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THURSDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER 2017

## USQ co-captain determined to go out with a bang

USQ student and local Nobby resident Crystal Hollis-Neath described being chosen to lead the University at this year's Australian Uni Games as one of the proudest moments of her life.

Fifty five USQ student-athletes from Toowoomba, Ipswich, Springfield and online are representing the University on the Gold Coast from September 24-29.

Miss Hollis-Neath will roll out for the USQ lawn bowls team, and said it was an honour to be appointed co-captain alongside Christopher Watson.

"This will be the fourth time I have represented USQ since I started as a student in 2015, and my second time competing at the Australian Uni Games," she said.

"Some of my favourite university memories were made at the Uni Games and to be named co-captain is an amazing honour and something I am very grateful to have received.

"I take a lot of pride in wearing the USQ uniform and as soon as I get on the green, I will be giving it my best shot."

Miss Hollis-Neath, who lives in the small town of Nobby, discovered her interest for bowls when her grandfather Eugene used to take her to play every Wednesday night.

She previously won gold and silver with the USQ lawn bowls team at the Northern Uni Games, but is still chasing her first medal at national level.

It's going to be a bitter-sweet experience for the third year Business student with next week's competition set to be the final time she will don the gold phoenix-emblazoned uniform for USQ.

"This will probably be my last Uni Games as I will be graduating next year so I want to make sure I go out with a bang," she said.

"A lot of people presume bowls is laid-back sport and that everyone is relaxed and chilled, but it is very competitive.

"I'm pretty confident we will do well this year. Our aim is to win



Crystal Hollis-Neath leads the USQ team at this year's Australian Uni Games.

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a medal, which would be a good way for me to cap off my last time representing USQ.”  
 About 7500 students will travel to the Gold Coast for the event, which will see USQ field teams in athletics, beach volleyball, cheer and dance, golf, judo, lawn bowls, hockey and volleyball. The competition provides students with the opportunity to compete against some of the best athletes in the country and connect with like-minded students.  
 “The team spirit is what makes it (Uni Games) so enjoyable,” Miss Hollis-Neath said.  
 “Because I study externally most of the time, the Uni Games has been a great way for me to meet new friends and do something fun during the holidays.”  
 USQ’s Uni Games teams are coordinated by USQ Sport, which helps students participate in competitive and social sports, including access to competitions, facilities and equipment as well as providing support for elite athletes.  
 For more information about USQ Sport, visit [www.usq.edu.au/current-students/life/sport](http://www.usq.edu.au/current-students/life/sport).

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**Letters to the Editor...**

Dear Editor,

Mr Wiggins, the statements made in your letter to the editor last week (21/09/2017) are appalling, and overall, reflect the views of your vocal minority.  
 You suggest that your freedoms of conscience, speech and religion are being affected and that you are the victims of a social experiment – how? You are able to follow your own belief (conscience), speak your mind (speech) and practice your religion. How does this potential law change affect your freedoms? Alternatively, are you simply using out-dated propaganda to scare people into following your perspective – it would seem like you are violating the basic human right, ‘no one shall be subject to coercion which would impair his freedom to have or to adopt a religion or a belief of his choice’.

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Solution in classifieds section

Let us not forget freedom from religion. You stated that the rights of parents to have their students educated according to their strongly held values and morals are being eroded, again, how is that possible – are their not religious schools of many denominations in this country? Even the secular state schools provide time for religious instruction, although unqualified indoctrination could be more appropriate from my observations.

I hope you are not forgetting the trend away from religion, clearly observed in the last census, and that many people making this move have common sense and a responsible attitude – it seems typical of a former pastor to infer that common sense and a responsible attitude are held only for those who reject the proposed law change concerning marriage. Mr Wiggins, you suggest that god is the creator – I hope you are not forgetting that your belief in a god is just that, a belief. Where love between a man and a man, or a woman and a woman, is real.

Perhaps if you were to make your argument, without using fear as a tool, you may register a more positive response.

Brad Johnson, Allora

Dear Editor,

Mick of Allora speaks for the careful and educated Australian citizens who must be alarmed at the astonishing words of the so called intelligentsia who are highly paid to govern this country. This writer has always been alarmed by their arrogance and ‘born to rule’ attitudes. If by some accident their social engineering is successful and same-sex becomes the rule, and there are taxation and insurance savings to be made, how cynical will be the love bug? There are money schemes involved apparently so the cat is out of the bag, and laughing all the way to the bank!

