



Learners and Leaders – a Bright Start 2018



School Leaders starting another new year at St. Patrick's School Allora.

holds for these Year 6 students.

In addition to eight new Prep students, six new students and their families have chosen to join the St Patrick's community in 2018. We are positive that these students and their families will be made very welcome in the way that only the St Patrick's community can.

Last week, the St Patrick's teaching team embarked on a three year journey of educational transformation with 'Visible Learning'. A term coined by internationally renowned educational researcher; Professor John Hattie; 'Visible learning' nurtures the development of effective, research supported, classroom and teaching practices that make learning visible to teachers and students. At its best, visible learning celebrates process over product. It gives students the vocabulary to be able to explain what they have learnt, how they know this and what their next steps are in learning. The approach continues on from what teachers have implemented already and compliments the continued focus of developing proficient readers across the school.

In 2018 the school is focusing students on understanding

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Allora Senior Citizens

GAMES DAY



Every Friday

Beginning 2nd February 2018

at Allora Senior Citizen Hall,
Cnr Herbert & Drayton Streets, Allora.

On Monday, the eighty-one students of St Patrick's Allora were welcomed to another year of learning. Many family members including parents, uncles, aunties, cousins, grandparents and even great grandparents came along to school Monday morning to wish the young Prep students well on the first step in their education journey.

The school's year 6 students guided the new students through their first day confidently and enthusiastically. The school community looks forward to what the year

DALRYMPLE DUCK RACE



AUSTRALIA DAY

3.00pm Friday, January 26th,

at Allora Swimming Pool



St. Patrick's School Students starting another new year.

Continued from front page... those that go to school. what makes a good learner. Students are to be learners, Students, by definition are not just students.

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Letters to the Editor...

Re: The Allora Advertiser issue 3476 - Letters to the Editor, 18th January 2018 - Re: Uncertain Future for Allora Pool

Thank you to Shelley Eldridge for alerting us all to the predicament re Allora Pool.

I have a yearly pass and relish swimming there several days a week. Every time I am there, I think how lucky we are to have such a facility. I know it is important for the Council to be financially viable, but surely health and fitness has a very high priority and the status quo should be maintained.

Diana Bite, Allora

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Solution in classifieds section

130 Years of Banking in Allora

Allora's branch of the National Australia Bank will celebrate its 130th birthday on February 16th, indeed an amazing commitment to the Allora community.

Local staff members Sue Stevens, Karenne Mullins and Manager Kellie Robson are looking forward to celebrating the special occasion, the anniversary of the establishment of the Queensland National Bank.

The Queensland National Bank started operations in Allora in February 1888 with Patrick Donovan as the first bank Manager. F.D.G. Stanley designed a new bank and the foundation block was laid in 1890. The building was completed in 1891 at a cost of £1700. The building contractors were J. Hack and Co. from Brisbane. The foreman on the job was Joseph Sharpe who, on completion of the bank, moved to Allora and set up a business with William Leggatt as Sharpe & Leggatt.

The Queensland National Bank was taken over by the National Bank of Australasia in 1948 and traded at 23 Drayton Street until new premises were built at 49 Herbert Street. The bank relocated to the new premises in 1964.

In the late 1950's and early 1960's the annual Allora Shire Council children's Christmas party was held on the current bank site, then a vacant allotment.

The National Bank of Australia merged with the Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney in 1981 to form what is now known as the National Australia Bank. In February 1988 the bank celebrated its centenary of operations in Allora, with special guests Pat Donovan and Marie Coe, grandchildren of the first manager, Patrick Donovan, and Colin Black, the longest standing account holder.

Glyn Rees

WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Min	Max
THU	Morning Clouds. Warm.	18	32
FRI	Partly Cloudy. Warm.	18	32
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Movie Night

The Allora State School P & C Association through their Summer Relief Program are hosting a great night of entertainment on Saturday evening, January 27th with their Australia Day Long Weekend Movie Night at the Pool.

