



Members and guests at QCWA Allora Branch's 95th Birthday - Back table: Margaret Ryan, Trish Thornberry, Kate Gordon, Joan Mutch, Kay Graham (facing away), Carolyn Anderson, Elizabeth Crombie. Front table: Anne Sackley, Olive Shooter, Barbara Weir, Heather Whitton.



## Allora QCWA 95th Birthday

Allora CWA held a very short meeting for October but it was busy with donations voted for the Allora School and the Show Society as usual. Further work on the building was approved and a committee formed to submit grant applications for the renovation of the

kitchen. This will improve the service we can offer the community. Sharon Hannah and Alison Payne will attend the State conference in Brisbane this week.

Big news was the decision that the branch would host Once Upon a Song, a learning program devised by Ros Lakeman and previously offered on the coast. This will start on November 6 and take children over 6 months and under 5 accompanied by a parent, grandparent or other carer and will be followed by morning tea. You can book with Ros on 0414 545 854. We are very happy to offer this advantage to children in Allora for the cost of a gold coin.

With business over we welcomed visitors from the community as well as past members who braved the wild winds to enjoy the birthday cake and the usual sandwiches and cakes. The

influence of Country Kitchens showed with sweet Bean Brownies and savory Vegetable and Feta mini muffins and fresh fruit. The rooms were decorated with evidence of handcraft, floral art, international activities as well as fresh flower arrangements. Olive Shooter and Trish Thornberry entertained and guests enjoyed themselves until lunch time. Now we have to think of CWA's centenary in 5 years.



Olive cutting the birthday cake.



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**Letters to the Editor...**

Dear Editor,  
 Allora Rural Neighbourhood Watch Area Co-ordinator's Report - October 17th 2017 - February 2018 will mark the 25th year of service to the community by the Allora Rural Neighbourhood Watch Zone Co-ordinators – a great achievement in anyone's terms. Also, the NHW kits, with metal signs included, are still available for the original cost of \$5.  
 I encourage every household and property to purchase one. I commend Senior Constable Matthew Shield as well as all police officers who have manned the Allora Station this year for their continued commitment to safety in our district and their support of NHW. I would also like to thank Rhonda Matson, MaryLou Gittens & Bernice Flesser for their continued assistance as treasurer, secretary & requisition officer respectively, & Kaye Mullins who audits our books.  
 Condolences were sent to Bert Houtsma who recently lost his dear wife, Rikki. Both were staunch supporters of our NHW with Rikki as our treasurer for many years. Sadly missed. Some of our members worked at the Allora Community Auction,



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raising money which assists us with the cost of printing & delivering the bi-monthly newsletter via the Allora Advertiser. Our bi-monthly meetings are interesting, friendly & informative & still well attended, even though we are all getting older. It's interesting to note that, as a direct result of information on the newsletter, arrests for theft have been made. It works! Earlier this year, the Honour Board that commemorates all Co-ordinators & Police Officers in our NHW area, was unveiled. We are very grateful to Ken Petersen & Brett Bender who generously donated much of their costs of fabrication. Unfortunately, none of our members could attend the National Police Remembrance Day Service in Warwick this year so I sent a message on behalf of our group to be read at the service.  
 Once again, I wish you all a happy and healthy year ahead and thank you for your continued friendship and support.  
 Kind regards,  
 Wendy Ardrey, Area Co-ordinator (2016/2017)

Dear Editor,  
 Well it didn't take long for an unplanned addition to the upgrade of the PL Travers Park. This took the form of tyre skidmarks across the footpath around the park. The issue here is that this is not a surprise for Allora, which is a great pity. The upgrade of the PL Travers Park has been a bone of contention for some Allora residents. There has been many views on the subject with the main viewpoints against being "the money could be better spent for other more urgent needs" and that "nobody uses the park anyway".  
 Firstly, the grant funding for this work is specifically for this type of project. Also the concept for the upgrade of this park had long been debated by Allora locals.  
 Secondly, recently and just prior to the commencement of work on the park, there have been family groups of 10 to 20 adults

