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Allora's award winning young inventor

A young Allora student has been rewarded as one of the leading young inventors in Australia for her 'Dog of Technology (D.O.T)' invention as part of Origin's annual littleBIGidea competition.

From over 1,000 entries received nationally, 12-year-old Jasmine Eldridge from Allora State School has been rewarded in the Grade 7 - 8 category with \$1,000 and participated in an Engineers Without Borders (EWB) design workshop with other finalists in Brisbane to help further develop her idea.

Following this workshop, Jasmine will be invited to provide a final pitch of her idea to the judging panel for her chance to be selected as the National Winner for her age category and win a trip to NASA Kennedy Space Centre in the USA.

Jasmine's award winning 'Dog of Technology' (D.O.T) is designed as an aid to assist children with autism. D.O.T is a robot dog which helps remind kids to take medication and has a button to notify family via email or text if they are needed in an emergency. D.O.T also has a removable collar that can be used as a GPS wrist band and features LED lights programmed to flash in sequences to assist the child in calming down. D.O.T is user friendly, portable and includes breathing and calming strategies and interactive games.

"Congratulations to Jasmine on being rewarded as one of Australia's best young inventors from over 1,000 applications," says Donna Pidduck, Chief Marketing Officer, Origin. "The quality of entries we received from around the country gives me confidence that Australia's innovation future is in great hands." The judging panel responsible for selecting the winners includes leading Australian inventor Dr Jordan Nguyen, Alison Stoakley from Engineers Without Borders, and Fiona



Young inventor Jasmine Eldridge with her award winning design - Dog of Technology (D.O.T.).

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MacDonald from ScienceAlert.com.

"It's inspiring to see the incredible entries this year, with the majority focusing on reducing our impact on the environment and creative ways to help people with disabilities" says littleBIGidea judge and Ambassador Dr Jordan Nguyen.

"This level of thoughtfulness proves the next generation will achieve great feats assisting and improving the world as we know it, and it really highlights some great innovative thinking at such a young age".

This is the fourth year of Origin's littleBIGidea competition which is designed to encourage children to think creatively about how to solve real world problems – and aims to foster problem solving skills, curiosity and adaptability.

Thousands of ideas have been submitted to Origin's littleBIGidea over the years, with some of the previous winners going on to commercialise their ideas and others using the opportunities presented by the competition to further their study and career ambitions.

For more information, visit www.littlebigidea.com.au.

Letters to the Editor...

Dear Sir,

Allora has lost one of our most prominent citizens with the passing of Mrs Vivienne Deacon, wife of our previous Shire Chairman and Mayor Mr Jim Deacon. Vivienne was a much loved teacher for over 45 years. Many of our town's youth have benefited from her diligence and dedication to ensuring that every child was properly educated and prepared for life after school.

It would have been one of her proudest moments if she could have seen the school children forming a guard of honour together with the QCWA as her cortege passed from the church. Congratulations to the Principal and the children who showed such fine respect for Mrs. Deacon. They were immaculate in their school uniforms and their behaviour was impeccable.

The way Vivienne handled her illness was remarkable. She was an inspiration to us all with her cheerful disposition and her faith.

Vivienne will be sadly missed but will be remembered for her significant contribution to this community. She was blessed with a loving caring family and many friends. My sympathy to her family and friends, and I hope happy memories will keep her close.

Yours sincerely,

Olive Shooter, Allora

Dear Editor,

The Allora P-10 State School P & C Association would like to extend an invitation to members of the Allora community to attend our annual Speech Night on Tuesday 14 November 2017 at 7.30pm in the School Hall.

Each year the school recognises local students' outstanding

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academic or sporting achievements by the presentation of awards at Speech Night. We would also like to seek support to help the school in this endeavour - we would appreciate any assistance that can be offered to the 2017 awards. Receipts will be issued and all donations will be acknowledged in the Speech Night programme.

We would be particularly grateful for any assistance to our appeal this year.

Allora State School P & C Association

Letter To The Editor:

REMEMBERING KOKODA 75 YEARS ON

On this day [2 November] 75 years ago, Australian soldiers retook the village of Kokoda in Papua New Guinea.

Between July and November 1942, Australian forces fought the numerically stronger Japanese in abysmal conditions along the Kokoda Track, sustaining more than 600 dead and more than 1,600 wounded or struck down by illness or disease.

The Australians forced the Japanese into retreat, culminating in battles at the Beachheads which came at an enormous cost – more than 1,200 Australian lives lost and more than 2,000 wounded.

Today, I ask all Australians to pause and reflect on the service and sacrifice of these great Australians and of all those who served on the Kokoda Track and at the Beachheads during the Second World War.

