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## Allora Showgirls Shine

Show fever has bloomed in Allora with Saturday's announcement of the 2017 Allora Showgirls at a function at the Railway Hotel.

Southern Downs Regional Council Mayor Tracie Dobie and Cr Sheryl Windle had a challenging task as judges for the Showgirl quest with a group of admirable young ladies keen to fill the roles of Junior Showgirl and Showgirl, indeed ambassadors for the Allora Show and the local district.

The Allora Show Society's Miss Allora Showgirl 2017 is Ashley McSorley, Sophie Brennan was named Miss Allora Junior Showgirl and Miss Allora Junior Showgirl runner-up is Porscha Mathie. The Miss Showgirl title brings a lot of pride for 21 year old winner Ashley, a contestant in the Showgirl Quest in 2016 also. One of the Allora IGA Supermarkets many smiling faces, Ashley is happy her role will allow her to be involved in so many facets of

The Allora Show Society hosted their annual Showgirl Quest judging on Saturday at Allora's Railway Hotel, with plenty of lovely smiles from entrants: (back left) - Renee Lack, Maddie Griffin, 2017 Miss Allora Showgirl Ashley McSorley and (front left) - Junior Showgirl Runner-Up Porscha Mathie and 2017 Allora Miss Junior Showgirl Sophie Brennan.

the 2017 Show, while meeting so many people at the Show. The Miss Showgirl for the 139th Allora Show is very keen to get started as the Show's ambassador, and felt a particular highlight so far was seeing the junior showgirl entrants enjoying their involvement in the recent quest judging.

"It was an absolute pleasure to be asked along with Cr Sheryl Windle, to judge the Junior Show Girl competition" said Southern Downs Regional Council Mayor Tracy Dobie, "the candidates were of the highest calibre and there is no doubt the future if our country is in good hands when we listened to these

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young ladies talk about their goals and aspirations". Cr Windle was also very impressed "The winners and runner-up will not only do the Allora Show Society proud, but will be great ambassadors for the community."

Allora Show Society Publicity Officer Glennis Bailey praised all of the young ladies involved, "We are very proud of all the entrants and it was a tough decision for the judges."

"Thankyou to Mayor Tracy Dobie and Councillor Sheryl Windle for coming along to judge the entrants."

For those planning on attending or entering in the 2017 & 139th Allora Show you have a touch over a fortnight until the Show gates swing open to the public on February 10th and 11th.

Glyn Rees

## Allora Cup Rerun This Saturday

The Allora Cup that was washed out in November is set to be rerun at Warwick's Allman Park racecourse this Saturday for the historic race day named in honour of 'the Best Little Town on the Downs', Railway Hotel Allora Cup day. Allora's big race day gets underway for the fourth time in three years since its re-emergence.

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

After a lull of around 45 years, the sound of a bugle ringing out "Call to Post" was heard once again for an Allora Cup horse racing meet in 2014, indeed the rebirth of the race meet named in Allora's honor. That reborn event, the "Railway Hotel Allora Cup Blues, Brews & BBQ's Race Day" race meet was hosted at Warwick's Allman Park by the Warwick Turf Club on Saturday, February 1st.

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

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

The first "Allora Cup" appears to have occurred at a meeting held on October 8th, 1949 when the cup was run for overall prize money of £45 and a cup valued at £10/10. The race club secretary in 1949 and for the next eleven years at least, was the Allora railway station master, Jack Hilton. The winner of the inaugural Allora Cup was 'Nobleman' owned by Tom Cowley, trained by Dick Byrne and ridden by Joe Murphy. The 1950 Allora Cup was won by R. C. Crowther's "Bon Ami". In 1953, the Cup winner was the mare "Plane" owned and trained by Frank Armstrong, and at the presentation of the 1955 Allora Cup, won by Frank Armstrong's "Lurcher Queen", Allora Jockey Club secretary, Jack Hilton, said that Mr. Armstrong apparently had a mortgage on the cup because it was the fourth time that he had won it.

The presentation was made by Mrs. Vera Henry, wife of club president, Mr. Stuart Henry, former Allora Shire Chairman. Local racing historian Shirley Murray recently reminisced that the cup meeting was a huge event in Allora with a half-day holiday granted. Top race caller, Vince Curry, would call the races from the back of a utility backed up to the course fence.

