

40 Years Of Service Milestone

On Monday 20th March, Allora State School gathered at a whole school Parade to commemorate a very special event. Teacher Aide, Mrs Maria Henry celebrated 40 years of service to the Department of Education and Training (DET) at Allora State School.

Maria commenced employment on the 21st March 1977 as a Teacher Aide at the Preschool Centre. She worked 17 and a half hours a week for \$3.95 per hour. Loretta Charlesworth was the Pre School Teacher at the time but Maria went on to work alongside Joyce Gibson, Cate Hinshelwood and Linda Sharman-Bowman and saw the transition of Preschool to Prep.

Two of Maria's daughters were students in the 1977 Preschool class.

Many of the students Maria has worked with over the years now have their own children attending the school. Maria has the unique experience of working with 2, 3 and even 4 generations of families including the Mason, Gilmore, Benz, Sparksman, Willett, Chandler, Denny, Masters and May families just to name a few.

Since commencing employment at Allora State School, Maria has moved across the year levels from Prep to Secondary years and has seen many changes to the curriculum and school organisation. Maria is able to adjust to any year level and has become multi skilled over the years. She is widely respected as a compassionate, kind and caring lady who works quietly behind the scenes to support every child, shunning public acknowledgment and accolades. Fellow Teacher Aide Mrs Melissa Gartery recalled that Mrs Hinshelwood said that the best thing about Maria is that she always sees the best in every child, a testimony widely shared by those who have had the privilege to work with Maria. Maria's skills and knowledge are immeasurable and highly valued by her peers and the whole community.

Maria was presented with a special certificate from the Department of Education and Training acknowledging 40 years of service and a bouquet of flowers at the Parade with her family, some travelling from Sydney, surprising her. A morning



ABOVE: Maria with fellow Teacher Aides

RIGHT: Maria with Shaun Kanowski (Principal)



tea attended by Maria's family and former and current colleagues culminated in the cutting of a cake, which was made by Mrs Cathy Chandler and beautifully decorated cake by Mrs Tracey Wilson. Maria was then given the day off to celebrate with her family.

With no intention of retiring, Maria has vowed that 'If the Queen can do it, so can I!' Congratulations Maria on a remarkable achievement and thank you from the entire Allora SS community for your years of selfless dedication and service to education.



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Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

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Cheers,
Rachael Barr, UnitingCare Queensland

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Greg Sutton and I am part of a reunion committee that are looking for former students and teachers of Lithgow High School as we are holding a Year 10 1977 40 year reunion this coming November. We are looking for those that were in Year 7 1974, Year 8 1975, Year 9 1976 and Year 10 1977 as there were some students/teachers who either did all those years and some that partially attended through those years. We have also included Year 11 1978 and Year 12 1979 as these students/teachers do not have reunions. Following are names we have not found over the years and we would like to touch base with. The women's names will be in their maiden name and apologies in advance if the spelling is incorrect and if some have passed away.

Trevor Berriman, Billy Cooper, Brian Dickens, Nardine Evans, Robert Fields, Tony Grahame, Allina Guest, Richard (Ricky) Johnstone, Kerrie Kearins, Grahame Mostyn, Donald Palmer, Andrew Rutherford, Menaz Salim, Stuart Woods.

Unfortunately we have not been able to collect all names over this time so we are asking your paper and readers to assist if they can. Anyone that has attended reunions in 2007 and 2012 and have moved do you mind assisting with an update of your addresses if you have moved.

Reunion details: There will be pre-drinks at a local hotel to be determined at 7pm Friday 17th November. There has been a tour of Lithgow High School arranged for Saturday 18th late morning for those interested. The official function will be held Saturday 18th November 2017 at Black Gold Motel Wallerawang NSW 2845 at a cost of \$50 a head.

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There is a Facebook page dedicated to the reunion please search for "LHS Year 7 1974 to Year 10 1977 Reunion" which has a lot of photos, memories and information. Thank you for letting our committee utilise your paper it is much appreciated.

