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THURSDAY, 19th OCTOBER 2017



The Anglican Parish of Allora/Clifton held their Annual Fete last Friday, 13th October

ABOVE: Aussie Kids Karate demonstrations entertained onlookers at the Anglican Fete.

RIGHT: Well stocked market stalls such as this home made Jams & Preserves were a common sight at the Fete, and very popular with the patrons.



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Friday, 20th October, 5pm - 10pm

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St Paddy's Cow Pats Lottery | Art Union Raffle | School Performance 6.00pm
 Fun Cars 4Kids | Face Painting | Bottle Stall | Elvis Dress Up! | Fire Truck
 Rides | Glow Products | Bar & BBQ | Jumping Castle | Plants For Sale
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BACKUP DATE: Sun, 22 Oct, 4.00pm

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Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

On Monday 9 October, 2017, thousands of Australians across the country generously threw their support behind headspace day, kicking off National Mental Health Week. headspace day is an opportunity to educate young people on the importance of taking care of their mental health issues early, before they become more serious.

Every year, a quarter of all young Australians will experience mental health issues and we want them to know that headspace is here to help. Research shows that 75 per cent of mental health issues emerge before the age of 25. By getting on top of issues early, the chances of recovery are greatly increased. On headspace day we asked all Australians to share their personal mental health tips, telling us how they take care of their mental health. We gathered thousands of ideas to show young people the many different ways to maintain a healthy headspace.

It has been inspiring to see so many Australians share on #headspaceday, including Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, Opposition leader Bill Shorten, musicians, sports stars, and our own headspace day ambassador Anna Flanagan.

Our headspace clinicians say talking about how we take care of our mental health can encourage others to do the same. It is just as important to take care of our minds, as it is our bodies. With 100 centres across Australia, and phone and online chat service eheadspace, over the past decade headspace has enabled over 355,000 young people to access mental health care.

There is still time to support headspace just visit headspaceday.org.au, write your personal mental health tip on a headspace day postcard and share this on your social media with #headspaceday

Thank you to everyone who took part in headspace day, we look forward to your support in the future.

Sincerely,

Jason Trethowan,
CEO headspace

Dear Sir

Allora Landcare Group Inc. thanks Colin Newport for his regular dip into local history through his weekly articles in the Advertiser. We especially appreciated his story last week on our Group, admittedly a different beast now from that which he reported twenty five years ago. The story on the imminent demise of the group has thankfully not come to pass. I am delighted to report that ALG is alive, well and very active. Admittedly, following publication of the original article in 1992, there were fallow years for the group, when the prediction could easily have come true. However, particularly in the past ten years, membership has risen, as the goals of National Landcare, namely a commitment to protect and conserve our water, soil, flora and fauna ecosystems resonates with many in the community. Consequently, the group has undertaken activities in the Allora area that align with these goals and the

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Solution in classifieds section

results can be seen along the Dalrymple Creek bank near the golf course, and on Allora Mountain. ALG has close links with other like-minded groups, such as Condamine Headwaters Landcare, Killarney Bushcare Group, Millmerran and Cambooya Landcare, and Condamine Alliance and we meet regularly with them. We are part of a larger umbrella group called Darling Downs Regional Landcare. A successful state Landcare Conference held in Warwick five years ago attracted state and interstate delegates with a former Governor-General of Australia as keynote speaker. So it can be seen that ALG is here, (and hopefully) to stay. However, if we are to avoid stories like those from 1992 in the future, we must stay viable. Anyone wishing to join a dynamic group of volunteers with a healthy social and work ethic, please contact me. There are no joining or annual membership fees.

Peter Thomas
Secretary, Allora Landcare Group Inc.

Dear Editor,

It would appear that freedom of speech, freedom of thought, freedom of conscience and freedom of religion are already being outlawed in Queensland.

A Stanthorpe church had legally displayed on Queensland Rail property a sign stating that in Mark 10:6 Jesus said "God made them male and female".

Evidently same-sex marriage activists pressured Queensland Rail to have the message removed.

It is deplorable that in 2017 in Queensland, and the "free" country of Australia, the words of Jesus are no longer permitted to publicly remind people that "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Our society is degenerating fast when God's Word is being rejected, disregarded and considered to be offensive.

