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ALLORA LOSES HISTORIC 120 YEAR OLD TREE IN JANUARY STORM



Check 'Looking Back' on page 4 for tree story



This photo was taken merely minutes after the historic 120 year old Aleppo pine fell during the storm which hit Allora on 2 January 2017.

Storm waters rose up to cover footpaths in the town centre.
 All photos on front page courtesy Rhiannon Clark

The Rotary Club of Allora Inc.



ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT



Friday, 3 March 2017

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Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

Saturday, 17th December, was our last Men's Breakfast for 2016. Our speaker of encouragement was a man called Wes Leake. Today (Tuesday) we received with gratitude, his thank you letter. We must add that if we only had 5 men turn up, we must remember they could be the 5 in this whole area that God, through the Holy Spirit, wanted to receive this particular message.



Wes Leake.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to speak at your monthly men's breakfast. What a joy and delight it was to share God's word with a group of men who are hungry - For the things of God.

Well done to you for your faithfulness in organising such a group. I could sense your level of frustration that it isn't having more impact than what you would like, but I want to encourage you that what you are doing is having a greater impact than what you will ever be aware of on this earth.

Continue to be strong and courageous as you boldly declare God's word.

Wes Leake.

We are always contactable. For information about Men's Breakfast phone Elton Wiltshire 4666 3743 or 0409 082 553. Stuart Acason (Allora).

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Management Committee, staff and volunteers at the Toowoomba Hospice we would sincerely like to thank the community groups, schools, clubs, individuals and businesses of Toowoomba, Darling Downs, Lockyer Valley and surrounding districts for choosing the Toowoomba Hospice as one of their preferred charities during 2016. This year we celebrated 13 years of providing professional palliative care for over 1,200 clients and at the same time provided support to their families and friends. We would not have been able to do this without your support and our

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Allora Autumn Festival AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD NOMINATION

The Allora Community Circle is delighted to announce that the Allora Autumn Festival has been nominated for a 2017 Australia Day Award. The Event was a first for Allora to showcase the history of the town; Allora's connection to a small part of the life of the author of the Mary Poppins Books P.L. Travers (Helen Lyndon Goff) & her father Travers Robert Goff who is buried in the Allora Cemetery. Attendees to the Festival also experienced the creative abilities of the artisans of the area through 'Art on the Edge' Pop-up Art Boutiques, Fine Art & Quilt Displays as well as beautifully restored Model T Fords & Penny Farthing Bikes. Regional produce held prominence alongside the variety of street stalls. The inaugural Dinner on Drayton proved to be the highlight of the event. The Allora Community Circle spokesperson stated it is an honour to be nominated for this prestigious Award & whether we win the Award or not the volunteers who through their hard work achieved such a successful Event are to be congratulated. We encourage more volunteers to be involved in the 2017 Event being held across 28th, 29th & 30th April.

dedicated team of staff and volunteers. We must also acknowledge the continued support of your newspaper as well as all other media outlets and we look forward this ongoing support in 2017. Finally, on behalf of all the team at the Toowoomba Hospice we would like to take this opportunity once again to thank all our supporters for their generosity in 2016 and we look forward to working with you all in 2017. Kindest Regards, Graham Barron OAM, Chairman & Mark Munro, Administration & Fundraising Manager Toowoomba Hospice Assoc. Inc.

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	Showers. Mostly Cloudy. Hot. Humid.	19 39
FRI	Showers Early. Morning Clouds. Hot.	18 35
SAT	Mostly Sunny. Very Hot.	22 37
SUN	Thunderstorms. Afternoon Cloud.	21 31
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Applications invited for Regional Arts Development Fund