Greg Sutton

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The Editor,

Iconic event's doubtful future -

Mention Allora away from home and many folks query; "isn't that where you hold that wonderful Heritage weekend?" If loggerheads persist we may in the future reply "we used to but those involved couldn't get their heads together and solve a few basic differences". Personally I would doubt that any local would not be very sad to see this event knocked on the head, shifted or modified from its original intent; "what a shame" would, I feel, be the normal reply.

As a regular exhibitor for the past fourteen years but not a member of either side of the argument, I do have my criticism of the events structure and organisation, but under no circumstance would I in any way jeopardise its importance as one of the main events on Allora's social and community calendar. I personally have felt the wrath of the bigotry that does dwell in the warped, mindless attitude of part of the problem but I have chosen to ignore that attempt at my person till the right opportunity arises rather than have that impudence effect my championing of the "Heritage Weekend".

Many community organisations clubs and societies tend to get offended if another group's event proves more popular than theirs and in many cases retaliatory remarks rear their ugly heads. Time to grow up children, it is not your event, not your facility - it all belongs to all of us. It is the community that wins or loses from your stubbornness and unwillingness to acknowledge the bigger picture and its effect on the wider Allora community and local businesses.

If this matter was to be adjudicated by a separate legal identity, mediation would be the suggested way forward. Surely both sides of this difficulty are able to sit down and listen, take relevant matters on board and work towards mutual agreement? If you are not capable of this simple way to agreement then you yourselves are to blame. It is time for all players to take stock and actively decide a way forward or if the kitchen is too hot, get out and give others with fresh faces and no old time grudges a go for Allora's community benefit.

Doug Partington

WEATHER FORECAST				
Day	Forecast	Min/Max		
THU	Few Storms. Cloudy. Warm. Humid.	16 29		
FRI	Decreasing Clouds. Mild.	18 27		
SAT	Partly Cloudy. Warm.	17 29		
SUN	Showers Early. Morning Clouds. Warm.	17 30		
MON	Early Fog Followed by Sun. Warm.	16 31		
TUE	Scattered Storms. Sun Late. Warm.	16 32		

Dear Editor,

In regards to the letter from Peter Wiggins in the Allora Advertiser last week – 16 March – I am completely perplexed about how the opinion presented in the letter can still exist in this day and age. Whilst reading the letter I found myself drifting back to a time where heresy could bring about the death penalty – and I wondered if our society had ever left these dark, dark ages.

A seemingly innocent line appearing in this letter states, 'The push by a vocal minority for so called 'marriage equality' is founded on a false premise', I am not sure what this false premise is, although attacking someone about a false premise in this instance, sounds very much like the pot calling the kettle black.

The millions of people who lead a lifestyle different to what may be described in the bible, have every right to exist, freely, as they choose and with whomever they choose. The people who make these choices do not deserve to be 'bombarded' with judgements from theological perspectives, especially considering these perspectives and values are largely outdated in this modern and educated society. These vocal judgements can lead an already vulnerable person into very dark places, with dire consequences. Subtly stated by Mr Wiggins, is that these people are 'unravelling the very fabric of our families and of society in general', this goes further than an opinion, it is an attack – and the justification for the attack – it is against his god's way. Pathetic.

Considering that I do not believe in a god, I suggest that theology is a scam that is unravelling society. My justification – it is against my lack of a god's way. I am aware of the scale of this judgement, and that many people reading this will be angered and defensive about its content. The point I attempt to make is that the way you may feel when reading my judgement, is how people with a different lifestyle feel when reading Mr Wiggins judgement. Both judgements are harmful to others, and are simply, not required.

Brad Johnson

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.