Let's have some backbone and common sense. May we vote

WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Min	Max
THU	Mostly Sunny. Cool.	13	22
FRI	Early Fog Followed by Sun. Mild.	11	27
SAT	Heavy Rain. Mostly Cloudy. Cool.	12	18
SUN	Light Rain Early. Morning Clouds. Cool.	11	22
MON	Early Fog Followed by Sun. Warm.	11	26
TUE	Early Fog Followed by Sun. Warm.	11	26



ABOVE: A good crowd already starting to gather in the grounds of St. David's Church in early moments of the Anglican Fete.



LEFT: Many beautiful plants and flowers could be picked up for a bargain at the plant stalls.

'NO' to a contempt for God's Word - the Bible. And may we vote 'NO' to changing our creator God's institution of marriage which is between a man and a woman. This complimentary union has greatly benefited the family, our children and our society for ages.

Peter Wiggins, Warwick

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Good News from RSL Allora Sub Branch

The new café-restaurant located at the RSL Memorial Hall has been operating for three months now. There has been a good response from locals and visitors.

The café-restaurant was created so that the hall which had been under-utilised for the past few years could become a place for locals to enjoy a meal in a congenial atmosphere and for the RSL Allora Sub Branch to generate an income for the ongoing maintenance of the building.

Our local chef, Brendan Corby has named the new café-restaurant Redbeard Ratticus. This catchy title reflects Brendan's character. He has on offer a lunch time menu of

COMING EVENTS AT THE ALLORA RSL SUB-BRANCH



REDBEARD RATTICUS



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SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER

ALFRESCO DINING DECK OPENING

Complimentary B.B.Q. sizzle from 11.30am for lunch
Games – Cornhole, Giant Jenga and Scatter
Live Music with Reckless from 4-8pm

SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

The Shoe String Theatre presents

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Doors open 7pm for Cabaret Show
2 Course Meal – \$55.00 per person

TUESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

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tasty pies, sausage rolls turkish melts and wraps or entrée size meals on offer from the regular night time menu. Diners have welcomed Brendan's weekly specials and are keen to try some new culinary delight each time they dine. Local families who have dined at the Redbeard Ratticus café-restaurant appreciate the child friendly atmosphere.

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RSL Allora Sub Branch members are appealing to all local residents to support their plan to create a facility that will benefit the community. The RSL is now more than an organisation to assist past and present servicemen and women. Their charter also includes assisting local communities. Members of local community and charity organisations will be able to utilise the facilities for fund-raising. The main hall can comfortably hold up to 80 people. The available dining area has been enhanced by the erection of a deck overlooking the parklands along the Dalrymple Creek and the heritage listed Memorial Park. Groups from 20-150 can be accommodated by using the deck and/or the meeting room and main hall.

Allora and district residents can be assured that their function, whether it be a wedding reception, birthday celebration, anniversary or wake will be professionally catered for.

The Redbeard Ratticus Café-Restaurant is open from Wednesday to Sunday from 11am for lunch or that special coffee break or if the doors are open come on in. Dinner is available from Friday to Sunday nights – eat in or take-away. Check out the Redbeard Ratticus weekly menu on Facebook. From mid-November, alfresco breakfast will be served from 8am on Saturday and Sunday.

See advertisement for upcoming events at the RSL Allora Sub Branch Redbeard Ratticus Café-Restaurant.

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Allora Rural Watch - Rural Area Police Report (01/08/17 – 12/10/17)

1/8/17: A 65 year-old Goomburra man was charged with Enter Premises and Commit Indictable Offence after driving his tractor into his neighbours property and loading it up with various property items from 3 sheds and taking it back to his place. The matter will be mentioned in Warwick Magistrates Court on 30th October.
9/8/17: A 30 year-old Allora woman was charged with public nuisance and throwing an egg at her neighbour's car as they

pulled up outside the Allora State School to drop their children off. The woman appeared in the Warwick Magistrates Court on 6th September and received a \$300 fine.

