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Allora Swimming Club Celebrates 50 year Anniversary

A celebration was held at the Allora Pool on Sunday 12th February to mark the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Allora Swimming Club. President Roy Nott welcomed the past members, past parents, life members, club patron and current swimmers and their families.

Allora's first "Water Baby" Sharon Whittaker attended the day and shared her memories of the March 1966 pool grand opening. Sharon spoke of the significance of the pool in the community as a meeting place – and the importance of the social gathering that swimming club provided over her years. Sharon spoke of the way Swimming Club united children from the many local schools, allowing friendships to form long before the children met up at high school. Sharon still fondly recalls her mother stitching her a little white bikini to wear at the grand opening – attended by many well-dressed ladies in their dresses, gloves, stockings and hats – as this new "meeting place" soon became an integral part of the community.

Keith and Heather Loveday and family travelled from Toowoomba to share the occasion – bringing their swimming granddaughters with them to participate in the family relay. Keith and Heather contributed significantly to the Club over the 1980s with their two children Rohan and Kirri. Keith commented on a time when school children entered the pool at no cost, after funding for the pool originally came from both the Allora Council and the Education Department. He fondly recalled the Friday club nights – with a strong social gathering and no homework to go home to! His marshalling voice over the microphone was still remembered by many in attendance.

Sue Higgins reflected on her love and pride of belonging to the Allora club – both as a swimmer and later as a parent. Sue fondly recalled the days of diving off blocks in the shallow end. The blocks have since been removed. Sue's mother Kate also attended – and her influence in the early years of the club were noted. Kate Gordon and Marg Rackley recalled teaching Allora children to swim prior to club night swims each week back in the 60s and 70s! Kate still attends many swimming club nights and we have appreciated her continued attendance.

Shirley and Trevor Mason were joined by son Mark (Max) who fondly recalled that club night wasn't just about the 4 minutes he spent in the water – but more importantly the other 2 hours spent socialising with friends – in the days when throwing caps



Cutting the 50th Anniversary Cake are Life Members Noel May, Heather Slatter, Club Patron Marg Rackley and youngest club member in attendance Chloe Harm.

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Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

So here we are again, with politicians bouncing the issue of better support for people with a disability around the floor of Parliament House like the proverbial football. Unfortunately all that's being achieved is a massive own-goal.

At what point did it seem like a good idea to pit welfare and families against the National Disability Insurance Scheme? For starters, it's not even a logical argument when the Productivity Commission found that the NDIS would be MORE cost effective than the status quo.

So, having dispensed with the notion that there was a cheaper alternative, the only thing that can be called into question is that of 'need'. Do our politicians believe that people with a disability need and deserve more and better than they've historically received, or don't they?

People across this country have suffered immeasurably as a result of a devastatingly underfunded disability sector. And now, implicitly, they're being asked to apologise for getting what they need, to the detriment of their fellow citizens.

I can only imagine what it must feel like for someone who has been waiting desperately for support, as they watch this debacle play out in Parliament and across media. From finally being told that you had a right to a fulfilling life – that you are a valued member of your community and part of this country's fabric – to having your desperation publicly weighed and measured against that of some of the poorest members of our community. All our leaders have succeeded in doing is creating and debating a humiliating hierarchy of need.

There was never any question that the introduction of the NDIS would be a steep learning curve, and an expensive one at that, but giving with one hand while taking away with the other is downright cruelty. This is a turbulent time – people who have been struggling are desperate to ensure that this opportunity does not slip through their fingers, and those currently reliant on support are terrified of losing what they fought long and hard to secure. Why add to their stress? Why make them winners or

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Solution in classifieds section

losers in an unnecessary political showpiece? Because ultimately, in social and moral terms, we are all the poorer for this debate.

Andrew Donne, Endeavour Foundation Chief Executive

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Allora's first 'Water Baby 1966' Sharon Whittaker shared her families involvement in swimming club at the 50th Celebrations.

WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Min/Max
THU	Mostly Cloudy. Warm.	16 31
FRI	Broken Clouds. Warm.	15 34
SAT	Broken Clouds. Hot.	15 35
SUN	Thunderstorms. Warm. Humid.	18 32
MON	Morning Clouds. Warm. Humid.	15 34
TUE	Breaks of Sun Late. Warm.	19 29

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or towels over the back of the grandstand was just plain good fun!