We also remember the estimated 50,000 Papuan civilians who provided supplies to Australian soldiers and evacuated our sick and wounded.

Lest we forget.

The Hon Dan Tehan MP,
Minister For Veterans' Affairs
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Minister Assisting The Prime Minister For The Centenary of Anzac

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.

WEATHER FORECAST			
Day	Forecast	Min	Max
THU	Mostly Sunny. Warm. Dry.	10	29
FRI	Morning Clouds. Warm.	13	29
SAT	Showers Late. Mostly Cloudy. Warm.	13	32
SUN	Showers. Afternoon Clouds. Warm.	15	28
MON	A Few Showers. Mostly Cloudy. Mild.	15	27
TUE	Mostly Sunny. Warm. Breezy.	17	27

Allora Showgirl 2018 entries are now open

The 2018 Showgirl competition will have three categories: Junior Show Princess, Teen Show Princess and Miss Showgirl. The winners of the categories will be announced and sashed at the Allora Show Society New Years Eve celebrations on Sunday, 31st December.

Entrants must be available to attend the Allora Show on 9th & 10th February 2018 and also a number of events throughout the year.

Entrants are encouraged to be creative with their fundraising. Among other things the young ladies and girls will be judged on deportment and local knowledge.

Miss Allora Showgirl 2017 Ashley McSorley said "I ran for Showgirl in 2016 and then again in 2017. I found the experience just being at the Allora Show alone a great thrill the first time around, so I thought why not do it again. It really pushes you out of your comfort zone, and teaches you to have more confidence in yourself.

"There were so many highlights for me throughout the whole experience. Meeting new people, getting to have a chat to the locals and the people who come from out of town. I received some beautiful and incredible prizes by winning Allora Showgirl. Wearing the Allora Showgirl sash was such a privilege. Representing our town at the Toowoomba Show was such an exciting experience.

"I think one of the best things about the whole experience would have been the level of support you receive from the



Junior Showgirl 2017 runner-up Porsha Mathie, Miss Showgirl 2017 Ashley McSorley and Miss Allora Junior Showgirl 2017 Sophie Brennan.

Show Society, they're with you every step of the way". Would you or someone you know like to become a 2018 Allora Showgirl? Miss Showgirl is open to young ladies aged 18 -28, Teen Show Princess aged 14 -17 and Junior Show Princess aged 10-13.

Entries close on Sunday, 10th December. For further information and entries contact Ted Cowley on 0418 731 514.

Story supplied by Allora Show Society

Could you be Allora's 2018 Showgirl?

We are looking for outgoing, confident young ladies.

Junior Show Princess - age 10-13
Teen Show Princess - age 14-17
Miss Showgirl - age 18-28

Winner will be announced at the Allora Show Society NYE celebration.

Entrants must be available to attend NYE celebration, Allora Show on 9th & 10th February 2018 and associated events.

For entries & further details contact
0418 731 514

GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!

ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, 2 March 2018

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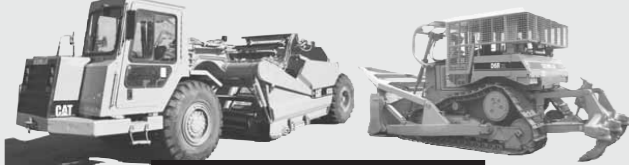
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Caravan Rally in Allora

Our rally turned out to be one of the best outings to date with members enjoying the many activities that were on offer during the 10-day period. Our members enjoyed two major outings. At Allora, on Friday 13th 31 members joined in with some of the Allora locals and enjoyed a 2 course dinner at the Allora RSL Club with some entertainment from one of our members who sang and played a repertoire of songs and music that suited us old caravanners. The Allora locals commented on how much they enjoyed listening to music that they could dance to and how much they enjoyed the entertainment. It would be wonderful if the club could engage further artists. On Saturday 14th, our members visited the Mary Poppins

House for morning tea and a conducted tour within the house with our hosts Les & Loraine Struthers giving us an insight on the life of P.J. Travers (Author of Mary Poppins), together with the history of the Mary Poppins house. On Saturday night we held our Rally Dinner at the showground and the theme for the night naturally had to be Mary Poppins, where the members dressed up to be in the running for the best dressed couple, best dressed male & female. We were not disappointed - the troops showed off their creations. Our official guests and judges, the "Struthers" found it very hard to select the winners so after our judges paraded the troops around the room Loraine & Les announced the winners and presented prizes to each winner. The musical repertoire by Jim Kelly (a local entertainer) had the Grey Nomads & their invited guests dancing and singing long after their normal bedtime. The boys & girls from the Showground Society prepared a wonderful 2-course dinner that was enjoyed by all, and in appreciation to the society for their help in making the rally a very successful event Cec Ward, the clubs organiser, presented a certificate of appreciation to Shirley. During the 9-day event, the club members spent the sum of \$15883.89 within the area which is a very good result considering the size of the town selected. To the retail outlets in Allora, we say thank you for your contribution - you helped us in achieving the money spent in town.



Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago November 1992

Golf Course

A membership task force comprising Lyle Johnson and Denise Dalglish will canvass the Allora District for foundation memberships for the proposed Allora golf course. The memberships will be limited to 20 persons and will cost \$1000 per head. Corporate memberships are being sought for the naming rights for each of the nine greens. These will be sold at £3000 each and Kiwi Stevens is responsible for the corporate group.

The steering group responsible for the establishment of the course comprises: Mark Henley, chairman; Pat McVeigh, secretary; Linda Smith, treasurer; John Gordon, Denise Dalglish, Kiwi Stevens, David Cole, Keith Jensen, Mal Sinton, Glen Hentschel, Lyle Johnson and Patrick Trigg.

Maps of the proposed course are on display at various shops in Allora.

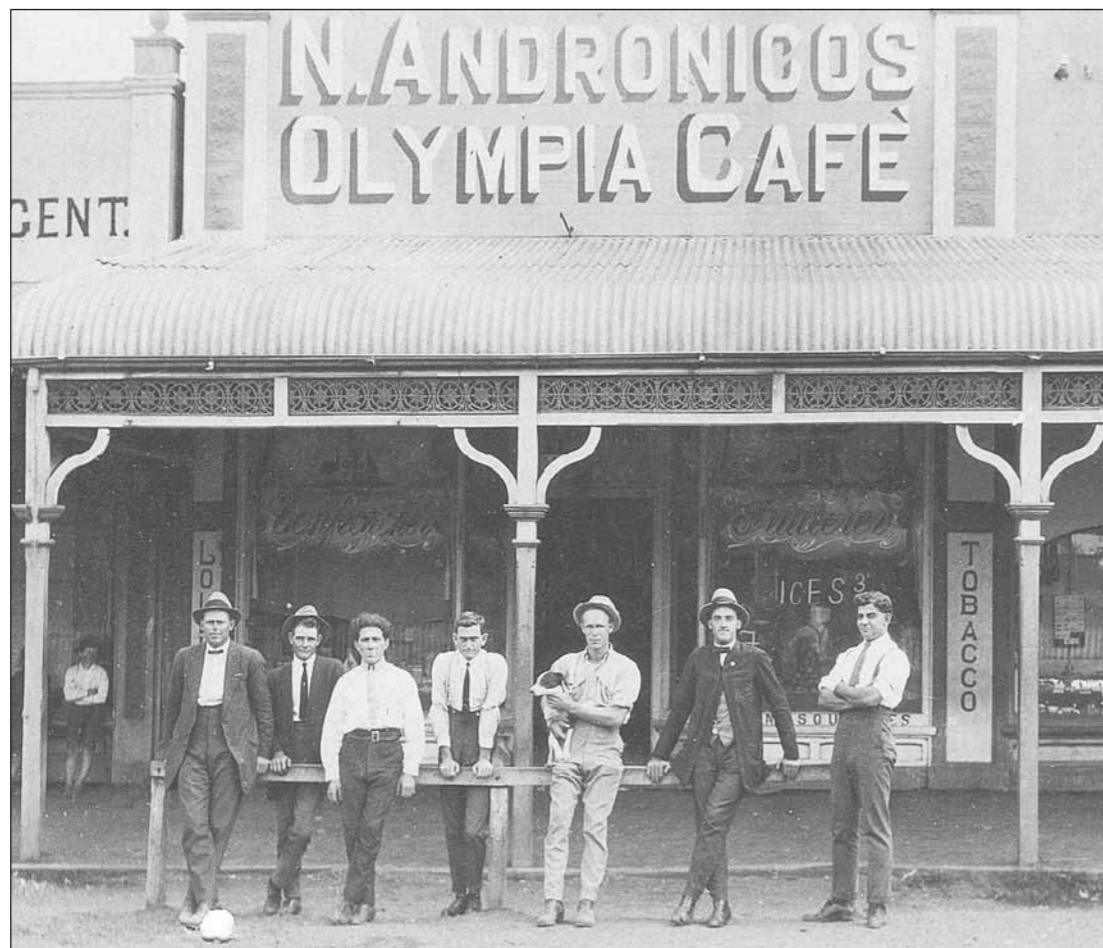
Allora's Past 50 years ago November 1967

SPECIAL BIRTH NOTICE

To Bulimba Brewery a Stubby of Bulimba Draught Beer, weight 13½ fluid ounces, born at Toowoomba, a brother for the Bulimba quart bottle. Our thanks to brewer Max Moran and his staff.

