

Dalrymple Duck Race Comes of Age

The annual Dalrymple Duck Race supporters near filled the Allora Swimming Pool Grandstand on Australia Day Friday watching the thrilling 21st Dalrymple Duck Race with ducks sweeping down the pool to a nerve racking finish for the owners of the pack of five jostling at the finish line. The Joan Cronin owned 'Duck 303' was placed third 300 mm out from the finish line and three in from the rail before a second wind saw it break fee and breeze through to touch the finish rope.

The finish sure wasn't for the feint of heart, enthusiastic onlookers cheering on the first finisher and place getters down the 25 metre swim. Mrs Cronin latered collected

her \$150 top prize money while Anne Glass's second placed duck allowed her \$100 and Mr A. Hardwick of Hendon claimed the \$50 third prize winnings, his duck beaten by a short beak.

The earlier Dalrymple Handicap, a warm up 25 metres before the big race saw the Maryvale based Robertson family's classy duck cruise to a win from Charles Tranberg's determined mallard and third placed owner Tracey Heslin.

Dedicated organiser of the past 21 Duck Races Ted Cowley was more than pleased how the novel event unfolded. The Dalrymple Duck Race is an annual fundraiser for the Allora Show Society



2018 Miss Allora Showgirl Brianna Climpson, Miss Allora Showgirl Runner-up Stacey Christensen. (Back) Miss Junior Showgirl Macey Heslin, Dalrymple Duck Race organiser Ted Cowley & Teen Showgirl Lexie Heslin were all on hand ensuring the success of yet another exciting Duck Race.

Showgirl Quest. 2018 Miss Allora Showgirl Brianna Climpson, Miss Allora Showgirl Runner-up Stacey Christensen, Miss Teen Showgirl Lexie Heslin and Miss Junior Showgirl Macey Heslin were all on hand ensuring the success of yet another exciting Duck Race.

Ted Cowley's stable of rubber ducks will be spelled again for another 12 months in an isolated paddock on Allora's western fringes.

But rubber ducks are an integral part of a global tradition it seems. Rubber duck races are far from a rare

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Chas & Charlie Tranberg were on hand to witness the 2018 Dalrymple Duck Race at the Allora Swimming Pool.

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occurrence right around the world. Indeed they are among a lengthy list of preferred charity fund-raisers, earning famed status for their host cities & regions or the charities they support.

The Great Brisbane Duck Race is held on the Brisbane River each year to raise funds for the PA Research Foundation. The 100-metre race saw 30,000 rubber ducks entered in 2011.

In Stockbridge, Edinburgh

since 1988, the Stockbridge Community Festival has held the annual Stockbridge Duck Race to raise money for local charities. 1000 rubber ducks are released into the Water of Leith at the Stockbridge to float down stream to the finishing post at the Falshaw Bridge.

On August 31st back in 2008, the Great British Duck Race was held near Hampton Court Palace in London. The race broke the world record for the number of ducks used

together, with a total of 250,000. The ducks used in the race were a bright blue color, after stewards in the previous year faced problems from spectators throwing their own ducks into the water.

The history of the rubber duck is linked to the emergence of rubber manufacturing in the late 19th century. The earliest rubber ducks were made from harder rubber when manufacturers began using Charles Goodyear's invention, vulcanized rubber. As a consequence, these solid rubber ducks were not capable of floating, but instead were intended for use as chew toys. Interesting to note that in 2013 rubber ducks were inducted into the Toy Hall of Fame. Rubber Ducks joined a list of only 63 other toys that have also inducted into the Hall of Fame since its founding in 1998.

It's onward and upward for Allora's Dalrymple Duck Race with the 22nd gala event taking to the waters of the Allora Pool on Australia Day, Tuesday January 26th 2019. Mark it in your calendar!

Glyn Rees



Miss Allora Showgirl Brianna Climpson, Miss Allora Showgirl Runner-up Stacey Christensen open the 'starters gates' for the classic sprint, the 2018 Dalrymple Duck Race at the Allora Swimming Pool on Australia.

Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

"Remember Me: The Lost Diggers of Vignacourt"

This is an exhibition of World War One photographs at the Warwick Art Gallery. It is a fascinating story of the discovery of glass plate negatives in France and the cooperation by so many people to bring these precious items to Australia. Many of the soldiers in the photographs have not been identified so I'd encourage everyone to view this free entry exhibition and maybe a discovery could be made here. It is possible there are glass plate negatives stored in buildings locally and we could recover forgotten images of landscapes, events or people.

Karen McKechnie, Allora

To The Editor,

RE: Uncertain Future for the Allora Pool - Response to letter, The Allora Advertiser issue 3476, 18 January 2018

I am totally supporting Ms. Shelley Eldridge of Allora and agree with her Letter to the Editor, 18th January 2018. I agree that the council do not need to increase prices charged to enter the pool. The community of Allora and surrounding district do support this pool and as Shelley said, the heat each summer is increasing and becoming unbearable. Most families are using the pool on a daily basis over summer and the costs to a family is enough to bare at the moment.

Most families are finding it too difficult to make ends meet! This is not fair for council to even consider! I will be writing yet again to our local council.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Kerry Denné, Allora

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Allora Heritage a Raging

Well what additional superlatives can be lavished on descriptions of the 2018 Allora Heritage Weekend. The event was a magnificent spectacle across the Australia Day weekend, with much credit to the Chairman Lyle Johnson and his Allora Heritage Weekend Organising Committee and the Warwick Veteran and Vintage Vehicle Club. The organisers left no stone unturned as they went about the challenging business of hosting an event that seemed second to none across the Heritage Weekend's history since its birth in 1995. Indeed, the fruition of months of work has been recognised as a benchmark among similar events by the visitors & enthusiasts who travelled to Allora from locations across the nation. From a local perspective the Allora and Southern Downs region vehicle restorers and collectors put their best foot forward contributing much to the exhibits that numbered around the 500 mark at the high point of the weekend. Allora collectors certainly flew the local colours with pride, Keith Wilson's 1910 Maxwell and his 1924 Waratah motorcycle from his impressive vehicle stable, while Glenn

Hentschel's 1926 Arrol Johnston, 27 Stutz & 1930 Cadillac turning plenty of heads along with his 1970 GTHO Phase 2 and 1968 HK 327 Bathurst Monaro. As deservedly promoted in recent weeks the Doug Partington allotment at the Heritage Weekend was oozing motoring history, his 1912 Ford Model T, the amazing racing legend the Wikner Ford Special, joined by at least ten fellow Model T's including an historic 1917 Model T gun carriage. And what about that magnificent 1904 Rambler Model G kindly making an appearance under the care of Doug Partington thanks to the generosity of the RACQ. Bob Denny's silo of cars featured his one and only 1930 Pierce Arrow, the only one in Australia, along with Bob's famous Cadillac collection. His contribution to the weekend including his 1929 LaSalle 41 Imperial limousine and his 1938 Packard limousine. Yes, there were many more exhibitors of classic cars

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2018 Allora Showgirl Runner-Up Stacey Christensen was busy fundraising at the Allora Heritage Weekend with parents Bronwyn & Scott, Stacey hoping for success in the Allora Show Miss Charity Show Girl Quest.



A magnificently restored 1933 Farmall F12 tractor was just one example of over 200 tractor exhibitions that took pride of place in the Heritage Weekend tractor parade.

but alas we can't list everyone. The pedigree of the trucks that rolled in to the Allora Showgrounds was spectacular with so many venturing from interstate. Peter Willett and family brought their Diamond Rios to Allora, 1970 and 1974



Young Warwick ladies Karlie & Shannen MacDonald were enthusiastic onlookers along the rows of small engines at the Heritage Weekend.

Success

RIGHT: An avenue of tractors at the Allora Heritage Weekend. Chamberlain and Caterpillar were two famous makes of machinery that featured at this year's classic Heritage event.

BELOW: A trio of dedicated volunteers! Robyn Draper, Jan Gilmore and Wendy Ardrey take a short break from a busy Combined Anglican and Uniting Church Parishes food stall at the Heritage weekend.

