

Allora P-10 State School Speech Night – 2017

Our annual Speech Night was held on Tuesday November 14 and was a great occasion to celebrate the academic success of our students from Years 7 – 10.

We were pleased to welcome two former students back as invited guests for the evening. Richard Gilmore was our keynote speaker. Richard's forebears/ancestors were all early pioneers in the district with the family arriving in 1855. His education was off to a great start at Allora State School with his early childhood teachers Mrs Joyce Gibson and Mrs Kate Gordon. Richard gave an interesting address explaining the ups and downs that his life has taken him to where he is today - Australian director of The Nature Conservancy, the world's largest conservation organisation. Richard presented the Year 10s with their medallions and gave them some great advice about it never being too late to achieve your



Sophie Otten & Matthew Higgins - Shirley Mason Tennis

dreams. Tom Huston, former School Captain and Sportsperson of the Year, presented the 2017 Sports awards. Tom was also a former winner of the Michael Butler Memorial Trophy for

excellence in Track & Field and was able to present the trophy to the 2017 recipient, Jake Ainsworth. Sophie Otten took out the top honours in sport being named Sportsperson of the Year. Congratulations Jake and Sophie! Other guests for the evening, were Chief Petty Officer, John Richardson and Cr Rod Kelly. John Richardson, a warrant officer at the Borneo Barracks, Cabarlah presented the 2017 Special Awards. Amy Harrison was awarded the ADF Long Tan award as well as the Joyce Gibson Humanitarian Trophy. The Bob Deacon Trophy recipient was Evan Emms and the best all-

rounder, who received the Mayor's Medal, was Paige Bain.

Councillor Kelly presented the Year 7 to 10 students with books for their academic and diligence awards. Congratulations to Evan Emms who was announced Dux for 2017 and Amy Harrison who received June & Peter Stewart trophy for Academic Achievement. A special mention should also be made of Brent Brittain-Harrigan who received the Pride of Achievement Trophy and who has won a Diligence Award for the 3rd year in a row!

My congratulations goes to all

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Evan Emms - Dux

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Lynette & Chris, Allora

Dear Editor, Community Organisations/Members,

Re: Australia Day Awards -

Do you know someone who has made an outstanding contribution to our community? Now is the time to recognise their efforts! Southern Downs Regional Council will recognise the achievements and community contributions of residents at the Australia Day Awards on Friday, 26 January 2018.

Australia Day Awards will be presented in eight categories as follows:

- Australia Day Citizen Award
- Australia Day Junior Citizen Award
- Australia Day Cultural Award
- Australia Day Junior Cultural Award
- Australia Day Sports Award
- Australia Day Junior Sports Award
- Australia Day Sports Administration Award
- Australia Day Community Event of the Year

Nomination forms can be collected from Council's Community Contact Centres and Libraries, or may be downloaded from the following link, www.sdrcl.qld.gov.au/our-region/events-festivals/australia-day/australia-day-nominations

Nominations close 5pm, Friday 8 December 2017.

Cheers,

Gwen Jones,
Community Development Officer – Youth and Engagement
Southern Downs Regional Council

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Solution in classifieds section

Police Urge Allora Residents to Lock Their Vehicles



Police are urging Allora residents to lock their vehicles and secure their keys after a spate of vehicle thefts in Allora by a group of youths. On Friday 27th November a 13 year old Hendon boy was charged with 4 counts of unlawful use of motor vehicle and 4 counts of unlicensed driving after police executed a search warrant at his home address in relation to these offences.

Investigations revealed vehicles have been stolen without the knowledge of the victims as the youths return the vehicles to the exact location they stole them from to avoid detection. One victim's vehicle has been stolen twice without out his knowledge. Another victim has had two different vehicles

stolen and returned without his knowledge.

On one night the offenders ran out of petrol in a victim's stolen car, so they walked back into Allora, stole another vehicle and used it to tow the first vehicle back to the victim's yard to avoid detection. Police state the youths are using the vehicles to joy ride in, doing burn-outs and circle work in paddocks and dirt roads.

Despite one offender being caught and charged, Police believe there could be up to four youths doing the same thing both together and independently, and could continue the offending. Police say the best way of preventing these offences is for residents to lock their vehicles and secure their keys. If not, you are creating opportunities for thieves to strike.

WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Min/Max
THU	Mostly Cloudy. Mild. Humid.	17 24
FRI	Storms Late. Partly Sunny. Mild.	17 28
SAT	Rain Showers. Broken Clouds. Mild.	18 27
SUN	Thunderstorms. Broken Clouds. Warm.	18 29
MON	Showers Late. Clouds. Warm.	16 31
TUE	Sunny. Warm.	15 28



2017 Year 10 Class - Back from left: Blayne Carey, Siobhan McEvoy, Sophie Otten, Tahlia White, Jake Ainsworth, Blake Feltham Brent Brittain-Harrigan. **Front from left:** Amy Harrison, Evan Emms, Caitlin Rowan, Josephine Lloyd, Abigail Collins, Jaylen Robson, Hayley Curry, Paige Bain, Madelyn Fitzgerald. **Absent:** Travis Bock

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the Year 10 students who helped to make 2017 a very successful year for Allora State School and I wish them well as they move on to a new stage of their lives.

Robyn Westerman
Head of Department
(Curriculum)

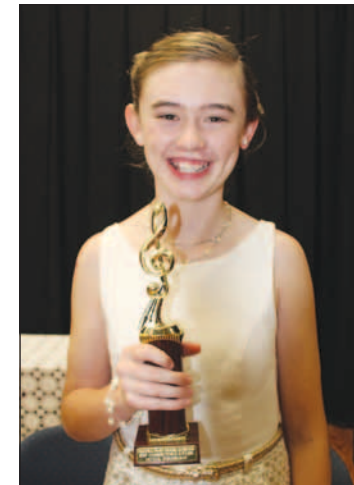
54th Annual Speech Night SPORTING AWARDS

Medallions and Certificates: Swimming - 12Yrs Daniel M; 13Yrs Brendan A, Nicola W; 14Yrs (students have left the school); Cross Country - 13Yrs Brendan A, Xavia O; 14Yrs Stan B; 15Yrs Paige B; Track and Field - 12Yrs Daniel M; 13Yrs Brendan A, Nicola W; 14Yrs Jacob M, Xanthe E; Archery Hayden E, Cooper H.

Trophies: Swimming - Ethan O, Paige B; Cross Country – Caleb P, Xanthe E; Track and Field – Caleb P, Sophie O; Tennis-Shirley Mason Shield – Matthew H, Sophie O; Netball A – Sophie O; Netball B – Emily P; Rugby League A – Jacob M; Rugby League B – Jack B.

Darling Downs Representatives (Track and Field) – Jake A, Casee F, Emily P.
Michael Butler Memorial

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Nicola Westerman - Conductors Award.



ABOVE: Principal Shaun Kanowski with Amy Harrison - June & Peter Stewart trophy for Academic Achievement.

LEFT: Jake Ainsworth - Michael Butler Memorial.

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Allora C.1900 Earlier Day

Pastimes by Oliver Neale in 1965

In the early months in every year, our district breaks out into a "rash". Agricultural Shows which are always among the highlights of the year's doings today, just as they were 60 years ago. The Allora Show would appear to date back almost to time immemorial, [First show 4 June 1878] as it was in full swing at the turn of the century and already firmly established as an annual event. And at about that time, if my memory is correct, I believe that it had as its secretary, Mr. Spencer Briggs, father of the Miss Noel Briggs who holds the same office today. Covering that span of years, this would appear to be a rather remarkable position and a creditable one indeed. Show Secretaryships perhaps "run in" some families - like "wooden legs" as my father would have said.

Vast changes have of course taken place in the nature of the various features and attractions of the Shows of today as compared with those of 60 years ago, but some of the old items are well worth recalling.

Among the ring events, I remember that one of the most popular was the sport of Tent-pegging. With the Boer War just over, several local men had returned from it,

Australian Lighthorsemen all, and more at home in the saddle than they were in their beds. The display that they gave at the show was well worth watching: always well mounted, they charged down the field, lances couched under arm, horses' hoofs thundering, emu feathers fluttering in their hats, lance tip dipped and aimed at the tent-peg in the ground ahead of



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Roy Neale left Nev Rudd right -Machinery display at Allora Show c. 1950.