Noel May reflected on his long affiliation with both Allora Swimming Club and Qld Swimming. Noel recalls Allora as "not just a club – but a strong swimming club". Swimmers of the 80s and 90s dominated as part of the Allora team in the Ingram Shield contested between Killarney, Clifton and Allora – and the Noel May Shield contested between Allora and Clifton.

Donna-Maree Willett reflected on the strength of

opportunities that swimming club provided local children over the 90s – with the club at that stage running bronze medallion and pool lifeguarding courses for their swimmers under the guidance of Gayle Sternbeck and Shiri Sinton. Travel and swimming exchanges with clubs were a big part of Allora Swimming Club during this time. She recalled the work of Michelle Crawford, the Pickering Family and her mother Val Willett during the 80s and 90s, especially as the Club transitioned from manual recording to the introduction of computers! This was also an era where the "Mercantile Relay" – a handicapped relay featuring a swimmer over 30, a swimmer under ten plus two

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Club President Roy Nott enjoyed the 50th Anniversary Celebrations with his family.

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others was a well-attended and hotly contested local event. In Sundays sweltering heat, family relays and sprint races were enjoyed by all who attended with some former club members coming out of retirement in fine form! The Club provided a BBQ for refreshments and the cake was shared by all. The memorabilia displayed was appreciated by past and present families and will be preserved for the years ahead. Rob Slatter donated his 1960's swimming medallion to the club – one of the first medallions produced under the Allora Swimming Club banner. Life members Noel May and Heather Slatter, Club Patron Marg Rackley and youngest current club member in attendance Chloe Harm shared the cake cutting honours. The overwhelming theme of all who shared their recollections was that 50 years of any sporting club is worthy of celebration and reflection. It is necessary to stop and give thanks to the many families who have nurtured the club to enjoy fifty continuous years. While some years have been stronger than

others and our current club memberships are low, Allora Swimming Club has been a significant part of the community of Allora since our pool was built. The Club looks forward to long term growth with hope for the future. Thank you to all who attended in person, or by formal apology, and to all who contributed to mark this milestone in a fitting way.

'Best Little Town on the Downs' puts on the Best Little Show on the Downs

The 139th Allora Show held on Friday and Saturday has been declared a huge success.

When asked about the number of horses in attendance Allora Show Society President Conrad Schnitzerling smiled and said "We have a massive number of horses here in the ring, the paddock is full with horse floats and trucks."

There were also a good number of cattle, sheep poultry and goats being judged.

The crowds enjoyed the lineup of entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights and the wrestling ring sponsored by United Fuels proved to be a very successful addition to this year's show. Side Show Alley ride operators were pleased with the takings on both nights.

The pavilion displays did not disappoint with a lot of entries in most categories, the needle work and fine arts sections were of a high standard according to the stewards.

This year as a tribute to the late Phil Higgins and his baking prowess a non-competitive baking display was held to raise money for the Melanoma Institute Australia.

Mr Schnitzerling would like to thank all of the entrants, visitors and especially the volunteers and sponsors.

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ABOVE: Champion artwork "the sisters came" (centre) by Clare Cowley.
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RIGHT: Pavilion Entries.

BELOW: Cattle judging.



ADJACENT PAGE - TOP
RIGHT: Winner of 'Feral ute' category.

RIGHT: Show Jumping.
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FAR RIGHT: Elizabeth Taylor from Hattonvale and Tiny Feet Tia Maria an Australian Minature.



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Southern Downs Planning Scheme – Proposed rezoning of land in Allora

Southern Downs Regional Council is proposing to make a range of amendments to the Southern Downs Planning Scheme and is welcoming public submissions as part of the community consultation process.

The Southern Downs Planning Scheme was adopted in 2012. A major review of the scheme commenced in 2015 and, following a State interest review of the proposed amendments which commenced in March 2016, Council has recently been advised by the Deputy Premier that public consultation of the proposed amendments can now be undertaken.