Melba Morris, Allora

**WEATHER FORECAST**

Day	Forecast	Min/Max
THU	Mostly Sunny. Hot. Dry.	16 35
FRI	Mostly Sunny. Warm. Dry.	16 31
SAT	Afternoon Clouds. Warm.	14 27
SUN	Light Rain. Mostly Cloudy. Cold.	11 15
MON	Light Rain. Mostly Cloudy. Cool.	11 17
TUE	Broken Clouds. Warm. Dry.	8 27

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Dear Sir,

By now, the majority of your readers will have received their government-sponsored form on which to express their wishes on the alteration of the law, to recognise homo-sexual unions as marriage. I entreat them to return their forms without fail, and VOTE NO.

This vote is neither compulsory, nor binding. However our partisan Prime Minister, has declared that, if the ‘Yes’ vote is greater than the ‘No’ vote, even if the total return is from only a small percentage of the population, he will introduce a ‘Bill’ to allow a ‘conscience’ vote in Parliament, by the members of the combined houses of Parliament.

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Please return your plebiscite paper, and VOTE NO.

Yours sincerely,

Mick, Allora

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**Teens swap school bags for lab coats these holidays**

From robotics to fluorescein, plasma to computer programming, a group of young Queenslanders are getting a crash course in the diverse fields of science at USQ.

The Science Experience is held each year, over three days

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Students from Allora, Toowoomba, Oakey, Sunshine Coast, and Mackay attended the 2017 Science Experience at USQ Toowoomba: (L to R) Evan Emms, Victoria Brown, Amy Harrison, Tayla Strohfeld, Imogen Mansted, Jenna King, Laurent Bechteler-Weickhardt, Rhiannon Wilson, Siobhan McEvoy, Madelyn Fitzgerald, Liana Walsh, Nirvana Le Roux, Paige Bain, Indira Mansted, and Samuel Lenton. Photo Credit: USQ Photography



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(September 19-21), allowing high schoolers to undertake fascinating activities under the guidance of leading scientists who love their work.

This year, the activities covered Cellular and Molecular Biology, Biomedical Sciences, Mathematics and Computing, Physics (including Astronomy), Exercise Physiology, Chemistry, and Electrical Engineering.

The teens, taking a break from their school holidays to participate, included students from Toowoomba, Oakey, Allora, Sunshine Coast, and Mackay.

Whitsunday Anglican School Year 9 Sam Lenton said the experience was well worth the 1000km journey to USQ.

"Yesterday we talked about careers in science before heading into the laboratories to look at cells, taken from a swab of our own mouths, underneath a microscope," he said.

So far, the 13-year-old's favourite activity has been 'Outbreak: Finding Patient Zero', where students undertake experiments to investigate what type of pathogen is causing a disease and how it is transmitted.

"I really like forensic science. We had a sample of liver in a petri dish and are now using different techniques to figure out how the patient 'died'."

Other activities included 'Investigations of the Structure and Function of Living Cells', 'Robotics Activity', 'Measuring Exercise Capacity and its Application in Exercise Prescription', 'Synthesis of Fluorescein', 'Searching for Life Outside our Solar System', 'Viewing the Night Sky via Telescopes', and 'Plasma Balls'.

The ConocoPhillips Science Experience is run by USQ Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences (HES), with support from ConocoPhillips Australia, Science Schools Foundation Incorporated, Rotary International, Young Scientists of Australia and Australian Science Teachers Association.

Learn more at [www.usq.edu.au/hes/outreach-and-engagement/the-science-experience](http://www.usq.edu.au/hes/outreach-and-engagement/the-science-experience).



ABOVE: Daphne Whatley ready to draw the Youngcare raffle at Bony Mountain

RIGHT: Jill and Laurane at Scope Club of Allora's stand supporting Youngcare at the Bony Mountain festival



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### Youngcare Raffle at Bony Mountain

Recently the Scope Club of Allora Inc. was given the opportunity to hold the Major Raffle for Youngcare at the recent Bony Mountain festival. We thank Norma O'Hara Murphy.

We thank all those who supported us with the ticket selling in Warwick & Allora before the Festival. Special thanks to Aub & Robyn. The assistance of all the non Members of Scope who volunteered at the Festival for giving so much of their time.

Winner of the 1st prize in the Raffle a voucher at Harvey Norman donated by Scope Club & Harvey Norman M. Cartmill, 2nd M. Dwan, 3rd L. Wright, 4th Cath Wilson, 5th T. Mullins 6th B.Reed. We thank Balinder Gregory from Youngcare for collecting the prizes in Brisbane.