Innovative and creative projects within the Southern Downs region will come alive as part of one of the State's most active arts programs, the Regional Arts Development Fund, known as RADF. The Regional Arts Development Fund is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Southern Downs Regional Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland. Council was successful in receiving \$55,000 of funding from the State Government, which will be combined with a Council contribution of \$45,000 to provide a total funding pool of \$100,000 for this financial year's RADF program. Throughout previous years Council's RADF grants have included exciting and diverse projects such as street art projects, creation of a book about the personal experiences of two local WW2 Heroes, professional cultural artists and entertainers working at a multicultural carnival, and photography workshops to develop the skills of the region's aspiring photographers. Queensland Premier and Arts Minister Anastacia Palaszczuk said the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) delivered on the Queensland Government's commitment to foster diverse and inclusive communities, grow strong regions and provide training, education, and employment opportunities for Queenslanders. "The Queensland Government is contributing \$2.08 million to leverage up to \$1.92 million from local councils resulting in up to \$4 million available to support arts and cultural activities throughout the state in 2016-17," said the Premier. "This funding promotes the role and value of arts, culture and heritage as key drivers of inclusive communities and strong regions and ensures Queenslanders can engage with arts locally," she said. "Each year around 500,000 people are involved in RADF projects as practitioners, participants or audience members." Council's first RADF round will open for applications on Monday 16 January 2017. The closing date for applications is 5pm, Friday 10 February 2017, and it is important for applicants to note that projects for which RADF grant funds are sought must not start before 27 March 2017. The RADF application package and program guidelines will be available on Council's website from Friday 13 January 2017 www.sdrc.qld.gov.au/doing-business/grants---funding/regional-arts-development-fund-radf. For further information, please contact Council's RADF Liaison Officer, Zoë Dunlop, on 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372).

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10:00am Official Program - Australian Citizenship Ceremony and Presentation of Australia Day Awards

11:30am Entertainment & Activities Resume.

Free Shuttle Bus
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Looking Back...

Historic Tree Falls

One of Allora's oldest officially planted trees came crashing down in the storm on the 2nd January 2017. The Aleppo pine, near the corner of Forde and Warwick Streets, was the last of 21 trees planted on the main intersections of the town on the 21st July 1897 to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of the reign of Queen Victoria. The trees were paid for by public subscription, the cost being subsidised by the Allora Municipal Council. They were supplied and planted by Mr. George Moulday of the Mountview nursery, Goomburra. The Mayor, Alderman William Deacon, the Town Clerk, Mr. Joseph Stay, and other officials were present at the planting. Private citizens were invited to plant trees at the same time and Mr. Henry Reppel was one to avail himself of the opportunity to display his patriotism by planting two pine trees in front of his baker's shop in Drayton Street. One of these is still standing, while the other blew down in November 2008.



The Historic Aleppo pine which fell on 2 January 2017.

Photo courtesy Rhiannon Clark

Another Aleppo pine was believed to have been planted on the Recreation Reserve at the same time. This tree now stands in the grounds of the Allora State School and in 1992 the then School Principal, Peter Doherty, was responsible in having it recorded on the National Trust Register of Significant Trees.

Allora's Past 25 years ago January 1992

Vet Science Graduate

Deseree Tickle, the eldest daughter of Ian and Nola Tickle of Talgai West, graduated

recently as a Bachelor of Veterinary Science with second class honours at the University of Queensland. Deseree is a former dux of the Allora State School and a prefect at Fairholme College in Toowoomba. She will travel to London in the near future to further her experience as a veterinary surgeon.

Allora's Past 50 years ago January 1967

SPECIAL NOTICE

I desire to advise my many friends and customers that owing to the state of my health, I am compelled to relinquish my business in Allora and will be leaving the district on Monday, 16th January. Before leaving I would like to express my appreciation to my customers for their support during the 12 years that I have been in Allora.

