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2017 Australia Day Awards recipients with Mayor Tracy Dobie and 2017 Australia Day Ambassador for the Southern Downs, Juliette Wright at the Glengallan Homestead on Australia Day. See the full list of Awardees for Southern Downs - Northern Region inside on page 4.
Left to Right: Mick Bradford, Justin Wade, Ceilidh Bishop, Kira Holmes, Mayor Tracy Dobie, Molly Harm, Greg Patterson, Graham Buchner and Ambassador Juliette Wright.

TRIBUTE to PHILL HIGGINS

In honour of the late Phill Higgins (1967-2016) and his baking prowess, we invite you to make a SPONGE CAKE (of any sort) to add to a special display at the 2017 Allora Show.

This is non-competitive and now is the perfect opportunity to spend some time in the kitchen creating memories with young ones, making a cake (that could be frozen until the show).



The sponge cake needs to be presented on a disposable tray or plate and covered in a clear plastic bag and delivered to the pavilion at the Allora Showgrounds by 9.00am on Friday, 10th February 2017.

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Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

Skilled Investigators seeking to identify the perpetrators of a crime ask, "Cui bono ? Who Benefits?"

Who would benefit from giving Australia's highest award, Companion in the General Division of the Order of Australia to a woman who gave millions of tax-payers dollars to the discredited Clinton Foundation and left Australia with a massive \$165 billion debt?

Who would benefit from that?

Those party to it should certainly heed: *He who says to the wicked, "You are righteous," him the people will curse; nations will abhor him. But those who rebuke the wicked will have delight, and a good blessing will come upon them.* - Proverbs 24:24-25

Yours sincerely,
Geoff Pickering, Warwick.

Dear Editor,

A Selective Retrospective

"These are a few of my favourite things" could be the sub-title of a new exhibition in the Clifton Library foyer. Each member of the Clifton Photographers Group has submitted a few of their favourite photos from previous exhibitions to create "A Selective Retrospective." This is Patricia Carey's "Reflections". The exhibition opened on Wednesday, 1st of February, and remains on display throughout the month during normal library opening hours.

via email

Dear Editor,

On behalf of Krissy Henry and myself, who are creating a photo book we need your help!

Allora State School is researching family connections to the school of its current students. We want to identify all those students who are 2nd, 3rd, 4th and even 5th generation of their family attending the school at this time. We are particularly looking for those who can trace an unbroken line. If you can assist, please email this address. A set of photos is being planned to mark the occasion of the 150th. These will be taken before the celebration and displayed there.

We need images as well as peoples thoughts and recollections on all aspects of school life. So if you can help with any of the following - please contact me at the school or using the contact information at the end of this letter.

1. Images (we are looking for music events, sport, school life, buildings, past students). NB They must be high resolution files; if emailing the images, a minimum of 3Mb is required, or originals can be left at the office for Krissy to scan and return to you. See my email details at the bottom.
2. If you could write a paragraph or two that recounts your memories or what being a student of Allora has meant to you. Be it on the sporting field, involved in performing arts, visual arts, in the classroom or any aspect of school life. Be

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sure to include your full name, and even the time you attended Allora.

Please note that Krissy and myself will work hard to include as much as we can but obviously all contributions will not make it to the final publication. We ask that you understand this, but would like to thank you in advance for any effort and interest that you show in the compilation of our book.

Finally contact can be made through:

- Facebook page 'Allora State School 150', using the message tab.

- Contacting the school administration office: 4666 7222

- My work email: lkano1@eq.edu.au (Please make subject line: Allora 150 Book)

Please share this request, especially with anyone who you think can assist us!

Regards,
Leanne Kanowski and Krissy Henry.

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.

Letter from the Editor...

Australia Day Awards

It is so heartening to see so many Allora residents receiving a well deserved acknowledgement for their voluntary contributions to the community. Congratulations from the team at the Allora Advertiser!

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Take a Seat in 110 Years of Show History

As you cast your eye around the Allora Showgrounds on February 10th & 11th, aside from the Annual Show equine action in centre ring, you will notice the grand old Allora Showgrounds Grandstand starring eastward.

Former Governor, Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AO officially opened what was the 135th Allora Show in 2013 and officiated at the dedication of the restored then 106 year old Allora Showgrounds Grandstand, the restoration completed in 2012 courtesy of a Warwick Credit Union Foundation grant.