One of the more significant amendments proposed, is the rezoning of 20 Herbert Street and 22 South Street Allora. The land at 20 Herbert Street is the site of the GrainX grain storage and handling facility, and the land at 22 South Street is the site of Denny's Engineering and Welding Pty Ltd.

Southern Downs Portfolio Councillor for Planning and Property, Neil Meiklejohn said the proposed amendment is to rezone this land from the Low density residential zone to the Industry zone. "The proposed zone change is about aligning the current land use with the relevant zone.

"With regard to the land at 20 Herbert Street, the proposal does

not alter the need to properly investigate the current complaints predominantly related to environmental issues with GrainX. Nor does it alter the requirements of existing approvals on the land," he said.

Cr Meiklejohn emphasised that the consultation process is the opportunity for residents to make a submission about the amendment if they had concerns.

"Council has developed a fact sheet specifically about this proposed rezoning which outlines details and possible implications.

"The consultation period is open until March 31, so I would encourage people to consider the draft amendments to the planning scheme and the supporting documentation and to make a submission to Council if they're passionate about something in the proposals," he said.

The public consultation period is open until 31 March 2017. There are various ways in which the public and potentially affected stakeholders can be part of the consultation process. During the consultation period, the Draft Amended Planning Scheme, planning scheme maps and a range of fact sheets will be available at the Council's Warwick and Stanthorpe Community Contact Centres, and on Council's website www.sdrcl.qld.gov.au

Additionally, members of the public are welcome to make appointments with Council's Planning Department to discuss the proposed amendments.

For further information about the proposed amendments, or to arrange a meeting to discuss the amendments, please contact Council on 1300 MY SDRCL (1300 697 372).

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Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago February 1992

Snake Bite

A Talgai West man was transported to the Toowoomba General Hospital after being bitten by a snake on a property yesterday. A hospital spokesman said that Tony Bott, 28, was apparently bitten on his left leg while working on the farm. He was taken to the Allora Hospital and, accompanied by a doctor, was transported by Warwick ambulance to Toowoomba.

The hospital spokesman said that he believed that the bite was from a brown snake. Mr. Bott was reported to be in a satisfactory condition late yesterday.

Allora's Past 75 years ago February 1942

Found Dead

Lawrence Cranitch (52), single, retired farmer, was found dead in bed at his home in Allora early on Saturday morning. The deceased, who had lived in the Allora district all his life, had carried out farming operations with his brother Mr. Patrick Cranitch at Forest Plain for many years until their retirement about 12 months ago, after which they came to Allora to live. The deceased had been in ill health for some considerable time.

Allora's Past 100 years ago February 1917

Sheaf Pitching at Show

At the Allora Show on Wednesday much interest was manifested in the sheaf pitching contest which was eventually won by Mr. A. Rickert who pitched the sheaf 31 feet 6 inches, which was considered to be a record height. When opening the show on Thursday, Sir H. J. Goold-Adams noticed the two tall posts with a crossbeam at the top, and when told that on the previous day, Mr. Rickert had pitched a sheaf of wheat, weighing 14lbs, over the top of the crossbeam, he expressed a desire to see it done again. Mr. Rickert acceded to His Excellency's desire and again succeeded in clearing



Mrs. Patrick Cranitch senior and children at the Cranitch home at Forest Plain.

the beam at 31 feet 6 inches. The beam was raised another foot, this being the highest it could be raised on the poles, and amidst the cheers of the spectators, Mr. Rickert pitched the sheaf over with a couple of feet to spare.

Allora's Past 125 years ago February 1892

Snake Bite

Our quiet township was thrown into a state of great excitement yesterday when a messenger arrived stating that Mr. Gilmore, an old and respected resident of Forest Plain, was on his way to town suffering from snake bite. Mr. Gilmore was driven in a buggy by his son William, and taken to local chemist, Mr. S. B. Player, who had everything ready. Dr. Pain had left town only an hour beforehand to visit his brother in Brisbane but Mr. Player was equal to the occasion and lost no time in applying the cure, an injection of strychnine which was repeated a short time later. Draughts of ammonia were given and hypodermic injections of ether made. On arrival from Warwick, Dr. Phillips administered a third dose of strychnine and left the patient in Mr. Player's hands, out of danger, at 10 p.m.