From 1956 the Allora Cup was run on Melbourne Cup Day, and the

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1956 winner was "Bubbatonga" owned by Bob Armstrong. The final Allora Cup meeting appears to have been run on the 3rd November 1959.

The reintroduced Allora Cup occurred twice in 2015, relocating from its initial February date to November. Allora locals turned out in force on Sunday November 15th 2015 at Warwick's Allman Park, soaking up the sunshine at a hugely successful 'Railway Hotel Allora Cup' won more than convincingly by more than six lengths by five year old bay gelding, 'Real Favulous'.

Clifton based owners Adrian & Julia Simmons and their son Shane Simmons were thrilled with the performance of 'Real Favulous' who was having a cracker of a year after enjoying success in the 2015 Weetwood Handicap. They received their Railway Hotel Allora Cup from major sponsor Robyn Miles with Warwick Turf Club Chairman Phil Grant.

Other key races close to the hearts of the Allora community in November 2015 were the 'Justin Briggs Commemorative Class 3 Plate' and the 'Colleen Burgess Memorial Benchmark 65 Handicap' sponsored respectively by Robyn Miles of Allora's Railway Hotel and Allora district racing identity Barry Burgess.

Four year old gelding 'Starwood' was too quick across the 1100 metres winning the 'Justin Briggs Commemorative Class 3 Plate' and jockey Jason Orman rode six year old grey mare 'Jo's Luck' to victory in the 1500 metre 'Colleen Burgess Memorial Benchmark 65 Handicap'.

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

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

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

The 'Railway Hotel Allora Cup' meet will begin this Friday evening at 6.00 pm, with a Calcutta at Allora's Railway Hotel featuring horses in the six race program on race day Saturday.

A bus will depart the Railway Hotel at Allora for Allman Park at 11.30 am this Saturday. To book seats contact Robyn Miles (4666 3402) or Glyn Rees (0400 811 093). For further details regarding this Saturday's big day of racing and the 'Railway Hotel Allora Cup' contact Barry Burgess (0402 489 348) or Warwick Turf Club Secretary Kristen Doyle (0414 899 854).

Glyn Rees

<b>WEATHER FORECAST</b>			
Day	Forecast	Min/Max	
THU	Mostly Cloudy. Hot. Humid.	16	35
FRI	Storms. Mostly Cloudy. Warm. Humid.	18	29
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BELOW: Graham & Ellen Allan with Merv Shannon in Ohio resident and Partington family friend Barb Klepinger's Ford Starliner Convertible.

## Locals off to the USA again

Local enthusiasts the Merv Shannon's and Graham Allan's are off in August on another old car and aeroplane tour hosted by Allora's Doug Partington.

This year's trip will start in Washington DC and travel by private coach visiting New York and Boston before taking a couple of days at Niagara Falls and the Canada war plane museum where one of only two WWII Lancaster bombers are in flying condition.

Then it is off to Dearborn/Detroit and the wonderful Henry Ford museum and Greenfield Village for the annual Old Car Festival. After Detroit the coach travels south through Ohio and Kentucky to Ashville North Carolina visiting America largest home the Biltmore house of over 280 rooms. We also check out the NASCAR "Hall of Fame" in Charlotte before several great days in America's "Music City" Nashville Tennessee staying at the Opryland hotel Resort and Elvis Presley's birthplace Tupelo Mississippi and then his home Graceland Memphis Tennessee.



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## Looking Back...

**Allora's Past 25 years ago January 1992**

### Australia Day Awards

Members of 25th Royal Queensland Regiment raised the flag to begin the official proceedings at the Australia Day ceremony in Dalrymple Creek Park. Shire Chairman Cr. Jim Deacon presented the Australia Day Citizen's Award to Mr. Lewis May for his long involvement in community, church and sporting organizations in Allora. Cr. Deacon said that he couldn't think of any organization in Allora that Mr. May had not assisted in some way. The May family had lived in Allora for 40 years and Mr. May had been a warden of the Anglican Church for 25 years. He was well known as a player and administrator in cricket and tennis and was one of the instigators of the original ant-bed courts at Allora Tennis Association headquarters. The Allora Sports Award winner was Donna Willett who had represented the Darling Downs in the sport of swimming for the past six years. She set the Darling Downs 50 metre butterfly record in 1989,

a record which still stood. Donna was the Darling Downs girl's captain in 1990 and won the freestyle, butterfly and backstroke events at the Darling Downs titles in her age group. She has been a member of the Allora Swimming Club for eight years and involved herself in helping other swimmers as well as with her own training.

