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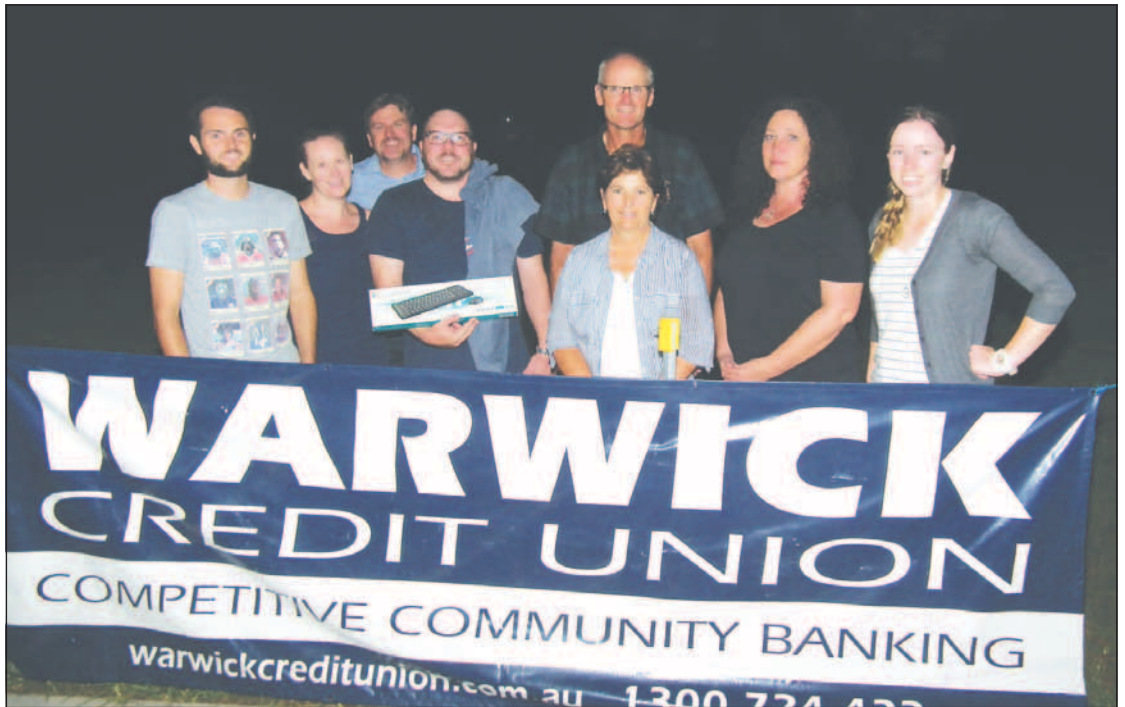
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Best ever Rotary Trivia Night

What did Joseph Priestley discover in 1774? If you don't know the answer to this, you won't be alone. This was just one of the questions which stumped every team at the recent Rotary Allora Trivia Night. Not that they held some teams back from inventive and frankly hilarious answers. One team suggested that he discovered his keys lost days earlier. Another than he had left his baby on the train.

A great night was had by all. Eighteen teams competed from Warwick and Allora, including some 'young guns' who made a magnificent effort to steal the wooden spoon from all contenders. The final rounds were fought

fiercely, with teams Awesome, Consonants and Vicar of Dibley all in the running. The Consonants were the ultimate winners,



Winners are grinners. Team Consonants Nathan Chandler, Kylie Rees (photobomber), Brett Hay, Ben McClure, Neil Chandler, Cathy Chandler, Melissa Gartery, Rachael Heritage.

with 72 out of a possible 90 points.

This team very graciously handed back the prize winnings of \$500 as a donation to Rotary Allora and we are very grateful for that. This and the other funds raised (final net raised yet to be calculated) will be of great benefit to youth programs that Rotary Allora sponsor students and young people to attend.

Throughout the night, various auctions and novelty events broke up the tension of the 'high stakes' competition. We are grateful to those businesses and organisations who donated prizes for the raffle - Bunnings Warwick, Warwick RSL, Wilson and Rigby, Allora Pharmacy, Allora Hardware, Amy's Country Cafe, Allora Newsagency, Clifford Gardens and KMart.

The night was also supported by generous cash donations from Railway Hotel, Warwick Credit Union, IGA Allora, Wilson & Rigby, Gordon Country, Montrose Farm and West Talgai Feedlot.

Our heartfelt thanks to those students who helped out as

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Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

First day of school - Can anyone give me a recollection of their "First Day of School" at Allora? I have a section in the book titled "That First Day". Would love a few quotes from recent to as far back as I can get. I am only after one paragraph. If you have recollections, please email me at lkano1@eq.edu.au. Please include your name and the year that was your first day. Thank you all in advance.

Leanne Kanowski, Allora

Posted on Facebook - Allora State School 150, Sunday 12/3/17

Dear Editor,

Wow!! What a night the family of Fred and Col Laws had on Saturday, 25th February. The people of Allora do know how to put on a dinner and the induction of Fred and Col into the Hall of Fame, what can one say about it... a wonderful time had by all, the meal was 1st class, the young people that served the meal a job well done, the music played by Denny's Band excellent, the presentation ceremony of Fred and Col's memorabilia was a credit to Perry Cronin and his committee. They did a wonderful job.

We, Fred's family, can not thank you enough. To you, the people of Allora, you can be very proud of your tidy town and your amazing museum. All the people we spoke to were very helpful.

As Fred Laws' daughter-in-law, thank you one and all for a very memorable night, I know I will never forget it.

Much appreciated,

Maureen Laws, Loganlea

Dear Editor,

Feedlot - In regard to letters in Clifton Courier 8/03/17; What rot... There has been a feedlot just out of Allora for many years, on a property down Sprott Road in Ellinthorpe area, over

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Solution in classifieds section

Dalrymple Creek. It was Lot (1) of Talgai West Homestead when it was a station, prior to being cut up into smaller blocks in 1912.

West Talgai Homestead property owned by last known owner (David Brown?) is a feedlot, yet there are no known problems heard about it.

These people who have a romantic idea of buying a block of land, of a few acres to live in happy to retirement, in the country, or a distance from rural business, need to make sure what is in the area before buying in a rural area.