Shame

The policy of the Southern Downs Regional Council in regard to small communities can be seen in these photos. The photo (top) taken last week in the Memorial Park in Warwick shows the pristine condition of the lawns and of four employees re-planting the beds in readiness for Anzac Day. Look at the photos (above) taken this week of the Allora Memorial Park. What was once lawn is now weeds. The shrubs are untidy and dying. Allora's Memorial Park contains one of the oldest and unique Boer War monuments in Queensland. Visitors to Allora often

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stop to reflect in this revered place that was created and funded by the community of Allora. It is an absolute disgrace that our Memorial Park is now in such a state of dishevelment. All previous councils have maintained the park with the respect and pride deserved by Allora's servicemen and women. Come on SDRC – give us a fair go or more shame on you. Is Warwick's War Memorial honouring fallen soldiers more important than Allora's. We invite Tracey Dobie as SDRC mayor and an ex-servicewoman and indeed all councillors to come to Allora to inspect the condition of the Memorial Park.

The Executive, RSL Allora Sub-Branch

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Weapons licensing safety course

Clifton Bench Rest Shooting Club Inc will be conducting a weapons licensing safety course for Cat AB (rifle) on Sunday, 2nd April 2017, at the rifle range at Rosenthal Boundary Road, Leyburn, starting at 7.30am. The cost of the course is \$120 per person and juniors over the age of 11 years are welcome to attend. After lunch, if required, we will do other categories, e.g. H, M, CD. If you would like to book in or require further information please call me, Gordon, on 0418 877 525.

Allora & District Historical Society Notes

Members of the Allora & District Historical Society would like to publicly acknowledge the generous donation of Michael Maher who donated his labour when supplying and spreading the floor of the new shed in the grounds of the "Old Shire Hall". The Historical Society has benefitted greatly from Michael's generosity in the past.

Member, Ted Woodrow has shifted the society's collection of machinery under cover in the shed. The Federal Government's

"Stronger Communities' Programme" grant of \$7,565.00 was used towards the cost of the shed and the Southern Downs Regional Council has promised the sum of \$4,964.00 as their contribution.

Visitors to our Open Day as a culmination to the region's heritage festival to be held on Sunday 30th April during Allora Autumn Festival will be able to view the machinery collection as well as the Vintage Car Club's Ford trucks and cars and the penny farthing bicycles that will be featured on the day. There will be an interesting array of items displayed in the old 'workshop' and the new "Olive & Ray Shooter" building. Both museum buildings, 'The Old Shire Hall' and the 'School of Arts' will be open. The theme of this year's Open Day is "Made in Allora". There are many items that were manufactured, created, sewn or written by people from this district to be found in the museum buildings.

On the day, billy tea and damper will be on sale from the time that gates open at 9am. Visitors will be able to view a damper making demonstration and enjoy the fare. Hugh Huston will be wandering with the 'mike' giving descriptions of interesting items and Doug Partington will describe the vintage trucks and cars on display.

Historical Society members are busy preparing a display of hand sewn baptismal gowns, baby clothes and undergarments. We have over twenty beautiful hand stitched baptismal gowns in our collection. This description of one gown with embroidered edging tells the story "Much time and love went into the making of this lovely precious garment from a very gracious age". Feather stitch and herringbone embroidery, pin tucking and lace feature on many of the gowns.

To promote the Open Day and to celebrate Heritage Week, the

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AHS machinery collection in new shed.

Looking Back...

In the lead-up to the Allora State School 150 year celebrations, the material for the Looking Back column is being contributed by Trevor Neale. The articles for this week and next week were published in the Warwick Daily News in 1965. They were written by Oliver Neale, a scholarship winner under Mr. R. L. Jackson, using the pen-name of "Oliver Twist". The articles described happenings at the school in 1905, 60 years previously.

Schoolmaster who left his Mark on the Town

Anyone who knew Allora in the very early years of this century certainly knew Mr. R.L. Jackson, the school headmaster.

