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Shirley Woodrow, Jean Holmes and June Lawson Celebrating their 91st Birthday at Amy's Cafe in Allora. See photo of Essex Super 6 on page 10

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ANZAC DAY 2017

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Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor

The Annual General Meeting of the RSL Allora Sub Branch will be held at 11am on 12th February 2017, at the Memorial Hall. Complimentary drinks and nibbles will be served following the AGM to welcome service members, social and prospective members and interested members of the community. This year will be an exciting year for Allora Sub Branch. With the refurbishments well under way, it is planned to create a social meeting place for the community. A proposal to have musical entertainment where dancing could once again be enjoyed by young and old alike is on the agenda.

Welfare is an important part of RSL Allora's commitment to the community. It is planned to extend the welfare programme by offering the space to other counselling services. Mates4Mates has had a regular 'chat & morning tea' for ex-service personnel over the past few months. The committee and current members of the Allora RSL Sub Branch are strongly committed to not only the welfare of our service men and women, but to all in our community. To continue this commitment, we need your help. Social members are needed as importantly as service members to secure the future of our local Sub Branch and retain the Memorial Hall for the benefit of all. So many of our organisations and clubs are struggling to survive or have already been lost to Warwick. Do not let this happen to your Allora Community Hall. We look forward to meeting with you on 12th February.

Lyn Wright,
Secretary RSL Allora Sub Branch.

Dear Editor,

When I think back to the start of a new school year, I can still remember the buzzing feelings of excitement, anticipation and nerves. Am I going to have classes with all my friends? Will I get better results than last year? Which teachers will I have? Millions of young people across the country heading into

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primary and secondary school over the coming weeks may be facing similar feelings – whether they are starting another school year or commencing a new school for the first time.

Some students can adjust to the changes and settle into things quickly. However, some young people may find this a daunting and challenging time.

There can be a number of reasons why it might be hard to go to school: trying to make new friends, pressure to get the best marks, dealing with bullying, or perhaps going through a mental health issue such as anxiety or depression. These worries can make the next few weeks an uncertain time.

Whether you are a young person struggling, or a parent with concerns about your child, headspace is here to help. As the National Youth Mental Health Foundation, headspace provides support for young people aged 12-25 years old who are struggling with their mental health and wellbeing.

No matter where you are, you can access help at headspace – either through one of our 95 centres in metro, rural and regional areas of Australia, or via ehespace.org.au where you can receive online and telephone support between 9am-1am (AEDT), seven days-a-week. There are also general mental health and wellbeing resources available on our website: headspace.org.au.

We wish you and your families a safe and healthy school year ahead.

Dr Natalie Gray,
Chief Medical Officer headspace.

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. Afternoon Clouds. Warm.	20	33
FRI	Showers. Morning Clouds. Warm.	19	33
SAT	Thunderstorms. Cloudy. Warm. Humid.	20	33
SUN	Morning Clouds. Warm.	17	29
MON	Mostly Sunny. Warm.	16	29
TUE	Early Fog Followed by Sun. Warm.	14	34



Schedule of Council's General Meetings for 2017

Southern Downs Regional Council's General Meetings are held on a monthly basis, usually on the fourth Wednesday of the month commencing at 9.00am.

The General Meetings are rotated between Council's Chambers at 64 Fitzroy St, Warwick and, 61 Marsh St, Stanthorpe. Members of the public are welcome to attend in the public gallery.

Council has resolved to hold its General Meetings in 2017 as per the following schedule:

Date:	Council Chambers:
25 January 2017	Stanthorpe
*16 February 2017 (*Thursday)	Warwick
22 March 2017	Stanthorpe
26 April 2017	Warwick
24 May 2017	Stanthorpe
28 June 2017	Warwick
26 July 2017	Stanthorpe
23 August 2017	Warwick
27 September 2017	Stanthorpe
25 October 2017	Warwick
22 November 2017	Stanthorpe
20 December 2017	Warwick

For further information, please contact Council on 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372).

David Keenan
Chief Executive Officer

Australia Day Ambassador Juliette Wright hits the Southern Downs for Australia Day

The Australia Day Ambassador for the Southern Downs, Juliette Wright, will arrive in the region next week to take part in local Australia Day celebrations.