Derek Weier, Allora

Dear Editor,

Sadly the current persistent assault on the institution of marriage is contributing to the unravelling of the very fabric of our families and of society in general.

We are being bombarded by the media with attacks on marriage - especially in voyeuristic sham 'marriage' programs that denigrate and cheapen God's holy institution.

The real winner in this deadly descent into the gutter is Satan whose desire is to bring about by any means the ruin of mankind. But a day of reckoning is coming and God is the final judge.

The push by a vocal minority for so called 'marriage equality' is founded on a false premise. It fails to ask the vital questions - where and when did marriage originate, and who created this important institution?

According to God's Holy Word, the Bible, at the beginning God the Creator made humans male and female - different sexually (Ge.1:27). For our good he lovingly commanded that a man should be united to his wife, the two becoming one in the marriage relationship (Mt. 19:5,6).

Adam and Eve were joined in this exclusive commitment. This would result biologically in children being conceived and born

WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Min/Max
THU	A Few Storms. Partly Sunny. Humid.	18 29
FRI	Storms Late. Mostly Cloudy. Humid.	19 27
SAT	Rain. Mostly Cloudy. Cool.	18 22
SUN	Morning Clouds. Mild.	17 25
MON	Morning Clouds. Mild. Humid.	17 23
TUE	Mostly Sunny. Mild.	17 24

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as a result of legitimate sexual relations with the opposite sex (Ge.1:28).

In the Bible the Creator forbids any sexual relationship outside of his institution of marriage. And this is a safeguard for the wellbeing of children and the family unit.

Thank God he loves us and we can all find forgiveness and salvation if we repent and forsake any lifestyle that our Creator forbids. Jesus died for us sinners so that we might receive eternal life and escape God's righteous judgment. (Jn. 3:16). That's good news!

Peter Wiggins, Warwick

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.

White's Garage Sponsors Allora Golf

The Allora Sports Club is proud to announce that iconic local business White's Garage is the new sponsor of the first hole on the Allora Golf Course. The first golf hole at Allora is well known as one of the most challenging in the district. Tim Henschell, principal of Whites Garage, is a former champion athlete and representative Rugby League player. Tim said that he is happy to support golf in Allora as the course provides the opportunity for people of all ages and fitness levels to enjoy a healthy form of exercise and it is a sport that you can play on your own or with a group of friends. In other golf news, the Sports Club is delighted to confirm that both Burstow's Funerals and United Petroleum (formerly GMF) have extended their sponsorships of the eighth and thirteenth holes respectively. Both these businesses have had long partnerships with the Allora Golf Club and their ongoing support is very much appreciated.



John Ellwood, Secretary of the Allora Sports Club with Tim Henschell of White's Garage. Tim is wearing his new Allora Sports Club cap.

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waiters and dishwashers - Abi Collins, Maddi Fitzgerald, Madi Rowan, Xanthe Esson, Nicola Westerman, Charli Wolff and Logan Lucas - and to Liz Marshall for a fabulous job, once again, with the catering. Thanks also to Rotary partners for their able assistance in setting up and to Year 7 students for clearing the hall and setting up tables. Robyn Draper was once again an able MC, backed up by judges Michael Pospischil, Evan Emms, Jo Lloyd and Paige Bain and ably assisted by score master Andrew Westerman. Thank you also to all the



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Rotary members for various roles on the night. We are proud to say that we have raised over \$3000 for youth programs. A heartfelt thank you to the community for supporting this event.



ABOVE: Rotary 50th and Trivia Night helpers - Jo Lloyd, Charli Wolff, Xanthe Esson, Logan Lucas, Madi Rowan, Paige Bain, Nicola, Emily Tynan, Evan Emms, Abi Collins, Siobhan McEvoy, Madi Fitzgerald.

LEFT: Gracious in defeat - Wooden spooners French Toast Mafia receive the elegant wooden spoon trophy from President Bill Lester as MC Robyn Draper announces their score. (Score withheld).

BAD JOKE(s) OF THE WEEK

Q: What do you call cattle that have a sense of humor?
 A: Laughing stock.

Q: What do you call a cow with only three legs?
 A: Lean beef.

Q: What do you call a cow with no legs?
 A: Ground beef.

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Young vs old - Former RYPEN candidates Ella Gartery, Mary Higgins, Kaitlyn Bott and friends share a night of good cheer, good sportsmanship and conviviality.

International workshop sharpens skills

International tourists – how to attract them, host them and keep them coming back was on the agenda at last week's International Know How workshop presented by Southern Queensland Country Tourism (SQCT) and the Australian Tourism Export Council (ATEC) in Toowoomba. An initiative of SQCT, the workshop was funded jointly with Queensland Tourism Industry Council and the State Government and was the first of two free-of-charge 'international ready' sessions open to tourism operators in the region. SQCT Chief Executive Officer Mary-Clare Power said the small group workshops were aimed at assisting tourism operators to build their knowledge and skills base in order to tailor their offering to better target international visitors.

"Some of our operators have dipped their toes into the international market and many are keen to begin welcoming overseas guests and this initiative is one of the practical ways we are helping them to drive demand and grow their businesses, which of course has a flow-on effect across our regional economy," she said. Delivered by Australian Tourism Export Council consultant Don Jolly, the workshop aimed to assist tourism operators to review their existing product offering, improve their range of saleable products in the international marketplace and enhance their capacity and capability in the inbound market.

"We engaged Mr Jolly for his depth of market knowledge and for his skill in helping industry to tap into inbound markets," Ms Power said. Mr Jolly, an experienced international travel industry professional and former head of leading inbound tour operation, Tour East said he enjoyed passing on the tips and insights that he has gathered from a career of more than 30 years working in tourism around the world. "We've had a very lively session which has covered everything from understanding your travel market to refining your sales skills, how to go about product presentations and the benefit of attending overseas missions and travel tradeshows such as the Australian Tourism Exchange," Mr Jolly said. The workshop also covered such practical considerations as

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International Ready Workshop gets thumbs up March 2017.

packaging, international pricing and commission structures and sales and marketing plans. The second free-of-charge 'International Ready' workshop, 'Market Insights - Singapore and China' will be held in Toowoomba on March 28. It will present detailed, separate modules on Singapore and China and aims to assist tourism operators to grasp the needs of each travel market by identifying traveller cultural characteristics and needs, presenting latest market and industry intelligence, facts and figures, and providing tips for success. SQCT partner operators and other tourism businesses in the region are invited to register by emailing cherie@sqct.com.au. Bookings essential as places are limited.