NICK JOHNSON
("Nick the Greek"
Johnson took over the
cafe at what was later
to be 56 Herbert Street
from Mrs. Jessberg in

Allora & District Historical Society Notes

This year the Allora and District Historical Society will be holding their annual Open Day on Sunday 30th April in conjunction with the Autumn Festival weekend. We plan to showcase items that were made or manufactured in Allora. Of special interest will be Lumsden's corn planter and Rickert's corn thresher. Kook Tickle and Zane Hoey will also be displaying some innovative items made by local farmers used on the surrounding farming area. Michael Maher has offered to lend us tools made to be used in the family blacksmith shop. A display of beautiful handmade garments will be a major draw card. The Allora Historical Society's collection of camisoles and bloomers is very unique and one of the best. Some garments date back to early 1900's. We also have very old 'samplers' made by girls learning needle craft and a hand operated sewing machine made from local cedar.

1954. The building burned down in 2002)

Allora's Past 75 years ago January 1942

Net Making

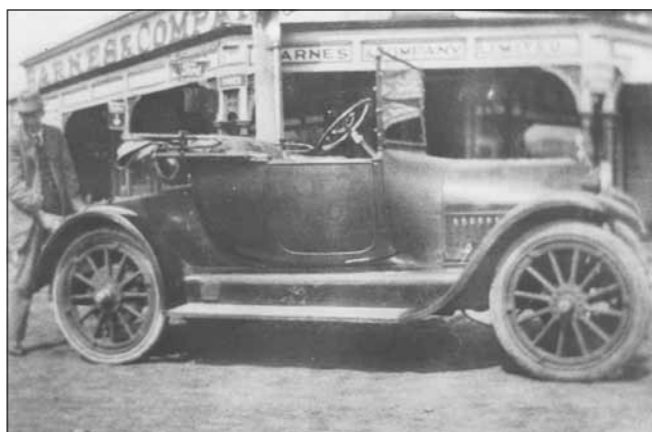
Members of the camouflage net making group in Allora are now working rapidly and to date 13 nets have been completed and forwarded to headquarters. A number of other nets are under way. The organisers are pleased with this record as it compares favourably with other centres.

Allora's Past 100 years ago January 1917

Ford Cars

Messrs. Barnes & Co., local agents for the Queensland Motor Agency Ltd., announce in our advertising columns that they are now in a position to reduce the price of Ford cars to £195 for the touring car and £185 for the roadster car. The popularity of this make of car is universal and so great is the demand, that the Queensland Motor Agency has found it difficult to cope with. Almost daily testimonials are received from satisfied motorists, and the various types of delivery car turned out from the Ford works are giving equal satisfaction. It is now possible for the agency to give immediate delivery from stock.

Colin Newport



Frank Kates refueling his Ford car at Barnes & Co. on the Herbert/ Drayton Streets corner.

A new addition to our collection is a baptismal gown that is well over 100 years old. The gown was recently donated to the museum by Lynelle Fenner (nee Grimes). This exquisite embroidered gown with petticoat was worn by Lynelle when she was baptised in St. Matthew's Church of England, Spring Creek in 1950. Her mother Doris Grimes (nee Burge) was baptised in the gown in St. David's Church, Allora in 1910. Doris was not the first child to be christened in the gown which was made by a member of the family of Elizabeth Jane (nee Anderson) and James Milkins. The gown was handed down to their daughter Mary Ann, (Doris's mother.) Mary Ann married Charles Burge, son of William & Mary Ann Burge - (nee Lambley). Lynelle's ancestors have a long association with the Allora district. Edward Anderson arrived on the Downs with the Leslie Brothers in the 1840s. He married Jan Donald at Canning Downs in 1846. At aged 15 in 1868, James Milkins came to work on Goomburra Station as a horse boy and William Burge was a saddler in Allora from 1871.

The Allora Historical Society has very comprehensive family history archives. These records are available for family historians to research at the Old Shire Hall museum.

We invite any readers who have a locally made item of interest to display to bring it along on 30th April.

Mobile Black Spot Program helped families connect for Christmas 2016

· 15 new mobile base stations were activated before Christmas
· New coverage areas in NSW, Qld, Vic and WA
Fifteen new mobile base stations were switched on in time for Christmas under the Coalition Government's Mobile Black Spot Program.