**Allora's Past 50 years ago January 1967**

### INVITATION

Come along to the Grand Opening of the Grandstand at the Allora Swimming Pool on Saturday, 4th February, at 6.30 p.m. EVERYONE WELCOME

**Allora's Past 75 years ago January 1942**

### Wedding

A reception at Picnic Point Kiosk followed the wedding of Miss Doris Burge (Allora) and Mr. Charles Walter Grimes (Clifton) celebrated by the Rev. R. Warner Shand in St. Luke's Church of England, Toowoomba. The bride who was given away by her brother (Mr. W. J. Burge), wore white satin and a tulle veil. Misses

M. Burge and D. Mellor were bridesmaids and Mr. H. Rickert was best man.

**Allora's Past 100 years ago January 1917**

### Minstrel Concert

The Allora Patriotic Minstrel Troupe gave their second performance in the Protestant Hall, the accommodation of the hall being taxed to its uppermost. The troupe now numbers 18 members, and since it was formed a little over three months ago, has been the means of gathering together nearly £130. This nice amount has been donated to the different patriotic funds. Last night's performance was in aid of the Repatriation Fund. The corners were well sustained by Messrs. Weber and Deacon (bones) and Patrick and Harvey (tambourines) who, during the evening, had the large audience in fits of laughter with their jokes and conundrums. Mr. J. B. H. Smith acted as centre man while Miss G. Wightman was accompanist. Others who took part were Messrs. E. C. Dean, R. Kennedy, J. Fowler, Robinson, Hart, Johnston and Siebenhausen.

Colin Newport

## Men's Breakfast Guest Speaker: Senior Sergeant Steve McReight

Come to the Scots Presbyterian Church Men's Breakfast this Saturday, 28th January, 7.20am, and hear Senior Sergeant Steve McReight speak about his Christian walk whilst serving almost 40 years in the Queensland Police Service.

Steve went from being a long haired teenager protesting apartheid with the arrival of the Springboks in the early 70's to a young constable struggling to hold the line in the scuffles of the right to march days.

He's served in a number of country and coastal communities including Warwick, Dalby, Landsborough, Nambour, Wandoan and Murgon and is about to retire after 13 plus years as Officer in Charge of Noosa Heads Police Station.

God has protected and lead him through a career with many highs and lows. From escorting royalty as a motorcycle policeman to being been shot at a number of times during sieges. He has many experiences to share including the challenges of remaining true to his Christian principles.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to hear this great speaker at this free event.

## Steve Gibson to join Sports Hall of Fame

I've always felt it's hard to beat a chat with a mate over an early morning cuppa and I enjoyed a recent opportunity immensely. Called on Allora local Steve Gibson for a couple of hours, and also enjoyed the hospitality of Kirstie, Steve's wife, a lassie who hails from Yorkshire in the north of England.

Steve's no idle soul so I did well to catch him, but we have a common interest in the sport popularly labeled as 'the Greatest Game of All', rugby league.

You see, few people are aware of the extraordinary feats of Mr Gibson with an oval ball in his hands. Indeed for a time he was rated as being among a handful of the best rugby league players in Britain.

How do I know given Steve's nonchalant modesty about his sporting past, his efforts & resulting reputation are chronicled widely in match programs, magazines, newspapers, web sites and word of mouth after chatting to leading rugby league

experts in the 'Old Dart'.

After Cutting his teeth in the rigorous Allora backyard league with his five brothers, it was time to to don the Wattles Under 8 colours and also line-up with the 4 stone 7lb St Patrick's School side.

Our loyal servant of the game tread the playing turf until he made his senior first grade debut with his beloved Wattles Warriors in 1981.

Steve, nor anyone else would have dreamt where the game would take him after leaving the field after that initial top grade outing.

He went on to represent Toowoomba in the State League which lead to selection for Queensland Country and a tour of New Zealand. A great memory for the winger/fullback was scoring the winning try in the Toowoomba Clydesdales 1984 win over the touring Great Britain side.