New approach to manage invasive weeds and pest animals

Invasive pests will be managed via an innovative new approach in the Southern Downs from 1 July 2017 after Council voted in favour of adopting the Invasive Pests Control Scheme policy at its Special Meeting on 28 February 2017.

Southern Downs Mayor Tracy Dobie said that Council recognises that most landowners do the right thing when it comes to controlling invasive weeds and pest animals on their land, but their efforts are confounded by the minority that don't meet their responsibilities.

"Landowners that do not control invasive pests on their property impose costs on everyone else through the spread of untreated weeds and pest animals to other land.

"This scheme is aimed at getting that minority of landowners to lift their invasive pest control game.

"Those that do the right thing won't get charged a cent under this scheme, but those that don't will pay a charge, with monies collected to be invested in invasive pest control initiatives that provide benefit right across the Southern Downs," she said.

Council will introduce a new charge, calculated according to land valuation that will be applied to landowners that fail to meet agreed invasive pest control requirements.

All properties over five hectares in size will be subject to the Invasive Pests Control Scheme and landowners will receive information with their rates notices in late July. Landowners will

be required to complete and submit a Proposed Works Form that outlines the control work they are going to undertake.

Southern Downs Portfolio Councillor for Rural, Environmental, Sustainability and Waste Management, Cameron Gow explained that there would be little change for landowners already controlling their invasive pests.

"Landowners that have pests under control on their property will simply need to tick a box on a form and its business as usual.

"Council anticipates that this scheme will be a much more efficient approach to managing invasive pests, allowing us to direct more effort and resources towards best practice, strategic control initiatives such as aerial baiting of inaccessible country for wild dogs," he added.

Council will be holding public consultation sessions during March 2017 around the region to explain the Invasive Pests Control Scheme in more detail to landowners.

Warwick - 21 March 2017, 6.30pm - 7.30pm, Warwick Town Hall, Palmerin St

Dalveen - 22 March 2017, 6.30pm - 7.30pm, Dalveen Public Hall, Pine Crescent

Allora - 23 March 2017, 6.30pm - 7.30pm, Allora Community Hall, Herbert St

Killarney - 28 March 2017, 6.30pm - 7.30pm, Killarney Senior Citizens, 1 Ailanthus St

Karara - 29 March 2017, 6.30pm - 7.30pm, Karara Memorial Hall, Karara School Rd

Seniors Bingo a Success

Saturday 11th March the Senior Citizens held their first Bingo. Judging by the turn up and the comments from the players it was a great success. It was proven that there is a niche for Bingo in the town. In fact some people from out of town have said they would have come if they hadn't had other commitments and have vowed to be present for our next session.

Some suggestions from our players have been taken on board and will be implemented at our next session. It was great to see young and old mingling and enjoying a game they love.

It would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge some of our helpers especially Helen, who did a stellar job of calling the numbers despite a few technical problems. Also thanks to the President of the Senior Citizens Joan for remaining firm on getting Bingo up and running. It took a while but Saturday proved that she had the right idea. And Kathy you did a great job of looking after the money again thank you.

Our next session of Bingo is on 25th March 2017 and will start at 12.30pm sharp. We look forward to seeing our inaugural players plus new faces. Until then remember "Happiness is Yelling Bingo".

Interruption to Traffic: Installation of new water main - Locke & Wallace Streets, Warwick

Southern Downs Regional Council advises that there will be interruption to traffic movements at the intersection of Locke and Wallace Streets, Warwick from Tuesday, 14 March 2017 for a period of three to four weeks, to enable the renewal of the water main located in Locke Street.

A new 300mm diameter trunk main will be installed across Wallace Street using trenchless technology. The process involves excavation of an entry and exit pit in Locke Street on either side of Wallace Street, then jacking a larger envelope pipe underground across Wallace Street at a depth suited to avoid existing underground services. After this is installed, the new water main will be placed across the road inside the envelope pipe and connected to the reticulation network on each side. This method is preferred to ensure that traffic operation on Wallace Street, a National Highway, remains uninterrupted.

The westbound lane of Locke Street will be closed to traffic between Wilga Avenue and the Warwick Hospital carpark exit. Traffic will be able to enter Locke Street from Wallace Street heading east or west; however westbound traffic will be diverted to the right hand lane on Locke Street, with normal two-way operation resuming after the Hospital carpark exit.

Traffic will be able to travel from Wallace Street east along Locke Street; however this will be the only direction of travel permitted until the junction of Wilga Avenue where normal two-way operation will resume. Short detours will be in place for other traffic on Locke Street approaching this intersection from the east or west.

There will be parking restrictions adjacent to the work sites; however access to and from the hospital carparks will be maintained.

Council apologises for any inconvenience caused and seeks your patience and cooperation during the traffic interruption period. This work is subject to weather conditions and may be rescheduled or changed without notice.

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

Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago March 1992 Weed Pest

Mr. Jack Littler of Allora, a former agronomist with the Department of Primary Industries for 30 years, said that this year the Johnson grass was the highest on record. Mr. Littler said that he could not remember a summer growing season like 1992, with the grass reaching four metres in height. "Johnson grass, which is a real pest in paddocks, is one weed that farmers are always trying to eradicate. It is undoubtedly the enemy of the rural sector and the height this year is very impressive" Mr. Littler said.

Allora's Past 50 years ago March 1967 FAREWELL

A Farewell and Presentation will be tendered Mr. and Mrs. Tom McVeigh and family in the RSL Memorial Hall on Monday, 6th March, 1967, commencing at 8 p.m.

Ladies please provide refreshments.

Allora's Past 75 years ago March 1942 On Leave

Private Margaret Bradfield of the Australian Women's Army Service paid a brief visit last week to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bradfield, of Allora. Private Bradfield is the first female in Queensland, other than officers, to instruct in drill.

Allora's Past 100 years ago March 1917

Letter Found

On the 27th inst. the "Brisbane Courier" published a letter written by Private Dan Davis who had been wounded in France.