The Warwick Credit Union Foundation is a non-profit foundation which was formed by the WCU Board of Directors in late 2009 focused on providing philanthropic assistance, of up to \$25,000, to community groups in Warwick Credit Union branch areas for innovative projects, facilities or activities.

The foundation was formed as an additional means to support local community groups as part of the credit union's community focus.

While the restoration works were completed, the works was not without obstacles. After years of use and minimal maintenance, the grandstand was in a dilapidated state, the restoration was a long, trying and painstaking process, but now the Showgrounds grandstand is the pride of the community once again.

Steeped in tradition and history, the grandstand provides an historic backdrop to the picturesque Show venue. The restoration, that has maintained the historic appearance of the structure, was carried out in meticulous detail, thanks to the determination and dedication of those involved, which included so many volunteers.

The Warwick Examiner & Times of Saturday, December 31st



Allora Showgrounds Grand Stand.

1904 reported that the tender of W. Leggatt, £185 18s had been accepted for the erection of a grandstand on the Allora Showground, with the grandstand built in 1906.

While in 2013 the Allora Show was so fortunate to have the Governor, Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley AO to carry out the official opening of the communities special event, back in 1906, the year the Grandstand was built, the show was also opened by the Governor, His Excellency, the Governor Lord Chelmsford.

The Grandstand is now 110 years old, and one of the few structures of it's age and type still existing in Queensland. Be sure to take a look at the historic piece of architecture while enjoying all on offer at the annual event that showcases the best little town on the Downs. It's a great seat to watch the show ring events while enjoying a cool drink and that traditional Show day hot dog!

Glyn Rees

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Southern Downs 2017 Australia Day Award Winners – Northern Region

Citizen of the Year – Graham Buchner

Warwick's Australia Day Citizen of the Year for 2017 is Graham Buchner.

Graham is described as a 'Warwick Institution'; a selfless person who always puts the Warwick community first.

Graham has had a long involvement with the community. He has received a number of awards over the years for his contributions to the community including an OAM for Road Safety and a Paul Harris Fellowship from Rotary International for exceptional community service.

Graham's association with the Rotary Club of Warwick Sunrise commenced in the club's inaugural year in 2000, when Graham, along with many members of the club, provided hours of work and supplies to develop the entrance to Morgan Park. This development recognised Graham's passion to enhance this popular sporting establishment to continue to attract locals and visitors to the park. Although not a club member, Graham continues to be involved with activities of the Rotary Club of Warwick Sunrise and is always putting the Warwick community first.

Graham provides a fleet of "Special Event" vans, which allow clubs, schools and tourist events, such as the Warwick Show and Rodeo, to have a venue for administration and shelter. He has provided these vans for many years at many events annually, and has done so free of charge to these groups. Known for his dedication to keeping the major roads in and out of Warwick clean and tidy, Graham slashes the grass with his own equipment, and is regularly seen collecting rubbish and stray trolleys, which he has done for decades, ensuring that Warwick looks good for locals and visitors to the city.

Graham is a member of numerous community organisations and committees to which he freely and enthusiastically commits his time, knowledge and resources to assist wherever possible. Some of the groups and committees that Graham is or has been involved with include: Warwick Senior Citizens and Welfare Association, Warwick Chamber of Commerce, Warwick Show and Rodeo Society, Rainbow FM community radio, the Cancer Council, the Road Safety group, the Liberal-National Party, Crimestoppers, the Motocross Club, Queensland Trucking Association and the Caravan and Motorhome Club. He attends meetings dutifully, holds many executive positions



Cultural Award winner Justin Wade, Cr. Yve Stocks and Junior Cultural Award winner Molly Harm.

and can always be counted on to do more than his part. Graham has boundless capacity and energy for the community he loves and is an exemplary role model and most deserving recipient of the 2017 Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award.

Junior Citizen Award – Ceilidh Bishop

The Australia Day Junior Citizen for 2017 is Ceilidh Bishop. Ceilidh is a very talented young photographer, and at only 17 years of age has already held an extremely successful art exhibition at the Warwick Art Gallery. The 'Eureka' exhibition showcased 30 of Ceilidh's works, and received glowing reviews.

Ceilidh has also achieved success with her photography works included in an exhibition for local artists at the Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery. Her artistic expertise has gained recognition with a 'highly commended' in the 2016 Independent Education Union Excellence in Arts awards.

However, Ceilidh also gives back to the community. She has been a volunteer with the Peace Festival, assisting with the event set-up and also working with the event photographer.