**WEATHER FORECAST**

Day	Forecast	Min/Max
THU	Mostly Sunny. Warm.	15 30
FRI	Sunny. Warm.	13 27
SAT	Morning Clouds. Warm. Dry.	13 30
SUN	Showers Late. Broken Clouds. Warm.	17 31
MON	Morning Clouds. Warm.	17 33
TUE	Mostly Sunny. Mild.	11 25




Laura Geitz with the NEP film crew outside Allora Regional Sports Museum.

and children using the park on the weekends. There are mums with bubs and/or dogs taking a break from their walkies. The real waste of money will now be the cost of cleaning up this mess.  
 G.A., Herbert St Resident.

Dear News Editor,  
 The current so-called "marriage equality" debate invites the obvious question: why do we have marriage in the first place? While there are a number of valid answers to this, the words of our Lord Jesus Christ deserve careful consideration. He teaches that, in the eternal state, there will be no such thing as marriage. (Matthew 22:30). The reason is not hard to find: there being no death in the eternal state, and it being fully populated, there will be no need for human reproduction.  
 Of course, living in an imperfect world here below, things do not always work out as they should - but our Lord's words indicate that fundamental to the core purpose of marriage is the possibility, and indeed the expectation, of having children. In a marriage between one man and one woman, there is – all being well – this possibility. In a homosexual sexual partnership – call it what you will – there is no possibility whatsoever of this occurring. Hence, it is surreal, to say the least, to call such a union "marriage equality" - it is nothing of the sort! Although people who find themselves same-sex attracted deserve our sympathy, the answer is not to re-define marriage, contrary to its most fundamental purpose.  
 Without claiming that this is all that could be said on this matter, this is reason enough to vote NO in the postal plebiscite. God's Word has spoken – and with good reason.  
 Yours sincerely,  
 Presbyterian Church of Queensland.

*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.*

 **IT IS DISHEARTENING** to see our young bike riders desecrating our new pathways around PL Travers Park. Lets take pride in our town fellas!



Laura Geitz alongside her display of sports memorabilia within the Allora Regional Sports Museum.

**Laura's Queensland**  
 NEP Australia, the host broadcaster of the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth games arrived in Allora last Friday to film preview material to promote the Games. They are making 20 vignettes which will feature athlete profiles or stories surrounding the games; as well as six 30 minute preview shows.  
 Laura Geitz, a Commonwealth Games Gold Medalist and a proud Queenslanders is heavily involved in the production of the preview material.  
 It is important broadcasters get a feel for the host country of the Games. Laura has been asked to pick her favourite Queensland destinations which allow international viewers to get an insight into the state.  
 In a segment that is called "Laura's Queensland", Laura has selected Brisbane, Allora, Queen Mary Falls at Killarney, and Cairns as the destinations she wants to share with the world. The Allora Regional Sports Museum proudly hosted the Team on their visit to Allora.  
 The segments will be delivered over the next four months. The Brisbane segment went out to rights holding broadcasters around the world earlier in October, while Allora will be part of November's delivery, appearing on one of our local commercial television stations.

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### Scope Club Annual Dinner

On 11th October Scope Club of Allora Inc. held their annual Friendship Dinner by Members and previous recipients of their Community Award. This year the award was presented to Brett Bender for his service to Scope Club Zone & National as well as what he does locally in the community. We also inducted two new members, Gayle Sternback and Roanne Roger-Jones. We welcome you to the Scope Family.

**RIGHT:** Daphne Whatley with new members Roanne Roger-Jones and Gayle Sternbeck.

**BELOW:** Daphne Whatley presenting Brett Bender with award



### Looking Back...

#### Reverend John Watson

The Allora Historical Society recently received an enquiry from Margaret Yarnton, the great-granddaughter of the Reverend John Watson, a former minister at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. When the Rev. John Watson carried out his ministry in Allora, the church was located on the corner of Forde Street and Warwick Street. (Now the site of the Blue Care building) The church faced Forde Street. In early 1894, John brought his wife and young family by horse and buggy from Goondiwindi where he had been the minister. John had taken the horse and buggy as payment for arrears of his stipend that was owing to him. According to church history, taking the buggy caused a stir but John was exonerated of misconduct.