A St. Patrick's Day parade in Allora c.1940's with possibly Jack Marshall and Jack Maher on the left.

It had been found on the battlefield by Private J. E. Summers who wrote to the "Courier": "I do not know for whom it is intended. You might publish the letter in your newspaper." Mr. Ernest Anderson, "Merinovale", Darling Street, Allora, wrote under the date of March 28 stating that he was the person for whom the letter was intended. He had been corresponding with Private Davis, and last Friday received a letter from him stating that he still was in hospital. Mr. Anderson expressed his thanks to Private Summers for forwarding the letter to the "Courier" and to the editor of the "Courier" for publishing it.

Allora's Past 125 years ago March 1892

St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day was observed as a

general holiday in Allora. Although all business was suspended for the day, no sports of any kind were held this year. The biggest event of the day was a picnic conducted by the Presbyterian Band of Hope. Numbering about one hundred children, exclusive of adults and supervisors, the group gathered at the church and marched across the creek to a spot on the slopes of Allora Mountain. There was an abundance of creature comforts provided and games of all sorts were indulged in throughout the day, Mr. Henry Dean and his many helpers making the day's fun go with a swing. A start was made for home as the sun was sinking on the western horizon. The town was reached before dusk and the children dispersed with light hearts.

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Events Calendar

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March -

Fri 17 Victoria Hill QCWA St. Patrick's Day Celebrations
Victoria Hill Hall, 9.30am. Ph 4666 3470 or 4666 2071

Thu 30 Allora QCWA International & Competition Day
St. Andrew's Hall, Allora. 11.30am.

April -

Sat 1 Allora & Dist. Campdraft Assoc. Annual Campdraft
& **Sun 2** Allora Showgrounds, 6.00am. Contact 0447 674 705

Thu 27 Opening of the Joyce Gibson Scented Garden
Pre-school grounds, 9.00am

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

Sat 16 Glengallan 150th Anniversary Dinner
Glengallan Homestead.

October -

Fri 13 Anglican Parish Allora-Clifton Fete
St. David's Church Grounds, Allora

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

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Community groups get funding boost from Council grants program

Seventeen community organisations across the Southern Downs region have collectively received \$77,664.00 in Community Grant Program (CGP) funding for the 2016/2017 financial year.

Southern Downs Regional Council's Mayor, Cr Tracy Dobie, said there was enormous competition for the CGP funding.

"More than 40 applications were received and these greatly exceeded the budget amount available by a ratio of 2:1.

"Council appreciates the difficulty smaller community groups' face finding money for projects, services and facilities, so we are pleased to be able to offer financial assistance to a diverse range of community and not-for-profit groups.

"As a result of Council's CGP funding this year, the successful community groups can complete their respective projects for the benefit of the Southern Downs region," she said.

The successful recipients in the 2016/17 Community Grant Program are:

Recipient	Project	Grant \$
Allora Landcare Group Inc.	Maintenance of picnic area at Allora Mountain Reserve	\$5,063.00
Allora Tennis Club	Painting of Allora Tennis Clubhouse	\$5,000.00
Artworks Granite Belt Inc	Floor coverings for gallery & cafeteria rooms	\$5,000.00
Boomerang Bags Stanthorpe	Purchase of equipment	\$2,281.00
Bullecourt Boulder Boulders Orienteering Club Inc	Promotion and preparation for the 2017 Qld Orienteering Championships on the Granite Belt	\$1,290.00
Eukey Hall Association Inc	New flooring	\$3,855.00
Glengallan Homestead Trust Ltd	Exterior timber clean & repaint	\$7,125.00
Junabee Memorial Hall Inc	New roof	\$7,500.00
Killarney Show & Rodeo Society Inc	Wheelchair access to function room	\$6,358.00
Mane Reason	Mane Reason Equine Assisted Mentoring	\$7,500.00
Mt Colliery CWA	Outdoor BBQ area	\$1,000.00
Rotary Club of Stanthorpe	Stanthorpe Busking – Regional Finals of the Australian Busking Championships	\$4,946.00
Southern Downs Mountain Biking Club Inc	Design of mountain biking trails	\$5,673.00
Wallangarra Jennings Progress Association	Wallangarra School of Arts Hall Celebration	\$1,100.00
Warwick & District Tennis Association	Ride on mower	\$4,995.00
Warwick Artists Group Inc	Project Insulate	\$4,578.00
Warwick District Girl Guides	Purchase of grounds-keeping equipment	\$4,400.00
Total Grant Funding:		\$77,664.00

Each financial year Council offers a range of grant and funding programs including the Community Grant Program, Community Support Program, Fast Response Small Grant Program, In-Kind Plant & Equipment assistance, and the Regional Arts Development Fund.

The Mayor highlighted that interested community organisations, teams or individuals can access information and application details about these programs from Council's website and are welcome to discuss these programs and potential applications with Council staff.

"With so much competition for Council's grant and funding programs, it is crucial for community groups to ensure that they meet the criteria for the program from which they're seeking assistance.

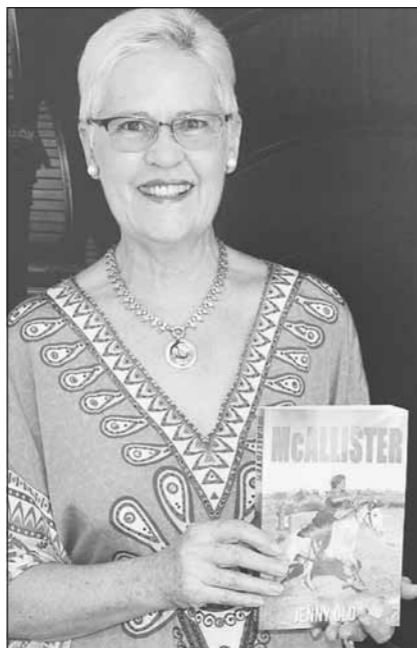
"Council officers are available to provide assistance with the completion of application forms in SmartyGrants or to answer any grant and funding questions that may arise," noted Cr Dobie.

Council's 2016/2017 Community Support Program is due to open on Monday, 27 March 2017 and close on Friday, 21 April 2017.

Further information about Council's grant and funding programs is available from the website www.sdrc.qld.gov.au/doing-business/grants-funding or by contacting Council on 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372).