As a volunteer with Warwick Wildlife, Ceilidh has also assisted with public education, market stalls and animal care, and has attended the Kids Zone kindergarten to give talks about wildlife. She also volunteered with Warwick Joey Scouts, giving wildlife presentations and running a workshop with the scouts on making natural picture frames.

Ceilidh's initiative, her artistic and cultural pursuits and successes, along with her love of wildlife and her willingness to volunteer and give something back to her community, make her a deserving recipient of the Australia Day Junior Citizen of the Year Award for 2017.

Cultural Award – Justin Wade

The 2017 Australia Day Cultural Award is presented to Justin Wade.

In another string to his bow, Allora based butcher Justin finished third, receiving the Bronze Medal in the Retail Butchery section of the 2016 WorldSkills Australia National Competition in Melbourne.

Employed since 2010 at Allora Butchery, Justin was one of just three Queensland butchers to qualify for the 2016 WorldSkills National Championships. In achieving his Bronze Medal, he competed in front of up to 40,000 people during the three day competition.

Before heading to Melbourne last year, Justin blitzed the regional WorldSkills butchery competition for the second time. Justin's previous regional success in Retail Butchery

competitions was in 2013 when he won the South West Regional competition. This success allowed him to travel to England and Europe for work experience.

In October last year, award winning butcher, Justin, went head-to-head with Frog & Swallow Café's Jackie Robertson to each cook two dishes for an almost sold out café. The motivation behind Jackie's 'cook-off' was to highlight Justin's Bronze Medal win at the WorldSkills competition in Melbourne.

Aside from his butchery and cooking skills, Justin is a well-respected young man, community-focussed and well committed to his trade, which will be further enhanced should he be successful in a scholarship application to Europe as a result of his Bronze Medal success.

Justin is also known to be a willing volunteer and, at age 21, took on the responsible role of Vice President of the Wattles Rugby League Football Club for the 2016 season and was recently reappointed for 2017.

Justin's successes have made him a wonderful ambassador, not only for Allora, but the broader Southern Downs, on the regional, national and international stage. Justin's commitment to his butchery craft along with his culinary skills are recognised with the Australia Day Cultural Award for 2017.

Junior Cultural Award – Molly Harm

The 2017 Australia Day Cultural Award is presented to Molly Harm.

At 13 years of age Molly is already excelling in dance performance and her passion and enthusiasm has grown over the decade that she has been dancing.

Molly began dancing at the tender age of 3 with the Killarney School of Dance, which soon followed at age 5, with performances in the Eisteddfod and solo performances by age 7. She is an integral member of Performance Plus Dance Centre's Under 12 and Under 15 performance dance troupes. Crossing all genres of dance, including jazz, tap, ballet, contemporary, lyrical, musical theatre, and song and dance, Molly's commitment and dedication to her craft have resulted in representation of the region in on-stage dance performances at Toowoomba, Gatton, Ipswich, Brisbane and the Gold Coast. Molly has won or placed in every dance in every genre throughout 2016.

Molly also won the Toowoomba Empire Theatre Youth Arts Bursary 2016 and will honour this with a 5 day intensive dance program at the Conroy Dance Studio, Brisbane.

In a further demonstration of Molly's performance and artistic abilities, she:

- was selected to participate in the filming of the new Commonwealth Society of Teachers of Dancing (CSTD) Tap Syllabus for introduction to Australia in 2017;
 - was selected to perform at the Lord Mayor's Christmas Carols at Brisbane's River Stage in December 2016;
 - danced at the Queensland Performing Arts Complex in November 2016 as part of the CSTD Convention; and
 - received a \$100 Encouragement Award for a painting she entered in the Warwick Art Gallery 'Burst' Youth Art Exhibition.
- In addition to dance, Molly loves art and craft, spending her spare time doing crochet, sewing, painting and cooking. She is also a member of the Allora Swimming Club and Fairholme touch squad, and a former member of the Allstar Gymnastics elite program and Warwick Junior Netball.

Molly is a truly inspirational girl who is contributing to the rich cultural fabric of the region through dance, and she is a worthy recipient of the Australia Day Junior Cultural Award for 2017.

Junior Sports Award – Kira Holmes

The Australia Day Junior Sports Award for 2017 is presented to Kira Holmes.

Kira is a multi-talented young sportswoman with a keen interest and prowess in equestrian pursuits through her involvement with Pony Club and Campdraft. She also displays aptitude in cricket, athletics and other school sports including touch football, swimming, and tennis.