The Allora district was also suffering the same drought and depression conditions as the Goondiwindi district. The financial situation of the Allora church during the mid-1890's went from bad to worse. The

minutes of the church meetings reveal negativity and pessimism by the congregation. John Watson also suffered the indignity of being compared with the previous minister John Morrow who had died in office at the early age of 37. Some withdrew their support and sometimes actively worked against John Watson. John Morrow must have made a big impression on his flock. There is a rather large monument on his grave in the Allora cemetery, erected by the congregation of St. Andrew's Church. John Watson's wife Benjeanie died in childbirth in Allora in 1896. Margaret Yarnton has discovered that her great-grandmother is buried in an unmarked grave in the Allora cemetery. She plans to erect a memorial plaque.



The original St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Forde Street

With three young sons to care for, John continued his ministry in Allora. The Allora Guardian printed the subject of his many sermons delivered in St. Andrew's Church. There are reports of discussions at the Presbyterian General Assembly in Brisbane of John's disputes regarding his stipend. He offered to resign as soon as his stipend was paid. The dispute was only resolved when the church was mortgaged to pay the Rev. Watson.

The Allora Guardian reported that John Watson planned to travel to America where it was thought he had relatives. A complete list of his household furniture, personal effects and stock was listed for auction. John Watson was given a farewell social by the congregation of the Allora district. Margaret Yarnton has not found any evidence that her great grandfather took his young family to America. She writes "I have been deeply moved by the grief and loss he faced (he was widowed a second time in Dunolly, Victoria, when his second wife died in child birth, leaving him alone with five young children to care for), along with incredible hardships and challenges - emotional, mental, financial and physical. All this with no apparent compassion or support from the church".

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Rev. John Watson (back right) with his father James and his three sons. Photo courtesy Margaret Yarnton

Lyn Wright



#### QCWA Offers Bursaries

QCWA Condamine Valley/Warwick Branch is offering two bursaries, to students completing Grade 12 this year and going onto Tertiary studies next year, said the Branch's Marketing and Publicity Officer, Mrs. Penny Campbell-Wilson.

Each Bursary is worth \$1,500.00 to male or female students and who may be experiencing some financial difficulties. The bursaries are open to students who reside in the QCWA Border Division area and this includes Allora, Clifton, Yangan, Killarney, Warwick, Stanthorpe, Glen Aplin and Wallangarra.

Application forms are available from the QCWA Condamine Valley/Warwick Rooms, 76 Grafton Street, Warwick. The Rooms are open until 1.30pm, each week day, Mrs. Campbell-Wilson said.

The application requires written proof of achievement, demonstrate the need for financial support, details of continuing course and three character references. Applications close on 19th January, 2018.



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I said, 'That's impossible. Cats don't get prizes in budgie shows.'

My uncle said, 'No, a budgie got the prize and my cat ate the budgie.'

## Partnership to help protect Queenslanders

Ergon Energy is calling on local State Emergency Service (SES) groups to apply for grants to purchase vital emergency equipment through the Energising Qld SES Equipment Program.

Ergon Energy and Energex, through parent company Energy Queensland, have joined forces with Powerlink to provide \$200,000 in grants for SES groups to purchase equipment to help them protect Queenslanders when they need it most.

Energy Queensland CEO David Smales said Energex and Ergon field staff often work alongside SES volunteers in disaster response situations and many Energy Queensland staff in regional Queensland are SES volunteers.

"When disasters strike Queensland, our crews are often seen working shoulder to shoulder with SES volunteers with one goal – to assist with community recovery," Mr Smales said.

"No doubt this summer our crews will again be working with SES volunteers so we are very happy to provide this financial assistance for the purchase of new equipment ultimately for the benefit of the community."