14/8/17: A 13 year-old Hendon boy was charged with unlawfully taking wildlife and dangerous conduct with a weapon after shooting a galah with a bow and arrow and leaving it to die on the road. The youth was also charged with unrelated liquor offences and placed on strict bail conditions, including exclusion from Allora and a curfew. He remains on those bail conditions until his next mention in Warwick Children's Court on 7th November.

24/8/17: A 77 year-old Deuchar man was charged with contravening a domestic violence order after an incident occurred in Allora. His matter is mentioned in Warwick Magistrates Court on 6th November.

30/8/17: An elderly couple from Stanthorpe both died from a single vehicle crash northbound on the New England Highway near Spring Creek. Speed was a major contributing factor. Police urge all road users to drive responsibly and to the prevailing conditions.

23/8/17: A Goomburra couple were both charged under the provisions of the Education Act for wilfully disturbing the good order of an educational facility after a meeting with the Allora School Principal deteriorated into aggressive abuse and threats towards the Principal disturbing the whole administration block. They both re-appear in Warwick Magistrates Court on 29th November.

2/9/17: a 40 year-old Allora female was intercepted by Warwick Road Policing Unit in Warwick Street, Allora for the purpose of a drug test. The test revealed a positive result. Police are now waiting on the results of laboratory blood tests before taking any further action.

10/9/17: Police were called out at 5am to reports that a vehicle had run off the road while attempting to pass a very wide load under Police escort on the New England Highway. An unlicensed 17 year-old Warwick male, driving an unregistered and uninsured vehicle panicked when he saw an oncoming police escort car directing him to pull over and stop. Instead of stopping for the wide load he evaded the direction of the police vehicle and drove past it, and a second police vehicle which also directed the driver to stop, heading straight for the wide load. The police vehicle turned around and drove up alongside the driver and shone his torch in the vehicle telling the driver to stop. Police observed that the driver had jumped out of the driver's seat onto his passengers lap and was attempting to control the vehicle from there, thus running off the road. The man was charged with evade police, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, driving unlicensed, unregistered and uninsured plus driving with a relevant drug present in his blood. He was bailed to attend Warwick Magistrates Court on 25th October.

18/9/17: A 35 year-old Warwick man was issued and traffic infringement notice and had his plates confiscated for 7 days after being caught on Warwick Allora Road with an expired driver's license.

23/9/17: A 22 year-old male and an 18 year old male both suffered serious injuries after a vehicle they were passengers in left Hendon Deuchar Rd, Deuchar and collided with a tree. The driver was uninjured. Police are still investigating the cause of the crash. No other vehicles were involved.

23/9/17: A 49 year-old Deuchar man was charged with high range drink driving for driving his quad bike on his property while intoxicated in the presence of Police. He will attend Warwick Magistrates Court on 25th October.

27/9/17: A 30 year-old Yangan man was charged with driving with a prescribed drug present in the blood after being intercepted by Warwick Road Policing Unit in Warwick St, Allora. He will attend Warwick Magistrates Court on the 8th of November.

09/10/2017 – Traffic Crash with injury that occurred on Arnold Street where an Australia Post worker was injured. Other driver to be dealt with at a later date.

12/10/2017 – Vehicle stolen from Jubb Street and later



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recovered at Marivale Street – vehicle was unsecured at the time.

13/10/2017 – Attempted Break and Enter at the Water Treatment Plant on Burge Road, Allora.

In summing up, we are seeing too many traffic related incidents occurring, and we need to implore Allora residents to demonstrate more vigilance and care when driving.

FOCUS ON FATAL 5 - SPEEDING, FATIGUE, INATTENTION, DRINK/DRUG DRIVING, SEATBELTS.

Even though we are in a small community and people are known to each other, residents are advised to always make sure their cars are locked and secured as well as homes – criminals are opportunists. If given the chance they will commit offences. Report any suspicious behaviour and check on your neighbours.

Please report Suspicious Incidents and Anti-Social Activity to the Police. In cases of EMERGENCY DIAL 000

Allora Police – Senior Constable Matthew Shield 4666 3222

If Allora Police are unavailable, phone Police Link 13 14 44

Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

Allora Police Station is open Monday & Thursday - 8am – 12noon. Members of the public are requested to phone the station before attending as police may have been called out on urgent business.

Looking Back...