From there he had a stint with long established Brisbane club Norths 'Devils', before heading to Souths 'Magpies' for the 1986 & 1987 seasons.

A chance meeting at a training session with a player spotter for English clubs opened the door to an amazing rugby league career in Britain.

Within weeks he was running on with the famous Salford Club, where he became a more than popular crowd favourite due to his fun loving character and obvious ability.

It can be said that Steve Gibson assumed legendary status in his six years with Salford, his image on posters decorating most young supporters bedroom walls.

From there he was signed by the Rochdale Hornets which saw him continue his popularity at British leagues highest levels will embarking on the next stage of his career as a player coach. Steve's career wound down with seasons with Swinton and finally Leigh, before heading home to Australia and home town Allora and put down roots with wife Kirstie, and young son in Ziggy.

Well that near 500 words has given you an insight of a local sporting hero who has flown under the radar somewhat in his local area in regard to his achievements.

A player who for a couple of seasons in the early 1990's was listed in official records as the best fullback in Britain.

On February 25th, Steve Gibson will be inducted into the Allora Regional Sports Museum 'Hall of Fame' in recognition of his



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rugby league prowess not only in Australia but in the international arena.

At the gala function he will share the stage with members of Allora's Laws family, brothers Fred and Col Laws also being inducted in to the 'Hall of Fame' joining the eighteen other regional champions who already line the glittering 'Hall'.

You'll read a little more about the Laws brothers who were local icons of rugby league in the later 1920's and 1930's, two time Kangaroo tourist Fred and talented Queensland representative Colin, in the lead up to the prestigious inductions.

If you plan on being among what is expected to be a sellout crowd for the induction of the Laws brothers and Steve Gibson, contact Perry Cronin on 0407 034 320.

For a sporting tragic it is a night not to be missed.

Glyn Rees

## Countdown to Heritage Weekend

The upcoming 2017 Allora Heritage Weekend, organised annually by the Warwick Veteran & Vintage Vehicle Club, will see all roads leading to Allora yet again on the Australia Day weekend of January 28th & 29th, a stream of historical vehicles and machinery converging on the picturesque 'Best Little Town on the Downs'.

For two days the Showground's precinct will be transported back in time to various points across the past century & a half, highlighting the vehicles & machinery that played such a significant role in the development of rural Australia. While it will provide significant memories for some, and a wondrous education for others, you can be certain it will hold the attention of the thousands who are expected through the Allora Showgrounds gate with a display that is rated among the best of its type in the nation.

A leisurely evening lap around the Showgrounds early this week certainly provided sublime viewing, manicured to perfection with only a lone tractor pull machine the sole inhabitant of centre ring.

It certainly won't remain alone long though, the showgrounds transforming into a veritable motor mecca by the weekend.

Actually the 21st motor mecca according to President of the Warwick Veteran & Vintage Vehicle Club Peter Stacy, "Yes it certainly is the 21st anniversary of the event, and, with crowds expected to be in excess of the usual number of 5,000."

The Allora Heritage Weekend is known internationally, having been a subject in Historical magazines of Britain and other countries, an amazing event that has risen from such humble beginnings.

It was born in 1995 as an opportunity for local enthusiasts to roll their vehicles, machinery & motors out of their sheds and have a bit of fun". In a few short years to year 2000, the Heritage Weekend was famous throughout Queensland & New South Wales and provided a line-up of hundreds of displays, the large majority working, for the enjoyment of the endless

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## SCIENCE TRIVIA QUIZ

1. Do owls eat plants?
2. True or false? The colour of a hydrangea flower depends on how acidic the soil is?
3. What is the term used to describe when a solid changes directly into a gas: a) condensation, b) melting, c) sublimation or d) vaporisation?
4. What is the only number that is the same as the number of letters in its name?
5. What is a nucleus: a) the control centre of a human cell, b) the protons and neutrons in an atom, c) the vowel in the middle of a syllable, or d) all of the above?

*Answers in Classifieds pages*

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Mick Bradford's amazing Clydesdales wait patiently at ringside at the 2016 Allora Heritage Weekend before taking their place in the Grand Parade.