Jim Stewart at Allora Show.

them - the final salute as the peg was lifted high over their heads. 'Twas a really skillful and exciting sport that was always enjoyed. Among the horsemen of the day, one recalls the Stewart boys, [.] splendid men in the saddle and always to the fore in any equestrian event.

Among the side shows, one doesn't recall any "tattooed ladies" or "Wild Men from Borneo" in those days, although I do remember that at one Show, we had "Herr Pagel", the Strongest Man in the World, bending bars of iron round his neck and tossing dumb bells about, to the amazement of us poor weaker mortals; but the star attraction at one show was a man with the latest 1902 model phonograph, which was

surely one of the earliest ever on display. Mounted on a stand, it was in the form of a small wooden box which carried a revolving shaft on which one slipped a cylindrical wax record which produced the sound effect: to it were appended a pair of earplugs on tubes, through which, for a fee of 3d., customers could faintly hear the wheezing tune that the instrument gave out. All too utterly amazing it was - music out of a little box.

Of course the hub and center of all shows is the Pavilion - possible the one feature of the Show Days that has altered little over the years. From its steps, at the appropriate hour, the local "member" declares the Show "Open", with congratulatory remarks to all concerned, and with his

assurance that this is the most progressive town and district on the Downs and that it is the biggest and best Show that he has ever opened, and that the future holds great things for everyone and everything in sight. He'll possibly be saying the same thing in the next town, next week, - but it's all part of the great ceremony of "Opening the Show" - and it is done every year in every town. As to the interior of the pavilion, no one could possibly grasp everything at a fleeting visit, but the one thing that will always remain in one's mind is the aroma which fills the place, the aroma of all show pavilions wherever they may be, as it was 60 years ago and as I am sure, it still is today.

Possibly in comparing the Show features of 60 years ago with those of today, the greatest contrast would be in the Farm Machinery Sections, for in the half-century that has elapsed, there has been nothing short of a revolution in the requirements of the man on the land. And, as compared with the impressive display of modern machinery that can now be seen at any Show, the meagre assortment of 60 years ago must appear a very poor show indeed. For to be quite truthful, early in the century, there were really only

two farm implements - the plough and the harrows. Certainly there was some little variety in ploughs, as to the number of furrows, until someone invented the disc-plough: and the harrows were just harrows, until the spring-tooth variety was thought of - but they were still just the plough and the harrows. And of course, all were drawn by horses, and it is in this field of traction that the greatest change of all has taken place, with the modern tractor completely ousting the horse. And if at the show in 1908, the farmer had little to admire in the machinery section, he was compensated by the fine display of harness and saddlery that was always a prominent feature of the Show. And then too there was usually a section showing the latest in Sulkies and Buggies, for by this time, we were growing out of the "Spring Cart" stage and looking for something smarter. And if the Hancocks of Forest Plain drove to church in a new sulky last week, the Jenkins of Goomburra must have a new Buggy this week, - which is perhaps why our family, on one bright spring morning, drove off to town in a smart four-wheeler, proudly displaying the name of "Flitcroft Bros. of Warwick" as

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makers.

But before we leave the Showgrounds, we must mention the foot races that were always on the program. True, there were no John Landys or Herb Elliotts among the runners, but what they lacked in speed they fully made up in

enthusiasm, for every entrant had a "barracker" and he had to put on a good show. But the event at times bought shocked glances and demure looks from the lady onlookers - for the men ran in their underwear indeed! Truly scandalous it was, to be sure!



Allora Show 1956

Regional Queensland paying up to \$600 more in power bills

Stress from excessively high power prices is everywhere but it is critical in regional Queensland where households are being charged up to 20% more than in Brisbane and businesses up to 30% more.

Coordinator of the Queensland Electricity Users Network, Jennifer Brownie said that analysis of electricity offers on the Australian Energy Regulator's Energy Made Easy website shows the difference.

Cheapest offer with no discounts for a 4 person home in Coorparoo, Brisbane is \$1,962 per year based on an annual consumption of 6,970 kWh. In comparison, a 4 person home in Cairns with the same level of consumption on Ergon Energy's main residential tariff (Tariff 11) which is set by the Queensland Government pays \$2,335 per year or \$373 more per year.