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I thank Barry Adams & Graham Peach for their assistance in setting up & dismantling the marquee.

Thanks to Tom Potts who run the Auction of which Youngcare received half the proceeds. Well done Tom. Thanks to all the Warwick & Allora business who donated to the Auction.

As President of the Scope Club of Allora Inc. on behalf of the Club thank the business man from Brisbane who was a first time visitor to the Festival for his very generous donation to Youngcare. Norma has again given us the opportunity to run the raffles again next year.

The entertainers have been so supportive they have donated CD & DVD & Springdell Fruit Wines have also donated Raffle prizes for the Club.

Daphne Whatley President

### Seniors are prioritising health, but there's a long way to go: Vision personal training celebrates Active Ageing Week 24-30 September 2017

Vision Personal Training is asking seniors to use Active Ageing Week (24-30 September) as a critical cue to taking more responsibility for their health and wellness and get active.

According to Clint Hill, Head of Personal Training Operations at Vision Personal Training, those aged 65 and over should be factoring in regular exercise, as well as a good diet, to help prevent disease.

"This age group is at the greatest risk of heart disease and over 50 per cent of Australians living with diabetes are over 65. So clearly, it's critical for seniors to be reviewing their diet and adding daily activity to their routine in order to reduce their risk of developing a lifestyle disease," says Clint.

Maria Cochineas, 82 years old, is a walking billboard for the active ageing. Since taking up training 3 years ago with Vision Personal Training, has lost 14kgs and is enjoying a newfound lease on life.

"I no longer require blood pressure medication, and my average time for walking up six flights of stairs is one minute and 40 seconds - that's something I previously just couldn't do!" says Maria.

She also understands the importance of a working with a professional when it comes to executing exercise routines correctly to prevent injury and to keep her on track with her fitness goals, adding, "Having the proper technique explained to me by my trainer ensures I'm getting the most out of the exercise."

For senior Australians, Clint recommends including these five types of exercises into their weekly workout regime:

- **Weight bearing exercises:** strong bones and increased bone density delays the onset of osteoporosis;
- **Low impact cardio:** getting your heart rate into the fat burning zone strengthens your heart and lungs, and reduce stress levels;
- **Core strength exercises:** improving and maintaining balance and stability reduces the risk of falls that can result in broken bones;
- **Stretching:** increasing mobility, flexibility, and improving posture safeguards against injury and increases blood circulation;

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• **Meditation:** taking time out for breathing and mindfulness leads to mental clarity.

Clint adds that seniors who exercise regularly will benefit from the increased ability to run around with the grandkids and join in on activities that they would otherwise be sitting on the sidelines for.

"And if that's not enough reason to get active this Active Ageing Week, just think about all those anti-ageing hormones that are released when we exercise. Serotonin and dopamine are the best kept secret to staying youthful," adds Clint.

For those who need the nudge to get going, Clint says the best thing to do, is to start simple. "A great way to overcome the mental barrier when kicking off an exercise routine is by going for a 10 minute walk. The benefits you receive mentally will incentivise you to continue and build on your regime," says Clint.

For more information on getting active with Vision, visit [www.visionpt.com.au](http://www.visionpt.com.au).

### Take care of your heart this World Heart Day

With World Heart Day fast approaching Toowoomba Hospital cardiac clinical nurse consultant (CNC) Joanne Thomae is taking the opportunity to remind people of the simple things they can do to improve their heart health.

"World Heart Day, Friday 29 September, is an international initiative of the World Heart Foundation and it's a great day to think about your heart and what you can do to keep it as healthy as possible," Ms Thomae said.

"What we are finding is that increasingly our patient age group is lowering and so we're starting to get people coming in with heart problems a lot younger, which is really quite alarming.

"As a heart care team we're passionate about developing strategies and helping people to improve their heart health, firstly by identifying the lifestyle factors which may have had an adverse effect on heart health, so the big ones that can really have an effect on heart health are things like being inactive, eating poorly, excessive alcohol consumption, and smoking.

"It's fair to say the biggest avoidable threat to heart health is smoking so the best idea is to never start, but if you are smoking we encourage you to quit now, because that's the most important thing you can do to reduce the risk of heart disease, and a variety of other serious illnesses.

"There are some factors that can increase our risk of heart disease over which we have no control, so things like age, and for women it's being post-menopausal, for men it's being over 40; people with an Indigenous heritage are also at a higher risk, as are people with diabetes and other chronic conditions, so if you are in any of those groups you need to take extra care of your heart health."