From 6.30 pm until 9.30 pm the Allora Swimming Pool becomes an outdoor movie

theatre. Community members are invited to see the Australian Film 'Babe', cool off, treat yourself from the sausage sizzle, some popcorn and watch a great family movie. Entry is a gold coin donation per person, a great night is assured.

Glyn Rees



Guest Speaker at Presbyterian Men's Breakfast: Lennard Caldwell.

Men's Breakfast Guest Speaker: Lennard Caldwell

Lennard Caldwell, the next speaker for the Allora Presbyterian Church's Men's Breakfast on Saturday 27th January, is a local who grew up in the town, went to school at Allora State School, lives at Mt Marshall and attends church regularly in town. He has earned degrees from QUT in electronics engineering and computer science, has

studied metallurgy from the Western Australian School of Mines in Kalgoorlie, and is a graduate from Queensland Theological College. Lennard met his wife, Fiona, at Cornerstone, a Christian discipleship college at Canowindra, NSW. But careers and life experiences aren't often straight forward. During his

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career he has built humidity cribs for premature babies, created gas cannons for replica aircraft, milked cows, worked as a CNC machinist, poured molten metal, packed beans, computer programmed, and pruned vineyards. Lennard believes that the important things in life consist

of faith in Jesus, fidelity and family, and a love of community. This Saturday's Men's Breakfast commences at 7.20am. A fascinating and entertaining talk is assured, so be sure to come along.

Model T Ford Gun Carriage on display

Adding to the fabulous line up of exceptional vehicles to be displayed at this weekend's Allora Heritage Weekend will be Ken Gerke's WW1 Model T Ford Gun Carriage.

Model T Fords played a significant part in the allied victories of WW1. They were used in several body styles including ambulances, troop transports and as shown in the photo, a gun carriage.

Ken and his wife Ann from Ipswich have travelled extensively studying early combat light vehicles and a Model T Ford was a must for their collection. Come to the Allora Heritage Weekend and meet Ken and his rare machine gun toting carriage, Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th January, at the Allora Showgrounds.



Ken Gerke in his WW1 Model T Ford Gun Carriage.

Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago January 1993

Australia Day Awards

Allora Shire residents enjoyed a barbeque, live music in the park, tug-of-war, and sheaf tossing competitions following the presentation of awards to its outstanding citizens at the Australia Day ceremony in Dalrymple Creek Park. Allora Shire Chairman, Cr. Jim Deacon, presented Mrs. Ellie Marshall with the Citizen of the Year award. Mrs. Marshall had lived in the district for 43 years, raised 10 children, and still found time for nursing and other community involvement.

Kevin Harrison won the Sports Administration Award for his services to junior rugby league. He is also involved in local squash, cricket and other sports. Ashley Forster was awarded the Junior Sports Star award having won his age group at the national karate titles last year.

The Community Event of the Year award went to Lyn and Perry Cronin for their organization of a beer and prawn night in aid of Wattles Rugby League Club's princess quest entrant Kerri Henry.

Allora's Past 75 years ago January 1943

Electricity

As from midnight next Friday, electricity for Allora will be serviced by the Toowoomba Electric Light & Power Co. Ltd. For the past ten years Allora Shire Council, as the Electrical Authority, has been purchasing current in bulk from the Allora butter factory of the Warwick Co-operative Dairy Association. This system will cease at midnight on Friday, from which time the town will be served from the new 33,000 volt transmission line from Toowoomba and extending to Warwick. For the purpose of supplying Allora, a sub-station has been erected near the croquet lawn to step the

current down from 33,000 volts to 11,000 volts. Another sub-station has been erected at the Herbert and Warwick Street's corner to step down the current to a 240-415 volt supply for town reticulation.