As a member of the Allora Pony Club, Kira has represented the club at numerous competitions throughout 2016 in the

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Mayor Tracy Dobie, 2017 Australia Day Ambassador Juliette Wright and Junior Sports Award winner Kira Holmes.

disciplines of sporting, formal gymkhana, campdrafting, mounted games, dressage and show jumping, always bringing home a raft of ribbons and trophies. As a member of the Eastern Downs Branch Australian Stock Horse Society, Kira volunteers her time to assist with events and is a mentor to younger members of the Allora Pony Club.

At age 13, Kira represented Zone 4 Pony Club at the Queensland Pony Club 2016 State Championships in Oakey, where she won the 13 years age group for the Formal Gymkhana, and the 12 to under 15 years State Campdraft, with 39 riders in her group.

Kira was a member of the Queensland Pony Club Sporting and Campdrafting team that competed at the New South Wales State Championships in April where she placed 16th of 55 riders in Sporting and 12th of 38 riders in Campdraft.

Kira is a member of Highfields and District Railways Cricket Club and plays in an all girls' team in the Toowoomba Cricket Association Junior Cricket competition. In 2016, she was invited to train with the Darling Downs and South West Cricket under 14 years development side. She also plays with the Ipswich/Logan Hornets Cricket Club, was a member of the Darling Downs Schools Girls Under 15 years Cricket team and was invited by Queensland Cricket to play in the Under 18 years Women's Rookie Challenge in September 2016.

In the field of athletics, Kira has also proven her abilities, highlighted by winning and setting records for javelin, shot put and discus at the SCOTS PGC and Border Districts Athletics carnivals, as well as achieving wins at the Warwick All Schools and Queensland Combined Independent Schools athletics carnivals.

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Kira has demonstrated a great aptitude for a variety of sports and is deserving of the 2017 Australia Day Junior Sports Award.

Sports Administration Award – Greg Patterson


The Australia Day Sports Administration Award for 2017 is presented to Greg Patterson.

Greg was a stalwart of the lawn bowls movement in Allora for many years and with the demise of the Allora Bowls Club, channelled his energies into the Allora Sports Club, where he is a key organiser of bowls events hosted by the club.

In particular, Greg has been a loyal, efficient and long serving organiser of the Allora Sports Club Night Bowls events since 2000. These nights have been significant events in the Allora social calendar, attracting large crowds to fill the green on a weekly basis during the sport season.

Greg arranges or contributes to all facets of hosting the Night Bowls such as attracting players and teams, overseeing facility preparation, arranging evening social activities, coordinating players' equipment, and assisting with the provision of raffle prizes and event sponsors. His role in organising Night Bowls has kept the sport alive in Allora, and the popularity is currently at a premium, which in turn injects funds in to the Allora Sports Club and the Allora community.

In recent years, Greg was bestowed with Life Membership of the Allora Sports Club for his service to the club and more than 30 years' service to the former Allora Bowls Club, during which



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time Greg served in all committee positions. He was recognised as a particularly effective Treasurer and filled that role for many years, while also being a talented bowls player. Aside from all of his demanding hands-on duties, Greg also currently holds the position of Patron of the Allora Sports Club.

As a foundation member of the Warwick/Allora/Clifton Fishing Club, Greg has filled the role of Treasurer over the past 25 years.

Greg is a long serving, willing volunteer and community worker in the Allora area, and is well respected within the Allora community. He is admired for being somewhat 'under the radar' in all he involves himself with; the person few know exists, the person that rarely gets noticed or recognised, but the person that is key to ensuring a particular event occurs. Greg is a most deserving recipient of the Australia Day Sports Administration

Award for 2017.

Community Event of the Year – "Mick Bradford's Heavy Horse Day"

The Australia Day Community Event of the Year for 2017 is awarded to "Mick Bradford's Heavy Horse Day". The Heavy Horse Day demonstration is an annual event held on the outskirts of Yangan, a small township east of Warwick. Mick Bradford, a heritage-loving man, has turned back time every year for 16 years for the annual heavy horse-themed charity day.

Mick Bradford chose to raise money for LifeFlight, formerly RACQ CareFlight, after noticing how many times they would fly over his property at Yangan, and this community event has now been running for the past 16 years. In that time, the event has raised in excess of \$105,000 dollars, averaging more than \$6,500 each year for LifeFlight.

This community event offers a special opportunity for people to get a glimpse back to the past, to show what horses were capable of and how farming was done. It showcases farming equipment from the 1800's and 1900's, with fantastic working and static displays of horse drawn equipment and heritage working displays of a local blacksmith, wheelwrighting, haymaking, chaffmaking and corn shelling.