Women in Print at SDRC's Libraries

Book buffs are set to be treated to a unique author visit event, with not one, not two, but three authors combining to present their new biographical releases next week in Stanthorpe and Warwick.



Jenny Old, Author of *McAllister*.



Marisa Parker, Author of *Goodbye to Italia*.

Southern Downs Regional Council Libraries are pleased to present 'Women in Print' with authors Jenny Old, Marisa Parker and Livia York who have each written about their personal and family journeys that have taken them from places as far-flung as Italy, Africa and the vast outback to becoming published authors.

In their own distinct style, each has chronicled the trouble and pain of confronting natural disaster, war, abuse and the immigrant experience, and the joy of survival and triumph against the odds.

"McAllister' is the story of Jenny Old's amazing life in the Outback, and it is sure to captivate and enthrall, so don't miss this opportunity to hear firsthand from Jenny" said Warwick Librarian, Ms Marianne Potter.

Stanthorpe Librarian Christine Taylor said Marisa Parker's book 'Goodbye to Italia' should pique the interest of locals, particularly with the rich

Italian history and culture of Stanthorpe and the Granite Belt.

"Marisa's book is a romantic story of Italian drama, courage and humour and recounts the story of her parents and their experiences during World War II in Italy and Africa," said Ms Taylor.

Ms Taylor added that author Livia York, also has Italian roots, born in Rome, Italy in 1942 and moving to



Livia York, Author of *RISE: The Abused Child of the Phoenix*.

Australia in 1958. "Livia York's book 'RISE: The Abused Child of the Phoenix' is her achingly true, but inspirational, story about a girl who rose from the ashes, much like the fabled phoenix bird, and was awarded the Readers Favourite Five Stars, within six months of publication in 2015," she said.

Council invites you to join these three inspirational women as they visit the Southern Downs region on Thursday, March 23 for sessions at 10:30am at the Stanthorpe Library followed by 2:00pm at the Warwick Library. Light refreshments will be provided.

To reserve your place for these free events please RSVP by Wednesday, March 22 to the Stanthorpe Library on 4681 2141 or the Warwick Library on 4661 0342.

Community Heritage Grants applications now open

Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield, Minister for the Arts and David Littleproud, Member for Maranoa are encouraging not-for-profit community organisations to apply for the Community Heritage Grants Program, which opened last week.

Under the program, grants of up to \$15,000 are provided to community organisations, like public libraries, museums, historical societies, Indigenous and multicultural groups to help them preserve and protect locally-owned and nationally significant collections.

"These grants are vital in helping local communities preserve and display culturally important letters, diaries, artefacts and photographs to ensure that our regional history lives on for our future generations to see," said Mr Littleproud.

"We have some great collections across Maranoa and I encourage any community groups to make an application. The program offers regional collection management training workshops to assist staff and volunteers to preserve these significant items."

Minister Fifield said the Community Heritage Grants Program helps small community groups manage natural, historical and Indigenous heritage collections and enables collaboration with national cultural institutions such as the National Library of Australia.

"The Turnbull Government is committed to preserving Australia's unique history, artefacts and stories. The program is an important way of protecting culturally significant items in our regions and connecting community groups with our national institutions to share their knowledge and expertise."

"Since the program started over 20 years ago, it has provided over \$6 million to more than 1,200 groups and communities." The Community Heritage Grants Program is administered by the National Library of Australia, with support provided by the Department of Communications and the Arts, the National Archives of Australia, the National Film and Sound Archive and the National Museum of Australia.

Applications opened on Monday 6 March and close on Monday, 8 May 2017.

The guidelines and application form are available at: www.nla.gov.au/awards-and-grants/chg

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Local operators take top honours at Tourism Awards

The region's best tourism operators were recognised recently at the Southern Queensland Country Tourism Chairman's Awards, with the top prize going jointly to Ballandean Estate Wines and Bestbrook Mountain Retreat.

Southern Queensland Country Tourism Chair, Dr Jane Summers said she couldn't split the two Southern Downs entries, so awarded each as a winner.

They won the award from a field of seven finalists named in the peer-nominated awards, presented at the annual Southern Queensland Tourism Industry Conference in Kingaroy on Tuesday 21 February.

R On The Downs at Yangan was also named as a runner-up.

"Both Ballandean Estate and Bestbrook Mountain Resort are terrific role models- both offer a brilliant experience for their guests while showcasing their unique part of Southern Queensland Country and both interacting with fellow tourism operators and us, the regional tourism organisation at every opportunity," Dr Summers said.

Each winner receives \$1200-worth of mentoring or marketing support for their businesses.

Southern Downs Regional Council Mayor Tracy Dobie also praised the efforts of the two local winners and other finalists.

"Both Ballandean Estate Wines and Bestbrook Mountain Retreat are leaders in their industry. We are so proud of their deserved win and the outstanding work they undertake every day in welcoming visitors to their businesses and our region.

"Southern Downs and Granite Belt is such a unique tourism destination and is blessed with nearly 500 hard-working operators, so I'm not surprised at all that two of our local operators were honoured on this large scale," Cr Dobie said.

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National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence – Friday 17 March 2017

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA) is Australia's key anti-bullying event for schools. The day encourages all Australian students to 'take a stand together' against bullying and violence in the classroom, in schools and beyond.

The NDA is in its seventh year and continues to gain momentum, generating a widespread anti-bullying message across Australia.

The day brings about a unified message to 'take a stand together', and highlights the many anti-bullying activities happening in schools across the country.

To raise awareness about bullying in schools and create behavioural change, it is imperative that the anti-bullying message goes beyond local school activities. It needs to become a major social initiative with a national presence involving schools, parents, students and the community all working together.

The NDA is a positive day of action that encourages school communities to say 'Bullying. No Way!' and 'take a stand together'.

What is bullying? The national definition of bullying for schools, developed by educators across Australia and included in the National Safe Schools Framework, is:

- Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).
- Online bullying refers to bullying through information and communication technologies, e.g. the internet or mobile devices.

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

Source: safeschoolshub.edu.au/resources-and-help/Glossary

Veterans to benefit from improved mental health support

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Dan Tehan was encouraged by progress on how to further improve mental health support for veterans and their families at the National Advisory Committee for the Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS) meeting held in Canberra.