The new base stations have been constructed at Nethercote, Nerriga, Bentley and Coffee Camp in New South Wales, Coalstoun Lakes, Somerset Dam, Adavale and Glastonbury in Queensland, Minyip and Marnoo in Victoria and Rosa Brook, Yandanooka, Perillup, Coomberdale and between Carrabin and Bodallin on the Great Eastern Highway in Western Australia.

Minister for Regional Communications Fiona Nash announced the completion of the base stations delivered under round 1 of the Coalition Government's \$220 million Mobile Black Spot Program.

"These mobile base stations will allow families and friends to call and connect," Minister Nash said.

"Through our program, the government has invested in the construction of mobile base stations in rural and regional communities and along transport routes where they otherwise would not have been built."

Under round 1 of the Program, the Coalition Government committed \$100 million to improve mobile coverage across regional and remote Australia. It will see 499 new and upgraded mobile phone base stations built to improve mobile coverage in regional and remote Australia.

On 1 December 2016, the Coalition Government announced that round 2 of the program will deliver a further 266 new and upgraded mobile base stations across the country. Round 2 will see a total of \$213 million being invested in new mobile base station infrastructure. A further \$60 million has also been allocated to round 3 of the program.

Across both rounds, the Coalition is delivering new mobile coverage to 31,000 homes and businesses across 86,000 square kilometres through 765 new mobile phone towers. Further information is available at www.communications.gov.au/mbasp



Lynelle Fenner (nee Grimes) presenting a family baptismal gown to the Allora Historical Society.

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Events Calendar

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Clients wishing to include their events in the *Events Calendar*, must book a display (boxed) colour advertisement for the event in *The Allora Advertiser*, sized AT LEAST 2 column x 4 cm. Clients will then automatically receive, as a bonus, a calendar entry. These entries will be in a 2 line format as above, starting in bold with date and event, followed by venue and time.
 If people wish to contact The Allora Advertiser and discuss their particular needs, please feel free to do so. Ph 4666 3128.

?? CSIRO Double Helix Quiz ??

- How many legs do scorpions have?
- What causes a mirage: a) sunlight directly hitting your retina, b) your mind playing tricks due to dehydration, or c) the refraction of light creating an image of water?
- The Voyager 1 space probe was launched in 1977, and passed Saturn in 1980. Is it in interstellar space yet?
- What fraction of a metre is a nanometre?
- What do we call the super-continent that existed 250 million years ago, and contained all the continents we have now? Was it a) Cambria, b) Pangaea, c) Eurasia or d) Gondwana?

Answers in Classifieds pages

Originally published in *Science by Email*. For more CSIRO Double Helix science visit www.csiro.au/helix or call 02 6276 6643.

Main Range area to be targeted as wild dog offensive continues across the Southern Downs

Southern Downs Regional Council and landholders have enjoyed successful wild dog control and subsequent reduction in wild dog impacts in much of the region, but serious impacts are still being felt in others, such as the Main Range area.

This was highlighted over the Christmas/New Year period with North Branch Maryvale landholder Bob King losing three calves to wild dogs.

Mr King witnessed five wild dogs attacking one of his calves in the middle of the day and lost two others.

"I couldn't believe it when I saw five wild dogs on one calf in the middle of the day.

"We have lost calves before which I've put down to mistothering and other causes, but I now believe wild dogs may be responsible for more losses than I'd realised.

"It was certainly a big wake up call to me and my neighbours and we are desperately keen to bring the problem under control.