Driven and inspired, Juliette Wright is on a mission to alleviate the effects of poverty across Australia. Founder and Chief Executive Officer of GIVIT, Mrs Wright established the portal givit.org.au in 2009 to connect those who have with those who need.

In 2011 when Queensland was hit by devastating floods, GIVIT became the Queensland Government's official website for matching donations - with 1.8 million hits resulting in 33,500 goods matched over three weeks. This led to the establishment of a dedicated GIVIT Disaster Recovery service in partnership with the Queensland Government, activated during the Bundaberg floods, Cyclone Ita, Tropical Cyclone Marcia and most recently the Ravenshoe Café explosion.

Mrs Wright's vision, hard work and determination has resulted in nearly 350,000 items donated through GIVIT to assist vulnerable, marginalised and impoverished Australians, earning Juliette the title of Queensland and Australia's Local Hero 2015.

Mrs Wright said she was very excited to be an Australia Day Ambassador and to be part of the Southern Downs' celebrations. "Being the Ambassador for the Southern Downs will be a real honour this Australia Day," she said, "I can't wait to meet all the local heroes in the region and hear the incredible things they've been doing for our community."

Southern Downs Mayor Tracy Dobie welcomed news that Juliette Wright will be this year's Ambassador for Australia Day in the Southern Downs region.

"I am thrilled that Juliette Wright is joining us for our Australia



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2017 Australia Day Ambassador for the Southern Downs, Juliette Wright.

Day celebrations this year and look forward to meeting her. Mrs Wright will provide an Ambassador's address and participate in our Australia Day Awards and Citizenship ceremonies.

"The Southern Downs region is no stranger to the devastation that floods can wreak, with many of our residents impacted significantly by the state-wide 2010/11 floods which inspired Mrs Wright to establish GIVIT.

"However, we have also experienced tremendous mateship and comradery in such trying times, with our communities coming together to support one another and wanting to give to

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those in need – the essence of our Aussie spirit. “The service provided by GIVIT to facilitate that process to connect those who have with those in need, is invaluable and instrumental to getting people back on their feet. “Having an Ambassador adds another layer of excitement to our already fantastic Australia Day programs at Glengallan Homestead and Weeroona Park in Stanthorpe, so I encourage everyone to join in these celebrations!” said Cr Dobie. The Australia Day Ambassador program sends high achieving Australians to over 300 community celebrations nationwide every Australia Day. National Australia Day Council Chairman Ben Roberts-Smith said the Australia Day Ambassadors program is an opportunity to celebrate great Australians and share our pride and spirit on our national day. “There are many great Australians who inspire us and the Australia Day Ambassador program provides opportunities for people all over the country to meet and be inspired by those we admire,” said Mr Roberts-Smith VC, MG. Australia Day celebrations will be held at Glengallan Homestead, 18515 New England Highway Warwick and at Weeroona Park, corner of Marsh and Lock Streets, Stanthorpe. For more information about the Southern Downs’ Australia Day celebrations, please visit Council’s website www.sdrc.qld.gov.au or contact Council on 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372).

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What can a flood do?
A flood can hurt you and your family.
A flood can damage:

- your house
- things in your house, for example furniture.

How can I get ready for a flood?
To get ready for a flood you should:

- have an emergency kit
- plan what you and your family will do if there is a flood warning
- get insurance for your house and things in your house. Insurance is money you might get from an insurance company when something goes wrong.

You should also:

- listen to ABC radio or TV for flood warnings
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Going Back To School - Top Tips For Getting Your Child Ready

It’s that time of year again. School holidays are drawing to a close and term time fast approaches. Before you start hurtling around looking for uniforms and searching for new shoes, it’s worth taking time to plan ahead, say experts. “It’s best for parents and for kids to start the term in a calm and focused way. No one needs lost socks or tired kids first day back at school. Invest a little time in preparing for back to school and you will feel calm and in control. Families are much happier and run smoothly when you start the term off in an organised manner,” says Nicole Pierotti, child psychologist. Here, Nicole offers her top tips on getting your child ready to go back to school.