Allora's Past 75 years ago November 1942

Wheat Harvest



Nicholas Andronico's Olympia Cafe at what is now 44 Herbert Street. Nicholas Andronico (right), Theo Macris (3rd left).

The wheat harvest has begun in the Allora district. Where possible farmers are making arrangements to assist each other during the harvest and in a few instances women members of farmers' families are driving tractors. Generally, however, the wheat farmers here believe that women are not suitable for wheat harvesting, the work being too heavy. Business and other men in the town have offered to assist by giving part-time service but no general arrangements have been made.

Allora's Past 100 years ago November 1917

Allora Police Court

Nicholas Andronico, fruiterer, of Herbert Street, Allora, appeared on summons

yesterday before Messrs P. J. Higgins and A. Hamilton J.J.P. for breaking Regulation 9 of the War Precautions Act of 1916 viz. "That being an alien he arrived in Allora from Toowoomba without having first given notice in Toowoomba of his intentions to change his abode". He was fined £1 and costs of court in default 7 days imprisonment. The fine was paid.

Allora's Past 150 years ago November 1867

Progress

Mr. F. Kates, Storekeeper, has been appointed agent for the Warwick Examiner and Times in Allora, from whom copies may be obtained every Monday morning, immediately on arrival of the coach

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4. How many legs does a scorpion have?
5. What is convection? Is it: a) how heat moves through fluids, b) a type of electric resistor, or c) another way of saying 'certain'?

Answers in Classifieds pages

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Events Calendar

2017

- 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.

2018

- March -**
- Fri 2** **The Rotary Club of Allora Annual Trivia Night**
Allora State School Hall, 6.30pm

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.

Southern Downs Libraries & Art Galleries Introduce Loyalty Card

Southern Downs libraries and art galleries have joined together to introduce a new loyalty card initiative to reward frequent participation by members and visitors.

This is the first of two new collaborative projects between the SDRC Libraries, Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery and Warwick Art Gallery. The project coordinators, Library Services Coordinator Samantha Shelbourn and Warwick Art Gallery Director Karina Devine, hope that the card raises the community's awareness of the wide range of experiences offered by our local cultural organisations.

"Our libraries and galleries offer so much more than borrowing books and looking at exhibitions," said Ms Devine, "We offer courses and workshops, have merchandise and artwork to purchase and soon we will be introducing a regular speaker program featuring special local guests sharing stories and experiences."

Library Services Coordinator Samantha Shelbourn said that residents could utilise their cards at any library in the region. "You might regularly visit your local library at Allora, for example," said Ms Shelbourn, "and come into Warwick for a special event or workshop. Your loyalty card can be used right across the region. It is my hope that this card will encourage everyone to become frequent visitors to our excellent facilities." Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery Director Mary Findlay agrees that the initiative will encourage residents and visitors to enjoy the events and facilities of the region's libraries and art galleries. "Our art galleries and libraries offer services and events that are world class," said Ms Findlay. "There's never been a better time to become a member, enjoy these services and events, and maybe even win a prize."

The card is available now from the SDRC libraries and

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- When you visit a gallery to see an exhibition or attend an opening or event
- When you attend a library program, event or course (for example Tech Savvy Seniors, Storytime or Baby Rhyme Time)
- When you buy a library bag, artwork, card or merchandise from the library or gallery
- When you attend a guest speaker event

The libraries will also have a special day once a month where every library visitor will receive a stamp.

When all the icons on the card have been stamped, participants can write their name and phone number of the back of the card and enter in the monthly prize draw valued at approximately \$30. There will be a range of prizes to choose from with something to suit all ages and interests.

Lovers of libraries and art galleries are encouraged to pick up a card next time they visit their favourite library or gallery and start collecting their stamps.

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

It first occurred to me that our marriage might be in trouble when my wife won an all expenses paid trip for two to Hawaii - and she went twice.

You know it's been a bad day when you call your wife and tell her that you would like to eat out tonight and when you get home there is a sandwich on the front porch.

Pre-Lodgement Meetings Mean More Investment in Region

At last week's General Meeting, Councillors reflected on the benefits of pre-lodgement development application meetings on reducing timeframes for the processing of development application and encouraging development in region.

Council offers a free pre-lodgement service for applicants to discuss a proposal prior to lodging a formal development application.