**Allora's Past 25 years ago October
1992**

C.W.A. Celebrations

Celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the Allora Branch of the Q.C.W.A. began with a service in St. David's Anglican Church. The Allora branch was formed at a meeting held in the Shire Hall on the 3rd October 1922 with Mrs. Catherine Muir as the first president.

Current president Anita Morrish welcomed 80 guests to an anniversary luncheon held in the Community Hall. Chairman of the function, Jackie Gallagher, kept things flowing and past president, Ellie Marshall, compiled and presented the history of the Allora branch. The celebration cake, made by Lottie Darr and iced by Barbara Bell, was cut by long serving member Francie Pitkin. Entertainment was provided by Lesley Telford and Michelle Smith who also led the community singing.

**Allora's Past 50 years ago October
1967**

FAREWELL

A Farewell Tennis Evening will be tendered Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson and family at the Association Courts on Friday, 20th October, commencing 7 p.m.

Ladies please help with refreshments.
Ron May Hon. Sec.

**Allora's Past 75 years ago October
1942**

Wheat Harvest

Wheat harvesting operations have commenced in isolated instances, but it is thought it will be another two weeks before the harvest is in full swing.



Drayton Street taken in 1894.

Considerable difficulty is being met with in obtaining the necessary labour for the harvest, but some farmers are overcoming the difficulty by working in with their neighbours. In some cases assistance is being obtained from businessmen in the town, while in other cases women members of the farmers' families intend driving tractors etc.

**Allora's Past 100 years ago October
1917**

Dog Tax

At a special meeting of the Allora Shire Council on Monday, a petition signed by 133 names was received asking for the repeal of the by-law imposing a tax on dogs. After a long discussion on a motion that the by-law be abolished, the motion was defeated on the casting vote of the chairman.

**Allora's Past 125 years ago October
1892**

Fire at Allora

The flour mill owned by Messrs Gisler Bros. of Toowoomba was destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The fire was

noticed shortly after 4 o'clock by which time it had obtained a strong hold on the interior of the building. A crowd soon gathered with buckets but there was no chance of saving the mill. The heat was intense but fortunately the wind blew the flames away from adjacent buildings, and a heavy downpour of rain shortly afterwards removed all fear of the fire spreading. In about an hour the building was completely destroyed and nothing remains but a heap of fire blasted machinery and galvanised roofing iron. The origin of the fire is unknown but incendiary is suspected. Gisler brothers arrived from Toowoomba this morning. Great sympathy is felt for them and the destruction of the mill is felt to be a misfortune for the whole district.

(The flour mill was built by Francis Kates in 1871 on land in Drayton Street adjoining the now Commercial Hotel. In the photo of Drayton Street looking east from Forde Street taken in 1894, the smoke stack which was all that was left following the fire, can be seen behind the hotel)

Colin Newport

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Say "thank you" to local carers

Darling Downs locals are being asked to thank unpaid family carers this National Carers Week (15 –21 October) as a national campaign highlights just how much Australia relies on carers.

Carers Queensland is asking members of the community to post an online pledge of thanks at the National Carers Week website – www.carersweek.com.au.

In addition, Carers Queensland's Darling Downs office will be hosting various local events during Carers Week to celebrate carers and to raise awareness of who carers are and what they do. Team leader, Peter Proctor, said: "Australia counts on carers. Carers provide 1.8 billion hours of care annually at an estimated replacement value of \$60.3 billion nationally. In Queensland, carers provide 334 million hours of care annually at an estimated replacement value of \$10.5 billion."

"There are close to half a million carers in Queensland, around one in every 10 people, and National Carers Week is an opportunity to raise community awareness among all Australians about the diversity of carers and their caring roles."

The Darling Downs Carers Queensland regional office will be hosting the following event for carers and media are invited to attend (please contact the office to advise):

Carers Week Luncheon

When: 10am – 3pm, Thursday 19 October 2017

Where: Preston Peak Winery Function Centre

Carers Week Family BBQ Event

When: 11am – 2.30pm, Friday 20 October 2017

Where: Chinchilla Historical Museum

For more information about National Carers Week, visit www.carersweek.com.au or contact your local Carers Queensland office on 07 4635 8379.