"The first step for anyone who has concerns would be to see their GP, as they are a great source of information and advice on improving heart health."

Visit [www.health.qld.gov.au/darlingdowns](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/darlingdowns) for further information.





## Caravan Rally Comes to Allora

The Australasian Touring Caravan, Motorhome and Camping Club are holding a 10-day caravan rally at the Allora Showgrounds from October 9

to 18. Local caravaners and motorhome users are welcome to drop in.

Members of the Australian Touring Caravan, Motorhome and Camping Club have selected the town of Allora, known as the 'Best Little Town on the Downs' as a gathering point and to host a get-together for the Southern Queensland and Northern New South Wales Members.

George & Patsy Alldridge, who reside in Warwick and are well known in Allora, said the Allora event would see members from within Queensland and Northern New South Wales arriving at the showgrounds up to two days prior to the start of the rally, to assist the delegates in setting up the venue.

While in the district, members would visit a number of tour attractions including the "Mary Poppins House", a number of Scenic Drives within the area, together with a number of sporting activities including golf, barefoot bowls, disc bowls and some local retail therapy.

Cec Ward the Southern Queensland & Northern NSW Delegate, said, "Our members are encouraged to spend their money within the selected town. A record of their expenditure is kept to help demonstrate the benefits to the community they visit. At our last rally held in the town of Crows Nest our members spent the sum of \$17312 which is an excellent result considering the size of the town and hopefully Allora will be no different.

Our members visit many communities through-out the year and at Allora, we are expecting over 20 vans. We hope to bring more than 40 people into the Allora Community, spending money to help boost the local economy.

During the 10-day event, our members can be recognized by wearing the club shirt or the club badge and we encourage the locals to say hello," Mr Ward said.

Local community caravaners and motor home owners who would like to know more about our club please call into the showground, where you will be made very welcome.

## Southern Downs to Receive \$2.9 million in Works for Qld Funding

On 19 September, the Minister for Local Government Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships the Honourable Mark Furner visited the Southern Downs to announce a new Works for Queensland funding package worth \$2.9 million.

Mr Furner toured a number of projects that had received funding under the Works for Queensland program this year to see the impact of the funding on the region, jobs and infrastructure. Southern Downs Mayor Tracy Dobie said she was pleased the State Government had acknowledged the Southern Downs' growing potential through the Works for Queensland funding allocation.

"The first round of funding has already contributed to job creation in our region, through projects like the Schnitzerling Street intersection upgrade, Connolly Dam pipeline upgrade, and the Morgan Park sewerage connection.

Cr Dobie said that the next round of funding will give a significant

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boost to the region as it signifies the State Government's commitment to investing in projects that will have enormous economic benefits for our region, particularly the creation of jobs.

"It also comes without any need for a contribution or matched funding from Council, and this means there is no impact on Council's budget, so it's a win for our ratepayers," she said.

- The nominated projects include:
- Recreational areas in Queens Park, Quart Pot Creek, Connolly Dam, Washpool Reserve & small villages
  - Dungaree Memorial
  - Killarney scout building refurbished into a multi-purpose Facility
  - Multi-purpose vehicle fit out of mobile library for use as a mobile disaster coordination center
  - RV friendly park at Wallangarra
  - Relocation of Rainbow FM, Men's Shed, Warwick Wood Crafters & Warwick Artist Group to a suitable location
  - Burial wall at Warwick cemetery
  - Regions art gallery upgrade
  - Stage Two of the Killarney streetscape
  - Wallangarra Urban Design
  - Developing the Stanthorpe Industrial area
  - Warwick CBD footpath improvements – Fitzroy to Victoria Street and Palmerin to Guy Street
  - Condamine River walk/cycle path
  - Fitzroy Street rehabilitation and stabilisation

"Council is working hard to attract more business and industry to our region to develop greater employment opportunities now and into the future, and these projects will help achieve this outcome: more jobs, better infrastructure and a boost to our local economy," said Cr Dobie.



Minister Furner, Mayor Dobie, & Crs Windle, Meiklejohn & McNally with project manager Ashleigh Morrow at Morgan Park.

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## Allora CWA News - September

Several members were away but the meeting covered a lot of business starting with the resolutions that have been put forward for

discussion at the State conference which Sharon Hannah and Alison Payne will attend in October. These included calling for the retention of land lines, the inclusion of blood groups on drivers licences and passports, adding photos to blue cards, accommodation options for mental health clients, the effects of water buybacks on the lower Balonne communities and removal of payphone boxes as well as many others.