Allora's Past 100 years ago January 1918

Obituary

The death of Mr. Robert Cooke, one of the pioneer residents of Allora occurred early on Friday morning within a few days of his 78th birthday. Mr. Cooke came from an old farming family in Devonshire, England, and arrived in Queensland in 1862. He spent a few years gaining colonial experience on Mount Abundance and Felton stations before coming to Allora in 1866, starting a butchering business which had a very extensive trade when the railway line to Warwick was under construction. He acquired land in several parts of the district and bought the farm on which he had resided for 40 years from the late Mr. Ewan McMillan. He was for some time an alderman on the old Allora Municipal Council and was a warden of St. David's Church. He leaves a widow, three daughters and two sons to mourn his loss.

Allora's Past 150 years ago January 1868

Cricket

On Friday there was a cricket match played between the railway navvies and an Allora team. The navvies took the bats first and scored 74. Their opponents followed, and in two innings scored 54; the former thus winning in one innings, with 20 runs to spare.

Collin Newport



Power poles being erected in front of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in 1932.

21 Years of Duck Race Tradition

It's on again on Australia Day, Allora's own climax of elite waterfowl racing. No, we're not talking the living, breathing, highly pedigreed breeds that will soon be on show at the Ernie Young Pavilion at the Allora Showgrounds. Rather the yellow rubber type duck's that have frequented the Allora Pool and waterways across the years raising Allora Showgirl funds.

Allora's Ted Cowley once again has 400 duck's primed to peak on Australia Day, January 26th at the 21st 'Dalrymple Duck Race' at the Allora Swimming Pool.

While Duck Races are held world wide in the interests of raising money for charities & other community organisations, the Allora event in aid of Allora Show Society Showgirl entrants has stood the test of time. In 2018 it can be said it has come of age with the hosting of the 21st event.

Fundraising is a vital component of the Showgirl quest and in 2018 Breanna Climpson, Stacey Christensen, Lexie Heslin, Macey Heslin, Porsha Mathie, Danni Griffin & Reagan McMillan have all been busy young entrants.

Allora Show Society Patron, committee member & life member and annual Duck Race organizer Ted Cowley introduced the novel event to Allora's calendar back in 1998, the first ever Dalrymple Duck Race taking place on Sunday December 13th that year. The race featured 300 yellow rubber ducks traversing the challenges of Dalrymple Creek in Stuart Henry Park. The current in the creek wasn't quite as brisk as needed to help the ducks along so members of the Allora Queensland Fire & Rescue



The excitement is mounting for the 21st Dalrymple Duck Race at the Allora Swimming Pool on Australia Day.

Service provided some assistance with some high pressure water jets. That initial Duck Race was held in support of Allora Showgirl quest entrant Kate Smith.

Ted Cowley & the Allora Showgirl entrants have been busy selling tickets across January for the 400 cute yellow ducks that will take to the Allora Swimming Pool on Australia Day. Keep an eye out for Ted and his Showgirl assistants outside the Allora Pharmacy today, or collect your tickets before the big races on Australia Day. Two races will be held, commencing at 3.00 pm.

With the purchase of a \$2.00 ticket community members can lay claim to a duck in the feature sprint event, and should that duck cross the finish line first the winner collects an easy \$150, second place pockets \$100 and a crisp \$50 note goes to third place.

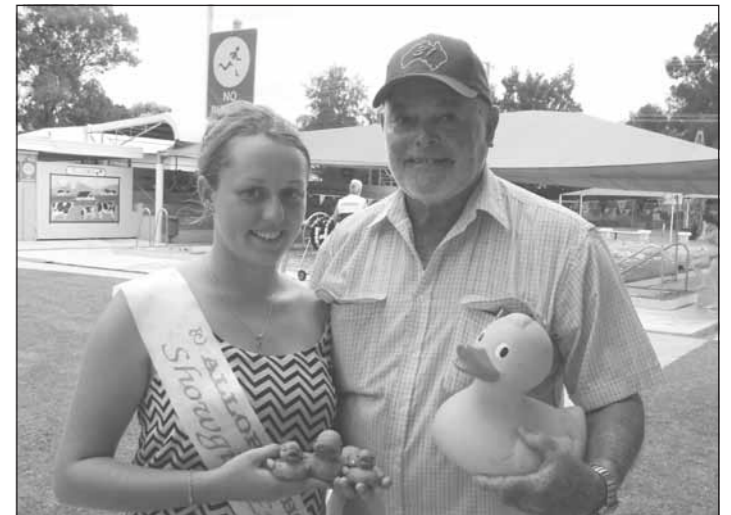
The Dalrymple Duck Race has become an Allora district tradition that always attracts a