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First release of new utility notices issued to ratepayers

Ratepayers in the Southern Downs region should now have received, or will soon receive, the first of the two new-look utility notices for the 2017/2018 financial year.

Those who have registered for notices by email or BPAY View will have received their utility notices earlier in the month and paper notices should have reached ratepayers' mailboxes with an issue date of October 11.

The due date for payment of the utility charges is 5pm, Friday, 10 November 2017.

Southern Downs Regional Council made the decision in June to split the General Rates and the Utility Charges and issue them in three separate notices in an effort to alleviate the financial load on ratepayers in the region.

Southern Downs Mayor Tracy Dobie said that this decision spreads the financial load for residents across the year.

"Council is aware that residents face financial constraints. This decision recognises that and aims to reduce the financial burden as much as possible," she said.

"Council has moved the Water and Wastewater Access charges off the annual Rate Notice and these have now been combined with the Water Consumption Charges to make the new utility notice.

"The utility notice will be issued six monthly, in October and April each financial year and each utility notice will account for half of the annual Water and Wastewater Access Charge," noted the Mayor.

If a ratepayer is having difficulties paying their notices by the due date, they are urged to contact Council to organise a confidential payment agreement. An approved payment agreement can:

- Allow the full balance of rates and charges (including Water and Wastewater Access charges) to be paid by 30 June 2018 by spreading the payments throughout the year in the form of regular instalments of weekly, fortnightly or monthly;
- If there are no rate arrears from a previous financial year (an opening arrears balance on the annual Rate Notice), halt any interest charges being incurred;
- Avoid recovery action and associated costs. For further information about the changes to your utility notice, or to discuss the details of a confidential payment agreement, contact Council on 1300 MYSDRC (1300 697 372).

If you have a query about the water meter readings on your utility notice, the first step you should take is read your water meter. Information about how to read your meter is included with the utility notice, and can be accessed from Council's website: -

www.sdrc.qld.gov.au/living-here/rates---property/water-meter-test



ALLORA Allora Pony Club News



Allora Pony Club Member Kira Holmes had a busy September holidays. The first week saw her representing Queensland at the Australian Pony Club National Championships and in the second week representing Zone 4 Pony Club at the Pony Club Queensland State Championships in Roma.

The 2017 Australian Pony Club National Championships were held at the Toowoomba Showgrounds from the 17th to the 22nd of September. Kira and her 13 year old Australian Stock Horse mare Semloh Sheza Belle competed in the Junior Competition (13-16 years) of the Formal Gymkhana. This was the first time the Formal Gymkhana had been included in the National Championships. The Formal Gymkhana consisted of 8 different events with results of each added to determine the overall winners. There were also two team events of Pairs and Sections (Fours).

Kira placed 3rd in the Youth Handler, 2nd in the Bondfield Bend, 4th in Stock Horse Race and 5th in Running T, to place 9th overall. There were 23 competitors in the Junior competition, with riders coming from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. Kira's Pair came 4th and her Sections Team received a 3rd place, with the Queensland Junior Formal Gymkhana Team placing 3rd overall.

The Pony Club Queensland State events hosted by Roma Pony Club were held from the 25th to the 29th of September and drew riders from all over Queensland and also an invited team of riders from New South Wales. Monday the 25th was Formal Gymkhana day were Kira received 7 ribbons out of 8 events to finish 4th overall for her age group. Tuesday saw the

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

I knew this eccentric Frenchman who raises carp in the south of France. When the carp are full grown, he catches them, skins them, and makes men's wallets out of the skins.

He is, in fact, a man known for his carp to carp walleting.