This event is also about community. It is supported by the Killarney Lions Club, including support from a number of Warwick Lions Club members, as well as numerous other community groups and individuals who band together to offer local arts and crafts stalls, food stalls and other activities and entertainment for the enjoyment of patrons to the event each year.

The annual Mick Bradford's Heavy Horse Day demonstration and charity event plays an important role in keeping the past alive and ensuring the region's heritage continues on. It also makes an important contribution towards the continued operation of LifeFlight, to help people in the community receive critical assistance from this life-saving service, and is a commendable recipient of the Community Event of the Year Award for 2017.



Cr. Yve Stocks, 2017 Australia Day Ambassador Juliette Wright, Sports Administration Award winner Greg Patterson and Mayor Tracy Dobie

Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago February 1992

Miss Allora Showgirl

Warwick bank clerk, Kerrie Henry, was judged Miss Allora Showgirl at the Allora Show Ball held in the Community Hall on Friday night. Helen Staples was Miss Charity Showgirl. The two girls, along with third entrant, Jenny Topp, raised \$2735.57 for the Allora Show Society.

Emma Kate Corby was judged Miss Junior Allora Showgirl from eight entrants. Joanne Reisenleiter, Jaime Henry, Alison Cowley, Yvette Kennedy, Nicky Haig, Natalie Geitz and Nadine May provided the judges with a difficult decision in picking a winner.

Allora's Past 50 years ago February 1967

ALLORA-CLIFTON Football Training

First Run – Allora Showgrounds
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 All players are requested to attend.
 Vince Murphy, Hon. Sec.

Allora's Past 75 years ago February 1942

Influx of Evacuees

Accommodation in Allora is being rapidly booked up. Empty houses have been taken by residents from the coast, and a number of householders in the town area have made arrangements for the letting of rooms etc. A number of children have also

arrived from various coastal centres to stay with relatives and friends.

Allora's Past 100 years ago February 1917

Accident

While Mr. Con Reppel was driving his brother's baker's cart on Tuesday afternoon down the somewhat steep pinch near Mr. R. Cooke's residence, the back-strap of the harness broke, and he was thrown out. It is surmised that one of the wheels of the cart ran over his back, as when he was picked up by Mr. Alex McMillan, he was in an unconscious state. Several neighbours speedily appeared on the scene and rendered every assistance. The injured man was conveyed to town by Mr. A. McMillan and when examined by Dr. Pain it was found that he had suffered a more or less serious internal injury. He was conveyed to his home, and the latest accounts are to the effect that he is making a good recovery, and yesterday was out and about once more.

Allora's Past 150 years ago February 1867

Warwick Court

Michael Fitzgerald was brought up in custody at the Warwick Magistrates Court, before Mr. Charles Clark Esq. charged with stealing a tent from the railway camp at Allora, the property of Charles Stewart. There being only one magistrate in attendance, the prisoner was remanded to the Allora bench, bail being allowed, self of £40, and two sureties of £20 each.



Henry Reppel's baker's cart outside his home in Drayton Street. Photo courtesy Claire Reppel.

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All the glitz, glamour, pageantry, posing and spandex of wrestling's yesteryear remain, but presented in a fresh, family-friendly format relevant to modern audiences complete with gripping storylines of tragedy and triumph and stage production that provides an experience you'll never forget.

We invite you to enter our world of wonder and excitement by reserving your seats now, although we're sure you'll only need the edge!

Entry to the wrestling is free for show-goers and performances will be held at 1pm, 3pm & 6pm on Saturday.