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Heat stroke symptoms and first aid

Did you know heat stroke can result in permanent brain damage or death?

Heat stroke is a life-threatening condition because the body's temperature can rise far above normal to the point where it stops sweating. The body essentially loses its ability to control temperature, and, if left untreated, it can damage the brain, heart, kidneys and muscles. Heat stroke usually results from prolonged exposure to a hot, humid, and perhaps poorly ventilated environment. The longer the delay in getting treatment, the higher the risk. Those more likely to suffer from heat stroke are the elderly, and people with poor health, and infants or small children.

The second form of heat stroke, known as exertional heat stroke, sees the body temperature rise rapidly due to heavy physical exertion in high temperatures, even though sweating continues. This definition will become important when recognizing the symptoms of heat stroke.

Signs & symptoms of heat stroke -

- As the temperature rises, it's important to recognize the signs and symptoms of heat stroke; not to be confused with a fever.
- Body temperature rapidly rises to 40°C or higher – the person is distinctly hot to the touch
- The pulse is rapid and full but gets weaker in later stages
- Breathing may be noisy
- Skin is hot and dry in classic heat stroke and flushed. In exertional heat stroke, the skin is hot and sweaty.
- Casualty is restless and may complain of a headache, fatigue, dizziness, and nausea
- Vomiting, convulsions, or unconsciousness

Heat stroke can also be easily confused with heat exhaustion. Just remember, in heat stroke, the skin is hot and flushed and may be dry or wet. Heat exhaustion occurs when someone is exposed to high temperatures which prompt excessive sweating, which leads to salt and water depletion within the body.

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

One morning Emma woke up with a start. Her husband Jim asked what was the matter and she told him, "I just had a dream that you gave me a gold necklace for Valentine's day. What do you think it means?"

Jim could tell she was hinting at something and did not want to disappoint her. He said with a smile, "You'll know tonight."

That evening, Jim came home with a small package sure to please his wife. He gave it to her.

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2. Move them to a cool, shaded place.
3. Begin cooling the person. Remove outer clothing and cover them with wet sheets and fan the sheets to increase cooling.
4. Place ice packs covered in tea towels (or similar) on the armpits, neck, and groin areas.
5. When their body feels cool to the touch, cover them with a dry sheet. Monitor them closely. If their temperature begins to rise again, repeat the cooling process.
 - a. If they are conscious, place them in a supine position (on their back) with both legs elevated.
 - b. If they are unconscious, move them into the recovery position (see below).
6. Provide the person with water or drinks (preferably isotonic sports drinks that contain electrolytes). Do not attempt to provide any form of solid food.
7. Continue to provide ongoing care until medical help arrives. Taking the heat out of the situation - If you're planning on enjoying the outdoors during warmer weather, there are some steps you can take to avoid heat stroke.

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When can I take St John Ambulance (Qld) first aid training to learn more about helping someone with heat stroke? Our first aid training programs are offered year-round. Please visit www.stjohnqld.com.au/Training to find the next available first aid training session in your area.

How do I register for St John Ambulance (Qld) first aid training, including skills for responding to heat stroke?

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How can I speak to someone at St John Ambulance (Qld) if I have questions or want to find out more?

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Council opens consultation on proposed amendments to Planning Scheme

Southern Downs Regional Council is proposing to make a range of amendments to the Southern Downs Planning Scheme and is welcoming public submissions as part of the community consultation process.

The Southern Downs Planning Scheme was adopted in 2012. A major review of the scheme commenced in 2015 and, following a State interest review of the proposed amendments which commenced in March 2016, Council has recently been advised by the Deputy Premier that public consultation of the proposed amendments can now be undertaken.

Southern Downs Portfolio Councillor for Planning and Property, Neil Meiklejohn said there were several drivers for the review and subsequent proposed amendments.

"The main reason was to encourage economic development by reducing the levels of assessment where it is considered that there is minimal risk of adverse impacts, and where development is consistent with the intent of the zone, and also by reducing or simplifying requirements where appropriate.

"Other considerations included the need to address duplication and inconsistency, to simplify the document, and importantly, to incorporate the State Government's planning policy and latest requirements," said Cr Meiklejohn.