This year the branch will celebrate its 95th birthday in October and the members decided to have a Morning Tea open to all especially ex-members of this and other branches as well as anyone with an interest in what we do. This will be held on the normal meeting day on 17th October at 10.30

The domestic violence liaison officer was very pleased with the good supply of items Marg and Kate collected and we will continue to collect items as this need is constant. At the moment there is a need for new underwear and soft toys that can be given to the children as something they can keep through a traumatic time.

The branch has been looking at how we can help mums and babies in the area and there have been several suggestions that we are working on and we hope to have an announcement before the end of the year. Of course we already welcome little ones to our meetings.

There will be the usual Christmas raffle with an IGA voucher, Christmas cake and Christmas pudding with tickets available from November.

Handcraft on Thursday 28th will focus on Christmas but the teachers will be available to give help with other crafts and those who want a chat are always welcome from 9 a.m. Cost \$3 including morning tea.

## BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

A farmer was busy milking one of his cows. He was just starting to get a good rhythm going when a small bug flew into the barn and started circling his head.

Suddenly, the bug flew into the cow's ear. The farmer didn't think much about it, until the bug squirted out into his milk pail.

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## Events Calendar

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### October -

- Sat 7 Allora High Tea**  
Allora Community Hall
- 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

### Fri 20 - Clifton Country Week

**Sat 28** Clifton & surrounds

### November -

- Sat 4 The Shoestring Theatre Cabaret & Dining Experience**  
Allora RSL Hall
- Tue 7 Melbourne Cup Luncheon**  
Allora RSL Hall, 11.30am
- Sat 11 Wattles Rodeo**  
Allora Showgrounds
- Sat 18 Rotary "Lifting the Lid on Mental Illness" Book Sale**  
Herbert St., Allora

### December -

- Sun 10 Combined Churches Carols**  
Begins Homestead 7.00pm, finishes at Uniting Church.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Clients wishing to include their events in the Events Calendar, must book a display (boxed) colour advertisement for the event in The Allora Advertiser, sized AT LEAST 2 column x 4 cm. Clients will then automatically receive, as a bonus, a calendar entry. These entries will be in a 2 line format as above, starting in bold with date and event, followed by venue and time.

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



## Explore new worlds at 2017 USQ Festival of Astronomy & Space

A generation ago, humans had yet to find a single planet orbiting another sun-like star outside our solar system, yet today we know of thousands of other planetary systems and a diversity of worlds.

From planet discoveries to an on-going fascination with the search for life beyond Earth, interest in astronomy and space remains strong as researchers reveal ever more about our universe.

Helping lead the way in Australia's role in the discovery and characterisation of worlds beyond Earth are researchers at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ), who will join a



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stellar international line up of speakers to share insights at the upcoming Festival of Astronomy & Space.

## Looking Back...

### Allora Croquet Club

The Allora Sports Club is to be congratulated for the restoration of the Allora Croquet Club building. Although their members were originally planning to demolish the building after taking over the lease of the site to solve the problems of vehicle and golf buggy access to the golf links, a heritage listing prevented them from taking this action. The Sports Club was successful in obtaining a Jupiter's Grant. Wendy Elwood, providor of the Club, co-ordinated local tradesmen, Richard Kyle and Paul Parker, along with volunteer members who carried out the repairs and painting.

The Allora Croquet lawn and club house was officially opened on the 26th May 1934, although the club had its beginnings in 1926 when a croquet club was formed in the grounds of St. David's Church of England. The St David's Croquet Club operated until 1932 when for unexplained reasons they were 'deprived of the use of the ground on which it had its use of the lawn'.

The members applied to the Allora Council in December 1932, for the lease of a portion of the Memorial Park to establish a new lawn. Local women Mrs Sapsford and Mrs Lickiss submitted their case that the club would be an asset to the town. Although they had practically no funds the women boldly stated that if the Allora Council granted sufficient land for two lawns they would have one in operation in six months' time. The croquet club members had already approached



Members of the Allora Croquet Club on the lawn in front of the club house.

the lessee of the land for a suitable site and had established that there was a water pipe nearby. The women asked that the Council consider erecting a gateway from the existing path and that they would later require the use of the council owned grader and roller in levelling and consolidating the ground, stating that the croquet club would be willing to pay the related expenses. They explained that in five years of establishment, St. David's Croquet Club had spent over £500 on its lawn in the church grounds.