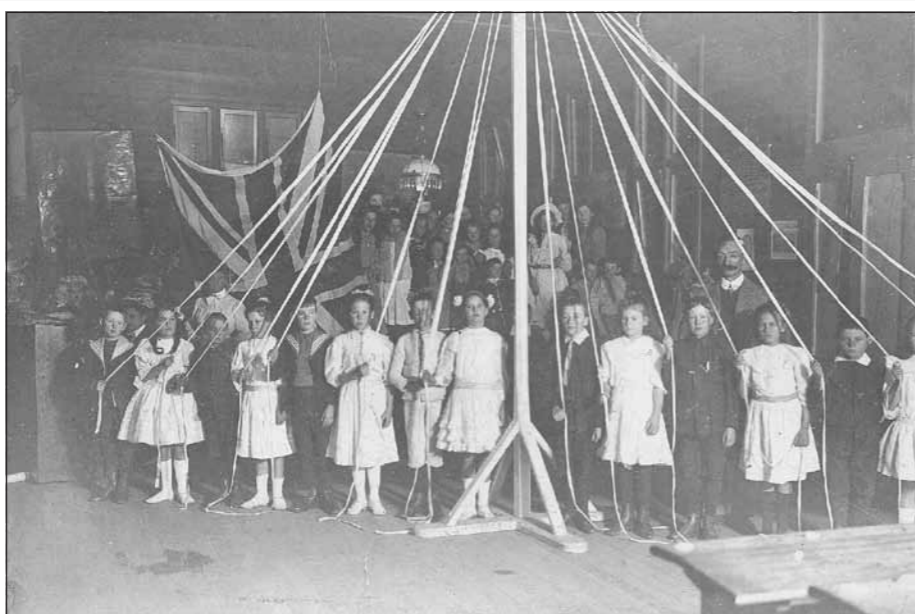
He descended on the town, I would say, about 1900 and from his first day provided plenty of evidence that he was a most colourful personality – a highly educated scholar, a man of the world, a splendid public speaker, an artist with pen and brush and a man who really left his mark on the town – particularly on the younger element.

As a headmaster he was the ultimate disciplinarian, a perfectionist whose mission was to instruct and instruct he did. He knew that a pupil should learn and learn it he must. He accepted no excuses. But the results that he achieved were outstanding. In no time he raised the whole standard of the school and the successes he had with scholarship and bursary examinations soon became common talk throughout the State.

Whatever measure of success came in his pupils in after years was to no small extent due to the ground and drilling they received from Mr. Jackson.

The school in those days was a rambling old building, part shingle roofed, opposite the post office in Herbert Street.

I vividly remember the first day of Mr. Jackson's taking over as headmaster.



A May pole dance at the Allora State School in Herbert Street between 1900 and 1911. Mr. R. L. Jackson H.T. is on the right.

Previously we had as our head a Mr. Exley, a quiet, good-natured, easy-going type who had ruled with a pretty loose rein.

What a shock was in store for the pupils with the coming of the new man! On the first morning the 9 a.m. bell rang for "fall-in" and in the leisurely manner they were used to, the pupils slowly straggled into some sort of line facing the school verandah.

Suddenly on to the verandah pounced R.L. Jackson, eyes flashing, moustache bristling, and in a high-pitched crackling shout that was heard all over Allora he announced "This sort of falling-in won't suit me!" with terrifying emphasis on the "me".

Thus R.L.J. introduced himself to the astonished pupils and from that day onwards he was the terror and the persecutor of every lazy or lagging student in the school.

Hourly he flew from room to room, and his roar of disapproval, when aroused, reverberated around the school ground.

I well recall the Andrews family (They lived near the show grounds).

There were several girls whom their parents had named after various virtues – Grace, Peace, Mercy, etc. I remember R.L.J. roaring at one of the girls. "They call you Peace! They should have named you War! You cause enough of it!" Poor Peace just crumbled.

That was R.L. Jackson. No one quite came up to his expectations; always they should have done better.