The cheapest offer with no discounts for a small business in Coorparoo, Brisbane is \$1,940 per year based on an annual consumption of 6,853 kWh. A small business in Cairns on Ergon Energy's main small business tariff (Tariff 20) set by the Queensland Government pays \$2,573 per year or \$633

more for the same consumption.

"On top of this, power bill pain is made much greater in regional Queensland due to the need to use air-conditioning during summer."

Most households and small businesses in regional Queensland are captive to the 100 percent Queensland Government owned Ergon Energy.

"In the last two years the Queensland Government increased power bills in regional Queensland by more than 6 percent for homes and a massive 15 per cent or more for regional businesses. On top of the previous steep rises over the past 10 years."

On a scale of 1 to 10 where 10 is extremely concerned, a survey of regional Queensland businesses for the Queensland Electricity Users Network found that 49% rated their high level of concern about paying their power bills in full and on time in the 8 -10 range with 22% rating extremely concerned.

"One thing worse than not being able to pay your home power bill, is losing your job because your boss can't pay his power bills," Ms Brownie said.

"The QEUN survey shows

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regional jobs are being lost but we are at the precipice of losing substantially more jobs."

"The Queensland Government is using the power bills of regional Queenslanders and the ownership of Queensland's electricity assets as a tax and this has to stop."

"Power bills must fall substantially in Queensland but particularly in regional Queensland where power bills are higher," Ms Brownie said.

For further information please contact: Jennifer Brownie, Coordinator, QEUN, ph: 0740 312 865



Allora Night Bowls Notes

Week 11, 21st November 2017

- So good to see how close the final game scores are. While

Lawn Grubs on 14 and Zoolanders 13 are both previous winning teams, the following teams on 12 have improved their place in the competition: - Maydan, Bowls and Beautiful, The Three Stoogers and Frog and Swallow. Close with 11 is the new team of Badge Construction then Tramps Like Us 10, The Old Boys 9, Roonicks and Railway on 8, Doesn't Matter 7, What Ever and Team Engel on 6.

This week saw some big wins and even bigger losses. Some nights players just can't do a thing wrong and then can have a night of absolute disaster. That is the nature of the game of bowls. The hand can't do what the head directs! Winners for the night without a doubt were Lawn Grubs. Frog and Swallow with two subs, Gade and Josh, took home the runners-up prize.

Moley was first on the list for the toucher chocolates, closely followed by Len, Rusty, Jim, Kat and David. Thanks to Badge Construction for prizes in this popular competition.

The raffle always creates interest. Dennis pushes the buttons and has everybody's attention. Thank you to all the sponsors of prizes:- Railway Hotel, Whites Garage, Frog and Swallow, I.G.A. Blue Cow Hotel and the Allora Sports Club. Every team has donated a prize for the raffle during the season.

At the end of the night, Greg thanked all the sponsors. He made welcome visitor, Dave Bray of Badge Constructions. Tuesday 5th December will be the last night for this season. All players are invited to B.B.Q. before play commences.

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On Saturday, 2 December, the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay (GC2018 QBR) will conduct a trial run through Warwick. The Southern Downs is one of only two regions in which this trial will be conducted and will feature the Commonwealth Games branded vehicle convoy with a full police presence.

As a result, there will be road

closures in place from 4.00am – up until as late as 12.00pm to accommodate the trial run on Saturday, 2 December.

Southern Downs Mayor Tracy Dobie says that the trial run will be an important test of the Relay to anticipate differing circumstances and ensure the security of the event.

"Although there will be some necessary road closures, foot traffic will be unaffected," said

Cr Dobie. "I encourage residents to conduct their business in town as usual and enjoy the spectacle of the convoy. Business will be open as usual, and pedestrians will be able to access shops and businesses."

"I would simply ask that you be aware that you may need more time than usual to enter town and find a car park."

Cr Dobie added that some of the selected batonbearers will participate in the trial, while volunteers will take the place of others. "This is one of those events that kids will never forget, and is part of the build up to the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games next year.

"If you'd like to see the Relay pass along Palmerin Street, make sure you're there by 9.10am."