The pre-lodgement meeting provides the opportunity for applicants to meet with relevant Council officers to raise queries, seek clarification on proposals, and for Council officers to provide advice and identify relevant matters for consideration. Informal and formal pre-lodgement meetings have been offered by Council for many years. Planning officers encourage the applicant to organise an appointment or email all documents to the planning department prior to lodging an application. This allows applicants to sit down with a planner face to face to discuss their proposal and review the documents prior to formally lodging the application.

Formal pre-lodgement meetings are held for (though not limited to) larger development applications. In this process, applicants are encouraged to submit to Council a rough concept plan and a cover letter outlining the proposal with all of their contact details. Once the information is received, a planning officer contacts the applicant to organise a suitable time to meet, together with an engineer, environmental or health officer if necessary.

Director of Planning, Environment and Corporate Services, Ken Harris, says that pre-lodgement meetings help to speed up the approval process and facilitates further development and investment in the region.

"Many Councils in Queensland charge for pre-lodgement meetings, however Southern Downs Regional Council offers this service for free," said Mr Harris. "In most cases pre-lodgement discussions reduce the need for Council to issue an information request as part of the application process and allow a decision to be made more quickly because all of the relevant information required has been submitted. The process gives the applicants an understanding of the planning process which outlines Council's position on the development so there are limited unforeseen matters that arise for the applicant during the assessment/decision process.

Mr Harris added: "The pre-lodgement discussions create transparency between Council and the applicant to build a good relationship."

Mayor Tracy Dobie says that pre-lodgement meetings encourage investment into the region. "Something that discourages developers and businesses from investing is red tape and delays in getting the necessary approvals from Council," said Mayor Dobie. "These meetings allow developers to avoid challenges and delays in their application, which encourages further investment and growth in our region."

You can contact Council to request a pre-lodgement meeting by calling 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372) or sending an email to mail@sdrc.qld.gov.au.

A Council officer will contact you to arrange a convenient meeting time, and ascertain details of the proposed development. The information you supply to Council when booking the pre-lodgement meeting will be used to assist Council officers in preparing for the pre-lodgement meeting and ensures that the appropriate officers attend the meeting, so that relevant issues can be discussed.

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Liberal National Party Candidate For Southern Downs, James Lister, Welcomes Election Date Announcement

The LNP Candidate for Southern Downs, James Lister, welcomed the announcement of the state election date as Saturday 25 November 2017.



LNP Candidate for Southern Downs, James Lister

"I've met a lot of people and knocked on a lot of doors over the past nine months, and I am absolutely ready to face this election" said Mr Lister.

"The cost of living, electricity prices and government bureaucracy are hurting families, farmers, pensioners and small business people all over Southern Downs." He said.

Mr Lister said that roads, small business and agriculture, and fixing the electricity system are key priorities. "I'm committed to delivering an overpass at The 8-Mile, a new Accommodation Creek bridge, and fighting for improvements to the Cunningham, Gore, and New England Highways. We also need a roundabout to fix school time congestion near Goondiwindi State High."

"And we'll keep the lights on with a new high-tech coal fired power station in Queensland." Said Mr Lister.

"More than ever before, we need a strong, stable LNP government to support our economy and jobs in country Queensland. We want a government working for us, not against us." Mr Lister said.

Asked what he thinks about his opponents in the coming election, Mr Lister was blunt. "Nobody knows what they're about, but I know what I stand for; strong, stable representation, conservative values and better government, not more government." Said Mr Lister.



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Financial Sustainability Just One Highlight in Council's 2016-17 Annual Report

Southern Downs Regional Council adopted its Annual Report and Financial Statements for the 2016-17 financial year at the October General Meeting held in Warwick last week.

Southern Downs Mayor Tracy Dobie said the Annual Report reflects on a year of consolidating Council's financial position, increasing community consultation and enjoying continued growth and investment in the region.

"The 2016-17 Annual Report provides an update to our community about Council's finances, performance and how Council has delivered against its plans. It highlights the continuing strong financial position of the Council, further supporting the long-term financial sustainability of the Council. "Furthermore, this Council made a commitment to improving the level of community consultation, and the 2016-17 Annual Report demonstrates this commitment. Approximately 2000 people attended 17 different public consultation events held by Council.

The Mayor highlighted that having another operating surplus of \$1.8 million would continue the process to allow Council to move from being classified as a 'financially unsustainable' local government authority.

"This provides opportunities for infrastructure upgrades and service enhancements that are essential if we are to continue on our path of further growth," said Cr Dobie. "This Council is committed to the delivery of operating surpluses but acknowledges that this cannot be as a result of imposing a burden on our ratepayers."