But he was a grand master and despite all the fear and trembling he inspired in us, we respected him.

And, as the years have gone by, I am sure that any old pupil reading this will agree that, to this respect, memories have added admiration.

R.L. Jackson has long since gone to his reward, but I feel certain his ghost accompanies the present headmaster as he reviews the students on morning parade.

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Allora Historical Society has mounted a display in Jon Constable's window. We thank Jon for lending this space and invite the people of Allora and district to view the display. The Neale family have donated a dressed lamb for the Allora & District Historical Society to raffle to raise much needed funds. Tickets in the raffle will be available through members and sold in local shops.

At the April general meeting held on Wednesday 15th members were informed that the S.D.R.C. were preparing a new 10 year lease on the "Old Shire Hall" site.

The main focus of the Historical Society is family history. Society members are available to assist anyone seeking information about family members or local history. The research into William Jubb is ongoing and has proved to be an interesting story which may be published by the researcher. Recently we were asked for information about Daniel Doyle whose grave is in the Allora cemetery. Daniel, of Deuchar was a ganger on the railways. He was tragically killed in 1920 when hit by a train while operating a trolley on the line. The Allora Guardian had reported the incident and also published details of the inquest held into his death. This information was unknown to the descendants of Daniel Doyle.

Events Calendar

2017

- March -**
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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Men's Breakfast Guest Speaker: Roy Waites

Roy became a Christian as a teenager, at the time he was working on farms and later a sheep and cattle station. Subsequently he was an anaesthetic orderly in one of the Brisbane hospitals for a number of years.

After their marriage in 1973 Roy & Heather worked together catering for church groups and youth camps in their spare time; Heather had trained as a Home Economics teacher. About this time Roy began studies with Moore Theological College which they both subsequently completed.

In 1980 they joined Gospel Service Mission and managed Kingswood Camp Centre at Warwick until the end of 1998.

In 1999 Roy joined the Pastoral team at Warwick Baptist church as Pastor Administrator until July 2003.

In 2004 they became members of OMF International and went to Thailand to manage a retreat centre for missionaries. They returned to Australia in 2014 to retire although Roy has spent the last two years preaching in a Warwick church. Roy & Heather have three adult children.

Roy will be speaking at the Men's Breakfast at Scots Presbyterian Church Allora this Saturday, 25 March, at 7.20am. Enquiries 4666 3743. All welcome.

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Allora XI through to Reserve Grade final

With a win required to take us straight to the Grand Final, the Allora XI hosted the Inglewood Roos at the home of Warwick Cricket, Slade Park two weekends ago. Unfortunately we lost the toss, and with only 10 players, were asked to bowl first. Opening the bowling were youngsters Sean Bryson and Cooper Tate-Roche. The pair collected 3 wickets in their opening spell, leaving the Roos reeling at 3/37 off the first 10 overs. From there bowlers Luke Cullen (4-8) and Stew Henderson (3-29) ripped apart the Roos middle to lower order to have the Roos bowled out for a low but competitive total of 101.

Due to other commitments, Cooper Tate-Roche had to leave early and opened the batting alongside Mitch McLennan as Cooper blasted his way to 31, before he, Mitch (17) and Tom Higgins were dismissed in quick fashion to have us starting to collapse at 3/53 off 9 overs. This trend continued as we lost a further 2 wickets to have us at 5-64 and still requiring 40 runs for victory. As we only had 10 batters it was vital that we didn't lose anymore wickets, and this was proven as Gav Schiewe (33 not out) and Sean Bryson (10 not out) reached the total without losing another wicket and 18 overs in hand.

With the weekend off it was great to see our Allora Cricketing Brothers do a similar job on the Inglewood Roos to also book their spot into this weekend's grand final, making it twice in the last 3 years that both Allora teams have played in the season ending match.