1. Get Sleep on Track – holidays are well known for later bedtimes and morning sleep-ins. Rather than wait until the first day back at school, adjust your child’s bedtime back 15 minutes a night a few nights before, so on the first day of school, they’ll bounce out of bed with ease.
2. Find those uniforms - The day before school goes back, get your children to organise their uniform, find their shoes, give them a polish, gather their hats and lunchboxes. You don’t want to be looking for lost socks on the first day of school.
3. Be lunch box ready – Back to lunchboxes it is. So be sure to organise the grocery list, shop, stock the pantry and plan for the week ahead before school starts.
4. Replace stationery – Get your children to check their pens, pencils, rubbers, coloured pencils and glue sticks. Replace any that are past their use. It’s certainly easier to shop for these in the holidays than running around after school and in-between school activities. Plus your child’s teacher really doesn’t want to be asked about these the first few days back!
5. Update your timetable – spend 30 minutes updating your timetable with after school activities, sport, choirs, drama, music. Pencil it in your diary and be sure to print it out and put it on the noticeboard or fridge. Have it visible not hidden in a file or on a desk somewhere. I love making colour coded ones with a different colour for each child. Frixion pens are great for this because you can rub out any changes with the built-in eraser, without a trace, to keep your timetable easy to read and ensure you stay organised.

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Condamine Alliance opens small grants round

Natural resource management (NRM) group Condamine Alliance is seeking project ideas from catchment landholders and groups to secure grants of up to \$10,000. Open to landholders and community, Landcare and Indigenous groups across the Condamine catchment, the Small Grant round aims to support on-ground work that aligns with targets and priorities set out in the Condamine NRM Plan. Condamine Alliance General Manager, Programs, Andrew McCartney said they are looking for a variety of project ideas to be delivered before 31 May 2017 that focus on the priority areas of sustainable agriculture, weed and pest management, environment, Indigenous cultural assets and/or water quality. “We currently have small grants of up to \$10,000 available through funding acquired from the Australian Government’s National Landcare Programme and the Queensland Government’s Queensland Regional Natural Resource Management Investment Program,” said Mr McCartney. “Targets we are looking to meet include tackling weed species like Bridal Creeper, Harrisia Cactus, Devils Rope Pear, Giant Rats Tail, Chilean Needle Grass and Honey Locust. And we are hoping to reduce the impact of pest animals like deer, wild dogs and pigs, rabbits, feral cats and Indian myna birds,” he added. The NRM group is also looking for projects ideas that support improved water quality, especially around riverine condition, ground cover and riparian vegetation. “Projects centered around land management, including soil health, climate change, ground cover, soil carbon, biodiversity, and water and nutrient optimization are also of key interest,” said Mr McCartney. Interested individuals and groups are encouraged to express their interest online via the Condamine Alliance website (www.condaminealliance.com.au) before Friday 27 January 2017. Successful parties will be required to enter into a formal contractual arrangement, capture and report project monitoring data, record and share spatial information, complete reporting through online portals, and demonstrate the capacity to deliver projects as contracted.

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One day a blonde kept having the same weird dream everyday, so she went to her doctor.

Doctor: What was your dream about?
Blonde: I was being chase by a vampire!
Doctor: (giggles quietly) So... what is the scenery like?
Blonde: I was running in a hallway.
Doctor: Then what happened?
Blonde: Well that’s the weird thing. In every single dream, the same thing happened. I always come to this door, but I can’t open it. I keep pushing the door and pushing the door, but it wouldn’t budge!
Doctor: Does the door have any writing on it?
Blonde: Yes it does.
Doctor: And what does it say?
Blonde: It says “Pull”

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Allora Historical Society News

Well attended monthly meetings during the last part of 2016 chaired by new President Rod Close and supported by secretary Col Newport and Treasurer Kaye Mullins set up a running start to 2017.

The Big News is the Allora Historical Society now has a web site. The web site has links to relevant information, so go online and check it out, you will be pleasantly surprised by how easy it is to navigate and the amount of information provided - www.allorahistoricalsociety.org

Trish Wright, daughter of Lyn and John has donated a laptop computer to the group, loaded with the latest programmes, it has already been put to good use, thanks Trish.