The public consultation period, which starts today, will continue through to March 31, and there will be various ways in which the public and potentially affected stakeholders can be part of the consultation process.

Cr Meiklejohn highlighted that Council has developed a range of fact sheets covering the more significant amendments that are proposed and urged the public to use the consultation period to view the proposed amendments.

"The consultation period is open until March 31, so I would encourage people to consider the draft amendments to the planning scheme and the supporting documentation and to make a submission to Council if they're passionate about something in the proposals," he said.

The following fact sheets have been prepared and include details about how to make a submission:

- Amendments to the Flood hazard overlay;
- Changes to the Warwick Bacon Factory Overlay;
- Rezoning of 20 Herbert Street and 22 South Street, Allora;
- Area for Intensive animal industries and Special industries;
- Implementation of a Carnell Raceway Overlay;
- Proposed Changes for Motor Sport Facilities at Carnell Raceway;
- Residential Uses within 1 kilometre of an Intensive Animal Industry;
- Rezoning of Land.

During the consultation period, the Draft Amended Planning Scheme, planning scheme maps and fact sheets will be available at the Council's Warwick and Stanthorpe Community Contact Centres, and on Council's website www.sdrc.qld.gov.au.

Letters have been sent to all owners of land proposed to be rezoned, and Developers' Forums will be held at Council's Warwick office at 7.30am on Tuesday, 21 February 2017 and at Council's Stanthorpe office at 5.30pm on Tuesday, 21 February 2017.

Additionally, members of the public are welcome to make appointments with Council's Planning Department to discuss the proposed amendments.

For further information about the proposed amendments, or to arrange a meeting to discuss the amendments, please contact Council on 1300 MY SDR (1300 697 372).

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- March -**
Fri 3 Allora Rotary Trivia Night
Allora Community Hall
- Fri 10** St. David's Mission Street Stall
Sat 11 Jazz & Dinner at Joie de Vivre
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- April -**
Sat 1 Allora & Dist. Campdraft Assoc. Annual Campdraft
Allora Showgrounds, 6.00am. Contact 0447 674 705
- Fri 28** Opening of the Joyce Gibson Scented Garden
Pre-school grounds, 2.30pm
- Fri 28** Bush Dance - Allora Community Circle/Allora State School
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
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WEEK FOUR - 7TH

FEBRUARY - What a great night, the temperature had dropped, the beer was cold, the music of the 60s blasted from the speakers and laughter rang out across the greens, although confusion did reign before the start of play. Greg had to sort out the substitute players - there was a bit of problem, Doug Evans was playing in two teams! Ken Wilson's two young grandsons filled in for missing players - thank you boys. Great to have Karla Pigeon and Glen McMillian playing with the Roonicks and welcome back to Mal who played with Doesn't Matter.

Progressive totals:- The Old Boys 8; Doesn't Matter 7; Lawn Grubs 6; Tramps Like Us 6; Bowls and Beautiful 6; Swimming Pool 5; Zoolanders 5; Railway Hotel 3; What Ever 3; Roonicks 2; Allora Men's Shed 2; Frog and Swallow 2; Maydan 2; Team Engel 0

Results for the night - Tramps Like Us 12 v Team Engel 10; Lawn Grubs 12 v Doesn't Matter 15; Maydan 12 v Allora Men's Shed 8; The Old Boys 21 v Roonicks 10; Frog and Swallow 18 v What Ever 6; Bowls and Beautiful 18 v Swimming Pool 7; Zoolanders 18 v Railway Hotel 10

Winning rink No. 2 gave Doesn't Matter the prize and What Ever on rink 5 were the runners-up.

Barry Donegan is a consistent winner of Garry Evan's toucher chocolates. His game may be off on the night but he always bowls with precision when the touchers are called! Just kidding Barry. Other winners were Ken Wilson, Peter Moreton, Luke, Chris Brown and Beetle.

Thank you to players who support the Allora Sports Club by buying raffle tickets. Sponsors of our prizes are Swimming Pool, Frog and Swallow, Glen and Margaret Henschell, Railway Hotel, I.G.A. and the Sports Club.