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crowds rolling up to the event. The machinery & vehicle disciples that organise the mammoth weekend annually don't consider their challenge hard work, they enjoy the preparations, the opportunity to have their displays working and available to the public, and as a group of enthusiasts and restorers catching up to compare notes and experiences. Since 2001 the Allora Heritage Weekend organisers have nominated feature machinery as a focal point of the event that attracts thousands to the Allora Showgrounds each Australia Day weekend.

This weekend is no different with Peter Stacey proud to announce that the feature vehicles in 2017 are all Australian cars, trucks, stationary engines, tractors and anything of interest.

Ralph Affleck of Killarney saw milling fame will be making appearances with 'Popeye' the log skidder and Mick Bradford with his team of magnificent heavy horses will return, both wonderful examples of Australian ingenuity and history.

Peter made a point of announcing that "Jim Smith will bring what may well be the worlds' largest 'pie cart' to the Allora Showgrounds, at 48 feet in length and capable of producing 1,000 meat pies per hour."

The amazing pie cart was built in Warwick and will debut at this year's Heritage Weekend.

Those who roll in to Allora yearning for a fix of the sounds of chugging, humming & revving along with a whiff of diesel fumes and the smell of an oily rag won't be disappointed.

Vintage and veteran cars & trucks, historical machinery, motorcycles and horse drawn machinery along with country music and bush poets will have the Allora Showgrounds seeming in a time warp of past Aussie generations.

As in past years there will be a swap meet over the two days of the Heritage Weekend, and there will also be a Cent Sale run in aid of the Warwick Disability Support Group.

For further information contact Peter Stacy on 0408 674 634, Graeme McMillan on 4666 3554 and for Swap Meet inquiries call Lyle Johnson on 0409 766 288.

Camping sites are available at \$15.00 per night, and bookings should be made through Greg Saville on 4697 3742.

A variety of food is available all weekend, and a bar operating. Gates open at 7.00 am daily and events underway at 9.00 am, and all for a more than reasonable \$5.00 admission fee for adults and children free. Keep in mind it can be warm so a good idea to secure a shaded vantage spot early.

For more information visit [alloraheritageweekend.org.au](http://alloraheritageweekend.org.au)  
Glyn Rees

## Council progresses tourism plans

Tourism is an important part of the economy of the Southern Downs. The Southern Downs Regional Council is very supportive of the sector and the volunteers who work in it. Council is working very hard on a new Tourism Marketing Strategy, which will bring more visitors to the Region.

Southern Downs Regional Council has undertaken a review of its operations and expenditure in the tourism sector. As an outcome of this review, Council will make some minor changes to the way the Visitor Information Centres are run and the way that the tourism sector in the region is supported by Council. Southern Downs Mayor Tracy Dobie said in the next few weeks there will be an exciting development for the Visitor Information Centre (VIC) in Warwick, which will be moving to the Town Hall in Palmerin Street.

"This is an excellent outcome for so many reasons," she said. "It will get more visitors into the middle of town. Many visitors want to see the Town Hall and having the VIC there will add to the experience.

"The move to Town Hall will also improve the access and visibility of the centre, which should see more visitors finding out more about our fantastic and diverse region.

"It will also provide more space for the Art Gallery to expand; a huge plus for our vibrant arts and cultural sector," said Mayor Dobie.

Regional Promotion, Tourism and The Arts Portfolio Councillor, Rod Kelly said Council will continue to support the wonderful volunteers.

"We will provide training, uniforms and make sure that the centre and the building is operational at all opening times.

"We will also streamline many of the activities undertaken by volunteers to ensure that they have a great time being ambassadors for the Southern Downs region," said Cr Kelly.

Council's new Marketing Officer has just commenced work with the Economic Development and Tourism Unit. Top priorities for the new role are to review the tourism and economic development websites, and produce a new Regional Touring Guide and Industry Newsletters. Tourism is an important sector in the Southern Downs, and the Council has plans in place to keep it strong.

## Dalrymple Ducks Primed for Racing

Brace yourself, It's on again on Australia Day, Allora's own climax of elite waterfowl racing.

No, we're not talking the living, breathing, highly pedigreed breeds as will be on display at the Ernie Young Pavilion at the Allora Show, rather the yellow rubber type duck's that have achieved an iconic status around Australia Day in Allora.

Allora's Ted Cowley has 400 duck's primed to peak to take to the water this Thursday, January 26th at the 20th 'Dalrymple Duck Race' at the Allora Swimming Pool.