healthy crowd. The ducks no longer wind their way downstream on a 50 metre course in Dalrymple Creek with nature providing the momentum. Past Duck races in Dalrymple Creek were great spectacles, but the event didn't come without some chance of peril.

Nowadays the ducks do a lap of the Allora Swimming Pool with some additional incentive from a commercial grade electric fan.

A move to the Allora Swimming Pool has provided a safer more comfortable venue, for ducks and spectators alike.

Glyn Rees



Dalrymple Duck Race organiser Ted Cowley with 2015 Allora Showgirl Lauren Wilson. Ted has 400 ducks ready to race again on Australia Day.

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

A Scotsman in Edinburgh was selling his dog.

An American offered him 500 pounds for it and an Englishman offered him 50 pounds.

Even though the American had offered more, he decided to sell it to the Englishman, because he thought it might be able to walk back to Edinburgh from England, but it could never swim the Atlantic.

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LEFT & BELOW: Examples of some of the great prizes donated by local businesses and supporters

Cent Sale at the Allora Heritage Weekend



Days for Girls International, Allora Team, is venturing into unknown waters with a great opportunity of conducting the CENT SALE component of the Warwick and District Heritage Festival this year. In fact, our Cent Sale is a Multi-Draw Raffle! And what a gigantic one it will be.

Thanks to so many generous supporters, both business and individual, prizes have been flooding in. We have been overwhelmed with the spirit of giving within the region.

There are prizes for the ladies, prizes for the gentlemen,

prizes for the children, prizes for the pets, prizes to enhance homes, gardens and more! Which of these appeals to you? Chicken and Champagne Hampers, Baked dinner trays, wines, beer, cakes, cosmetics, jewellery, travel packs, first aid kits, aerial photograph, dinner sets, glasses, vases, beanies, scarves, caps, books, teddy bears, model cars and trucks, toys, multiple board games and jig saws, photo frames, gardening gear, clocks, electrical appliances, vouchers for meals, coffee, shoes, hair treatments and MORE.

Prizes of special interest include: marble cheese board, a large pack of Tupperware Products valued at \$200, a studio photographic sitting with a family photo included, printer, frypan and skillet, electric wine cooler... So many of you will be winners. Tickets will be sold on the day at the Show Pavilion, pre-sold with name and contact phone number, available near the entrance and from roving individuals.

We are so excited with the range and quality of prizes and want to share them with you.

SEE YOU at the Allora Show Pavilion on 27th JANUARY ready for a 2.00pm start.



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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 Trevor Shields 0401 018 450, Secretary Stuart Campbell 4666 3499. Email alloramensshed4362@gmail.com.

Allora QCWA - Meets 3rd Tuesday of month, 10.00am. Once Upon a Song 1st and 3rd Monday each month, 9.30am - 10.30am. 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 2nd Sunday of the month at 2.00pm at Show Society Ring Office, Allora Show Grounds. Contact Conrad Schnitzerling 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.



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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.

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. Web site 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.

IS YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP OR ORGANISATION NOT LISTED? Please email admin@alloraadvertiser.com with your details or talk with the team at Allora Advertiser office on 4666 3128 to confirm your details for next month's Allora Community Directory listing. CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL GROUPS.