The Allora Council granted approval of the club's use of the grounds subject to the Lands Department approval. During the time that the new lawns were being established St. David's Club members played on the grounds of St Andrew's Club. (Now the site of the Blue Care building)

The members organised fund raising activities to pay for the cost of excavation and the planting of the grass. To minimise their debts the members of the croquet club spent their Saturday afternoons weeding and levelling the site and watering the grass. The sum of £75 was borrowed from the Queensland Croquet Association to erect a

club house. There were more than two hundred people present at the opening ceremony of the Allora Croquet Club house and lawns. The members had attained their goal in fifteen months. At the ceremony the patroness, Mrs J Dodd, unfurled the club flag of white bunting with a red border bearing the club's initials A.C.C. in the centre.

At the time of completion, the total costs incurred were £295. The women had raised £195. They had liabilities of £100 including an interest free loan from the Queensland Croquet Association.

The club house was designed by Brisbane architect Mr Griffin and built by Mr Fred Edwards of Allora. The interior consisted of a reception room of 20 feet, flanked by a dressing room, kitchette and tool room. The front of the building was latticed to allow for unrestricted views of the lawns. Sun blinds on the outside could be lowered in wet or windy weather. The exterior of the building was oil stained and finished in green and white. The club badge in red and white was painted on the entrance.

Croquet was played at the Allora Croquet Club until the late 1960s. The building was then used as a Girl Guide's Hut. A play group used the premises up until the Allora Sports Club took over the lease. The building is now used to house the Sport's Club's golf buggies for hire.

Lyn Wright



The Allora Croquet Club building.

With the expansion of Mount Kent Observatory to include the MINERVA-Australis telescope array, USQ has a key role to play for the upcoming NASA space mission Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) and is delighted to be welcoming NASA's Dr Douglas Hudgins to the Festival.

Astrophysics Group astronomer Professor Brad Carter said Dr Hudgins would be discussing some of the expected findings from TESS while giving an overview of NASA's Exoplanet Exploration Program.

"The new MINERVA-Australis research facility will place Australian astronomy at the forefront of the international quest to understand nearby planetary systems by supporting NASA's TESS mission, so the Festival is a wonderful opportunity for USQ and the wider community to hear directly from Dr Hudgins about what has been learned about other planetary systems from NASA research, and what we may expect to find with TESS," Professor Carter said.

"Along with Dr Hudgins, we have a host of leading international and Australian astronomers, all of whom will give audiences fascinating insights into the wonders of the universe, from moon mysteries to the search for habitable planets outside our solar system.

"The Festival will celebrate astronomy and space in all its forms, from the basics of the night sky to some of the universe's deepest mysteries, with a series of free talks open to all."

Professor Tamara Davis – one of Australia's leading researchers from the University of Queensland, will begin the Festival with a talk on the subject on cosmology and dark matter with a presentation entitled "The Dark Side of the Universe".

Professor Fred Watson, an Australian Astronomical Observatory astronomer who many may know from regular radio and TV gigs including as resident 'space expert' on Channel 10's The Project, will share a history of our understanding of the Moon from the earliest times through to the space age.

A keynote speaker for the Festival is one of world's leading experts in the study of the atmospheres of planets around stars other than the Sun, Professor Giovanna Tinetti from the University College London, who will deliver talks for the public in Toowoomba and at the Brisbane Planetarium.

Also taking part are USQ astronomers Professor Brad Carter, Associate Professor Jonathan Horner, Dr Carolyn Brown and PhD student Belinda Nicholson.

The Festival of Astronomy & Space, coinciding with World

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1. In our body, cells release chemicals to send messages to other cells in other parts of our body. What are those chemicals called?
2. What does a male fiddler crab do to attract a mate?
3. How many muscles are there in your tongue?
4. One of the following gases is not a greenhouse gas. Is it a) ozone, b) nitrous oxide, c) methane or d) argon?
5. True or false? The pollutant carbon monoxide is odourless.

Answers in Classifieds pages

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Space Week, will include free public talks in Toowoomba, Brisbane and Springfield from October 3 to 10.

For full details or to register your interest in any of the free events, visit [www.usq.edu.au/festival-of-astronomy](http://www.usq.edu.au/festival-of-astronomy) Dr Douglas Hudgin's visit is funded as a Gift of the United States Government.

## GOLF Allora Golf Notes

No results available for last Friday's Percy's Fruit sponsored Duckrun, if players could complete their scores on their score cards and enter the results into the book that would be much appreciated.