While Duck Races are held world wide in the interests of raising money for charities & other community organisations, the Allora two race event is in aid of Allora Show Society Showgirl entrants has stood the tests of time.

Mr. Cowley, Allora Show Society committee member & Life Member and annual Duck Race organizer introduced the novel event to Allora's calendar nineteen years ago, back in 1998.

The first ever Dalrymple Duck Race took place on Sunday December 13th, 1998, and featured 300 yellow rubber ducks traversing the challenges of Dalrymple Creek in Stuart Henry Park. The current in the creek wasn't quite as brisk as needed to help the ducks along so members of the Allora Queensland Fire & Rescue Service provided some assistance with some high pressure water jets. That initial Duck Race was held in support of Allora Showgirl quest entrant Kate Smith.

Ted Cowley & 2017 Allora Showgirl Ashley McSorley have been busy selling tickets across January for the 400 cute yellow ducks that will take to the Allora Swimming Pool on Thursday from 3.00 pm. Keep an eye out for Ted & Ashley at the pool on Australia Day, they still have plenty of tickets



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remaining for the Novice event curtain raiser to the big race, the Dalrymple Duck Race.

With the purchase of a \$2.00 ticket community members can lay claim to a duck in either of the sprint events, and should that duck cross the finish line first the winner collects an easy \$150, second place pockets \$100 and a crisp \$50 note goes to third place.

The Dalrymple Duck Race has become an Allora district tradition that always attracts a healthy crowd. The ducks have not wound their way downstream on a 50 metre course in Dalrymple Creek for a number of years now, those past races were great spectacles, but the event didn't come without some chance of peril.

Now days the ducks do a lap of the Allora Swimming Pool with some additional incentive from a commercial grade electric fan. A move to the Allora Swimming Pool has provided a safer more comfortable venue, for ducks and spectators alike.

Glyn Rees

## Events Calendar

2017

- January -**  
**Thu 26 Dalrymple Duck Race**  
 Allora Swimming Pool, 3.00pm.  
**Sat 28 Allora Heritage Weekend**  
**& Sun 29** Allora Showgrounds.  
**February -**  
**Fri 10 139th Allora Show**  
 Allora Showgrounds.  
**& Sat 11**  
**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  
**Sat 25 Hall of Fame Induction Dinner Fred & Col Laws, etc.**  
 Allora Community Hall, 6.00pm - Tickets \$40, child \$20  
**March -**  
**Fri 3 Allora Rotary Trivia Night**  
 Allora Community Hall  
**Fri 10 St. David's Mission Street Stall**  
**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  
**June -**  
**Sat 10 St. David's June Afternoon**  
**Sun 11 Allora Community Auction**  
 Allora Showgrounds.  
**September -**  
**Fri 15 St. Davids Street Stall**  
**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.

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## Allora Swimming Club

A small, but strong, contingent of Allora Swimming Club members competed at the WP Kemp Memorial Swim in Gatton on Saturday 14th January. The swimmers endured 40 degree heat at the twilight meet. All 5 swimmers set new personal best times with all of them coming home with placings. The swimmers combined to enter the 12 and under mixed medley relay, with a great swim by all participants to place second in their heat against much larger swimming clubs from across the Darling Downs and greater Brisbane regions. Well done to Maddi and Danni Griffin and Chloe, Bailey and Cooper Harm on your representation of our Allora Swimming Club in Gatton – keeping country swimming clubs thriving.

## BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

The man was in no shape to drive, so he wisely left his car parked and walked home. As he was walking unsteadily along, he was stopped by a policeman.

“What are you doing out here at 2 A.M.?” said the officer.

“I’m going to a lecture.” The man said.

“And who is going to give a lecture at this hour?” The cop asked.

“My wife.” said the man.



## Allora Golf Notes

Sorry for the lack of notes for the start of the year but the scribe has been away. Anyway, regardless the results

for the Percys Fruit sponsored Duck Run on 20th are as follows: With 20 players participating the winner with 24 pts was Troy Gillam, runner up ‘Rolling’ Ray O’Leary on 21 pts. Pin prize for the 17th went to Jack Fulwood and approach for the 12th went to Barry Brown Jnr. Congratulations to the winners and all players.