Whilst it was disappointing not to make A grade again this year, it has still been a great effort to reach this time of the year. A



Allora Golf Notes

Friday 17th - The Percy's Fruit Duck Run competition was played for between a good field of players, the winner on 20 pts was Doreen Duffy, well done Doreen, pin for the 13th Kev Harrison, approach for the 15th Rod Simpson. Congratulations to the winners and all players.

Sunday, the Allora Butchery Monthly Medal competition was played in great conditions with a good field of players out on the course. The winner after countback playing some brilliant golf with a score of 60 was Len Hoey from our Club. Champion still playing great golf Rougan Geraghty. Congratulations to both players for playing some outstanding golf. Runners up were John Ellwood 63, Barry Brown Jnr and Lindsay May both with a 65. Pin prizes for the 7th and the Eagles Nest went to Tom Brown, 16th Lindsay May, 8th Kev Harrison and 17th Michael 'Pugsie' Pugliese. Approach for the 2nd Tom Brown, 11th Rougan Geraghty, 9th Barry Brown Jnr and 18th Len Hoey. Congratulations to the winners and all players.

Allora Golf Club also wish to thank our new sponsors, the Hoey brothers for sponsoring the Eagles Nest on the 7th and 16th and a bottle of your finest for a 'Hole In One' for any par 3 or 4 on the course. Thank you and welcome aboard. Also a big thank you to the workers for their great work that continues to be done, after the rain the course looks amazing.

Next week the Percy's Fruit Duck Run will be teeing from 2 pm Friday, all welcome to attend. Sunday's game will be the Allora Butchery 4 Ball Stableford competition, all welcome to attend and best of luck to a few members heading to Millmerran for their Open. But don't forget your sandbuckets and great golfing to you all.

major hurdle has been getting through the year with a consistent squad, although this problem has also allowed new players to make their way.

Captain and Allora Cricketing stalwart Aaron Vietheer has the unenviable task of putting a final squad together for this weekend's grand final, but the following players will most likely be the candidates for the grand final quad.

Aaron Vietheer, captain, attacking right hand batsman and wicketkeeper.

Cam Masters, elegant right hand batsman and an experienced campaigner in big games.

Luke Cullen, pace spearhead and handy middle order right hand batsman.

Matt Kiernan, Warwick cricket associations leading wicket taker last season with his off break bowling. Also an attacking right hand batter.

Mitch McLennan, classy left hand top order batter and representative player, who has been in top form all season with the willow.

Gav Schiewe, Elder statesman of the team and the rock who Allora build their totals around. Right hand top order batter who can bat all day.

Nick Morris, powerful right hand batter who was unlucky not to score a century earlier this season, with a top score of 97 not out.

Tom Higgins, powerful all-rounder who can be a game changer with bat or ball.

Stew Henderson, accurate seam bowler who can contain and attack at the same time. Right hand batter with a solid technique, but can also play all the shots when required.

Sean Bryson. Junior off spin bowler who has been opening the attack for Allora of late. Solid lower order left hand batter.

Cooper Tate - Roche. Junior cricketer who can hit the ball big and bowl lively medium pace.

Jaiden Fidge, the third of our junior cricketers. All rounder and possibly one of the best fielders in Warwick Cricket.

Allan Matt Rogers Shanks. Excitement Machine.

Once again thanks to all of our players and supporters throughout the year and it would be great to get as many

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Qualifying Final vs. Sovereign Animals

After a solid win last week, we were set to take on Inglewood at Slade Park. With weather looming in the murky sky, we couldn't be sure in the morning if the game would even get off the ground. Thankfully the weather held off all day, and a complete game was played. Winning the toss and batting, the Rascals started well, well at least for 12 runs, then wicket, two runs, wicket, two runs, wicket. 3-16/4. Tom Morris (24) and Jamie Holmes (11) added a 39 run partnership before a series of wickets (4 for 24 runs) drastically dented the aspirations of the Rascals side, leaving the score resting on 7-79/22. Jake Christensen turned up to the crease and soon after hit a six, a great way to start his innings. He shared in a 15 over partnership worth 73 runs with Brad Johnson (31*), taking the overall score to 152 before he was dismissed attempting to further increase the run rate. Another 18 runs were added in the final few overs, with the last Rascal bats-kid run out trying to gain another single. The final score was a respectable 171 off 39.5 overs.