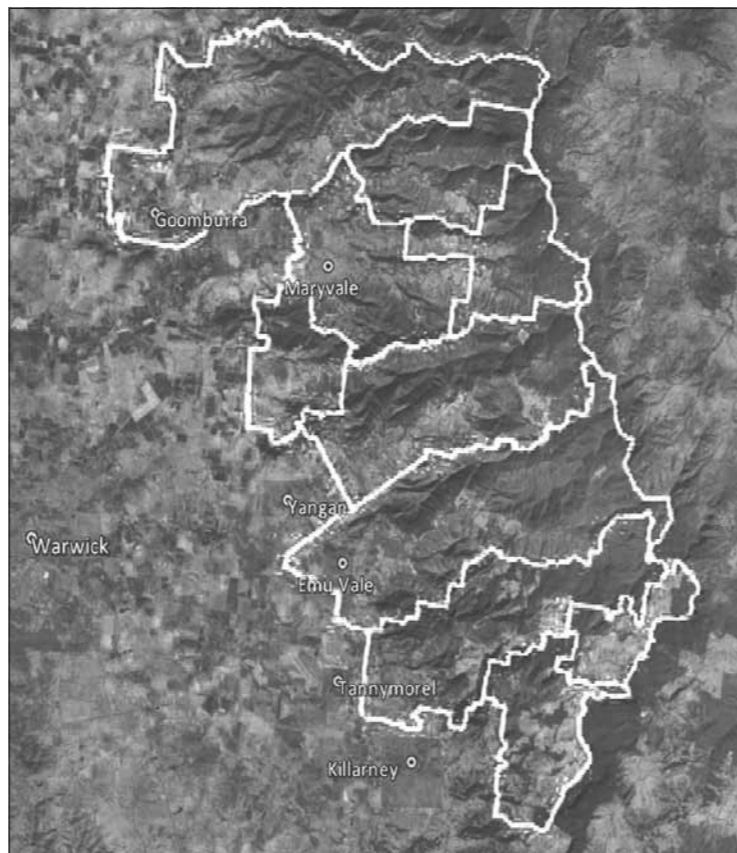
"No one can afford to keep losing cattle at today's prices, not to mention the anguish of wondering what you might find in the paddock each day," he said.

Council has recognised the Main Range area as a strategic wild dog breeding and dispersal source. Just prior to Christmas, landholders in the Goomburra, North Branch, Maryvale and Freestone localities were invited to participate in Council's upcoming aerial 1080 program, planned for April 2017.

Southern Downs Manager Environmental Services, Mr Tim O'Brien said Council's Invasive Pests Strategic Plan 2016 – 2020 requires landholders in relevant areas to actively participate in best practice wild dog control.

"For most, that means participation in Council-run coordinated 1080 ground baiting programs.

"For those landholders in identified strategic habitat and dispersal areas that are inaccessible by ground, it means participation in Council's aerial baiting program," said Mr O'Brien.



Area to be targeted through the wild dog aerial baiting program in April 2017.

Council has been fortunate to secure funding to deliver strategic aerial baiting of inaccessible wild dog habitat, predominantly in the traprock sheep and wool growing region, over the past two years. This program has been very successful in reducing wild dog impacts on sheep and has had added benefits to native wildlife.

Mr Craig Magnussen, Council Pest

Management Officer, highlighted that prior to the introduction of aerial baiting, landholders in the Goldfields locality were typically losing 200 – 300 sheep per year to wild dogs.

"Losses are now negligible. We have a series of remote cameras established at strategic locations to alert us to when dispersing wild dogs from further afield may be moving into previously baited country.

"Excitingly, we have seen a marked increase in the number and variety of native wildlife captured on camera in these areas, such as quolls, koalas, scrub turkeys and lyre birds.

"We believe this shows that aerial baiting is also beneficial to wildlife by removing introduced predators such as wild dogs, foxes and cats," Mr Magnussen said.

Council's Pest Management Officer Mr James Eastwell was enthusiastic about the prospect of bringing aerial baiting to the Main Range area.

"Council is encouraging participation from all landholders, regardless of whether they run stock or not.

"Some landholders may not be aware they have wild dogs living on or travelling through their land, but all have a responsibility to undertake control.