"We owe it to the veterans community and their families to continually build on current mental health support services, and to provide them with a range of options to help improve their quality of life," Mr Tehan said.

"We can only do this by engaging and working with both the ex-service community and health professionals."

The National Advisory Committee (NAC) brings together mental health professionals, GPs, psychologists and psychiatrists with former Australian Defence Force (ADF) members and family representatives.

Mr Tehan said the NAC highlighted the importance of early access to mental health treatment for veterans and their families and how much they valued the changes made in the most recent Federal Budget.

"Last year, the Government made treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety and alcohol and substance misuse free for anyone who has served one day in the ADF without having to prove their condition is related to their service," Mr Tehan said.

"This treatment is demand driven and fully funded, so if someone needs treatment, it is available — it is not limited by budget. To access treatment is as simple as contacting VVCS on 1800 011 046 or at nlhc@dva.gov.au.

"This initiative also provides access to VVCS, which can link veterans and their families to mental health professionals with expertise in military mental health and dealing with the impact of trauma."

Mr Tehan also attended an event to acknowledge the 35th year of VVCS services, which was attended by a cross-section of representatives from the ex-service community.

"VVCS is the legacy of our Vietnam veterans, who recognised a need for mental health services specifically for those who had served in the ADF," Mr Tehan said.

"Since 1982, VVCS has provided more than 1.6 million counselling sessions to more than 300,000 veterans and family members.

"VVCS today is a specialised 24/7 service that supports all generations of veterans and their families, which includes 26 counselling centres, an afterhours support line and a network of more than 1,100 outreach clinicians.

"Importantly, this service is able to deliver quality mental health counselling

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2. Is there a chemical difference between the tears you cry when sad, and those you cry when cutting onions?
3. What primary sense does the common barn owl (*Tyto alba*) use to hunt?
4. What scientific property did Leon Foucault's famous pendulum demonstrate in 1851: a) Earth revolves around the Sun, b) the first perpetual motion machine, c) that grandfather clocks were still in fashion, or d) Earth rotates on its own axis?
5. In the periodic table, are more elements metals or non-metals?

Answers in Classifieds pages

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to veterans and families wherever they are in Australia, whenever they need support.

"VVCS has made, and continues to make, a difference to the lives of so many in the veteran community."

More information on the NAC can be found on the VVCS website (www.vvcs.gov.au).

National Walk Safely To School Day Friday 19 May 2017

Primary school aged children across Australia will make those important steps towards a healthier future by participating in National Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 19 May 2017.

National Walk Safely to School Day is a community initiative that aims to raise awareness of the health, road safety, transport and environmental benefits that regular walking (especially to and from school) can provide for the long term well-being of our children. Apart from the physical benefits, regular walking also has a favourable impact on their cognitive and academic performance.

The annual event, now in its 18th year, encourages primary school aged children to build walking into their daily routine, by walking to and from school, not just on Friday 19 May, but every day.

Harold Scruby, Chairman and CEO of the Pedestrian Council of Australia said: "The extremely disturbing childhood obesity epidemic continues to affect 1 in 4 children at critical levels across Australia."

"Unless teachers, parents, carers and the community generally get behind this event and its objectives, it is expected that numbers will reach 1 in 3 by 2020. The best exercise for all of us is regular walking. Children require at least 60 minutes per day of physical activity. We should encourage them to include walking at the beginning, during and end of each day", he said.

The national initiative also promotes improved diets (by asking schools and P&Cs to Host a Healthy Breakfast), positive environmental action, better use of public transport with reduced car-dependency and the vitally important road safety message: "Until they are 10, children must always hold the hand of an adult when crossing the road".

It also encourages parents and carers to walk more, reducing dangerous traffic congestion around schools, while minimising the risk of Australian children developing heart disease and diabetes.

Public consultation to determine future location of Glengallan Gates

Public consultation will be undertaken by Southern Downs Regional Council to determine the future location of the Glengallan Gates, currently in place at Leslie Park, Warwick.

This decision was made at a Special Council Meeting held today, during which Council considered a request from Glengallan Homestead Trust to relocate the Glengallan Gates located at Leslie Park, Warwick to the Glengallan Homestead.

The Glengallan Gates are located at the south-western entrance to Leslie Park, Warwick. The four sandstone pillars and the iron gates were gifted to Council by the then owner of Glengallan Homestead, Oswald Slade, in 1940 to mark the centenary of the Leslie Brothers settling in the area.

The Glengallan Homestead Trust is seeking the return of the Glengallan Gates to the Homestead for its 150th anniversary later this year.

Southern Downs Planning and Property Portfolio Councillor Neil Meiklejohn said in terms of current planning requirements, the gates are not a building and as such the Planning Scheme does not apply.

"Whilst the Planning Scheme does not apply to this proposal, and there is also no particular requirement for public notification, given the prominence of the gates and the length of time they have stood in Leslie Park, coupled with the knowledge that there are differing opinions in the community about whether the gates should stay or be relocated, Council has decided to invite feedback from the public to inform its decision," he said.

"The Glengallan Homestead Trust has indicated that if the proposed relocation proceeds, they would cover all costs associated with the relocation of the gates to the Glengallan Homestead and the reinstatement of

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the Leslie Park memorial site, along with interpretive signage.

"Council encourages the community to get on board and have a say about the proposed relocation by making a submission during the public consultation period," said Cr Meiklejohn.

It is anticipated that the public consultation period will open on Thursday, 16 March 2017 for a period extending at least 15 business days; however, further details about the public consultation will be made available on Council's website www.sdrc.qld.gov.au.

The public consultation will include:

- Placement of a sign on or near the gates advising of the proposal to remove the gates from Leslie Park;
- A public notice published in a local newspaper advising of the proposal and that submissions about the proposal can be made to Council during a period extending at least 15 business days after publication of the notice;
- Media releases; and
- Information on Council's website.

Council has received previous requests for the gates to be relocated back to Glengallan Homestead. Previous Council decisions to retain the gates in Leslie Park were based on factors including that the gates were gifted to the Warwick community; the condition of the gates and whether they would be damaged during the relocation process; the extensive period of time that they have been in Leslie Park and are now part of the heritage of Leslie Park; and the impact that the removal of the gates would have on the aesthetics of the Park. If you require further information, please contact Council on 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372).