Joe Morris (3-32/8) opened the bowling and took three wickets in his first five overs, assisted well by Tom Morris (1-9/3) who scored one wicket in his second over. Jake Christensen (2-27/8) claimed the prize wickets of Shane Hooper, caught by Blake Feltham, and of Jeremy Ralph, caught by James Moore. With the score at 7-70, Inglewood almost mirrored the Rascals

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innings with a large 50 run 7th wicket partnership. Thankfully, Jake Christensen took another screaming one handed low down while keeping to dismiss the man who had been doing all that damage to the score book. Jamie Holmes bowled that delivery and finished with 1-7/3. Liam Duncan also bowled tight between all this to finished with the neat figures of 1-22/5. Brad Johnson claimed the last two wickets, and the Rascals were able to breathe again. Inglewood's final score was 126, Rascals up by 44 runs!

Railway Hotel Rascals player of the finals points- 5: Jake Christensen, 4: Tom Morris, 3: Joe Morris, 2: Brad Johnson, 1: Jamie Holmes.

This weekend, the Rascals take on sister home team, Allora, at Mayhew Oval in Warwick - starting at 10am. This is the second grand final in three years featuring these two Allora teams, and regardless of the result, Allora can be proud that it's two team both made the grand finale. Hopefully next year we can both make the A grade grand final!

Everyone is welcome to come down to the game and enjoy all the action, we hope to see you all supporting our town, and watching a bit of jolly good ole cricket.

Brad Johnson



7 v 8 Elimination Final vs. Sovereign Animals

So, we finish the table in 7th position, after losing the last two regular season games to the Redbacks and Allora. We are a long distance from the team we were last year, largely due to life and work getting in the way – however, this is to be expected in a young team, and our fill in next generation players and past generation players did an entertaining job of completing the team. Now we reach the finals, and we find ourselves as a settled squad with our regular 11 chomping at the bit.

Winning the toss, thanks to a Liam Duncan whisper of tails, we sent ourselves out to bat. Liam Duncan (51) and James Moore (22) set up the games with an almost run a ball 77 run

partnership. This was special considering that James took the anchoring role – something we have never seen from him before – and completed that role with interesting grace and ability. Ben McClure added 13, followed Joe Morris who scored a fast 55. The rest of the batting line up all contributed, and the bagels were left out of the team. Jake 14, Tom 11 and Matthew 11 all scored at better than a run a ball in the dying stages of the game, to leave the Rascals with a final score of 211. Not bad.

In the bowling response, Jamie Holmes opened the game and took a wicket in his first over, setting the nerves of the opposition a mote higher. Jamie finished with 1-14/5, good tight finals bowling. At the other end however, the carnage took place, all in the form of a Joe Morris. Three wickets in three overs! With one more a few overs later, he took the figures of 4-21/8 to set up the game for the taking. Liam Duncan came on and bowled a great line, taking two wickets in his first over and one more in his third to finish with economically devastating figures of 3-11/6. 8-50. Paul Christensen came into the attack, and as he does so often, he takes a wicket with his first ball. Some may have said at the time that the ball resembled something that drops from the back of a cow; personally, I am more inclined to think it was a bull. Still, another wicket to Paul! Nine down, one to go. Enter Tom Morris, not bowling, nope, just lurking about (can never keep him out of the game), picks up a ball on a timid single, sends it fizzing to the keeper, of dance the bails, up goes the finger, off hop the team, game over, Rascals win!