Last Sunday's event was the Allora Butchery 2 person Ambrose with a great roll up of players to try their luck in very trying, windy conditions. The winning team with a great score of 58 was our favorite Irishman Mark Scully and Rougan Geraghty, great playing gents well done. Runners up team on 58.5 was our 'Struggling' B Grader Rod Simpson and Tom Bartholomai, well done to you both. Rundown winning teams were Jim Anderson and Iason Nightingale on 61.5 and Tom Brown and Barry Brown Jnr on 62. Pins for the 4th, Garth Simpson, 7th Barry Brown Jnr, 13th Rougan Geraghty, 16th Aaron Simpson. Approach for the 1st Kev Harrison, 10th with a beautiful shot was Jim Anderson, 5th Rod Simpson and 14th Garth Simpson. Congratulations to the winners and all players and thank you to the Allora Butchery for their continued support.

This Friday the Percy's Fruit sponsored Duckrun will be teeing from 2 pm all welcome to attend then Sunday's event teeing from 11 pm will be for the Railway Hotel Monthly Mug all players and non members welcome to attend.

Members are also reminded of our working bee on Monday 2nd to get the new womens tee on the 1st completed as well as other works on the course. Many hands make light work so as many helpers as we can get would be fantastic.

Members also need to be reminded of the upcoming AllCliff shield competition between Allora and Clifton on the 7th, keep the date in mind, more information provided in next week's notes. Until then dont forget your sandbuckets and great golfing to you all.

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## • PUBLIC NOTICES •



Allora Show Society Inc.

### GENERAL MEETING

Sunday,  
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2.00pm at  
Showgrounds Canteen.

Robyn Westerman, (Hon. Sec.)

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### Grants to Community – Round 2

Opens - 30 September 2017

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Southern Downs' not-for-profit organisations are encouraged to submit an application for Round 2 of the Grants to Community.

Council has over \$118,000 of funding remaining for 2017/18 to award to successful applicants.

If you have questions or need assistance contact Sue Harrold, Community Grants Officer, on 1300 697 372 or send an email to mail@sdrc.qld.gov.au.

For more information visit Council's website and Read the Guidelines – they have been updated.  
www.sdrc.qld.gov.au/doing-business/grants-to-community

## NOTICE OF APPEAL

Mr and Mrs Free have lodged a **Notice of Appeal** against the decision by the Southern Downs Regional Council to reject the development application for a Feedlot on Colliery Park Road/Warfield Road. A copy of the Notice of Appeal was filed on 20th September 2017, to the Planning and Environment Court of Brisbane against the decision to refuse a development application.

It is seeking the following order of judgements:

1. The appeal be allowed.
2. The development application be refused.
3. Such further or other order as the Honourable Court may require.

All submitters have a right to be heard with respect to this appeal as a co-respondent. To do this they must file a *Notice of Election* in the Planning and Environment Court by OCTOBER 5TH.

A *Notice of the Election Form* can be requested by emailing [rosemary.easton@bigpond.com](mailto:rosemary.easton@bigpond.com)



Allora Court House

Tuesday 17th October - 6.30pm

Everyone in the community is welcome to attend

Phone Wendy 0488 673 778 for more information

## • CHURCH NOTICES •

Uniting Church Allora  
9.00am Sunday Services.  
Enquiries phone 4666 3225. All welcome.

## • CHURCH NOTICES •

### Scots Presbyterian Church - Allora 12 Jubb Street, Allora

THIS SUNDAY AT ALLORA - Service/Sunday School at 9.30am.  
TUESDAY - Ladies Bible Study at 10.00am.  
WEDNESDAY - Bible Study at 7.00pm, at the church.

**MENS BREAKFAST - Saturday, 30th September, 7.20am, at church hall. Guest Speaker: PETER WIGGINS. Read Peter's short bio on back page.**

Enquiries to Pastor Elton Wiltshire 4666 3743.  
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**St Davids: Allora**  
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Wednesdays 10.00am

**All Saints: Clifton**  
Holy Communion: Sundays 8.00am

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## • SOLUTIONS •

### THIS WEEK'S SUDOKU SOLUTION

### DOUBLE HELIX QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Hormones are chemicals that allow cells to communicate.
2. To attract a mate, a fiddler crab waves its large claw furiously. The faster the wave, the more attractive it appears.
3. There are eight muscles in the human tongue. Four of them move your tongue around, and four change its shape.
4. Argon is not a greenhouse gas.
5. True. Carbon monoxide is odourless, and also colourless.

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8	2	5	1	9	7	3	4	6
7	6	9	4	5	3	8	2	1
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## Country Week - 20th to 28th October 2017

Clifton Country Week is being held in and around Clifton, on the Darling Downs. There will be something for everyone at this family friendly event which won't break the bank. The community is invited to take part.