Events Calendar

2018

- January -**
- Fri 26** 2018 Australia Day Senior Tennis Tournament
Allora Tennis Club, 8.00am
- March -**
- Fri 2** The Rotary Club of Allora Annual Trivia Night
Allora State School Hall, 6.30pm
- Fri 16** St. Davids Mission Street Stall
- April -**
- TBC 28/29** Doctor Who Club Bus Trip to Supanova (DATE - TBC)
Departs: Toowoomba 5am, Allora 6am, Gold Coast 5pm
- June -**
- Sat 16** St. David's June Afternoon (A Country Garden)
- September -**
- Fri 21** St. David's Street Stall

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Allora Golf Notes

The numbers for our Percy's Fruit sponsored Duckrun continue to grow and last Friday's winner with 25 pts was Jimmy Anderson, well done Jimmy. Pin for the 13th went to John Millard and the Approach for the 12th went to Garth Simpson. Congratulations to the winners and all players and thank you to Percy's Fruit for their sponsorship.

Last Sunday's event was the 2017 Medal of Medals playoff and in near perfect conditions on the course mixed in with a bit of sledging the winner with 67 pts was Michael 'Pugsy' Pugliesi, from all reports it was touch and go there for a while but well done 'Pugsy'. The winner for the January medal coming in with a blistering 59 pts playing some phenomenal golf was 'Rolling' Ray O'Leary, great play Ray well done. Rundown winners were John Sparksman 66, Lindsay May 67, Jim Pidgeon 68, Aaron Simpson 68 and Len Hoey 69. Rougan Geraghty claimed the pins on the 7th and 17th, Pugsy got the 8th and Len Hoey took the 16th. Approach prizes on the 1st didn't go, the 18th went to Aaron Simpson and Bazz Brown Jnr took the 10th and 9th. Congratulations to the winners and all players, thank you to our sponsors and to all the workers who have worked tirelessly over the holiday break the course looks amazing.

Players need to be reminded that memberships are due: \$200 for 12 months - the cheapest in the region. Once you become a member you can play as much as you like with no charge, all that is asked is to make yourself available once in a while with working bees and the general maintenance of the course. This Tuesday teeing from 10am is our new 18 hole competition cost is \$5 for all those wishing to have a bit of a hit we have plenty of buggies for hire. Players are welcome to have a go. Then Friday is the Percy's Fruit sponsored Duckrun teeing from 2pm, all welcome to attend.

Finishing the week Sunday will be the Allora Butchery 4BBB or a 2 Ball Ambrose event depending on the numbers. So we will have a full week of golf, so don't forget your sandbuckets and great golfing to you all.

To Tom the Scribe,

The members of Allora Golf Club thank you for the reports each week. Wishing you and your family all the best for the new year.

Rollin Ray

Waste facilities: Council urges residents to do the right thing

Are you disposing of your waste correctly?

Following an increase in the dumping of large and commercial items at facilities across the region, Southern Downs Regional Council would like to remind residents that unsupervised waste facilities and bin compounds are for the disposal of domestic household waste only.

Large and bulky items – think couches, mattresses, cupboards, whitegoods and the like – are not to be disposed of at unsupervised waste facilities. Furthermore, no commercial, industrial or farming waste is to be disposed of at these facilities. SDRC has also received

reports of bins being overfilled with commercial waste meaning they are not able to be used for domestic rubbish. Incidences of large and bulky items being discarded and waste being placed in incorrect bins have increased, while the gates to locked bin compounds are regularly being left unsecured.

SDRC Environmental Health Coordinator Nicole Collett said dumping of these types of items leads to litter and environmental issues.

"It is important residents who are using unsupervised waste facilities use them to discard of appropriate waste items," Ms Collett said.

"As well as posing significant challenges to waste

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Large and bulky items such as couches or whitegoods should not be disposed of at unsupervised waste facilities.

contractors emptying bins and problems for other users of the facilities, misuse increases operational costs for Council – funds which could be allocated elsewhere."