Within all this action, Jake Christensen took a catch that would defy perhaps everyone apart from James Moore. One handed, the left one, he is a right hand batter you see, he jumps up, sticks arm out, lands, balls sticks in hand, throws the ball away in joy, settles down four weeks later in a 'hospital'.

Something about 13 runs scored from Ian Christensen from a

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

The MacTavish brothers decided that one of their number would go to America and make his fortune, coming back to share with the rest of them. The youngest, Ian, was chosen for this task. Off he went, and he worked hard in America, and earned himself a fortune over a few years, and wired his brothers that he'd be returning with it.

When he came back to Scotland he got off the boat, and looked around for his brothers, but could not see anyone who looked familiar.

Finally, a group of bearded strangers approached. "Ho, Ian, are ye not knowing yer own brothers?" asked the first one. Then Ian realized his brothers had grown beards.

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game in the recent past – there you go Ian, I finally added it! I should probably add that in your next game you scored 13 runs less than the previously mentioned game. Hehe.

Railway Hotel Rascals player of the finals points- 5: Joe Morris, 4: Liam Duncan, 3: James Moore, 2: Ben McClure, 1: Jake Christensen.

This weekend, the Rascals take on the Inglewood Roos in the semi-final. With a win here, two Allora teams will be playing in the B grade final, not quite the A grade final we may all dream about, but for two teams full of young players, a fitting end to a season this would be. The game starts at 12.30pm on Saturday at Slade Park, Warwick. We invite all to come down and enjoy some cricket, keep away the rain and just have a good Saturday. Afterwards, the Railway Hotel in Allora would be a nice spot to rehydrate and enjoy a few raffle tickets.



The Allora Community Directory...



ORGANISATIONS

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

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

Allora & District Historical Society - Meets 3rd Wednesday of every month, 7.00pm, at Old Shire Hall, Warwick St., Allora. Drayton Street Museum open 1.30pm - 4.30pm every Sunday. Contact Colin Newport 0408 740 622 or Rod Close 4666 3662.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Allora Senior Citizens - Meets Monday and Friday, 1.00pm - 3.30pm for cards and games. Contact Kathy Shannon 0427 973 286 or Joan Barnett 0475 565 740.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ART & CRAFT GROUPS

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

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

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

SPORTING / HEALTH ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SCIENCE TRIVIA QUIZ

1. What are the three most common elements in wood?
2. In Earth's history, life has evolved to fly only four times. Can you name three of the animals that did?
3. Who was the first person to win two Nobel prizes?
4. How old is Earth: a) 21 billion years old, b) 4.5 billion years old, or c) 800 million years old?
5. What is the fruit of the tropical plant Ananas comosus?

Answers in Classifieds pages

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Death Notice -
ERIC TAYLOR, aged 95 years, passed away 15th February 2017. His family funeral took place in Toowoomba. Thank you to all for the many kindnesses shown to us.
Jess Taylor

Funeral Notice
PETERSEN, Mavis Rowena nee Robin - Late of Clifton, and formerly of Allora. Passed away on 20th March 2017, aged 92 years. Beloved Wife of Doug (dec'd). Loved Mother and Mother-in-law of Jan and Gary Gilmore; Ken and Heather. Loving Grandmother and Great-Grandmother of their families. Loved Sister of Ailsa, Lola, Murray, Baden and Viola.
Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Mavis' funeral, to be held at St David's Anglican Church, 1 Church Street, Allora. Service commencing at 10:30am, Monday, 27th March 2017, followed by interment at Allora Lawn Cemetery.
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Death Notice -
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Marge's funeral was held on Tuesday, 21st March, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Allora.
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DOUBLE HELIX QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Wood is mostly made of the elements carbon, oxygen and hydrogen.
2. Insects, pterosaurs, birds and bats are the only animals that have evolved to fly.
3. Marie Curie won Nobel prizes in 1903 and 1911.
4. b) Earth is roughly 4.5 billion years old.
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