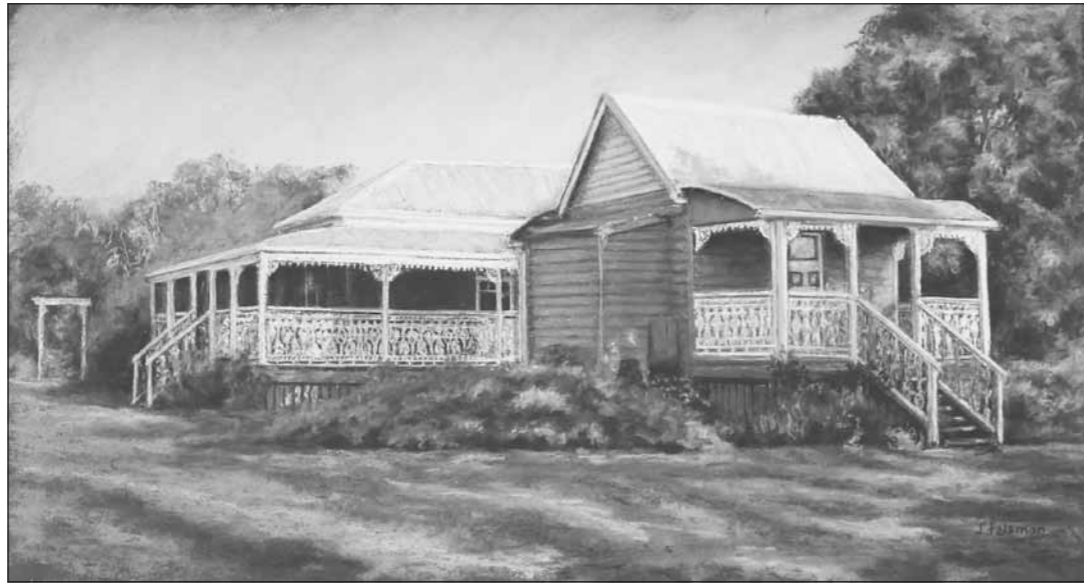


South Burnett Artists Showcased

During February, Warwick Art Gallery will host a travelling exhibition by talented artists from the South Burnett. Coordinated by the Nanango Arts Network Alliance, the exhibition 'Brushes and Flashes of the South Burnett' will showcase the work of Thelma Archibald, Karren Bolton, Summer Brooke-Jones, Paul Cradock, Megan Cridland, Anthony Donas, Gary Eyre, Judy Forster, Lyn Felsman, Rosemarie Matthews-Fredericks and Ina Patterson.

A diverse range of genres including pastel, oil, water colour, acrylics, drawing, pottery, sculpture, paper tole, photography and indigenous art will feature in the exhibition.

One exhibiting artist Lyn Felsman, sought comfort and peace in painting following the death of her mother in 2001. Her skills were further developed and enhanced having attended



'Mayo Vale' by Lyn Felsman

numerous workshops and in recent times, pastel art has become Lyn's signature work depicting rural landscapes, historical settings and portraiture.

All of the participating artists have won awards for their artwork including Anthony Donas who achieved first prize at the Brisbane Ekka in 2016. Several members of the group have exhibited work overseas.

Gallery Director Karina Devine is looking forward to installing the exhibition of work by 1 artists from the South Burnett, part of the Southern Queensland Country region.

"This exhibition is the first in our 2017 exhibition program and encapsulates what will be a year of variety and originality, something that the Gallery Management Committee is very proud of. There will be a strong representation of local artists exhibited throughout the year including Jean Fysh, Susan Shaw, Naomi Trotter, Juanita Faint, Corina Graham, Sue Jacobsen and Ann Fogarty," said Ms Devine.

"Many of these artists booked their exhibitions 18 months in advance, giving them time to develop their body of work for exhibition. Exhibiting original artwork in a gallery can give emerging artists a much needed confidence boost and inspire them to persevere and further pursue their creativity, perhaps even work towards a solo exhibition."

'Brushes and Flashes of the South Burnett' will open on Wednesday 1 February and be on display until Sunday 26 February.

Warwick Art Gallery is open Tuesday to Fridays 10am to 4pm and 10am to 1pm on weekends. Entry to the Gallery and this exhibition is free of charge.



'Kangaroo' by Anthony Donas



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BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

A group of young men were sitting around the coffee shop complaining about how hard it was to get by in this day and age.

Bob, an old timer, was listening to them and finally spoke. "You kids don't know what hard times are. Why, when I was your age we were so poor we couldn't afford electricity. Why, we even had to watch television by candle light."

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Allora & District Historical Society Notes

Thanks to the support of local residents and the many visitors who attended the Allora Heritage Weekend, we had a very successful raffle. Chris & Karenne Mullins (Ticket No.B81) won the \$200 Fuel Voucher prize. Congratulations.

This year our display set up at the Heritage Weekend featured school memorabilia to promote the 150 year celebration of the Allora State School to be held during the Autumn Festival on 29th April. (This display can be viewed in the pavilion at the Allora Show)

The first National School was built in Allora in 1867 opposite the post office. William Deacon was the first head teacher. William who had become a store keeper but retired acquired this building in 1911 for his sons Hubert and Charles who operated Deacon & Co. Part of the old school still stands as Allora & District Tyre Service.