Historian and Research Officer, Lyn Wright has been busy researching Kaisers Cordial Factory and the Kaiser Family, after receiving a donation of an "A.Kaiser", soft drink bottle from Les Gwynne. Thanks Les, no doubt Lyn will publish the story at a later date, keep checking the web site.

Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago January 1992

Australia Day Celebrations

After three years in Herbert Street, this year's Australia Day activities will return to being held in Dalrymple Creek Park. The celebrations are being organized by the Allora service clubs and will include the traditional activities of egg throwing and sheaf pitching. The Allora Shire Council will present the citizen and sporting awards.

Allora's Past 75 years ago January 1942

Queensland Casualties

Private Glynn Munro Holmes of Allora was reported as seriously ill on the casualty list released on the 2nd January 1942.

(Glynn "Buff" Holmes enlisted in the A.I.F.

on the 17th June 1940. He was allocated to "D" Company 2/26th Infantry Battalion. After training, he embarked with the battalion for Malaya where he was transferred to 2/30th Battalion. Buff was taken P.O.W. on the 15th February 1942. He spent time in Changi prison camp before being sent to work on the Burma-Thailand railway with "A" Force. After the Japanese surrender on the 15th August 1945 he returned to Australia and was discharged on the 12th February 1946)

Allora's Past 150 years ago January 1867

Death of a Doctor

The inquest into the death of German doctor, Charles Sassadius, was reported in the Warwick Argus of 2nd January 1867. Dr. Sassadius who had practiced on the Talgai Goldfields for some time, had for the last 6 months been a resident of Allora. He was not Allora's first doctor as stated in "Allora's Past", as Dr. Henry Ramsdale had owned a farm close to the

town from about 1860 to 1864.

The inquest heard that on Thursday, 27th December, 1866, a man on Pilton Station had broken his leg. John McDonald, an employee of Pilton Station, was sent to Allora to fetch Dr. Sassadius. On reaching Allora he was told that the doctor was at the Talgai Reefs. McDonald reached Pratten on Friday morning and in company with Dr. Sassadius returned to Allora on Friday evening. Along with another man, Frederick Westermeyer, they set out for Pilton. The doctor carried with him a small bottle that was three parts full on leaving Allora and from which he several times stopped to drink from.

The trio stopped at Gillam's Clifton Arms public house at Spring Creek where they drank two bottles of porter. About 2½ miles beyond McIntosh's public house at Spring Creek, after frequent sips of the small bottle, Dr. Sassadius fell from his horse. (They would have then been in the vicinity of Saddletop as the road from Spring Creek to Pilton travelled along the high ground to skirt Clifton Station). Westermeyer and McDonald decided to sleep for 1½ hours until the moon came up, and on waking found that the doctor was dead.

They waited until daylight when Westermeyer went to Allora to report the death to Acting Sergeant Grayson. McDonald waited for a dray to convey the body to Allora where a post mortem was carried out by Dr. Margetts of Warwick. William Gillam, son of the licensee of the Clifton Arms hotel, rode to Pilton to inform them of the death of Dr. Sassadius. Dr. Margetts found that the deceased had died from congestion of the brain, brought on by the excessive use of intoxication liquors, combined with the immodest use of laudanum.

Dr. Charles Sassadius was buried in the Allora cemetery where his grave was marked by a simple wooden cross.



Some of the men from "D" Company 2/26 Battalion in 1941. Back left Phil Hall, front 2nd left Eric Hall.

Colin Newport



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Plans are well under way for the Open Day which will be held at 53 Warwick on Sunday, 30th April 2017. It will be a big weekend in Allora with the 150th School Anniversary and the Allora Autumn Fair in full swing.

The next meeting for organizing the open day will be 8th February at 7.00pm, everybody welcome.

The Allora Historical Society meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 7.00pm, and invite community members to join them for a cup of tea, learn about local history, family history, and of men and their machines of the distant past.

Don't forget to check us out at www.allorahistoricalsociety.org

Celebrate your Aussie pride this Australia Day at Glengallan Homestead

Southern Downs Regional Council is inviting everyone to show their 'Aussie' pride and join in the Australia Day celebrations at Glengallan Homestead and Heritage Centre on January 26.