Of the road closures that will be in place, Director of Engineering Services Peter See said: "Not all roads will be completely closed – many will have one lane open. In other locations, the road closures will be rolling, which means that they won't be closed for the full duration. Council is committed to making sure that the road closures won't create more of an impact that is necessary."

Parking will not be permitted along Palmerin Street between Fitzroy & Percy Streets and entrances to some parking facilities will be closed.

The parking arrangements will be:

- Car park behind Town Hall will be open and accessible

from the Grafton Street and Albion Street entrances

- Rose City Shoppingworld underground car park will be accessible from the Grafton & Guy Street entrances

- The Acacia Avenue car park will be accessible by turning from Grafton Street into Acacia Avenue.

- Limited on street parking will be available on Albert Street, Fitzroy Street, Grafton Street, Guy Street and Palmerin Street (between Victoria & Fitzroy Streets).

The Queen's Baton Relay is a celebration of Commonwealth Games values, with sport, community, diversity and peace at the heart of the movement. The Queen's Baton carries a message from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II that calls the Commonwealth's athletes to come together in peaceful and friendly competition.

The GC2018 Relay will be the longest and the most accessible ever, not just passing through, but spending quality time in each community it visits.

The Southern Downs has a rich history of celebrating the achievements of sports people in the region, and the Queen's Baton Relay is another event in which the value of sport to the community can be marked.

The eyes of the Commonwealth will be on Warwick on Thursday, 29 March 2018 as the Baton journeys towards its final destination, the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018)

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SCIENCE TRIVIA QUIZ

1. Does DNA evidence suggest that long-extinct dodos belong to the same family as a) doves, b) ducks, or c) chickens?
2. What is the name of the phenomenon where a planet appears to move backwards in the sky?
3. In which geological period did dinosaurs first appear?
4. In what year did new fridges and freezers have to stop using CFCs in Australia?
5. What element has the symbol Sn?

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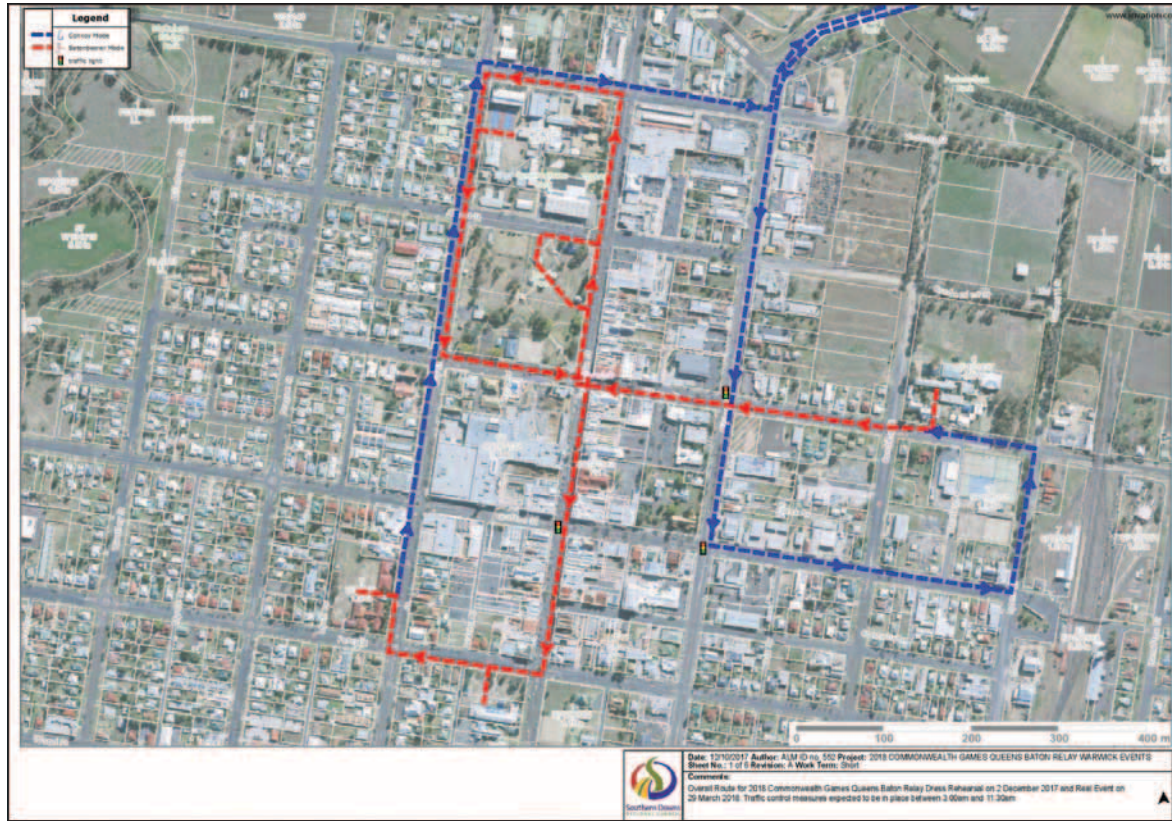
BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