BELOW RIGHT: This magnificent 1927 Whippet was displayed at the Allora Heritage Weekend by Justin & Adam Hood of Kingaroy. The vehicle was restored by Steve Hood in 1974.



models. The 1974 model was originally imported from Canada and spent its early working life hauling cattle in road train double decker configuration. The first truck to achieve such a feat, the 1974 model is still working for a living at Millmerran. The annual swap meet that is such a vital segment of the annual Heritage Weekend provided over 100 vendors a platform to sell their wares. The Cent Sale in support of the local branch of the Days with Girls International group also so well attended and successful. Food outlets in the Showgrounds fuelling the thousands of patrons & exhibitors on the grounds had

a more than busy weekend and profiting admirably for local charities and community groups, selling out and restocking only to sell out again. Veteran & vintage machinery & vehicles were certainly represented in numbers in the Allora Showground's confines, over 150 cars, 200 tractors and 100 trucks along with engines by the dozens and countless historical displays of equipment. The near 5000 people who tread the showgrounds turf across the two days of the Heritage Weekend were educated with a real-life step back in to yesteryear, or for many a very pleasant reminder of when

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BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

"What flavours of ice cream do you have?" asked the customer.

"We have vanilla, strawberry, and chocolate," answered the new waitress in a hoarse whisper.

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times were slower and so very different.

Visiting Allora enthusiast Mike Smith experienced his first Allora Heritage Weekend and loved it. "It's great to see history restored and so much more interesting than modern day junk, that will never hold its value as much as historical machinery will. It is the best heritage event I have ever attended. Great work people." Heritage Weekend Sunday saw the showgrounds pace slow a little, but the continuing parades of machinery & vehicles, yarns about days gone by, some bush poets, tractor pulls and the busy Swap Meet kept everybody enthralled.

Organising committee Chairman Lyle Johnson can't thank his committee, volunteers and all who contributed enough.

"A tremendous success story" according to Lyle, "Upwards of 3700 paying visitors to the event over the weekend, Saturday's crowd with exhibitors and children could have been more than 5000 people."

"To all the exhibitors who proudly displayed their pride and joy, thank you for sharing at Allora."

"To RACQ, thank you so much for coming."

"To the members who worked in front of the scenes and behind, a job so very well done."

"To our commentators Hugh Huston, John South & Ted



Visiting the Allora Heritage Weekend from the Gold Coast were Allen Sims & Nina Kit accompanied by Kristy, Will and Jake Radley.

Woodrow and anyone else who had kind words to say for our wonderful event, thank you."

"Our heritage weekend committee will have a short break and then by the middle of this year the planning for 2019 will be under way."

"To all our visitors over the weekend, and to the 4000 viewers and followers on social media, thank you for the support."

In the words of learned Heritage Weekend announcer Ted Woodrow who described his

childhood experiences growing up in Allora with fellow local vehicle restorers, see

you next year "pinching each other's crank handles!"

Glyn Rees



John & Bob Denny found plenty to chat about as they strolled through Tractor Avenue at the Allora Heritage weekend.



Veterans of many a Allora Heritage Weekend Mick Bradford of Yangan and George McKenzie of Allora catch up amid the history and machinery.



Allora local Michael Maher taking a look at a 1955 Caterpillar D2 5U dozer belonging to Bruce Carey of Nobby.

Clifton Scout Group Open Day



Clifton Scout Group is conducting an Open Day from 9.00 am till 12.00 noon on Saturday, 3rd February 2018.

The Open Day will be held at the Scout Hut, 5 Davenport Street, Clifton.

The aim of the Open Day is to provide an introduction to and information about Scouting to the residents of Clifton and the surrounding districts. A range of Scouting activities will be available for potential members to sample. There will be a Rope Bridge and a Climbing Wall available for

those wearing closed in shoes (i.e. no sandals, thongs, etc.). Clifton Scout Group currently offers programs for Joey Scouts aged 6 and 7 years, Cub Scouts aged 8 to 10 years, Scouts aged 10 to 14 years and Venturer Scouts aged 15 to 17 years. The Group has drawn its youth membership from Allora to Greenmount and Leyburn to Pilton. For further information about Scouting in Clifton and surrounding district, contact: Group Leader Ian Gregory on 4697 3553 or cliftonscoutgroup@live.com.au.