Southern Downs Mayor Tracy Dobie said Australia Day is the perfect opportunity to have a family day out and celebrate everything that is great about Australia.

"Australia Day at Glengallan is all about family friendly fun with lots of activities on offer.

"It's also a significant opportunity to pay tribute to our local heroes with the Australia Day Awards and to welcome new Australians at our citizenship ceremony and I'm very much looking forward to being a part of this important civic event on Australia Day.

"Australia Day celebrations are a much anticipated highlight for the community and many locals return every year.

"So I would encourage you to mark the date on your calendar, come along and bring your chair and picnic blanket and join in what is sure to be a crackin' good old Aussie day!" she said.

The Glengallan Australia Day Committee has put together a great program of family friendly activities, so there will be a hive of activity starting from 8am and continuing on through to the afternoon.

The historic Glengallan Homestead and Heritage Centre will open to the public from 8am with markets in the gardens together with Australia Day favourites and good old Aussie entertainment. There will be plenty to keep the kids entertained with a jumping castle, bungee run, face painting and animal nursery.

The official proceedings will start at 10am including the citizenship ceremony, Australia Day messages and the northern region Australia Day awards ceremony.

The Mayor also highlighted that Council had taken on board feedback from the community about difficulties some residents faced in getting out to Glengallan, and consequently will be providing a free shuttle bus this year to Glengallan Homestead. "The free shuttle bus will depart from the Warwick Library at 8am and again at 9am to transport people to Glengallan for the Australia Day celebrations.

"Bookings are essential, so I would urge anyone interested in using the shuttle bus service to reserve their seat as soon as possible," she said.

To reserve your seat on the bus, contact the Warwick Visitor Information Centre on 4661 3122, email warwick.vic@sdrc.qld.

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- 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
 - Fri 12 Victoria Hill Hall Cent Sale Victoria Hill Hall
- October -**
- Fri 20 St. Patrick's Fete St. Patrick's School Grounds, Allora

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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.

gov.au or book online at www.warwicktickets.com.au. The Mayor also noted that other smaller communities across the region would be celebrating Australia Day in their own way and she encouraged residents to support and participate in these local events.

For more information about Australia Day celebrations visit Council's website www.sdrc.qld.gov.au or contact Council on 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372).

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Banks must release FMD offsetting options now: Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa David Littleproud has called on the major banks to match Rural Bank's new Farm Management Deposit (FMD) financial offsetting product to help producers reduce their interest costs.

"Although the Coalition Government made the necessary changes in 2016, the major banks are still not offering offsetting options to farming customers and given the huge potential this has to help farmers with their interest bills each year, this inaction really concerns me," Mr Littleproud said.

In appearing before the Economics Committee's Review of the Four Major Banks – NAB, ANZ and Westpac were reluctant to say whether they'd offer offsetting options, citing it was too complex and costly to change their systems.

Mr Littleproud said the fact that Rural Bank has created this product demonstrates the major banks had given nonsense excuses, and that greed was the only reason banks were reluctant to create this product for their agribusiness customers. Offsetting already commonly exists in home lending but Mr Littleproud believes the major banks' reluctance to create this product was more likely about preserving the higher margins charged on agricultural loans over home loans.

"The Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES) estimates these offsetting accounts are likely to reduce the interest rate burden by \$150 million and, in my view, farmers are being left high-and-dry by their banks," he said.

The major banks also raised the legal complexity in offsetting a loan account in the name of a corporate entity or trust with the interest accruing in an FMD account, which is required to be held in the name of an individual.

However, Mr Littleproud confirmed this initiative is confined to family farming operations which are predominantly operated by an individual or under a partnership structure.

"There are nearly four times as many of those enterprises in the agricultural sector, than there are trusts or corporate entities and this is about preserving the family farm for generations to come", he said.

Mr Littleproud has written to all registered FMD scheme financial institutions that have not yet created an offsetting product, seeking answers as to when they expect to release their first FMD offsetting product to eligible farming customers.

Stanthorpe Civic Centre works steaming ahead with revised program

The restoration of the fire damaged Stanthorpe Civic Centre is steaming ahead with a revised program that will see works now due for completion in March.