With Garry Evans recuperating after his eye operation, Barry Donegan, Peter Mole and John Cochran had the greens in perfect condition. Well done.



Game 12: Railway Hotel Rascals vs. Wheatvale

With the season drawing to a close, and the Rascals not quite reaching the withering heights of last season, time was almost up on our chances to move up the ladder. With only two wins on the board, any chance to make 6th on the table requires three wins from the last three games - Wheatvale first, the Redbacks, and the last game of the season against our fellow town team, Allora. With some smart cricket, we can achieve this and make a late dash up the table!

So, in 41 degrees of temperature, we played cricket. And of course we fielded first, in the blistering sun, cheering under the three clouds that eventuated over the day. Soon, 13 overs had past, and Wheatvale added 101 runs. Yep, one of those days. Thankfully a Liam Duncan rocket, took out the middle peg of their opener on a quick single attempt and three balls later Jack Bannister had the other opener dismissed caught behind. 2-102. Damage contained for the moment. Some tight bowling from Joe Morris and Bannister slower the run rate, before Jamie Holmes came in and tore the Wheatvale middle order apart. Finishing with 6-7/5! Wheatvale did increase their score to 151 all out, which considering their start, is a magnificent effort from our boys to hold their heads up finish the innings the way they did, in the mind wobbling heat!

The Rascals were in a good position to chase down the score, thanks to some smart early batting from the top four. Openers James Moore and Liam Duncan played smartly to move the score along at the start, before Joe Morris 36 and Jake

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Christensen (top scorer) 60, took us to within 20 runs of the total with 137 overs left (or thereabouts). A mini collapse then ensued, only to keep the dramatic feel of the game alive, where four wickets were lost for about 7 runs. Brad Johnson and Matthew Christensen held their wickets at the end, with Matthew hitting the winning runs through point to win the game, by three wickets.

Railway Hotel Rascals player of the year points- 3: Jamie Holmes, 2: Jake Christensen, 1: Joe Morris.

With two games to play, we need two wins to have a chance at 6th place, which provides and extra chance come the finals. This Saturday, 12.30pm, we play at home against the Redbacks, the new team who are sitting in their spot overall this year. We hope to see you all down at the game, or at the enchanting Railway Hotel for the raffles, from 5.30pm.

Allora XI vs Sovereign Animals

On Saturday the Allora XI took on the Sovereign Animals in unbearable heat. Winning the toss and bowling first seemed a good option even though temperatures rose to 43 degrees. Spinner Sean Bryson opened the bowling and claimed a wicket 4th ball of the day to put Allora in a strong position to start the match. Unfortunately their other opener and number 3 combined well in a 50 run partnership until other spinner Matt Kiernan struck 3 times in his next few overs to put the score at 4-67. From there wickets fell regularly as Sovereign were bowled out for 126 with Nick Goltz picking up 3 wickets after dismantling the tail.

Allora started the run chase slowly getting just 3 runs from the first 4 overs, but things started to click when Mitch McLennan started hitting boundaries regularly before he fell for 24. Another wicket fell shortly after this but scores of 36 from Gav Schiewe, 17 to Nick Goltz and 11 to Nick Morris saw us chase down their total with 7 overs to spare.

Once again thanks to all of our supporters and in particular Robyn and the crew from the Railway Hotel. Please feel free to pop down to the Railway every Saturday afternoon from 5.00pm for your chance to win vouchers in the Allora Cricket Club Raffles.

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To the members of Allora Men's Shed; thank you for your unfailing support, and for the guard of honour after the service.

Thanks to Rev Laurel, St David's Guild and Burstows for their compassionate care.

Ken Gillam, with the Free, Strong and Gillam families



Thank You...

We would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to the 66 people who took the time and effort to bake a sponge cake for the Phill Higgins Tribute at the show. It was a wonderful display at the entrance into the Pantry section of the



pavilion and we know that Phill would have been honoured and probably even had a chuckle upon looking down at the shapes and sizes of some of our cakes!

We would also like to thank everyone that made a donation as it helped us raise \$400 for the Melanoma Institute of Australia and this money will go towards funding a project of significant importance to benefit all Australians affected by melanoma.

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