Above and beyond the surplus, the Mayor pointed out that over \$3 million has been paid off Council's outstanding debt.

"The 2016-17 financial position also demonstrates the community involvement in the Budget process. The draft Budget was opened to community consultation throughout April and May, and Council considered the feedback received in finalising the Budget," she said.

Cr Dobie added that Council's Annual Report reflects several

key achievements.

"Council achieved substantial funding success from the other tiers of government to undertake major capital works projects such as bridge renewal and road replacement. Over the next twelve months, Council staff will deliver the largest capital works program undertaken to date.

"Council made 14 submissions to Federal and State government invitations, including presenting a case for the decentralisation of the federal public service to regional Australia."

"Council has won a number of awards, which increases the Southern Downs region's profile in the State and on the national stage. Both the Southern Downs Backpacker Initiative and Wild Dog Control Program were nominated as finalists in the Queensland Local Government Managers Association 2017 Awards for Excellence in their respective categories of collaboration and innovation."

The Mayor suggested that Council's Annual Report will be of interest to a range of stakeholders including residents and ratepayers, business owners across all industries in the region, and prospective new residents and new businesses looking to establish themselves in the Southern Downs.

"The future is very positive for the Southern Downs," concluded Cr Dobie. "As we look towards 2017-18, it is evident that more jobs are on the horizon, more businesses are looking to expand or relocate to the Southern Downs and our visitor numbers will grow. All this bodes well for the future sustainability of our region."

The Southern Downs Regional Council's Annual Report for 2016-17 will be available from Council's website www.sdrc.qld.gov.au.

Bush Poet and Author To Visit Southern Downs Libraries

The Warwick and Stanthorpe libraries are pleased to host Tim Borthwick, author of *Waltzing Australia*, a unique collection of original Australian bush ballads and the stories that inspired them – in the tradition of Banjo Paterson and Henry Lawson.



Author Tim Borthwick.

Waltzing Australia is a celebration of the Australian bush and the people who live there, written by a gifted storyteller who's spent much of his life working on the land. Featuring fifty poems and stories that tell of the heartbreak, humour and hard yakka that come with living and working in the bush – many of which were written on long days while droving sheep and cattle, on the back of a motorbike, or by the fading light in a camp hundreds of miles from anywhere.

These evocative bush verses and the tales behind them shine light on characters and events from Australia's pioneering past as well as embracing Tim's own experiences in the outback.

The author, Tim Borthwick, is a Bronze Swagman Award-winning writer of original bush poetry. From a young age he loved to read the poems of Banjo Paterson and Henry Lawson, captivated by their ability to tell a story through rhyme and rhythm. Born on a sheep and cattle station in western Queensland, Tim has spent most of his life on the land, and has a great love for the people and stories of the Australian outback. Tim lives in Toowoomba, Queensland, and gets out to the bush whenever he can.

Tim will be visiting on Friday, 10 November; Warwick Library 10:30am and Stanthorpe Library at 2:00pm. A light morning and afternoon tea will be provided.

Please RSVP by Monday 6th November.

For further information please contact: Warwick Library 4661 0342 Stanthorpe Library 4681 2141

Inland Rail Quotes from the Ministers

Joint comments below can be attributed to the Minister for Finance, Mathias Cormann and Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Darren Chester:

The Australian Government is getting on with the job of delivering the transformational Melbourne to Brisbane Inland Rail project.

This is a significant project for the nation which directly benefits Queensland during construction and operation. Inland Rail will contribute \$2 billion to the Darling Downs economy and support thousands of local jobs.

On September 21, the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport announced the Government's preferred corridor for the Yelarbon to Gowrie section is the Wellcamp/Charlton option, via Millmerran, Brookstead, and Southbrook, to allow the detailed work to proceed.

When the preferred corridor was announced, Minister Chester said the community will be treated with a great deal of respect and their views will be closely considered as we develop the final alignment within that two kilometre wide preferred corridor.

The Government chose this preferred alignment because: as much as possible it uses existing transport corridors; it goes past Wellcamp Industrial Precinct, which didn't exist in 2010 when the original route was considered; and it is the significantly more economically viable and cost effective option compared to any of the alternative routes.

Since announcing the preferred corridor, Federal Member for Groom John McVeigh and Federal Member for Maranoa David Littleproud have provided regular updates. We have listened to the issues raised by the MPs on behalf of local community members and understand their concerns.

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Allora Golf Notes

No results for last Friday's Percy's Fruit sponsored Duckrun.

Saturday a group of players traveled to Stanthorpe for their Open stableford competition and came away with wins, well done to all players.