GOLF Allora Golf Notes

Results for last Friday's Percy's Fruit sponsored Duckrun, the winner after countback was Errol May from James both on 21 pts. Great golfing boys, well done. Pin shot for the 8th Kev Harrison and Approach on the 2nd Len Hoey. Congratulations to the winners and all players and thank you to Percy's Fruit for their sponsorship.

Last Sunday's game was a 2 ball Ambrose event sponsored by the Allora Butchery. In beautiful conditions out on the course with a hint of rain looming we had 17 players attend. The winning team was Aaron Simpson and Dave coming in with a 57. Some good golf played there well done. Runners up team was Rougan Geraghty and Rod Simpson with 60.25. Pins for the 7th Aaron Simpson, 16th Rougan Geraghty. Approach on the 2nd went to Wayne McKewan, 11th Rougan Geraghty, 5th Rod Simpson, 14th Garth Simpson. Longest putt for the 6th and 15th all in went to Lindsay May. Must be all the golf your playing of late Moose, well done. Congratulations to the winners and all players and thank you to the Allora Butchery for their sponsorship.

Before the game got underway we had a Matchplay game in progress between John Millard and Tom Brown. It was a great game, good banter they were all square after 9 but Tom fell short losing by 2 after 18. Well done John Millard for a great game. John now goes on to play Aaron Simpson with the winner of this game set to play Garth Simpson in the final, best of luck to both of you.

Thank you to all our workers for the work that continues to be done, wont be long until our new path up the 7th hill is ready and the 1st green will be ready to play.

Players need to be reminded memberships are due. For those wanting to have a go this Tuesday try our 18 hole competition teeing from 10am, buggies available all welcome to attend then Friday teeing from 2pm will be the Percy's Fruit sponsored Duckrun and finishing on Sunday with the Railway Hotel Monthly Mug but whatever day you decide to play don't forget your sandbuckets and great golfing to you all.

Enjoy a game soon!
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Allora Night Bowls Notes

Week one, Tuesday 22nd January 2018 – There can be no doubt that all the night bowlers

were happy to be on the green for the first night of the 2018 season. It was a beautiful night to be outdoors. All 14 teams were organised although some eager substitutes got a game. Greg got the games underway fairly much on time.

We welcome new member Len and the members of the new team, 3 Dos & 1 Don't. It was great to see so many paying their annual membership fee of \$20.00.

The scribe could not help noticing the noisy teams on Rink 1. They had an exciting game with the game score teetering from one to the other. They squealed and shouted as the bowls were skilfully put in the wining position. The final score of 15 to 6 did not reflect the closeness of the competition.

We only have the Railway Hotel, Allora Butchery, Paul Parker Painting and the Sports Club as sponsors this season. Thank you to Aaron and Ashlee for putting their hand up this year. Does any local business want to help out and have their name in print and mentioned as sponsors each week.

Raffle winners were Kat Fish, Dennis Allen, John Ellwood, Bryce Turner & Coby. The Jackpot started off at \$20.00 but we need some new sponsors to share the weekly cutting of the cards prize.

Paul Parker has offered to sponsor the toucher competition this season. Thanks Paul & crew. Taking home a block of chocolate were David Sparksman, Slippery, Ashleigh Brown, Rusty McMillan, John Cochrane & Jim Pigeon.

Results of play: Railway Hotel 15 v 6; The Old Boys 12 v Tramps Like Us 6; Maydan 13 v 3 Dos & 1 Don't 9; Rooniks 19 v Bowls and Beautiful 10; Lawn Grubs 17 v Team Engel 17; The 3 Stoogers 15 v Doesn't Matter 11; Zoolanders 15 v Frog & Swallow 8.

The winners declared for the night were The 3 Stoogers with runners up Frog & Swallow.

Greg thanked all volunteers and Moley got a rousing cheer from the players for the work that he has put into keeping the greens in good condition during the off season.

Lyn Wright, Scribe



View across Allora greens.

Australia Day Awards - Southern Downs Region

Hear ye, hear ye: Town crier named Southern Downs Citizen of the Year

Hear ye, hear ye! Southern Downs Town Crier Bob Townshend has been named Southern Downs Citizen of the Year.