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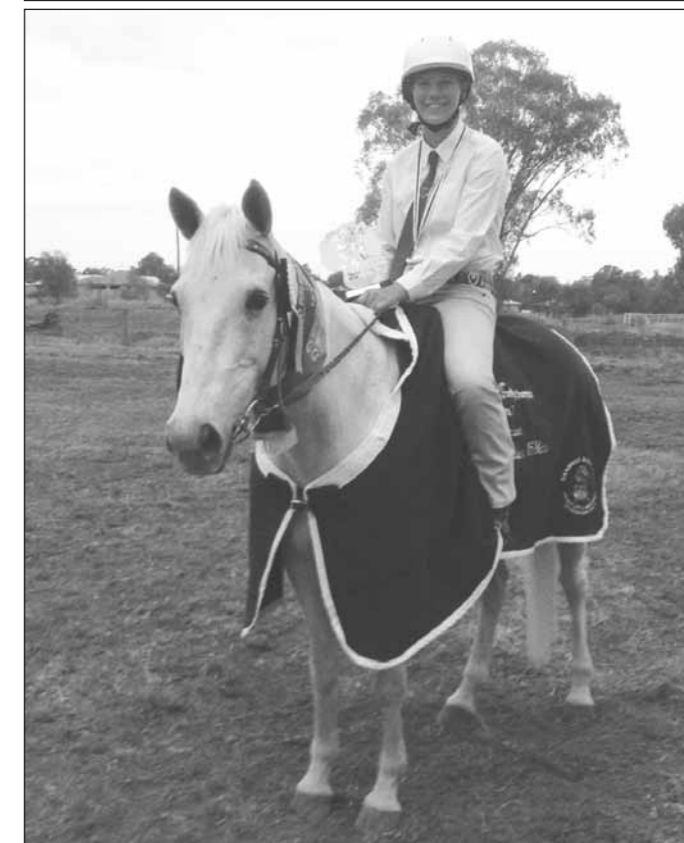
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first Stockman's Challenge for all age groups held at a Queensland Pony Club State event and with her other horse Coteeda Ima Eclipse won the 12 and under 15 years age group and was in the Zone Team that came 2nd and the winning State Team. Wednesday was Campdraft day and again riding Eclipse was 6th overall in the 12 and under 15 years age group and in the Zone Team that came 3rd. Sporting day was Thursday were riding Belle they won the Bending and were 5th in the Scudda-Ho, coming 13th overall in a group of over 30 riders. Mounted Games day was Friday and is a team event, were Kira and her team received two 5th places.

The Allora Pony Club wishes to congratulate Kira on her achievements at these events. The club has also had members competing in various other horse events both near and far and congratulate them also on their efforts. As the Pony Club year is nearing its end the Club would like to thank all of our supporters and sponsors this year.

Events Calendar

2017

October -

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 18 Wattles Rodeo
Clifton Show Grounds, Platz Oval

Sat 18 Rotary "Lifting the Lid on Mental Illness" Book Sale
Herbert St., Allora

Sun 19 Allora Swimming Club Rotary Carnival
Allora Swimming Pool, Allora, 8.00am - 4.00pm

Sat 25 Goomburra Town Hall Christmas Party
Goomburra Town Hall, 4.00pm

December -

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

Sat 16 Allora's Creekside Carols
Dalrymple Creek Park.

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.

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BOWLS

**Allora Sports Club
Night Bowls
Results**

WEEK 6 – 10th October 2017


- Weatherwise another great night for bowls, thank you to our subs Gab and Bryce R.

Results for this week were Doesn't Matter 12 d Roonicks 8; Zoolanders 23 d Whatever 17; Railway 14 d Old Boys 14 (countback of ends); Three Stooges 17 d Badge Construction 7; Bowls & Beautiful 15 d Team Engel 14; Frog & Swallow 17 d Tramps Like Us 15; May Dan 16 d Lawn Grubs 15. There were some hard fought games played as indicated by how close some of the scores were. We are midway through the season so everyone should be improving their game. Well done to you all. Winners for the night were Three Stooges and Losers - Tramps Like Us (again).

Congratulations to our Toucher winners: Rob Hoey, Moley, Tim, Peter Morton, Dooley & Barry Donegan.

Raffle winners were: James, Homma, Glen, Bryce T, David, Bryce R. Richard got to cut the cards for the \$140 jackpot but no luck - \$160 next week.

Thank you to our sponsors of raffle prizes and toucher chocolates and thank you to everyone who helps out on the night and to Moley for the great job he is doing maintaining the greens.




SCIENCE TRIVIA QUIZ

1. Which animal is more closely related to Tyrannosaurus rex – Stegosaurus or the New Caledonian crow?
2. What do predaceous fungi eat? Is it a) other fungi, b) worms or c) they don't eat?
3. What might happen to the acidity of lemonade if you stir it?
4. Why is the element copper represented by the letters Cu on the periodic table?
5. Where would you find a main-belt comet?