Due to the flooding over the course, last week’s event was canceled so this week we played a single stableford for Club Trophies. A good field of players were out with some fantastic scores coming in. The winner after countback was Max Bielefeld from Nick Targett on 42 points. Rundown winners were Kev Harrison 41, Stephen Hughes 40, Matt May 40 and John Sparksman 40. Pin prizes for the 7th with a great shot went to Doreen Duffy, no one got the 16th. Barry Brown Jnr took the 8th and Matt May got the 17th. Approach for the 2nd and 5th went to Rougan Gerahy, Barry Brown Jnr claimed the 11th and Max Bielefeld the 14th. Congratulations to the winners and all players.

Thank you to bar staff along with the workers who over the last week have done an amazing job the course the greens look the best they have ever been.

This Friday the Percys Fruit sponsored Duck Run will be teeing from 2pm, all welcome to attend then Sunday’s competition will be a single stroke event and playoff with seven players vying for the title of Medal of Medalists winner, so you can bet there will be some great golf played.

Also members and interested players need to be aware membership fees of \$200 are due but until we see you on the course, dont forget your sandbuckets and great golfing to you all.



Back Left to Right – Bailey Harm, Danni Griffin, coach Andrew Fidge. Front Left to Right – Maddi Griffin, Chloe Harm and Cooper Harm.



## Australia Day Weekend Four - The Blue Cow XI

Another Australia Day weekend, another great weekend, cricket was played, laughs were shared, snags were burnt alongside faces and arms, there was rain in the game and skin left on the pitch. Yep, another great weekend for our fourth season playing. We thank our major sponsor, The Blue Cow Hotel, specifically Denise Dagleish, who has assisted us financially again this year. Without this assistance and sponsorship, the team would not be able to compete in the same vein as we currently do – so thankyou again Denise, from all the Blue Cows!

Game 1: Didn’t go to any plan. Names were drawn out of a hat for the batting order, and that may have set the tone for a disrupted batting line up- all out for 42! Only James Moore’s 15 runs made the total look respectable. With the opposition chasing a small total, the ball was thrown around to all the players, and their total score of 159 only beat ours by a scratch. Game 2: Playing against the other Cow named team; we hoped to improve our begginneresk batting. Thankfully Jamie Holmes and Matt Christensen helped this happen, with 33 and 29 scored between them. Though one of the batters did it in quick time – and I won’t tell them that is was you Matty (but good job). Their opening partnership was worth 57. After this, lots of little scores helped, and our final total was 119, leaving a respectable one a ball, 120 runs to win. Enter James. 5-13. Nice Gaaaaaarrrry! The rest of the wickets were shared amongst the team, which may be mentioned later. The Cows were bowled out for 74 runs, and the Blue Cows registered their first win of the carnival.

Game 3: A game that wasn’t. A game that confused everyone. A game that was two thirds played. A game that James again took wickets. We bowled to someone, someone bowled to us, and the other two someones decided not to bat or bowl to each other. A three team game. So if that was exceptionally confusing enough, we bowled out the first team for 150 after throwing the ball around a bit. James with three wickets and Jack and Jamie with two each (I think). In our batting effort, James smashed a rapid 59 supported best by Jamie with 16. Everyone else added runs, and our final score was 146. Although we did not reach the total set by one team, we had a great day.

Stats: Most runs – James 75. Jamie 51. Mathew 39. Wickets: James 10. Jamie 4. Jack 4. Other wicket takers: Matt, Neil, Brooke, Paul, Clayton and Brad. Brooke only bowled one ball for one wicket, and Neil was not far behind, three balls and one wicket! A great low catch from Mick Kelk was the best for the weekend. I however, hope that I did not get all the above



## The Allora Community Directory...



### ORGANISATIONS

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

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

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

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

**Allora Garden Club** - Meets 1st Tuesday of the month at 1.00pm, at 44 Arnold Street and travels to different locations. Contact Flora Sparksman 4666 2261 or Glad Holmes 4666 3191.

**Allora Landcare Group** - Meets on the 3rd Thursday of every second month, starting in February, at the Commercial Hotel, 7.30pm. Contact Peter Thomas 4666 6210 or 0419 724 025.

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

**Allora QCWA** - Meets 3rd Tuesday of month, 10.00am. Contact Sharon Hannah 4666 2197.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**St. Patrick’s Parish Pastoral Council** - McKillop House (old convent) Warwick St., Allora. Contact 4666 3377 and leave a message.