Some of the great contributors to the Southern Downs region were recognised with honours for their outstanding service to the community at Australia Day Celebrations at Glengallan Homestead and Stanthorpe's Weeroona Park on Friday, January 26.

Mr Townshend was appointed Southern Downs Town Crier in 2011 and has volunteered his

time and booming voice to welcoming people to various events across the region.

During his short time as a town crier, Mr Townshend has attended five Australian Championships and was the only Queensland Crier at the World Championships in 2015, and has presented a greeting from the Mayor of the Southern Downs to the Mayor of Warwick in England.

He proudly represented the Southern Downs when he defended his title as Senior Champion at the 2017 Australian Town Crier Championships and finished third in the Champion of Champions.

Mr Townshend was lauded at the Glengallan Homestead and Weeroona Park Australia Day Celebrations as he

volunteered his talents at both events.

Southern Downs Mayor, Cr Tracy Dobie extended her congratulations to all Australia Day Award recipients.

"Congratulations to Mr Townshend the Southern Downs Citizen of the Year and to all the recipients of the 2018 Australia Day Awards," Cr Dobie said.

"These individuals exemplify why we should all be proud to be Southern Downs citizens and this is an opportunity to recognise them and to say thank you for their service to the community.

"These awards recognise the contribution these accomplished individuals and groups have made to enrich our communities. Their service is an inspiration to all of us and

captures the very essence of the Australian spirit."

Warwick's beloved 'Rubbish Rambler' receives Australia Day Citizen Award (Northern)

Each year, Southern Downs Regional Council recognises the achievements of residents for their service and contribution to the community at its Australia Day Awards.

Southern Downs Regional Council is thrilled to announce Leonard Monaghan as the recipient of Warwick's Australia Day Citizen Award. Mr Monaghan is well known among locals for pushing his modified trolley around Warwick, rain, hail or shine, often as far as the Eight Mile or Leslie Dam.

Affectionally dubbed the "The Rubbish Rambler" by locals, Mr Monaghan has collected more than 45 tonnes of rubbish since he began in 2008, making a significant, positive environmental impact on Warwick and its surrounds. Mr Monaghan suffers ill health but still works tirelessly, giving of his own time six days a week to ensure the cleanliness and beautification of Warwick for locals, tourists and visitors. Please see below for the full list of Australia Day Award Winners for the Northern region.

The recipient of the Southern Downs Citizen of the Year Award will be announced at Australia Day celebrations on Friday, 26 January.

Australia Day Award Winners – Northern Region.

- Citizen Award: Leonard Monaghan
- Junior Citizen Award: Eve Kelly
- Cultural Award: John Telfer
- Junior Cultural Award: The Dance Centre
- Sport Award: Carly Cooper
- Junior Sport Award: Caitlin Skaines
- Sport Admin Award: Michael Bourke
- Community Event of the Year: Southern Downs Steam Railway

Congratulations to the Australia Day Citizen Award Winner (Southern)

Each year, Southern Downs Regional Council recognises the achievements and community contributions of residents at the Australia Day Awards.

Council would like to congratulate the Australia Day Citizen Award (Southern) winner.

Australia Day Citizen Award – Southern Region

John Boucher John Boucher is a born and bred local, and has been an active member of the community for his entire life.

For over 50 years, John has been involved in the Stanthorpe Agricultural Society, beginning at the age of ten working with his parents before going on to be one of the volunteer stalwarts of the Show Society. John has been a member of either the General Committee for the Executive Committee of the Stanthorpe Agricultural Society continuously since the late 1960's, and works tirelessly with the Showgirl entrants to raise valuable funds for the successful operation and upkeep of the Agricultural Society and Stanthorpe Showgrounds.

John is also a member and volunteer of the local St Paul's Anglican Church in Stanthorpe, and has been a Parish Councillor for 35 years. He was appointed as Rector's Warden due to his dedication to the people of the church and the community well beyond the usual mandatory retirement date, and has been involved in raising funds for Chaplaincy.

John has been an active member of the Stanthorpe and Granite Belt Chamber of Commerce since 2000, and is currently a Vice-President. In 2016, the Chamber conferred Honorary Life Membership "in recognition of his outstanding service to the Stanthorpe and Granite Belt Chamber of Commerce and to our community". At the time, it was the only Life Membership of the Chamber conferred on

any person.