Answers in Classifieds pages

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The Rascals season begins

Round 1: Rascals v Allora. Grand final rematch – first game of the season, and there was rain! Well, some said there was rain and the whole round was 'washed out'. In the middle of all this, the Rascals still turned up and played some social touch and a cricket game for all who were present. A good fun way to start the season, and nobody got wet!

Round 2: Rascals v Redbacks. With Jake Christensen, player of the universe last season, declared himself as captain, everyone had a laugh and let it be! Of course, he lost the toss. Thankfully, the player of the millennium was lucky in that the Redbacks decided to bowl. So... Brad Johnson and Jake Christensen took to the crease. Jake, player of the universe by now, scored a quick and confident 12 before being dismissed. 10 overs later Brad ran himself out due to his skiing shoes, which snared a small collapse of three more wickets just before the break, leaving the Rascals at 5-64. Tom Morris added a patient 16, Mick 9 and Jamie 10. Paul Christensen entered and steadied the ship; ending up not out on 29. Overall, the 10 Rascals players finished with a score of 109 – not a great start to the season, but at least over 100!

Over the break, each team spent much time looking at the B.O.M. radar, observing the weather – at this stage we had two hours more play than expected, with some time still left before the rain hit. So... off we went to bowl out the friendly Redbacks team. And off to a flier... they were... one run in the first over... 17 in the next, 13 after that... 4+wicket...8...0...7... pitter patter.... bring out the covers... rain! Still, we could have won from there – 1-50 off seven overs... anything is possible. Today however, it was not possible, as the rain come along and took the game away. Hands were shaken, laughs shared, the weather discussed and 'that's cricket' was heard a few times. Overall, a friendly game played in the right spirit.

Rascal's Player of the Season points: 3 – Paul Christensen, 2 – Tom Morris, 1 – Brad Johnson.

Next weekend's game will be on Saturday at 12.30. More details about its location will be posted on our Facebook page, 'Railway Hotel Rascals Cricket Legends', once I remember what they are. Everyone is more than welcome to join the page. Thank you to the Advertiser and the Railway Hotel for the paper articles and sponsorship again this season. We are currently looking for other sponsorship if anyone/body/group is interested. If so, please contact our Facebook page and I will get back to you. Have a great day out there everyone.

Brad Johnson

**Southern Downs Batonbearers
prepare to share the dream of the
Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth
Games**

The Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation (GOLDOC) has announced the local batonbearers from the Southern Downs region who will carry the Queen's Baton during the 100-day countdown to the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018).


Across the community, hundreds of people will get the opportunity to engage with the Baton as it spends quality time in the region, arriving in Warwick on 29 March 2018.

From youngsters to some of Australia's most accomplished legends, the Queen's Baton Relay (QBR) recognises the achievements and aspirations of Australians from all walks of life. John Davis and Xsanthia-Rose Frith are two locals that will proudly bear the baton during its journey through our region.

John Davis has been a very active member of the Massie Rural Fire Brigade since 1982 and has been their First Officer for the last seven Years. John has been a member of Warwick's Ronin Karate since 1989, an Instructor since 1993 and their Secretary-Treasurer for 27 years. He has been an active member of the

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Endeavour Foundation Committee in Warwick since 1993, having an eldest son with Downs Syndrome. At 74 years of ages and still working a rural property, John is an inspiration in regards to his fitness, community involvement and willingness to take on positions of responsibility.

Xsanthia-Rose Frith is a 13-year old Gurindji girl from Warwick. She is extremely proud of her Indigenous heritage, shown through performing songs in Gurindji for school, her attendance at cultural gatherings in 'Country' at Kalkarindji, showing children how to paint and sing in the aboriginal style. She is the great-granddaughter of Vincent Lingiari. Xsanthia has strong values and is prepared to stand up for them. She supports her friends when they struggle and is a good mediator. She relates well to students of all ages and loves sport. She always plays games in a good spirit and has strong creative artwork. Xsanthia also enjoys French and French choir and attended a writing workshop at the University of Southern Queensland. Collectively across the country, batonbearers will take more than a million steps to bring the Baton to its final destination, the Games' Opening Ceremony on 4 April 2018.