Ms Collett said Council has a range of options for residents when it comes to waste management and recycling. Residents can take large and/or bulky items and commercial, industrial and farming waste to supervised waste transfer stations across the region, including Allora, Killarney, Warwick, Leyburn, Maryvale, Stanthorpe, Wallangarra, Pratten, Broadwater and the Northern Granite Belt.

There are no disposal fees for domestic waste at these facilities. If you see someone doing the wrong thing, please report the details to Council to investigate.

Over the past two years, 40 penalty infringement notices have been issued for illegal dumping or littering, many for offences that have occurred at unsupervised waste facilities. Residents can be fined up to \$252 for general littering and \$2523 for illegal dumping of waste.

For more information, visit www.sdrc.qld.gov.au/living-here/waste-recycling

Geitz elevated to Samsung Diamonds squad

Former Australian captain, Allora's own Laura Geitz has been elevated to the Samsung Diamonds squad, following the Commonwealth Games Simulation Camp at the Australian Institute of Sport last fortnight.

Head coach Lisa Alexander said she was pleased with Laura's performance at the camp, and that the defender would continue in her preparations with the Queensland Firebirds.

"Laura performed well at the camp, with improvement in each match play outing.

"She knows what is required of her in this next training block and will keep working hard to reach the level needed," Alexander said.

Geitz participated in the three practice matches across the simulation camp and was fully integrated in the Diamonds environment.

"I really enjoyed returning back into the high performance environment that the Diamonds provide," she said. "Whilst it has been 18 months since I have played at that high intensity it was great to

be back in the mix and really challenge myself by training against the best.

"I understand the importance of a great preparation leading into a major tournament such as a Commonwealth Games and I am happy to play that supporting role for the girls and help them to be in the best shape for April.

"I also understand that during my absence there have been many girls that have stepped up and showed that they are more than capable to perform on the international stage. The Diamonds have always boasted and been lucky to have a great amount of depth to choose from and that's a great position for Lisa and the selectors to be in heading into a major event such as the Commonwealth Games."

The defender has 64 test caps and captained the Diamonds to Commonwealth Games Glasgow 2014 and Netball World Cup SYDNEY 2015 gold.

The Diamonds team for the Commonwealth Games will be announced in early February.

Record Heritage Weekend Forecast

There was certainly plenty of volunteer action at the Allora Showgrounds last Sunday morning as members of the Warwick Veteran & Vintage Vehicle Club raised a sweat making preparations for the upcoming Allora Heritage Weekend.

Despite the necessary chores for the massive event in very warm weather, it was still easy to find some willing participants for a chat.

Two veterans of many a Heritage Weekend I found having a break from the working bea hustle and bustle were well known Allora identity Kookie Tickle and Tom Briggs of Freestone.

Both can boast a life time of 'getting a little grease on their

hands' and being within ear shot of the clinking, tapping, idling and roaring of their favoured tractor and truck.

Kookie has been a long serving identity at the nationally acclaimed weekend, boasting an involvement from the days when the machinery highlighting event was but a glimmer in the eye of those that planted the event seed.

Well known on many fronts, Kookie was more than recognizable due to his famous home constructed milking cow that annually took pride of place the Heritage Weekend collection of working machinery.

While the tractors & vehicles of that first Heritage Weekend were rolled out in 1995, the

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Wise elders of the machinery world Tom Briggs and Kookie Tickle take a break for a chat and a laugh at last weekend's working bee for the Allora Heritage Weekend.

historic machinery elder shared his memories of the year prior to the Heritage Weekend's birth. "We all got together with a various pieces of machinery and vehicles and had a day running around the showgrounds here in Allora, amusing ourselves more than anything."

"But a crowd developed keeping an eye on what we were doing, all very interested and it was decided to start an organised event the following year."

Tom Briggs wouldn't be tied down to one vehicle or aspect of the Heritage Weekend that attracted his attention most, "they're all my favourite" Tom smiled.