John was the Inaugural President of the Stanthorpe and District Men's Shed, and remained an active Vice-President until recently. During his Presidency, he oversaw the establishment of the Shed premises, secured financial and in-kind support from the community and has since worked for the Shed and its members tirelessly.

John has also contributed as a volunteer firefighter for over 40 years, holding positions of leadership including Group Chairman and Fire Warden. In 2017 he was awarded the Qld Fire and Emergency Services Medal for his services.

Other significant achievements include:

- Awarded a Paul Harris Fellow by Stanthorpe Rotary in 2016 in recognition of this contribution to the community.
- Founding member of the Stanthorpe Sporting Car Club
- Served as a Councillor on the Stanthorpe Shire Council for 3 terms
- A volunteer organiser of Light the Night Leukaemia Foundation fund raiser in Stanthorpe
- Member and supporter of Landcare

John is well-known in the community as being the first person to step in and help when someone needs a hand. For his lifetime of service and dedication to his community, Council congratulates him on deservedly winning the Australia Day Citizen Award. Other Australia Day Award winners:

- Junior Citizen Award: Liana Allen
 - Cultural Award: Leonie Welch
 - Junior Cultural Award: Hubert Creevy / Lachlan Smith
 - Sport Award: Brass Monkey
 - Junior Sport Award: Alisha Rogers
 - Sport Admin: Colin Britton
- Council congratulates all winners on their worthy achievements.



Events Calendar

2018

March -

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

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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If people wish to contact The Allora Advertiser and discuss their particular needs, please feel free to do so. Ph 4666 3128.

Wattles JRL 2018 Season



Wattles Junior Rugby League are ready for another great year of footy.

On Sunday 11th February at 10.00am till 1.00pm they are hosting a player muster at the Wattles Clubhouse, Platz Oval, Clifton. All existing and new players are welcome. This is an opportunity to come and meet your Coach/Manager/Trainer for your team. You will be able to purchase or order uniform items that you require, but please remember we do not have eftpos facilities. There will be help on the day to register online, you'll need an email address which you can access for changed passwords etc. For all players there will be a free sausage on bread and drink.

Training for 2018 will commence on Thursday 15th February at 4.15pm at Allora State School. Games are played on a Saturday. In March we will have a couple of trial games and fixture games will commence after the Easter school holidays. Wattles home ground is at Platz Oval, Davenport Street, Clifton. For Junior Rugby League we have the following age groups that play. Under 7's includes players that have had their 5th birthday, 6 & 7 year olds. U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U14's which includes 13 and 14 year olds and U16's which includes 15 and 16 year olds. Girls can play rugby league till U12 years. Girls Leaguetag (no tackle involved) will have 2 teams this year. Under 14 includes players that have had their 11th birthday, 12, 13 and 14 year old. Under 17's include 15, 16 and 17 year olds.

To signup go to: www.playnrl.com. If a player is a new registration or have changed clubs you will need to bring your original birth certificate to be sighted. Fees for 2018 are \$100 for the first player, then \$90 for each player after that. If possible please pay for fees to Wattles Junior Rugby League directly to avoid the fee which is deducted from the registration amount when paying online. Another round of Get started vouchers commenced on 24th January please see our Facebook page for details. Wattles Juniors are always looking for people to help Referee and Touch Judge games, First Aid Officers, Leaguesafe etc. If you are interested or have any questions please contact us. Acting President: Doug Peardon 0456 184 272, Secretary: Liz Henry 0427 545 323, Registrar:- Chrissy Peardon 0488 425 691.

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Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago February 1993

Allora Show

Charmain Cornhill was selected 1993 Allora Showgirl at the Show Ball on Friday night. Kristy Sparrow received the sash as 1993 Junior Showgirl.