"Aerial baiting is all about putting baits in the areas where wild dogs are likely to encounter them and with so much habitat in this area, we need to be comprehensive," said Mr Eastwell.

Funding for the Southern Downs Regional Council Queensland Feral Pest Initiative project is provided through the Queensland Government to support the growth of a productive and prosperous food and fibre sector in Queensland. Funding has also been provided through the Australian Government Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper, the Australian Government's plan for stronger farmers and a stronger economy. The project is being delivered in partnership with Goondiwindi Regional Council, Granite Borders Landcare Committee and Biosecurity Queensland.

For further information about pest animal management, please contact Council's Pest Management Officers on 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372) or visit Council's website www.sdrc.qld.gov.au/living-here/pets---animals/pest-management-animals.

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Toowoomba Hospital speech pathologist wins state-wide award

A new resource developed at Toowoomba Hospital's speech pathology department has won a state-wide speech pathology quality improvement award.

The resource, developed by Toowoomba Hospital speech pathologist Maddy Dawson, is an easy-to-read version of the Australian Charter of Healthcare Rights.

Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service (DDHHS) Director of Speech Pathology Gai Rollings said the award was a richly deserved acknowledgement of the work done by Ms Dawson.

"Within Queensland Health there is a network called Leaders in Speech Pathology, and each year they present an award to a new graduate for achievements in quality and innovation, so it was wonderful to see Maddy's efforts recognised," Ms Rollings said.

"The Australian Charter of Healthcare Rights is a brochure that's given to all people when they access the healthcare system, and it's a very important document because it outlines the key rights of patients and consumers of healthcare services.

"In speech pathology we help people with cognitive, communication, or age-related issues every day, and it became apparent that the previous version, which had a lot of text and a lot of information in quite a small font size, was not as accessible for those patients.

"So when we decided to make an alternative, easier-to-read version Maddy took up the challenge and the results speak for themselves."

Ms Dawson said receiving news of the award was an unexpected but very pleasant surprise.

"The award was announced on 4 January so that was a very nice way to start off the New Year," she said.

"In developing the new brochure I worked in conjunction with the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Healthcare and we used the Australian Aphasia Association guidelines to make it very reader-friendly.

"It has the same basic layout with information about the key patient rights, and the same images, but it's written in an easier-to-understand way.

"When we finished this version we did a pilot study of patients in the hospital's acute stroke and rehabilitation unit and found that more than 80 per cent of patients preferred the new version.

"It's been very pleasing to see that it will now be used not just here in Toowoomba Hospital, but throughout the 20 hospitals, six residential aged care facilities and numerous community health settings throughout the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service (DDHHS)."

Mrs Lorna Rickert said she had a clear favourite when comparing the two versions of the brochure.

"I definitely think the new version is the better of the two," Mrs Rickert said.

"The writing is a lot bigger, you can see everything much more clearly and it's far easier to read."

Ms Rollings said the popularity of the new brochure was a great reflection on the effectiveness of community engagement.

"Two things we hold very dear are patient-centred care and community engagement, and this process started with us addressing feedback from consumers of our services, and has come to fruition with the development of an excellent new resource," she said.

"The brochure has been embraced by the DDHHS and I think there is very real potential for it to be taken up further afield.

"We are looking forward to the DDHHS Allied Health Showcase in February when Maddy will be doing a presentation on the project, and we will also be looking into opportunities for state-wide and national exposure."



Toowoomba Hospital speech pathologist Maddy Dawson and Mrs Lorna Rickert take a look at the easy-to-understand version of the Australian Charter of Healthcare Rights.

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

At an auction in Glasgow a wealthy American announced that he had lost his wallet containing £10,000 and would give a reward of £100 to the person who found it.

From the back of the hall Wee Hughie shouted, "I'll give £150!"

One Week Left To Nominate!

Nominations for the Queensland Young Achiever Awards close on the 19th January 2017, there is only one week left to nominate an inspirational young person you know.