Sunday's competition was for the Monthly Medal proudly sponsored by the Allora Pharmacy. After the recent rains the course is looking the best it has for many months and our workers are doing an amazing job looking after it. With a small field playing the winner with a great score of 62 was Russell Sparksman. Keeping the good play going from Saturdays game in the Stanthorpe, well done Russell. Runner up on 63 pts was Ken Wilson, well done Ken good to see you out. Approach for the 6th and the 2nd went to Russell Sparksman, Garth Simpson took the 15th the 11th went unclaimed. Pins for the 17th never went off, the 8th was a tie between Lindsay May and Garth Simpson. Congratulations to the winners and all players thank you to the Allora Pharmacy for their sponsorship.

The scribe appologises to our sponsors and players for the lack of notes over the last few weeks as he and other members have been representing Allora Sports Club and competing in various Open days at Cecil Plains, Cabarlah and Stanthorpe.

This Friday the Percy's Fruit Duck run will be teeing from 2 pm all welcome to attend then Sunday while a few of our members travel to Clifton for their Open day the club will be playing for club trophies. The day's event may be amended depending on numbers and there may be an event on Saturday. Further information will be available on our facebook page and hopefully the complete notes will be available in next week's paper but dont forget your sandbuckets and great golfing to you all.

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The Australian Rail Track Corporation has agreed to a request we made earlier this week to fast-track its assessment of engineering and technical options for crossing the Condamine floodplain along the study corridor.

We would like to see this information shared with the community as soon as possible. It is important they know and have input into what engineering solutions will be needed to address flooding challenges and minimise impacts to local landholders.



Allora Sports Club – Night Bowls Results

WEEK EIGHT, 25TH

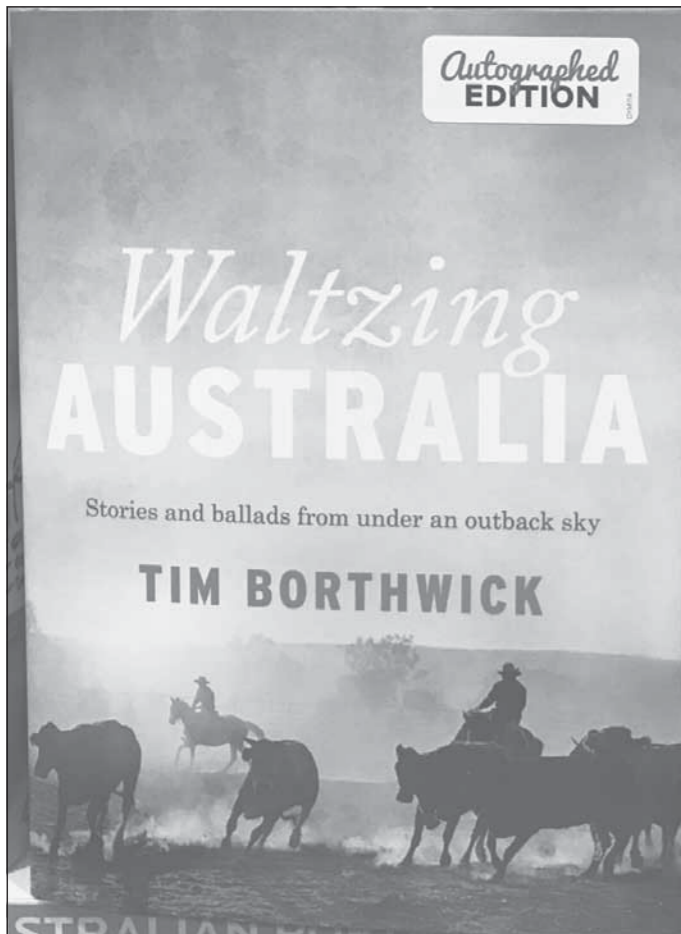
OCTOBER 2017 - The battle of the losers took place this week and what a battle it was. Thanks to a win by What Ever, Doesn't Matter and What Ever are now sharing a place at the bottom of the rung. What Ever and Doesn't Matter don't care that they are not up with the top teams, they are vying for the 'booby prize' (hint, hint) The final score - What Ever 12 v Doesn't Matter 8. Beetle, Roy & Cate (Doesn't Matter) & Lyn, John and Doug (What Ever) enjoyed a night of competitive bowls. Other results- Lawn Grubs 19 v Railway 12; Zoolanders 15 v Bowls and Beautiful 12; The Old Boys 19 v Tramps Like Us 12; Badge Constructions 16 v Frog and Swallow 8; Roonicks 13 v Maydan 11; The Three Stooges 20 v Team Engel 11. Not sure what Dooie Mullins was up to. He appeared to be using a beer can as a measuring device – poor substitute for a thong, Dooie!