The 1993 Allora Show will feature a Limousin Promotion in the cattle section. More than 80 entries are expected from all over southern Queensland and northern N.S.W. for the 20 stud classes to be judged on Saturday. Over 40 entries have been received for the special events to be conducted on Friday open to Limousin infused cattle. Also on Friday the prime cattle will be judged with the Len Hoey Memorial Trophy to be presented to the best led vealer, the Henry Smith Memorial Trophy for the Champion Beast of the pen classes, the D. R. Weier Memorial Trophy for Champion Female of the Show and the Geitz Family Trophy for Champion Led Beast of the Show.

Allora's Past 50 years ago February 1968

ATTENTION FARMERS

We wish to advise farmers that we will be Aerial Fertilizing a number of properties at Goomburra on Monday, 5th February, from the air strip on Crothers & Crothers property.

All farmers interested in this pasture and ridge spraying are welcome to join us on that day between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. subject to weather conditions.
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Allora's Past 75 years ago February 1943

Q.C.W.A.

At the monthly meeting of the Allora Shire Council a letter was received from the Allora Branch of the Q.C.W.A. requesting that the

parcel of land on which the Rest Rooms stand in Warwick Street be excised from the Local Government Reserve. The Q.C.W.A. offered to pay survey costs. It was resolved that the matter be held over for enquiry.

Allora's Past 100 years ago February 1918 Motor Car Destroyed

Shortly after 10 o'clock at night a 12 – 15 hp Talbot motor car owned by Mr. J. Abood of Warwick was destroyed by fire. The car had been plying for hire between the show grounds and the town and at the end of the day the car was left in the yard of Andronoco's premises while the owner attended Eroni Brothers Circus. What caused the blaze is not known but in a short space of time the car was totally destroyed. It was valued at £350 and insured with the Yorkshire Insurance Company for £250.

Allora's Past 150 years ago February 1868 Public Meeting

A well attended public meeting was held in J. C. W. Hegarty's Queensland Stores in Allora to protest against moves to disenfranchise some electors on the Eastern Downs Electoral Roll. The move was being made by gentlemen on the Board of Magistrates at Warwick representing the large land holders. Mr. John Scott took the chair. It was resolved that a committee be formed to ensure that all qualified electors have their names retained on the electoral roll. The committee comprised John Hegarty, Edward Anderson, Isaac Hardwick, Ewan McMillan, John Scott, John Gallagher and Robert Cooke. With a vote of thanks to the chairman, and three cheers to Mr. John Douglas Esq., Member for Eastern Downs, the meeting terminated.

Colin Newport

140th Show on the Horizon

The dust of the 2018 Allora Heritage Weekend now settled on the Allora Showgrounds everyone's attention around 'the Best Little Town on the Downs' has turned to the 140th Annual Show on Friday the 9th and Saturday 10th of February.

While near 5,000 motoring and history devotees visited the Showgrounds last weekend, the grounds and facilities are in grand condition for the event that highlights Allora and its district. The Showgrounds have undergone significant upgrades, particularly to the camp draft and jumping surface within the Show ring providing a safer surface for horses and riders. There is an action packed ring program planned with events from 9am on Friday and Saturday starting at 7.30am with the showjumping.

Dog shows will be held in the Allora Kennel Club arena. Beginning at 6pm on Friday around 150 dogs will be judged by trainee judges in the Allora Kennel Club Open Show. The Allora Agricultural championship will begin at 9am on Saturday with judges from around Queensland judging around 500 dogs. The judges will once again be kept busy on Sunday with the Allora Kennel Club Championship Dog Show. There will be dogs of every breed and size so make sure you head on over and support these tremendous events while taking a look at the amazing canine collection.

As always excitement will be high at 7.30pm Friday night when the crowd takes their seats around the bull ring. The highlight of the night will be the inaugural Border Region Buckle Series Open Bullride. One rider will be drawn from the hat to ride Storm Boy the massive Brahman. The \$1000 prize on offer from generous sponsor Stuart Bond Real Estate & Auctioneer will be incentive to be the first ever to ride this seven year old beast. This competition will be a round robin series in conjunction with Killarney and Warwick Shows.

The Allora Show office will be open for pavilion entries 7am-7pm Thursday and 7am-8.30am on Friday. Judging will commence at 9am on Friday with the pavilion opening to the public from around midday. Entries need to be collected at 4.30pm on Saturday.