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

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

### ART & CRAFT GROUPS

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

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

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

### SPORTING / HEALTH ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tai Chi for Health** - Thursdays, 8.30am at Allora RSL Hall, 10.30am Clifton Senior Citizens Hall, starting 9th February. Contact Janet 0428 891 277.

**IS YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP OR ORGANISATION NOT LISTED? Please email admin@alloraadvertiser.com with your details or talk with the team at Allora Advertiser office on 4666 3128 to confirm your details for next month’s Allora Community Directory listing. CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL GROUPS.**

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complete the stats. James Moore also took the best bowling figures for the carnival, with 5-13/4. He was unlucky not to have the all-rounder of the carnival, with 75 runs and 10 wickets. James Moore – wins the 'Blue Cow of the Year' award! Congratulations!! Thank you to the people, who behind the scenes get things done; like the drivers and the BBQers! Thank you to the Blue Cow – come down and support the pub that supports us! Thank

## Allora Swimming Club 50 Years Reunion

at Allora Pool,  
**Sunday, February 12, 2017**  
10.00am - 2.00pm

BBQ, Displays of Memorabilia, Races and Relays  
*All current and former members welcome.*

If you have any photos, memorabilia or stories from your time as a swimming club member we would love to see it displayed and shared on the day. Share your story by emailing [shannonsparkman5@gmail.com](mailto:shannonsparkman5@gmail.com) or drop your memorabilia into Allora State School for display. Please ensure you name your items for safe return.

Please contact Roy 0447 174 487 or Shannon 0472 712 344 for catering purposes.



you to all the players for, well, playing. Next year we have a three day carnival with five games over the weekend. So until then, have a great year!

Brad Johnson

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### • ANNOUNCEMENTS •

#### Funeral Notice

GILLAM, Gwen Kennedy – Late of Allora and Clifton, passed away peacefully on 21st January 2017, aged 82 years. Beloved Wife of Ken. Loving Mother and Mother-in-law of Diana (dec'd) and Garth Free and Wendy; Marion and Brian Strong; Arthur and Elizabeth; Phil and Leanne. Much loved Grandmother of 11 and Great Grandmother of 15. Family and friends are warmly invited to attend Gwen's funeral, to be held at St David's Anglican Church, 1 Church Street, Allora, service commencing at 1.00pm, Friday, 27th January 2017, followed by interment at the Allora Cemetery. No flowers by request, donations may be made to Clifton Nursing Home, gift envelopes available at the Church.

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#### 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.

**FREE MEN'S BREAKFAST - THIS SATURDAY, 28th JANUARY, 7.20am - Guest Speaker: STEVE McREIGHT.**  
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THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALLORA CLIFTON will hold their ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on Sunday, 12/02/17, after the 9.00am Combined Service at Clifton. No 10.00am Service will be held at Allora on this day.

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It was certainly eye candy for any red blooded Holden devotee!

Sixty-three members of the HSV Club of Queensland brought 26 showroom standard vehicle on their first cruise of the new year on Sunday January 15th from Brisbane to Leslie Dam and then across to Allora for lunch at the Railway Hotel.

Club President Les Gray was more than happy with the way the day unfolded, "the majority of the cars are show standard, and they make an impressive highway sight given we travel in convoy."

"We have over 250 members" shared Les, "our Club is the oldest Club in Australia catering for the owners of HDT and HSV improved vehicles, having been formed in 1982 by the owners of the first HDT improved VC Commodores, which quickly became known as Brock Commodores."

"The object of the Club is to promote friendship and goodwill among people who have a common interest in HDT & HSV special cars."

The club has an event on each month, which always includes an invite to bring your family and friends, and as Club members participate in motorsport days and motorkhanas, hone owners' driving skills at Advanced Driving Schools, compete at All Holden days and other car shows, have convoy runs to interesting destinations such as Leslie Dam and Allora. Along with the Queensland Round of the V8 Supercars.

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celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the HSV Club of Queensland November this year.

Before heading back over the range to Brisbane, club members filled the dining room of the Railway Hotel for their country lunch, punctuated by endless yarns that mostly involved their perfectly preserved cars, models that contributed so much to the sport of motor racing in Australia.

Glyn Rees