Queensland Fire and Emergency Services SES Assistant Commissioner Peter Jeffrey said SES volunteers are ready and willing to help communities around Queensland during difficult and challenging times.

"This specialist equipment will mean our SES volunteers can continue to provide assistance to residents with storm damage, land search, road crash rescue, vertical rescue, flood boats, traffic management, agency support, incident management and specialist rescue," Mr Jeffrey said.

"When severe weather events and emergencies occur, our SES volunteers are a welcome and comforting sight to Queenslanders in need and it is great to see them given the tools they need to fulfil their roles."


SES groups can find out more about the grants through the SES Volunteer Portal or their Regional Office.

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1. Which constellations can you use in the southern hemisphere to determine due south?
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4. Which part of the elephant is responsible for its cooling?
5. True or false? An anteater's tongue is longer than its body.

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## PHN provides extra drug and alcohol treatment funding for Drug ARM Warwick and Goondiwindi

An extra \$70,000 in Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services (DATS) will be provided to Drug ARM to deliver extra services in the towns of Warwick and Goondiwindi. This is an extension of the already existing contract for Drug ARM with Darling Downs and West Moreton PHN. The funding aims to provide an extra 360 service contacts or appointments for this area.

"Warwick and Goondiwindi have a real need for extra services to combat the methamphetamine problem and this funding will allow for more much needed drug and alcohol treatment services," according to Darling Downs and West Moreton PHN Chief Executive Officer Ms Simone Finch.

Funding from the Australian Government's Drug and Alcohol Program is being allocated by the Darling Downs and West Moreton PHN on a needs basis and has taken into account the shortage of commissioned services in these communities. It complements the Commonwealth's significant investment under the National Ice Action Strategy.

"During the 'Community Ice Forums' David Littleproud MP hosted earlier this year, it became clear there was a need for new drug and alcohol treatment services in Warwick. This was reinforced last month during a public consultation event hosted by the PHN in Warwick and Goondiwindi," Ms Finch said.

"It is the commitment of the PHN to provide the right services in the right place for people who need them."

Chief Executive Officer of Drug ARM Jody Wright said, this new funding allows more service contact which means more appointments and therefore greater access to services. We believe this will help people who have limited access to transport or health services in general to receive the treatment they need at a suitable time.

"Drug ARM workers are here to help people who have significant barriers to overcome in relation to their alcohol and other drug use. Our clinical team considers the person as a whole and deals with other issues they may have including legal, family, mental health and employment."

Federal Member for Maranoa David Littleproud held community

ICE forums to facilitate an open and honest discussion and was pleased about the extension of services to combat addiction. "That's why I held these forums – to connect the community with government departments to establish what was, and wasn't, working in different regions. I'm glad local voices have been heard and the PHN allocated additional services for a better targeted approach in my electorate," Mr Littleproud said. "While this service boost is a good starting point, we still need more support for rural communities and I will continue to work to ensure services continue to improve.

"As a father of three boys, the ICE scourge scares me because I've heard the heart-breaking stories of parents who watch helplessly as their children suffer the horrific consequences of addiction – that's why a targeted approach is so important and

## The Allora Community Directory...

### ORGANISATIONS

**Allora Community Circle** - Meets on the 4th Thursday 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 16 Jubb Street, Allora, 8.30am to 12.00pm. All welcome. President Glenn Miller 0408 063 387, Secretary Stuart Campbell 4666 3499. Email [alloramensshed4362@gmail.com](mailto: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 Schnitzlering 0418 756 498 or Shirley Cornhill 0427 100 210.

**Blue Care Shop** - 46 Warwick St, Allora 4362, open 9.00am - 4.00pm Tuesday and Friday. All donations are welcome and appreciated.

**Friends of the Homestead** - Meets on the 2nd Monday 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

**St. Patrick's Parish Pastoral Council** - McKillop House (old convent) Warwick St., Allora. Contact 4666 3377 and leave a message.

**TACK (Team Allora Country Kingdom)** - Meets 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at 12 Jubb Street, 7.00pm - 9.00pm. Contact Tony on 0403 265 440 for more information.