Activities include: Queensland's only Iris & Rose Show; Markets; Art displays; Collect-O-Mania; Trivia; Fashion Parade; Movie Night; Art Auction; Barefoot Bowls; Bingo; Race Day; Decorated Shop Windows; Cart Challenge; Scarecrows Comp; Business Specials; Best Burger Comp; Walkathon; Recycling Competition, etc.

The full programme with locations and times will be on our website soon, so mark your calendars, we'd like to see you there.

Make a scarecrow to feature in your front yard, or recycle an iris and rose out of any medium, making it any size and colour !!!! Eateries in Clifton and Nobby are vying for the title "Best Berger Around" – with you, the customer, making sure your vote counts.

We are launching Country Week 2017 on Thursday 19th Oct, 5.30pm, at Clifton Railway Station. There will be a Dutch Auction with all proceeds benefiting "Can Do Cottage" Cancer respite cabin.

www.cliftonpa.org is our website. Clifton Progress Association is our Facebook page.

Bring the cameras and the kids.

## • ANNOUNCEMENTS •

### Thank you...

The Harrison family would like to express their gratitude to everyone for their condolences, kind words, messages, visits, flowers and wonderful cooking. Our Mum, Mother in law, Nana Kath, Great Grandma and friend is now at peace. Please accept this as our personal thanks.

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### ALLORA SPORTS CLUB NIGHT BOWLS RESULTS – WEEK THREE 20TH SEPTEMBER

Great to see teams organising their own substitute players. Welcome back to Liz Marshall who played for the Three Stoogers and Russell Porter who filled in for The Old Boys. Remember to advise Greg before Tuesday night if you need players. Ken Wilson did not let his team down, he and Sue drove back from their 'fur baby' sitting duties in Ipswich. Thank to Sue who helps out in the kitchen each week.

After the third week, most of the teams have had at least one win... but coming last is Beetle and his team. You can be sure that they will up there with the leaders in the next few weeks but as Beetle says 'it doesn't matter'.

Results this week – The Three Stoogers 17 v Railway Hotel 5; The Old Boys 21 v Maydan 9; Lawn Grubs 14 v Frog & Swallow 8; Zoolanders 16 v Doesn't Matter 3; Team Engel 17 v Roonicks 10; Badge Construction 22 v What Ever 6; Tramps Like Us 18 v Bold & Beautiful 12.

Have to send a get well message to poor old Chris Brown. He is falling apart with a sore ankle and bad knees! Rachel, Bruce and Ashleigh had the team's first win without him though!

Jim Pigeon was amongst the toucher winners again this week along with Beetle, Bryce T, Cate, John Wright and Glen McMillan. Thank you to the Badge Construction team who sponsor the weekly chocolate block prizes.

No problems with the number spin machine this week – we had a new operator. Taking home prizes were Bryce Turner, Spike, Dewey Mullins, Hannah, Russell Porter and Stacey. Bruce Simpson had a chance to cut the cards but was not successful. Jackpot next week will be \$80.00. Thank you to our sponsors of raffle prizes – Frog & Swallow, Whites Garage, Railway Hotel, I.G.A., Blue Cow Hotel and Allora Sports Club.

Welcome back to Bec who ably carried out the bar duties this week. Thank you to all the volunteers



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**Men's Breakfast  
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Allora Presbyterian Men's Breakfast will be held 30th September at the church hall. Our guest speaker for the breakfast is Peter Wiggins. Peter was born in Toowoomba to parents who were Christians and loved Jesus. He spent 5 years in England as an adolescent. At 15, attending Nambour High School, he accepted a position in the Land Valuation department of the Qld

government in Brisbane.

In his early teens Peter came to a personal experience of Jesus as his Saviour and Lord and was active in Sunday School and youth ministries. At 25, he left to focus on preaching the gospel which involved taking missions in central NSW and along the coast of Qld and out to Mt. Isa. Peter and his wife

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Margaret have pastored churches in Tasmania, Ayr, Dalby and Warwick. He has been privileged to preach in different churches on the Southern Downs including the Wesleyan Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Anglican Church of Christ and AOG.

Believing that the Bible is God's Word and absolutely reliable, Peter accepts God's institution of marriage between a man and a woman as the only sexual relationship the Creator accepts and blesses.

Come along and hear Peter speak and enjoy a free breakfast and good fellowship. Contact Elton (4666 3743) or Stuart (4666 3786) if you need a lift or have any questions.