The Glengallan Gates located in Leslie Park, Warwick

Southern Downs Planning Scheme – Changes to residential uses within 1km of intensive animal industry

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 proposed amendments will significantly restrict new residential uses, including dwellings, being established in the Rural zone within one kilometre of an intensive animal industry, such as feedlots, piggeries and poultry farms.

Southern Downs Portfolio Councillor for Planning and Property, Neil Meiklejohn explained that the proposed amendments would protect intensive animal industries from conflict with other uses, particularly residential uses.

“At the moment a proposal to construct a dwelling within a specified distance of an intensive animal industry triggers the requirement for Council planning approval. An application is subject to code assessment, but does not require public notification.

“Such an application would usually be approved subject to conditions such as planting tree buffers to reduce dust and installing air conditioning to reduce odour impacts.

“Various separation distances currently apply to the different types of intensive animal industries and these distances also depend on the number of the animal units on site.

“The proposed amendments will ensure development does not increase the number of people residing or being accommodated within one kilometre of an existing or approved intensive animal industry.

“This means that any applications for residential uses like community residences, dwelling houses, relocatable home parks, and retirement facilities among others, within the one kilometre separation distance, would be subject to impact assessment and would require public notification.

“The amendments to the planning scheme will significantly restrict any type of residential uses being constructed within one kilometre of an intensive animal industry.

“Council has developed a fact sheet specifically about the proposed changes to residential uses, being established in the Rural zone within one kilometre of an intensive animal industry. It outlines the current requirements as well as how to make a submission.

“The consultation period is open until March 31, so I would encourage people to consider the draft plan 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.sdrc.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 SDRC (1300 697 372).

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World Science Festival Brisbane is coming to Toowoomba

The impact of science on farming and agriculture will be in the spotlight on Friday 17 March when the World Science Festival Brisbane comes to Cobb+Co Museum, as part of its regional program.

The Farmer Wants a Science Life is a free ticketed 18+ only event running from 5:30pm to 9pm and including talks from scientists, tastings, science interactives, live music and bar set in the surrounds of the iconic Cobb+Co Museum.

CEO and Director of the Queensland Museum Network, and Queensland Chief Scientist Professor Suzanne Miller said this event would give audiences an opportunity to hear from scientists and producers and celebrate the future of farming, all while sampling delicious local produce.

“This is the first World Science Festival Brisbane regional event to be held in Toowoomba, following the incredible success of the inaugural Festival in Brisbane and in other regional centres in 2016.

“Guest scientists will explain how scientific research leads to greater innovation within the fields of agriculture specifically wine science, and irrigation and mechatronics, while local farmers from the Felton Valley will discuss how science is changing the future of agriculture”, Professor Miller said.

Ursula Kennedy, Viticulturist and Oenologist at the University of Southern Queensland, will reveal the science behind growing the perfect grape and making a fine bottle of wine, and Dr Alison McCarthy, Research Fellow at the University of Southern Queensland, will discuss how robotic systems are reducing labour in plant growth monitoring, potentially optimising the irrigation of field crops.

Stallholders at the upcoming Felton Food Festival, including The Barefoot Baker, Budgee Garlic & Herbs, Golden Ark Honey, 2nd 2 None, Jalbirri Googums, Carramar Figs and Granite Belt Brewery will offer tasting and demonstrations.

Visitors can also gain further insights into the science of agriculture through interactive science activities from Earthlife, Queensland Murray Darling Commission, Soil Science Australia, the Department of Natural Resources and Mines and the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

“The World Science Festival Brisbane and its regional program is a key platform of the State Government’s Advance Queensland initiative which focuses on harnessing innovation to unlock business potential, foster new industries and give future generations the skills and knowledge needed for the jobs of the future,” Professor Miller said.

The Farmer Wants a Science Life is proudly supported by Tourism and Event Queensland, Inspiring Australia and Felton Food Festival.

This is a free ticketed event for those over the age of 18 years. Tickets are limited. To book please visit www.cobbandco.qm.qld.gov.au.



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Allora Golf Notes

First round of the Club Championships were held Saturday 4th in fine conditions on the course. We had good a roll up of members in all grades attempting to unseat our 2016 grade champions. With a bit of feeling out between players trying to get the early lead in all grades the winner for the days game was Rougan Geraghty and the runner up Michael ‘Pugsy’ Pugliesi. Congratulations to the winners and all players. The leaders in each grade for the first round were as follows A Grade Matt May 72, B Grade Rod Simpson 78 and C Grade Russell Sparksman 84.

After the course received over 50mm of rain overnight Sunday’s second round was canceled and the committee decided the final 54 holes will be played over two days on 11th to 12th.

Friday 10th, the Percys Fruit sponsored Duck Run was held. A good field of players were out on the course and the winner coming in with a fantastic 26 points was John Ellwood, great golf John, well done. Runner up Aaron Simpson with 24 points rundown winners John Sparksman 23, Jack Fulwood 22 and Errol May on 21 points. Pin for the 8th went to Aaron Simpson and Rod Simpson claimed the approach for the 3rd. Congratulations to the winners and all players.

The second round was played in conjunction with the Railway Hotels Monthly mug over 27 holes the winner was Troy Gilliam with an impressive 54 from runner up Stephen Hughes. Rundown winner Rougan Geraghty Congratulations to the winners and all players.

The third round was completed early Sunday, the winner was Rougan Geraghty with 56 from John Ellwood on 59 the rundown winner Wayne McKewan. After 2 rounds it was a very close championships but with 27 holes played over the final day there was plenty of time for players to make up the ground.

The winner was Rougan Geraghty from Matt May rundown winners were Michael ‘Pugsy’ Pugliesi and John Ellwood, congratulations to the winners and all players.