The uniquely designed Baton starts its Australian journey on 25 December 2017, 100 days before the Opening Ceremony. For one month during the school summer holidays, the Queen's Baton will visit major events, iconic landmarks and children's hospitals.

From Canberra on 25 January 2018, the Baton will switch gears to a traditional Relay and be carried by great Australians through QBR celebration communities around the country. Street level and community celebration details will be announced on 17 November.

Since its launch from Buckingham Palace on 13 March 2017, the Baton has inspired athletes and fans across Africa, the Caribbean, the Americas and Europe. Currently it is in Malaysia and is set to visit the remaining 15 Commonwealth nations in Asia and Oceania before arriving in Brisbane on Christmas Eve.

It will be 60 years since a Baton first carried Her Majesty's message to athletes of the Commonwealth at the Cardiff 1958 British Empire and Commonwealth Games in Wales. GOLDOC showcased the uniforms batonbearers will wear today for the first time.

Batonbearer names and the communities that they will carry the Baton in are available at www.gc2018.com/qbr. Those selected to carry the Queen's Baton in the Warwick leg of its journey to the Gold Coast Games includes:

- Rex Baguley, Warwick
- Linda Coombes, Warwick
- Xsanthia-Rose Frith, Warwick
- Michael Hayes, Stanthorpe
- Samantha Kennedy, Currumbin Valley
- Nathaniel Leigh, Newtown
- Aaron Payne, Warwick
- Angelina Sims, Stanthorpe
- Amy Bradfield, Rosehill
- John Davis, Warwick
- Laura Geitz, Bulimba
- Tshintia Kendall, Pormpuraaw
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- William Reardon, Warwick

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GOLDOC Chairman Peter Beattie AC said "We couldn't be more excited for the batonbearers who will be a part of this rich tradition. We are honoured to have so many great Australians carry Her Majesty's message for Gold Coast 2018 and we look forward to celebrating their stories and inspiring generations to come.

"For the batonbearers, this will be a rare and unforgettable experience," he said.

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Play Group Reboot for Allora

St Patrick's School Allora has recently registered with Play Group Queensland. Allora's playgroup dissolved recently when a regular venue was no longer available to them. Members of the community approached the school and the rest is history. Last Wednesday, a number of parents and carers from the community attended the school's first Play Group session. Over fifteen children enjoyed a morning of fun, laughter and games. Groups like these are a wonderful way for parents to network and for children to socialise. This important socialisation provides a perfect platform for kindy programs. The playgroup is very fortunate to have the assistance of Roslyn; an experienced early childhood educator. The group will meet every fortnight on the Parish Meeting Room Verandah off MacKillop Lane, at the rear of the school. The next session will be held on the 25th of October from 9.30am. Children should have a snack, a hat and some water with them. There is no cost and all parents and carers are welcome.



Early Childhood Educator Roslyn with Play Group kids & their parents.

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DOUBLE HELIX QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Like all birds, the New Caledonian crow has more in common with T. rex than T. rex does with a Stegosaurus.
2. b) Fedeaceous fungi have specialised structures to trap tiny nematodes, or worms, which they then digest and absorb.
3. Dissolved carbon dioxide means from the isle of Latin word Cuprum, which gets its name from the Roman names. Copper that refer to their ancient copper, have symbols on the periodic table, like many common elements.
4. Many common elements might make it less acidic. of fizzing bubbles. This carbon dioxide in the form of lemonade releases the
5. Main-belt comets are any asteroids between Mars and Jupiter that behave a bit like comets, releasing a tail of gas and dust as they orbit the Sun.

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Mens Breakfast speaker Brad Dewson, is an electrician by trade, but felt God leading him to study at Queensland Theological College to be a minister in 2013. Previously Brad had been the youth leader at Christ-life Presbyterian Church in Toowoomba.

Brad is married with two children, lives in Goondiwindi, Qld and has been the minister of the Presbyterian church there since the beginning of the year. He grew up in Wee Waa and has since lived in Toowoomba and Brisbane. Brad enjoys footy, being outside, pizza, yarning to people and discovering what the Bible has to say about everyday life.

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