Southern Downs Regional Council's Manager Community Services and Major Projects, Michael Bell, said that while there has been some reduced progress over the last couple of weeks, this was largely due to many of the construction firms and suppliers closing over the Christmas/New Year period.

"This is not an unusual or unexpected occurrence and is one that generally happens at this time of year.

"However, with the extent of the damage being greater than initially anticipated, this has caused a few headaches, as the program has had to be adjusted to take into consideration the sourcing of specialised stage materials, air conditioning equipment and the reconfiguration of some elements of the design.

"With contractors now back on site, it is full steam ahead to get this community facility back open, with a revised completion date now expected to be in early March 2017," Mr Bell said.

Southern Downs Regional Council appreciates the continued patience of the community during the reconstruction period and apologises for any inconvenience caused.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Council's Community Contact Centre on 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372).

Council advises Warwick's discoloured water poses no health concerns

Residents accessing water from the Warwick town water supply last week and over the weekend may have noticed some discolouration; however Southern Downs Regional Council assures residents that there are no health concerns with the water.

Southern Downs Regional Council received notification about the discoloured water on Tuesday last week, and 17 calls have been logged about the matter to date.

Council's Director Engineering Services, Mr Peter See said that the water has some colouring which is believed to be due to chlorine oxidising manganese in the water after it has been filtered, but emphasised that the discolouration is no cause for alarm.

"The discolouration is a result of a harmless chemical reaction occurring at the water treatment plant after the water has passed through the filters.

"There is no health or safety concern caused by the discolouration. The water is safe to drink and there is no risk to health.

"The water is treated to the required health standard, the water quality health parameters are tested continuously at the treatment plant and there have been no instances of non-compliance.

"Council is aware that the water currently being produced is discoloured and the matter is being addressed. Actions to rectify the situation are being assessed, and we anticipate that the water should be restored to normal within the next few days," Mr See said.

The water discolouration issue also attracted considerable attention in social media. In light of this, Mr See reminded residents about the appropriate way to lodge a request about a matter like this with Council.

"It's important for the community to note that just because there may be conversation in social media about an issue like the discoloured water, it does not mean that Council is automatically aware of it or has received notification about it.

"Notification of these sorts of issues or requests for service should be lodged with Council direct through our 1300 MY SDRC number or via our MY SDRC App to ensure that they are picked up in our system for appropriate action," he said.

Double Helix

1. How many times does the average human's heart beat a day: a) about 1000, b) about 100 000, or c) about one million.
2. What type of vehicles cause contrails?
3. Where would you find the Kuiper belt: a) on your body, b) in our solar system, or c) in outer Mongolia?
4. Who coined the term, 'the Gaia hypothesis'?
5. In what field of science will you find WIMPs and MACHOs: is it a) biology, b) chemistry, c) physics, or d) geology?
6. How many geologists have walked on the Moon?
7. What is a pluton: a) a large igneous rock formed deep underground, b) a term for any body orbiting the Sun too small to be called a planet, or c) Mickey Mouse's pet dog?
8. True or false? Crocodiles have no sweat glands so they use their mouths to release heat.
9. Which of the following is not considered a true fly: a) blowfly b) dragonfly, or c) horsefly?
10. What do all these words have in common? Frass, guano, spraint, fewmets, scat.

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to make their debut for the season on the weekend included Luke Costello, young Hayden Campbell (nephew of Aaron) and the always dangerous Kris "Crispy" McLennan.

The Allora boys won the toss and elected to bat, with the long and short of it, Tom Higgins and Matt Kiernan opening the batting, with a positive opening stand. This set the tone for the rest of the innings, the Allora side cantering on at a good run rate. Opener Matt Kiernan provided a solid foundation with a score of 29. He was ably assisted by Nick Goltz, 18 and the hard hitting Nick Morris, 26. It was then left to Krispy McLennan to ice the cake, which he did with a fine knock of 48 before being dismissed in the 18th over. Our 2 youngest players finished off the innings in style adding 10 runs in the last over and a half. Hayden Campbell particularly looked in fine touch. A final total of 157 seemed a decent target for the Redback's to aim for.