After a hard fought, close and tight Championships played over three days the winners in each grade were as follows. A Grade: Rougan Geraghty with 285 from Matt May on 290. B: Grade Rod Simpson 332 from John Millard on 335, C: Grade John Ellwood 338 from John Sparksman on 354. Congratulations and well done to the winners and all players for each grade also the Allora Golf club wishes to acknowledge the great play by our sole womens player Nat Millard who showed all who complained about the pin placements on the final day by hitting her best game of the Championships and on occasion showed us all how to hit a ball shooting an impressive 514 over the four rounds. Well done Nat. Pin prizes over the three days of golf were all in with a lot of Birds a few Eagles, Eagles Nests and in no particular order are as follows 1/10 Rod Simpson, 2/11 Kev Harrison, 3/12 Joshua Ellwood, 4/13 Aaron Simpson, 5/14 Troy Gillam, the Ladies for the 6/15 didnt go off, 7/16 Max Angel, 8/17 Tom Brown with Barry Brown Jnr doing the same the following day, 9/18 John Millard, 9 Rougan Geraghty, 10/1 Joshua Ellwood, 11/2 Tom Brown, Ladies 12/3 didnt go off, 14/5 Kev Harrison, 15/6 Kev Harrison and Rougan Geraghty both in for Eagles and the 16/7 Michael ‘Pugsy’ Pugliese.

Allora Gold club wishes to thank our sponsors over the two weekends of our Championships the Railway Hotel, Percys Fruit and others I will mention in next weeks notes. We also wish to thank our workers for the work getting the course looking awesome for the Championships.

The Allora Club Champion for 2017 is Rougan Geraghty shooting 13 par over for the four rounds, great work and congratulations Rougan.

This week the Percys Fruit Duckrun will be teeing from 2 pm Friday, all welcome to attend then Sunday 29th will be the Allora Pharmacy Monthly Medal all welcome to attend but dont forget your sandbuckets and great golfing to you all.

THINGS THAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY - 16th March

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| <p>1322 - The Battle of Boroughbridge takes place in the First War of Scottish Independence.</p> <p>1690 - French King Louis XIV sends troops to Ireland.</p> <p>1792 - King Gustav III of Sweden is shot by Count Anckarström at a masked ball at the Opera; he dies on March 29.</p> <p>1815 - Willem I proclaimed king of the Netherlands, including Belgium.</p> <p>1827 - 1st US black newspaper, “Freedom’s Journal” (NYC), begins publishing.</p> <p>1867 - First publication of an article by Joseph Lister outlining the discovery of antiseptic surgery, in The Lancet.</p> <p>1869 - Hiram R. Revels makes 1st official speech by an African American in the Senate.</p> <p>1876 - Nelly Saunders & Rose Harland fight 1st female boxing match (NY).</p> <p>1881 - Barnum & Bailey Circus debuts.</p> <p>1900 - Sir Arthur Evans rediscovers the bronze age city of Knossos in Crete, home of the legendary Minotaur.</p> <p>1907 - First 1st-class cricket game between NSW & Western Australia.</p> | <p>1912 - Mrs William Howard Taft plants 1st cherry tree in Washington, D.C.</p> <p>1918 - Geoffrey O’Hara’s “K-K-K-Katy” song published.</p> <p>1922 - Sultan Fuad I crowned king of Egypt, England recognizes Egypt.</p> <p>1926 - Robert Goddard launches 1st liquid fuel rocket, goes 184’ (56 metres).</p> <p>1935 - Adolf Hitler orders German rearmament in violation of The Treaty of Versailles.</p> <p>1939 - Germany occupies Czechoslovakia.</p> <p>1941 - National Gallery of Art opens in Washington, D.C.</p> <p>1955 - Josephine Kroesen appointed as 1st Dutch female judge.</p> <p>1962 - 1st launching of Titan 2-rocket.</p> <p>1966 - Gemini 8 launched with Armstrong & Scott, aborted after 6.5 orbits.</p> <p>1968 - General Motors produces its 100 millionth automobile, the Oldsmobile Toronado.</p> <p>1969 - Viasa DC-9 crashes at Maracaibo’s Grano de Oro airport, killing 155.</p> <p>1972 - John Lennon and Yoko Ono are served with deportation papers.</p> <p>1976 - British Prime Minister Harold Wilson announces his resignation.</p> | <p>1978 - Red Brigade kidnaps former premier Aldo Moro in Italy, 5 killed.</p> <p>1978 - Soyuz 26 returns to Earth.</p> <p>1991 - Seven members of Reba McEntire’s band are killed in a plane crash.</p> <p>1995 - Mississippi House of Representatives formally abolishes slavery & ratifies 13th Amendment.</p> <p>1996 - Mike Tyson TKOs Frank Bruno in 3rd round to gain heavyweight title.</p> <p>1998 - Pope John Paul II asks God for forgiveness for the inactivity and silence of some Roman Catholics during the Holocaust.</p> <p>2003 - The largest coordinated worldwide vigil takes place, as part of the global protests against Iraq war.</p> <p>2005 - Israel officially hands over Jericho to Palestinian control.</p> <p>2012 - Turkish NATO helicopter crashes into a house killing ten people in the outskirts of Kabul, Afghanistan.</p> <p>2013 - Kim Yu-Na of South Korea wins the women’s 2013 World Figure Skating Championships</p> |
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Nominate A Queensland Great

Queenslanders are being encouraged to nominate a friend, colleague, family member, community leader or institution for the 2017 Queensland Greats Awards.

The annual awards recognise the efforts and achievements of extraordinary individuals and institutions making a positive difference in Queensland communities.

NRL legend, Mal Meninga was a 2016 Queensland Greats Awards recipient.

Mr Meninga said the Queensland Greats Awards turned the spotlight on the tireless efforts of everyday Queenslanders who dedicate their lives to making a difference.

"There are thousands of remarkable Queenslanders whose efforts to improve their communities deserve to be recognised and celebrated.

"It could be a mate or family member, leader or even a community organisation – if you think they are helping to make our state great, I encourage you to put them forward," he said. Since the program's inception in 2001, 80 individuals, 11 institutions and two posthumous recipients have been honoured as Queensland Greats.

Nominations for this year's awards will close at 5pm on Wednesday, 22 March.

To find out more regarding the program or to nominate a Queensland Great, visit www.qld.gov.au/qldgreats.




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DOUBLE HELIX QUIZ ANSWERS

1. c.) About 90 per cent of the world's earthquakes occur in the Pacific ring of fire.
2. Yes. These are different types of tears with different hearing.
3. Don't let those big eyes fool you! Barn owls rely mostly on their sense of
4. d.) Foucault's pendulum showed Earth rotates on its own axis.
5. There are many more metals than non-metals in the periodic table.

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