Chief pavilion steward Mark Pillar says that he was very impressed with the number and quality of schoolwork and hobby entries last year and is hoping for a similar number of entries this year. Whilst the season has been harsh for the produce, horticulture, floral art and pot plant exhibits Mark encourages people to adopt a 'bring the best you have in your garden' attitude. Alongside the exhibits a CWA cooking demonstration will be held in the pavilion at various times.

Please note pavilion access is only via main gate and that the external pavilion entry no longer be in use.



Hendon local Tyler Wakeford is looking forward to performing in front of his home crowd with the amazing Aussie FMX Freestyle Motocross at the Allora Show on Show Saturday evening.

All creatures great and small are welcome to enter the children's pet parade which will be held under the Showground's old bar at 10am on Saturday. Prizes will be given to the smallest, largest, best dressed pet and so on. The Darling Downs Zoo has donated two family passes and we thank Allora Show Society valued Life Member Cookie Tickle for his ongoing support for this event.

Ute Muster nominations will close at 11am Saturday followed by the judging at 11.30 am. Please contact James Kedar on 0458 151 493.

Saturday night is always very popular for families. Activities will start around 5pm following the ring events with ladies only and Buzzbox smash up derbys. There will be live entertainment through until late in the bar area. The fireworks spectacular will erupt at 8pm followed by the smash up derby final which is always a huge hit.

In 2018 the Allora Show Society are proud to have the Aussie FMX Freestyle Motocross team perform at 6.30pm and 9.30pm on Saturday. Featuring Hendon/ Allora's own Tyler Wakeford and other top Australian riders. Allora Show Society Membership tickets can be purchased from the Allora pharmacy, hardware, newsagent and branch of Warwick Credit Union until February 8th. Membership is great value as it includes entry to Allora, Warwick, Stanthorpe and Killarney shows, family membership \$40 and single just \$20. The 2018 show schedule is available to download and print at www.allorashow.org.au and 'Like' the Facebook page Allora Show Society to keep up to date with happenings. For further information please call Show Society President Conrad Schnitzerling on 0418 756 498.

Glyn Rees

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SYLVIA BELLINGHAM (nee Ridgway) will be celebrating her 80th at the Commercial Hotel Allora, on 17th February 2018.

Family and friends most welcome for lunch (AYOC \$18 - Please let me know on 0408 527 364) or just drop in for a chat from 12.00pm 'til 5.00pm.

Thank You...

On behalf of the organising committee, to each and every one of the visitors, supporters and exhibitors, thank you for helping to make the 2018 annual Allora Heritage Weekend the great success it was. Looking forward to seeing you all again next year.

Lyle Johnson, President

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Combined Forces Will Boost Tourism Success

Southern Queensland Country Tourism (SQCT) is urging local operators to combine forces in 2018 so the region can build on the record growth in visitor numbers and outstanding expenditure achieved last year.

SQCT Chief Executive Officer Mary-Clare Power said the latest National Visitor Survey (NVS) revealed a record 1.343 million leisure tourists visited Southern Queensland Country in the year to September 2017 with a 24.1 per cent surge in expenditure.

This followed the International Visitor Survey (IVS) which found Southern Queensland Country had the state's second largest year-on-year visitation growth of any region in the state (25.4 per cent).

Ms Power said strength was found in numbers and SQCT was calling on all tourism operators across the region to band together to grow the sector.

"SQCT has big plans to take tourism even further in 2018



Mary-Clare Power.

but we are always louder when we speak with one voice as the region's peak tourism organisation," she said.

"We are currently offering a one-off Taste-Tester Partnership in a bid to encourage tourism operators across the length and breadth of Southern Queensland County to pull in the same direction."

Ms Power said the Taste-Tester Partnership, on offer only until February 28, included:

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 - A subscription to the Australian Tourist Data Warehouse (ATDW)
 - The opportunity to be included in SQCT marketing and promotional campaigns
- "The Taste-Tester Partnership does not include the full range of benefits that our annual subscribers enjoy, but it is designed to enable local operators to sample what's on offer and to enjoy the greater buying power that comes with being part of SQCT," she said.
- Ms Power said existing SQCT partners who referred a friend to the regional tourism organisation had the chance to feature in the Southern

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