**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](mailto: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 Amateur Swimming Club** - Meets Tuesday afternoons at 4.30pm at the Allora Swimming Pool. Contact Shannon Sparksman 0472 712 344

**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 6.45pm - 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 [bobbytyllyer@hotmail.com](mailto:bobbytyllyer@hotmail.com). Web site [www.southerndownsrifleclub.websyte.com.au](http://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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## Southern Downs secures major infrastructure funding from the State for water pipeline

Last Wednesday's announcement by the State Government that it will contribute \$3,939,000 (60%) towards the construction of a second water pipeline from Storm King Dam to Mount Marlay in Stanthorpe has been welcomed by Southern Downs Regional Council. Council will contribute \$2,626,000 (40%), making the total value of the project in the order of \$6,565,000. Southern Downs Mayor Tracy Dobie said there is no other local government authority in Queensland that has received this level of funding from the State Government's Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program.

"This is a tremendous outcome for the funding of critical infrastructure in our region and means that ratepayers' funds are being used to their full potential with matching funding. "This project is likely to generate local employment and support investment in Stanthorpe, as well as ensuring the security of water delivery to Stanthorpe's residents and businesses," she said.

The project will realise construction of an 8,940 metre pipeline to replace the existing raw water pipeline between Storm King Dam and the Mount Marlay Water Treatment Plant, constructed in 1954, and will need to be completed by 30 June 2019. Council is enjoying continued success in attracting substantial levels of funding to support capital works and other projects, the magnitude of which has never been seen in the region before.

The water pipeline funding triumph follows other successful funding applications that have been made recently by Council. In partnership with John Dee, Southern Downs Regional Council accessed \$4,900,000 to bring forward the expansion of the John Dee facility, creating over 200 direct and indirect jobs. Council representatives have been working with a number of existing and new businesses to further explore funding to support employment.

Additionally, significant funding of more than \$11 million has been secured by Council through the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements to repair or replace important road infrastructure. The lessons from the last major flood event, where Council did not qualify for works, have been learnt and this is an outstanding result, with potentially more funding to be forthcoming for betterment initiatives.

The Mayor pointed out that other funding has been received this financial year for tourism, libraries, traffic management, traffic safety, bridge replacement (Palmer's), blackspots, training for seniors, regional arts, cycle paths, trainees, planning, pest management, fire trails and disaster management.

"Almost every area of Council has been successful in obtaining funding," she said.

"The combination of effective and consistent advocacy directed

to the other two tiers of government combined with the high standard of funding applications being prepared by staff is ensuring that where there is an opportunity to have ratepayers' funds matched by the other levels of government, it is seized upon," said Cr Dobie.

The Mayor went on to say that Council's improving financial position means that more circumstances for larger scale projects that deliver a dividend to the community may arise in the future; however Southern Downs Regional Council remains on the financial watch list and must be conservative in the management of its finances.

"Positive environments attract investment, visitors, employment and funding. The Southern Downs region is fast becoming a place that the State and Federal governments are looking at to get things done and trial innovative practices or service delivery, as well as a place for business to invest," highlighted Cr Dobie.

The Mayor emphasised that Council will continue to apply for funding wherever there is a possibility to leverage the most out of ratepayers' funds and will maintain a focus on advocacy with the other two levels of government to sustain prosperity.

## The Invasive Pests Control Scheme & Commercial/Industrial Properties

The Invasive Pests Control Scheme (IPCS) was introduced on July 1, 2017 and requires owners of all relevant land to demonstrate adequate control of invasive pests on their land, in line with the general biosecurity obligation imposed by the Biosecurity Act 2014. Council will assist landholders meet their invasive pest control responsibilities through provision of advice and assistance with best practice control methods and other initiatives.

Council is aware there is some confusion in the community about the Invasive Pests Control Scheme and how it might impact commercial properties.