It seemed the Redback's may continue their recent dominance over the Allora outfit with a strong opening partnership of 62. However skipper Nick Morris took some brave pills swallowed hard and threw the ball to spin twins Kiernan and Bryson with immediate effect. Kiernan struck first dismissing representative player Clarkson. Then Bryson struck claiming the scalp of danger man Jamie Saunders along with the Redback's other opener. From there the Allora boys took the game by the neck of the scruff and started taking wickets regularly. Kiernan adding another scalp before Tom Higgins disturbed the Redback's furniture to take 2 scalps of his own. Yet the Redback's continued to tick the scoreboard over. Nick Morris once again showed his new found maturity as a skipper by injecting Kris McLennan into the attack with only 3 overs left. This proved a masterstroke with Krispy claiming match winning figures of 4 for 4 off 2 overs. Three of these wickets coming off the first over.

The end result saw Allora claim a tight 1 wicket victory. Well played boys, once again showing that they can play tough with most teams in this competition and drag out a win when all seems lost.

Thanks to all players who were available on the weekend. This weekend sees a break in the Condamine Cup as the annual Australia Day Carnival takes place across the Southern Downs.

Thanks again to all our supporters and all are welcome to come to the Railway each Saturday evening for the Cricket Club Raffles. Thanks to Robyn at the Railway, Dave and Zita from the newsagency, Grant from Allora Butchery and the team from the IGA for their continued support.



Allora XI vs Redbacks

Saturday 14th January saw the Allora Cricket team travel to Mayhew Oval in Warwick to take on The Redback's in the final round of the Warwick T20 competition. The Redback's have improved dramatically in their debut season and would provide tough opposition for the lads on the weekend, particularly as they had a dominant victory over us the weekend before.

As with most teams it is a struggle to get a team together so early in the New Year, particularly as this game was an early start on a Saturday. However club captain Aaron Vietheer was able to pull together a team to take on the Redback's. Players



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BELOW: Shirley Woodrow arriving in style in the Essex Super 6 for her 91st Birthday celebrations.

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

1. b) The average human heart beats at about 70 beats per minute. That adds up to a little more than 100 000 beats per day.
2. Contrails are thin lines of cloud that form behind aircraft at high altitudes. The word is short for condensation trails and they are made by the exhaust of aircraft engines. 3. b) In our solar system, the Kuiper belt is a disc of icy bodies, which includes many dwarf planets such as Pluto.
4. The Gaia hypothesis is a term coined by James Lovelock describing the theory that everything on Earth is part of a single, interacting, living super-organism.
5. c) Physics. WIMP is an acronym for weakly interacting massive particle and MACHO is an acronym for massive astrophysical compact halo object.
6. One: Harrison Schmitt was the first and last geologist to walk on the Moon as part of the Apollo 17 mission.
7. a) A pluton is a large igneous rock formed deep underground.
8. True. Since crocodiles have no sweat glands, they often sleep with their mouth open to cool down.
9. b) True. Flies only use one pair of wings to fly, and dragonflies use two.
10. They are all words for specific types of animal poo.

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determined by a majority of members, were finalized and a contract entered into for the erection of a new 9m x 15m shed majority funded with a Community Gaming Fund grant. The 24 AMS members are excited that the building is to be completed in April.

AMS wishes to thank all community persons who generously supported the Christmas raffle of gardening goods, the local winner being keen gardener Max Phelan. We also thank the Allora RSL for enabling us to raffle 3 excellent hams, donated by Merivale Farms, at the back-up Allora RSL Community Carols in the Park. The lucky winners were Carol Donaldson,

Travis Burns and Lyn Wright. Members are looking forward to actively helping at the Allora Heritage Weekend 28/ 29 of this month, as well as having a display stand at the 139th Allora Show on 10/ 11 February. We wish both community events every success! Any blokes wanting a chin-wag are welcome to attend weekly open mornings on Thursdays and Saturdays at the Allora Fire Station in Herbert Street.

Stuart Campbell, Sec.

L to R. Lou Ots, Keith Ritchie, Trevor Shields & Stuart Campbell on site for new shed.