Doug Evans had a good night. As one of the winning team he scored a six pack then won another in the raffle. Doug is stocking up for Christmas. Other raffle winners:- Gade Gartner (doubled up with a runner-up prize too), Glen McMillian, Bruce Simpson, Liz Marshall & Reagan McMillan. Peter Morten had a chance to cut the cards. No luck there, Jackpot now \$40.00. Frog and Swallow have been knocked off the top rung of the score ladder but John, Ken and Gade took home the runners up prize to make up for their disappointment.

Thanks to Badge Construction's sponsorship of the touchers, Don, Barry, Glen McM, Paul, Glen H & J.C. took home a block of chocolates. Ashleigh Brown has some fun with the toucher segment, ringing the bell loudly to announce the start of the competition.

Greg Paddo was back in charge. He did not get a tan or catch any fish on his holiday on the north coast. Greg thanked all the sponsors – Whites Garage, Frog & Swallow, Railway Hotel, I.G.A., Blue Cow and the Allora Sports Club and all the volunteers who assist out every week.

Beetle had all the prizes on show for the charity golf/bowls day the Dalrymple Seat to be held on 4th November. Should be a great day of competition and fun.



Free Waste Workshops Enjoyed Across the Region

Southern Downs residents have enjoyed the Council's free waste education workshops held around the region this month. The 2016 Waste Assessment of Southern Downs domestic waste has shown that, on average, Southern Downs households produce nearly 19kg of waste per week. Around 17% of the material that Southern Downs residents put in their garbage bin could actually be recycled, while around 55% is organic waste that could instead be turned into fertiliser using a compost bin or worm farm.

Council's composting workshop helped residents to learn more about minimising their waste footprints, establishing a backyard composting or worm farming system and how to better reduce, reuse and recycle. The next generation also enjoyed learning about recycling and worm farming. Eight early learning centres across the region, including Allora, Killarney, Warwick, Stanthorpe and Wallangarra, have participated in Council's waste education program. Children learned about what it means to recycle, how to identify recyclable materials and how to become better recyclers to help care for their environment. The Wonderful World of Worms was one of the topics delivered, which introduced the children to worm farming, and how it can be used as an alternate means of disposing of food waste. Children enjoyed the opportunity to study live compost worms and find out how worms live, eat, move and breathe. All workshops were delivered free for attendees and are part of Council's annual waste education program to raise awareness in the community about the importance of waste minimisation. Additional workshops to be delivered include visits to schools across the region and a composting workshop in Stanthorpe in March next year.





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4	6	6	2	1	3	7	5	8
2	9	6	5	7	8	3	1	4
8	7	4	5	6	9	1	3	2

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2. Centrifuges spin things really fast. They are often used to separate liquids of different densities.
3. The Andes are the longest mountain range in the world, and they contain the tallest mountains in South America.
4. Along with its two claws, a scorpion has eight legs.
5. a) Convection is when hot fluids move away from their heat source, spreading the heat with them. For example, when you turn on a column heater, the air nearby gets hot. Hot air rises, spreading the heat through the room.

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Students look beyond Year 10 to explore future careers

Young Australians reach a crossroads in Year 10 where they are expected to make educational, training and career decisions for their future.

USQ Toowoomba was proud to host high school students from various Darling Downs regions for a Beyond Year 10 Camp recently, the second in 2017.

The program helped teens from Allora, Chinchilla, Dalby, Inglewood and Texas discover post-school options through visits to higher education institutions such as USQ and TAFE, and nine host organisations including Russell Mineral Equipment, Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery, Toowoomba Law Courts and Pacific Seeds/Advanta.

It was designed to help them explore a diversity of careers and learn about educational pathways that could maximise their choices and opportunities for their future.

Fifteen year-old Siobhan McEvoy from Allora State School attended as she wanted a sneak peek at life after Year 10. She said the glimpse of industry and higher education choices

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was insightful and fun.
"It's been so enjoyable. I'd definitely do it again if I could," Miss McEvoy said.
"It's been really good to see how passionate people are about their jobs. It makes me want to go forward with my own career even more.
"Before Beyond Year 10 Camp, I thought you needed a certain OP but I now understand that there are different ways to get the job you want.
"It seems so much easier since coming here. Definitely a weight off my shoulders."

Beyond Year 10 Camp is an initiative of USQ's Making Career Choices Project which is funded through Commonwealth Government's Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Program (HEPPP).

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