The IPCS includes all properties within those general rating categories that are most likely to be impacted by invasive pests. These rating categories include:

- Residential 4;
- Commercial and Industrial – Town & Rural;
- Agriculture and Farming 1, 2 & 3;
- Horticulture 1, 2 & 3;
- Extractive;
- Private Forestry;
- Special Uses; and
- Other.

Following consultation with the community, and prior to commencement of the IPCS, commercial and industrial lands not likely to be impacted by invasive pests were removed from participating in the Scheme; namely those properties within the rating categories of "Major Shopping Centres" and "Commercial and Industrial – CBD".

Lands in the "Commercial and Industrial – Town & Rural" rating category were retained in the IPCS, as many of these properties were likely to be impacted by invasive pests.

Council recognises there are commercial properties within the "Commercial and Industrial – Town & Rural" rating category for which invasive pests will not be an issue – particularly business places in towns that are essentially 'bricks and concrete'. Owners of these properties are required to submit a Control Works Form to comply with the requirements of the IPCS.

Council officers are noting the numbers of these properties as Control Works Forms are received. This is the first year of the IPCS and the inclusion of the "Commercial and Industrial – Town & Rural" rating category will be reviewed prior to the roll out of the IPCS in 2018/2019.

Council thanks all those landowners who have participated in the IPCS.

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## Events Calendar

2017

### October -

- 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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## Allora Sports Club - Night Bowls Results

WEEK SEVEN, 17TH

OCTOBER 2017 - Progressive totals – Frog & Swallow, Lawn Grubs, Bowls and Beautiful and Maydan are on 10 points; The Three Stoogers – 8; Zoolanders, Roonicks, and the Old Boys - 7 points; Team Engel, Badge Constructions, Railway and Tramps Like Us – 6; Doesn't Matter – 4 and What Ever -2.

There were some very close games and some great shots despite the wind factor. Thank you to all the people who played substitute. Special thanks to Rex who came in from Hendon at the last minute. Results this week – Tramps Like Us 17 v Zoolanders 14; Badge Construction 17 v Team Engel 15; Lawn Grubs 21 v Roonicks 14; Bowls and Beautiful 15 v Frog and Swallow 11; Maydan 20 v The Three Stoogers 18; Railway Hotel 16 v Doesn't Matter 13; The Old Boys 14 v What Ever 7.

Ashleigh surprised us all. We had hardly started the first end and the toucher bell rang. It was not long before 'toucher' was called six times. Winners of Badge Construction blocks of chocolates were Moley, Richard, Andrew, James, Alan and Jim.

Congratulations to David Sparksman who took home the jackpot prize of \$140.00. Peter and Jim won a six pack each, Cody won the Railway Hotel pizza prize, Gade was very pleased with his fruit tray, Dennis won the team trophy while James won the Blue Cow sponsorship of a \$15.00 cash prize. Thank you to all donors of prizes.

Congratulations to the Maydan team, Russell, Reagan and Bryce who took home the winner's trophy and to the Frog and Swallow team for winning the runners-up prize.

Moley is doing a great job of looking after the green and surrounds. Did hear that he gets peeved when he has to repair the dents made from bowls that bounce as they are delivered! Coming event – Clifton Clock competition on 11th November. This is always a very popular day so get your name down early.

Great to see Donna behind the bar. Thumbs up to Wendy for preparing a tasty supper and to Sue for helping out in the kitchen.

Lyn Wright



Enjoy a game soon!  
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## Picture Perfect weather in the Snow!

A small hard working group of Year 10s worked continuously for 12 months to raise just under \$8000 to provide funds to assist them with expenses for their 2017 annual excursion to Canberra. They are very grateful for the support for their endeavours from local businesses and organisations such as the Scope Club, the Warwick Credit Union, the Show Society, the Chaplaincy Committee, the RSL, the Railway Hotel and IGA Allora.

The excursion, now in its 26th year, again provided the students with experiences of a life time. Travelling with other Year 10s from Killarney State School, the students travelled by bus through the night on September 29th to reach the National Capital by lunch time the next day. After unpacking and settling in at the Sundown Motel, the students headed out for dinner to experience an a la carte meal at Jamie Oliver's Restaurant before climbing Telstra Tower to get a 360 degree view of the city by night.

