapse saw them lose their last 5 wickets for just 12 runs and left them with a total of 77, 100 runs short of our total. With bowlers Matt Kiernan (3 wickets), Tom Higgins and Sean Bryson (1 wicket each) claiming the last 5 wickets. This win put Allora into the top 4 for the first time of the season and hopefully we can stay there for the remainder of the season.

Once again thanks to all of our supporters including the Railway Hotel, Allora Newsagency and Allora Butchery. 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.

## BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

Wee Hughie adored and loved his girlfriend, Lorraine, to whom he was engaged to be married. Wedding plans were well underway and he was looking forward to spending the rest of his life with Lorraine.

However, a beautiful young lady, called Clearly, came to work in his glen and they found that they got on together very well and as time went by, Wee Hughie realised that he was in love with Clearly and that the love was reciprocated.

Being a gentleman he decided that as he had promised to marry Lorraine he would do so and steadily removed himself from his other relationship.

One day, he and Lorraine were walking along the banks of the River Tay. As they walked, Lorraine slipped and fell into the river and was swept away and drowned.

He stood on the bank for a few minutes feeling very sad before walking away singing happily.

And this is what he sang.  
"I can see Clearly now Lorraine has gone"



## LAST DAYS TO HAVE YOUR SAY

The Allora Community Circle invites the Allora community to have their input into Allora's Strategic Plan.

Send your comments to [allorafestival@gmail.com](mailto:allorafestival@gmail.com) by 31st December 2016

The Strategic Plan will be presented to Southern Downs Regional Council in January 2017.



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### • ANNOUNCEMENTS •

#### Birth Notice...

MASTERS - Cameron & Shannon (nee Petersen) welcome with love a baby girl, ELLA GRACE, on the 7th December 2016, 7lb 12oz. A baby sister for Sophie & Chelsea.

### • SOLUTIONS •

#### THIS WEEK'S SUDOKU SOLUTION

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

#### CSIRO DOUBLE HELIX QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Trig points are used by surveyors to work out where they are and what direction they are facing. 2. a). It takes about 2.6 billion years ago, first dinosaurs appeared around 235 million years ago, the first laser beams, to travel to the Moon and back. 3. False. Sharks are fish and have gills, so they can breathe underwater.
4. They are already in order!
5. The thighbone or femur is the heaviest bone in the human body.

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THIS SUNDAY AT ALLORA - Service/Sunday School at 9.30am.  
TUESDAY - Ladies Bible Study at 10.00am.  
WEDNESDAY - Bible Study at 7.00pm, at the church.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** - The December Men's Breakfast is scheduled for **SATURDAY, 17th DECEMBER, 7.20am.**

Guest speaker: WES LEAKE - read his short bio on page 3

Enquiries to Pastor Elton Wiltshire 4666 3743.  
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### • LOST & FOUND •

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#### Council Christmas Closures

Council offices & libraries will close at 11am (Stanthorpe) & 12 noon (Warwick) on Friday, 23 December 2016.  
The Allora Library will close at 5pm on Thursday, 22 December 2016.  
All offices & libraries will re-open on Tuesday, 3 January 2017.

*Season's Greetings*

The Mayor, Councillors and staff wish everyone a safe & happy festive season.



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Locked waste facilities to which residents have keys will remain accessible, and all JJ Richards waste collection services will carry on as usual with no changes or interruptions.

All Waste Transfer Stations in the region will open Boxing Day with the exception of the Wallangarra Waste Transfer Station which will be closed.

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RIGHT: The 'Roonicks' team of Paul Hoey, Jim Pidgeon & Len Hoey looking well satisfied with their second place finish in the recently completed Allora Sports Club Night Bowls season.



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