While he admitted age had put some pressure on his attendances at the popular Weekend, "I keep coming back, should be going to more events of this type." Tom will be there again on Saturday with his 1950 model Ford Prefect and 1961 Morris Major Deluxe.

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According to Allora Heritage Weekend committee Chairman Lyle Johnson arrangements and organisation for the 2018 feast of mechanical history was well on track to open the gates on Saturday morning. Up to 5,000 enthusiasts & history buffs are expected through the gates across the two days the Showgrounds precinct steps back in time. Lyle has organised the Heritage Weekend Swap Meet for many years and was busy with assistants Keith Wilson and Lester Brosnan on Sunday morning clearing areas, marking stall allotments and planning for the countless array of stalls that will be on site with their wares.

While not an Allora local, Lester is a regular at the Heritage Weekend with his Antiques & Collectables stall, a very popular haunt for all in attendance. While he calls Toowoomba home, Lester can claim strong family links to the 'Best Little Town on the Downs.' Two of the Heritage Weekend 'foundation members' Graeme McMillan and Ted Woodrow have seen the annual event grow and prosper, despite some trying times due to wet weather. "2018 is appearing to be bigger than ever" according to Graeme, "seventeen trucks are

making the journey to Allora from Sydney and Melbourne with exhibits." "There'll be an amazing line-up of mechanical gems on show again, those bringing



Allora's Greg Patterson is a bundle of excitement ready for the approaching Allora Heritage Weekend.

exhibits and those here for the experience make all the organisation effort well worth while." Adding to the fabulous line up of exceptional vehicles to be displayed this year will be Ken Gerke's World War 1 Model T Ford gun carriage. Model T Fords played a significant part in the allied victories of the first World War, being used in several body styles including ambulances, troop transports and gun carriages. From Ipswich, Ken and his wife Ann have travelled extensively studying early combat light vehicles and a Model T Ford was a must for their collection. While there will be vehicles, machinery of all types and other displays, the feature brands in 2018 are

Chamberlain and Caterpillar tractors, Chrysler cars, Volvo and European trucks, Moffat Virtue engines, air cooled engines and Triumph motorcycles. Got one at home? Give the organisers a call, bring it along and play a role in the 2018 Allora Heritage Weekend. For further details call Lyle Johnson (Swap Meet - 0409 766 288), Ted Woodrow (0418 875 469) and Graeme McMillan (4666 3554).

Glyn Rees Allora based veteran and vintage vehicle enthusiast Keith Wilson will have rare 1910 Maxwell AA Runabout on show at the Allora Heritage Weekend.



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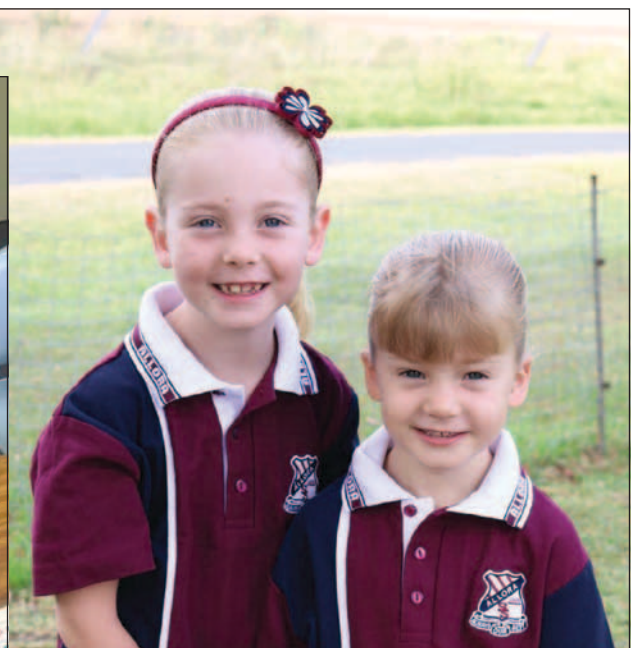
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