An early rise on Sunday 1st October, made even earlier by the introduction of Daylight Saving, saw a bus load of sleepy students heading down to Cooma. After sourcing snow gear and toboggans, the group headed up to see Australia's high country. A chair lift ride at Perisher took students to the top to view a picture perfect vista of the recent snow falls on the mountains. The students then spent the day slipping and sliding down the slopes, throwing snow balls and



Tahlia White, Madelyn Fitzgerald, Paige Bain and Abigail Collins have fun in the snow.

building snow sculptures.

The students continued their action packed itinerary throughout the week, visiting the Lodge, the Governor General's residence and Yarralumla, to see the embassies from various countries around the world. They participated in a mock House of

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### • 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.

**REMINDER: MENS BREAKFAST - Saturday, 28th October, 7.20am, at church hall. Guest Speaker: BRAD DEWSON. Brad's bio appeared in last week's Allora Advertiser.**

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#### POSTPONEMENT

Due to inclement weather the  
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#### THIS WEEK'S SUDOKU SOLUTION

#### DOUBLE HELIX QUIZ ANSWERS

1. The Southern Cross and the two pointers can help you find south. Follow the long arm of the Southern Cross to where it meets the perpendicular bisector of the two pointers and then follow this point straight down to the horizon to find true south.
2. The ounce is an imperial measurement of mass, often written as oz. One ounce is equal to about 28 grams.
3. Yes. Elements named after scientists include bothum, copernicium, curium, einsteinium, fermium, lawrencium, meitnerium, mendelevium, nobelium, roentgenium, rutherfordium, seaborgium and oganesson.
4. An elephant's highly vascular ears allow blood to circulate close to the surface, cooling it as the ears flap in the breeze.
5. False. They can grow up to almost two metres long and their tongue is a mere 60 centimetres long.

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#### Funeral Notice

BALL, Betty Viola May - of Allora, formerly of North Ipswich. Passed away peacefully 22nd October 2017. Aged 90 Years

Dearly loved Wife of Morris (dec'd.). Much loved Mother and Mother-in-law of Juanita and Ross (dec'd.) Geitz, much loved Gran to Carla and James, Laura and Mark and adored G-G to Harry, Ellie and Barney.

Family and friends are invited to attend Betty's Funeral Service to be held at 10.00am Friday, 27th October 2017 in St. Thomas' Anglican Church, Lawrance Street, North Ipswich followed by interment in the Warrill Park Lawn Cemetery.

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#### Funeral Notice

DEACON, Vivienne Dawn (nee May) - Late of Allora, passed away peacefully on 19th October 2017.

Beloved Wife of Jim. Dearly loved Mother and Mother-in-law of Janece and Ron; Craig and Kerri; Jamie and Mandy. Loving Nana to their families. Loved Sister of Marilyn and Doug (dec'd.).

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Celebration of Viv's Life, to be held at St. Andrew's Uniting Church, 44 Warwick Street, Allora, commencing at 1.00pm, Today (Thursday), 26th October 2017.

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Representatives session in the Parliamentary Education Program at Parliament House. Evan Emms took on the role of Prime Minister and Amy Harrison lead the opposition in a vigorous debate about introducing a new sugar tax. As parliament was not sitting, the parliamentary guide was also able to show students through Senate and the House of Representatives chambers. At the Australian War Memorial, the students took part in a wreath laying ceremony, where the School Captains participated in a

short solemn service at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Students then toured the many displays where they were able to find out for themselves more about the history of Australia's involvement in war.

After a guided tour of the Australian Institute of Sport, a visit to the Mint, the National Art Gallery and the Museum of Democracy,

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Allora State School Captains Evan Emms and Amy Harrison lay a reef at the Australian War Memorial.

the itinerary was complete. It was then time for the 16 hour trip back to Queensland, arriving home on Friday October 6, very tired, but with plenty of good memories and stories to tell their friends and families for years to come.