You could make the world of difference to their confidence and promote the great work they do!

Nominations are being sought in the following categories:

- LGIAsuper Community Volunteer Award
- The Coffee Club Arts and Fashion Award
- iFly Online Achievement Award
- BB Print Leadership Award
- Access Community Services Multicultural Youth Queensland (MyQ) Cultural Diversity Award
- Kennelly Constructions Aboriginal Achievement Award
- The University of Queensland Create Change Award

The Queensland Young Achiever Awards will culminate at a Gala Presentation Dinner on Friday 5th May 2017 at Royal on the Park, Brisbane with over 350 guests expected. Finalists will be presented and winners announced at the event. All nominees that do not make the finals but who are able to attend will also be presented on stage with a framed certificate in recognition of their achievements.

Category winners will each receive a \$2,000 thanks to Auswide Bank and a magnificent trophy. One of the seven category winners will be chosen as the Queensland Young Achiever of the Year and will win an additional \$2,000 from Auswide Bank and a state trophy.

Nomination are made online at www.bit.ly/qldyaa For more information, contact the Awards Office on 1300 055 096 or email qldyaa@awardsaustralia.com

Australians Encouraged To Ask The Right Healthcare Questions

Not everyone has the confidence to ask the right questions of their doctors, but Choosing Wisely Australia® is encouraging Australians to do just that to avoid unnecessary medical tests and treatments.

Dr Robyn Lindner of Choosing Wisely Australia said it was important for people to take a fresh look at their healthcare needs and to understand the risks and benefits of the care being recommended.

"This isn't about second guessing GPs or other health providers, it's about encouraging people to be active participants in the management of their own healthcare.

"It's about you feeling confident and comfortable in making decisions about your health and managing your condition in partnership with your healthcare providers, because there is no one-size-fits-all approach.

"Make sure you are having good conversations with your doctors and other health professionals so you receive the care most appropriate for you."

Choosing Wisely Australia is part of an international healthcare movement encouraging consumers and healthcare providers to have better conversations around medical tests, treatments and procedures.

Led by Australia's health profession and facilitated by NPS MedicineWise, the initiative promotes the latest, evidence-based lists of recommendations on particular medical tests, treatments and procedures.

These recommendations aim to guide important conversations between clinicians and their patients about the relevancy of particular tests, treatments and procedures.

A recent report released by Choosing Wisely Australia® shows



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a real disconnect between doctors and patients about why unnecessary testing is occurring.

In a survey of doctors and consumers, 41% of GPs and 21% of specialists said they were asked by patients for unnecessary tests several times a week. But 79% of consumers said they had tests at their healthcare provider's recommendation. This highlights the need for better conversations on both sides.

Dr Lindner said: "If you aren't comfortable asking questions about the healthcare advice you are given, why not take a family member or friend to your next appointment?"

"Our ultimate aim is to improve the quality of healthcare for all Australians and eliminate any unnecessary tests, treatments or procedures where evidence shows they provide little benefit or could cause harm."

Choosing Wisely Australia recommends people ask their doctors the following '5 Questions' before they have any test, treatment or procedure:

- Do I really need this test or procedure?
- What are the risks?
- Are there simpler, safer options?
- What happens if I don't do anything?
- What are the costs? The '5 Questions' resource is available in 10 languages at choosingwisely.org.au/resources/consumers. There

are also tips on how to plan for your next healthcare appointment. For more information visit choosingwisely.org.au, or email choosingwisely@nps.org.au. Join the conversation on Twitter @ChooseWiselyAU, or follow us on Facebook.

Calling Top Tourism Achievers

Nominations are closing soon (January 27) for Southern Queensland Country Tourism's annual Chairman's Award.

The peer-nominated tourism excellence award is open to Southern Queensland Country Tourism marketing partners and offers a prize to the value of \$1200 for mentoring, professional development or business marketing activities.