An Englishman, and Irishman and a Scotsman are running down the street away from the police as they had just robbed a bank. They look for somewhere to hide and find some bags.

The Englishman jumps into a bag named 'cats', the Scotsman jumps into a bag named 'dogs' and the Irishman jumps into a bag named 'potatoes'.

The police find the bags and kick the one named cats, the englishman says 'meow'. The Scotsman gets kicked and says 'woof'. The Irishman gets kicked and says 'potatoes'!

Opening Ceremony on 4 April 2018. Cr Dobie said: "The Queen's Baton Relay shows us how important a role sport plays to build our great community, which is why we've chosen to embrace the Baton's visit wholeheartedly. It means Warwick will play an important part in the largest multi-sport event to be staged in Australia in a decade." The Southern Downs is excited to be part of this event and to welcome the Queen's Baton Relay to the region.



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The Fast Grant is not available to applicants that have received the Community Grant, Event Grant, Sport & Recreation Grant nor if they are recipients of Council's annual Operational Funding or Major Events Sponsorship this financial year.

For more information visit Council's website and **Read the Guidelines** as they have been updated.
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DOUBLE HELIX QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Dodos belong to the same family as doves.
2. Retrograde motion is where planets appear to move backwards in the sky.
3. Dinosaurs first appeared during the Triassic period.
4. New fridges and freezers stopped using CFCs in 1994.
5. Tin has the symbol Sn. It gets its symbol from its Latin name, stannum.

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Be kind to your mental health this festive season

Financial hardship, family conflict and loneliness can increase stress for people with anxiety and depression in the lead up to Christmas and New Year celebrations.

beyondblue clinical adviser Dr Stephen Carbone said people with mental health conditions should start thinking about coping strategies now for the festive season.

"Common triggers for people with mental health conditions during the holiday period include budget stress, being invited to more social engagements or being left on your own, and the pressure of living up to expectations," Dr Carbone said.

"Most people find the Christmas and New Year period stressful, but if you have anxiety or depression an increased level of stress may cause an escalation of the condition.

"Stress is a fuel source for anxiety or depression, so the more stress there is the more those conditions flare up. Some people might start

putting too much pressure on themselves about what they should buy or do for others. Others might dread catching up with family because it may end in conflict."

Dr Carbone said people with mental health conditions should reduce the expectations on themselves so they can deal with the stress of Christmas and New Year.

"Be kind to yourself when you're planning what you will do at this time of the year. It's OK to look after yourself and say no to some things to reduce stress and keep things enjoyable," he said.

People who may be alone at this time of year should also start planning ahead, Dr Carbone said.

"If you don't want to be on your own during the festive season, you can contact organisations where you can connect with people," Dr Carbone said.

"Community groups offer many opportunities to meet others in friendly and enjoyable settings. Most local councils

publish a list of community groups on their websites."

With Christmas just weeks away, beyondblue has created an online forum thread titled CHRISTMAS 2017/NEW YEARS Chillout Lounge where people can seek support, join conversations or learn coping strategies.

"Forum users can post anonymously about how they are feeling and share tips on how to cope during the festive season," Dr Carbone said.

"A team of moderators and 18 community champions who have been affected by depression, anxiety and suicide monitor comments as they come in.

"It is a great way to speak about issues you might find difficult raising with a friend or family member and there will always be someone who can offer support and guide you on the right approach."

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