A new school was built on the present site in 1911. The building was officially opened on 22nd June 1911 which was same day that King George V was crowned. According to an article printed in the Brisbane Courier, 1200 persons attended the opening of the new building. Two English oaks were planted in the grounds to mark the occasion. It was hoped that "under the branches there would grow up a race full of propriety, and of patriotism, and of peace and good will." The head teacher at the time was Mr. R L Jackson who was presented with a gold chain and engraved pendant to mark the occasion. Mr Jackson had been a teacher in Allora for 10 years and "was one of the best in Queensland". (This article can be read in full on the Historical Society web site – www.allorahistoricalsociety.org)

Over the next few weeks leading up to the Autumn Festival a series of articles written by Oliver Neale under the pen name of "Oliver Twist" will be printed in the Allora Advertiser. These articles tell of Oliver's memories of his school days in early 1900s. Oliver was the grandson of Mr and Mrs Thomas Neale, very early settlers in Allora. They arrived in Moreton Bay in

Events Calendar

2017

February -

- Fri 10 & Sat 11** 139th Allora Show Allora Showgrounds.
- Sun 12** Allora Swimming Club 50 Year Celebrations Allora Swimming Pool
- 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 & Sun 30 Allora Autumn Festival

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. If people wish to contact The Allora Advertiser and discuss their particular needs, please feel free to do so. Ph 4666 3128.



1848 on the first free immigration ship. Oliver walked 7km to school each day. In Queensland in 1905 eight bursaries were awarded, 2 for girls and 6 for boys. Oliver Neale and Emily Smith, pupils of Mr Jackson were successful candidates. Thanks to the CWA craft group, our beautiful collection of baptismal gowns will be displayed on calico dolls at our Open Day on 30th April. Noela Mikkelsen and Sharon Hannah have generously offered to conduct classes for the making of the dolls at their monthly craft day at the CWA hall and donate them to the museum. Thank you for your community spirit. Allora and District Historical Society welcome new members. Meetings are held at 7.00pm on the 3rd Wednesday of every month in the "Old Shire Hall" museum.

ALLORA HERITAGE WEEKEND 2017

A most successful historical machinery extravaganza organised by the Warwick Veteran Vintage Vehicle Club took place last weekend. The Allora Heritage Weekend was host to hundreds of exhibits from vehicle and machinery restorers who, through their displays, encouraged visitors to the weekend to explore the district's historic past.



TOP: Cafe Racer motorbike owned by the Brennan family.



ABOVE: A row of Caterpillar tractors.



ABOVE: Shirley Powel from Rockhampton poses in front of one of the many working engines on display during the weekend.



LEFT: A 1927 Ford Model TT Truck.

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ABOVE: Visitors to the Allora Heritage Weekend, David Wendt from Browns Plains and Rhonda Krarup from Southbrook.



ABOVE RIGHT: Peter & Brian Willett's Federal Truck was one of several large trucks on the day.



RIGHT: Kookie Tickle with an odd mechanical cow.

BELOW: A row of various makes of old tractors.





ABOVE: Abigail, Paige, Evan, Mr David Littleproud, Amy, Emily and Sophie

BELOW: Amy Harrison signing book with Evan Emms looking on.
Photos courtesy Leanne Kanowski



Investiture Ceremony

The 2017 Allora State School leaders were presented with their badges of office by Mr David Littleproud, the Federal member for Maranoa, at a ceremony in the school's Performing Arts Hall on Monday, 30th January 2017. School Captains Amy Harrison and Evan Emms and Vice Captains Paige Bain and Emily Tynan took the Oath of Office and also signed the book that was signed by the first inducted school leaders back in 1964. The Sports Captain were also presented with their badges and certificates. The Deacon House Captains for 2017 are Sophie Otten and Emily Tynan and Gwynne House Captains are Paige Bain and Abigail Collins. Morning tea with parents and Mr Littleproud was served in the dining room following the ceremony.

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Evan Emms signing book.
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GOLF Allora Golf Notes

Percys Fruit sponsored Duckrun was held on 27th January in beautiful conditions on the course with eighteen players. The winner with 25 pts was John Fulwood from runner up Tom Brown on 22 pts Pin for the 7th Barry Brown Jnr, Approach for the 2nd Aaron Simpson. Congratulations to the winners and all players.