Southern Queensland Country Tourism CEO Mary-Clare Power said that tourism operators were invited to nominate marketing partners of Southern Queensland Country Tourism – individuals, businesses or volunteers – who strive for tourism excellence in the region.

"The award recognises the leaders in our industry who do outstanding work – they're the innovators who embody the Southern Queensland Country brand, lift the visitor experience beyond expectations and actively support the growth and development of tourism at a local and regional level," she said. Kerrin Cridland of Stanthorpe's Diamondvale B & B Cottages took out the top prize in the inaugural award in 2015/16. Of the award she said, "It has propelled our business forward with a new-found sense of direction and a clear vision and it's also helped me see how fortunate I am to be surrounded by a great support network that is the Southern Queensland Country team and my extremely hard working peers".

Southern Queensland Country Tourism Chairman, Dr Jane Summers said the award winner will be a role model for other operators.

"We're seeking to recognise someone who provides a brilliant experience for guests and who is always learning and interacting with fellow tourism operators and us, the regional tourism organisation."

Dr Summers said the nomination process was simple and urged those interested to download a nomination form from www.southernqueenslandcountry.com.au/chairmans-award

"It won't take more than 30 minutes to complete the form - if you know someone who deserves this honour, nominate them today," she said.

Nominations will be accepted until 5pm, Friday 27 January 2017 and the winner, runners up and special commendations will be announced at a presentation at the region's peak development forum, The Southern Queensland Tourism Industry Conference in Kingaroy on Tuesday 21 February.

Key Dates - Nominations Close: Friday 27 January 2017
 Winner Announced: Tuesday 21 February 2017 (at Southern Queensland Tourism Industry Conference)

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• PUBLIC NOTICES •

The Allora Show Society Inc.
 would like to thank everybody involved in the New Years Eve Family Fun Night. Thanks must go to Grainx Australia for sponsoring the fireworks and the Southern Downs Regional Council for sponsoring Brian Weeks to do the Display. To everyone who helped in any way and to all who came to enjoy the night, thanks.



• CHURCH NOTICES •

Uniting Church Allora
 THIS SUNDAY, 15th JANUARY - 10.00am at St. Davids.
 Enquiries phone 4666 3225. All welcome.

The Anglican Parish of Allora and Clifton - Service Times

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 advises all fires greater than 2m² require a Permit to Burn

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Goomburra - Forest Springs Fire Warden District, East of New England Highway - Phone Fred McCann 4666 3263, Mobile 0427 663 263

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If Fire Wardens are unavailable please ring Deputy Warden Don Burge 4696 4255, Mobile 0428 964 154
 Have your Bush Fire plan in place.

• ANNOUNCEMENTS •

SMITH, Allan Raymond "Horse"

Late of Allora, passed away on 9th January 2017, aged 79 years.

Loved Father and Father-in-law of Mark and Kerry; Julie and Hami; Scott and Heather. Loving Grandfather and Great-Grandfather of their families. Beloved Son of Ollie and Pearl (both dec'd). Loved Brother of Cheryl Willett.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Allan's funeral, to be held at St David's Anglican Church, 1 Church Street, Allora. Service commencing at 10:30am, Monday, 16th January 2017, followed by interment at Allora Lawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cancer Council Qld; gift envelopes available at the Church.

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- Scorpions have eight legs, plus a pair of pincers.
- A mirage is caused when air near the ground is hotter than air higher up. Light from the Sun passes from cooler to warmer air, then speeds up and is refracted upward, creating the image of water.
- Yes, Voyager 1 reached the edge of our Sun's solar Pangaea.
- A nanometre is one billionth of a metre, making it 100 000 times smaller than the diameter of a human hair.
- b) The super-continent that dominated Earth 250 million years ago is called Pangaea.

• CHURCH NOTICES •

Scots Presbyterian Church - Allora
 12 Jubb Street, Allora

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.

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For information on Baptism, Weddings, Funerals and other church enquiries, phone 4666 3377.
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