Our January monthly medal sponsored by Allora Pharmacy was played in beautiful conditions out on the course. The winner with a great score of 57 was Michael 'Pugsy' Pugliese from the runner up Garth Simpson with a 61. Rundown winners were Barry Brown Jnr 63, Michael Madden 64, Lindsay May 65 and Tom Brown 66. Pin winners for the 7th Adam May, 8th Adam May, 16th John Sparksman, 17th Chad Wilson. Approach prizes for the 3rd, 5th and 14th went to Barry Brown Jnr and the 12th Lindsay May, congratulations to the winners and all players.

We also had the Medal of Medalists play off between 7 players and the winner who played an outstanding game of golf was Barry Brown Jnr with a 63 from Lindsay May with a 65. Bazza is continuing the good form from last year which is great to see.

Congratulations to all our Medal of Medalists finalist, thank you to Percys Fruit and Allora Pharmacy for their support, thank you to our course workers for the great work that you all continue to do.

Next week the Percys Fruit Duckrun will be teeing from 2.00pm Friday, all welcome to attend, then Sunday with be the Railway Hotel Monthly Mug teeing from 11.30am, all welcome, but dont forget your sandbuckets and great golfing to you all.

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Allora Sports Club – Night Bowls Results – Week Two 24th January

We have two new teams and some new players. John & James Ellwood and Garry Evans have teamed up to form "Tramps like Us" and Honda Hawks have morphed into "Bowls and Beautiful" (B&B for short) with Glen and Tim Hentschell and David Sparksman. "What Ever" is back with John & Lyn Wright and Liz Marshall and who ever.

Three teams, Lawn Grubs, The Old Boys and Doesn't Matter have started the season with two wins in a row. The results of all games have been fairly even. Everyone is looking forward to another season of fun and rivalry. Brothers Patterson had their first clash on Tuesday – Lynn was smiling, Greg was muttering.

Results week 2 - Doesn't Matter 14 v Frog & Swallow 13; Railway Hotel 2 v Allora Men's Shed 12; The Old Boys 12 v Zoolanders 7; Bowls & Beautiful 26 v What Ever 12; Tramps Like Us 17 v Maydan 10; LawnGrubs 14 v Team Engel 13; Swimming Pool 16 v Roonicks 9

The most spectacular shot of the night would have had to have been Tim Henschell's last bowl. Tim had played very consistently all night, with flourish and flair he delivered his last bowl down from between his legs! Tim's team mate David would have achieved the most 'wicks' for the night, all carefully planned and orchestrated with skill !!!!!

Garry Evans Drilling is again donating the 6 toucher prizes each week. Winners were Ken Wilson, Elice Duncan, Rob Hoey, Dave Sparksman, Coby (Tramps Like Us) and Bary Donegan.

The Winning team and Runners Up team members all receive a prize donated by Allora Sports Club. This week the Swimming Pool and Team Engel were drawn.

Lucky raffle prize winners were David Sparksman, Liz Marshall, John Cochran, Jim Pigeon, Dave Keleher and Rob Hoey had a chance to win the Jack Pot. The Jackpot sponsored by the Swimming Pool, Frog and Swallow and G & M Hentshell will be \$60.00 next week. Thank you to all sponsors including Railway Hotel, I.G.A. & Allora Sports Club.

It was the last night of play for Caleb who will be attending T.A.F.E in Warwick over the next 6 months to complete a hospitality course. We wish him well and hope to see him back with the Swimming Pool team in the future.

Thank you to all the volunteers who help out each week, especially Garry Evans who looks after the greens which are looking great.

Autumn Festival Automotive Highlight

As a feature of the Allora Autumn Festival the centenary will be celebrated of the Ford Model TT truck. A display of the Model TT's will be held at the Allora Historical Society's open day on Sunday morning 30th April. Over a dozen of the trucks will be seen about town over the festival weekend. First produced in 1917 the TT went off to war initially before becoming the truck every farmer and small business man had to have. Not only did Henry Ford's Model T put the world on wheels, his Model TT took the load off the backs of many horses.



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ALLORA HISTORICAL SOCIETY FUEL VOUCHER RAFFLE RESULT: Chris & Karenne Mullins. Thank you to all who bought tickets.

The Allora Show Society Inc.

GENERAL MEETING - Sunday, 5th February 2017, 2.00pm at Showgrounds Canteen. Agenda available by emailing allorashowsociety@gmail.com



Pavilion at Showgrounds will be closed for activities from 6/2/17 until 13/2/17 (morning) to allow set up time for the Show.

Show Office will be open from 9.00am - 4.00pm on Monday 6/2/17.

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