

# Bush Christmas a victim of rain



Allora's Bush Christmas celebrations planned for Herbert Street on Friday evening had to be called off after severe storms were

Herbert Street was awash at the height of Friday evening's wild storm. predicted.

Allora Community Circle had planned the event, which promised to bring Herbert Street to life for the

night, but decided to take the safer option and call off the proceedings.

A heavy storm with torrential rain and strong

winds hit around the time the Bush Christmas was due to start, so the decision proved to be a wise one.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Our nice little country living town of Allora is being spoilt by persons dobbing our farmers in for road grazing during our drought crisis. Why these people do this is unknown. They should go back to the cities where they fit in better.

Name supplied

Letters to the Editor must have name and address for authentication, but upon request there will be consideration to withhold names. Publishing or editing of letters is at the editor's discretion.



Santa and his helper with little Charlie.

Queensland Ambulance Service Alert



SATURDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2018 - WARWICK:

**SNAKE BITE** - One adult male patient was transported to Warwick Hospital in a stable condition with a suspected snake bite to the leg. The incident occurred at a private residence in Warwick just prior to 10pm.

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Funding to support drought affected communities

Darling Downs and West Moreton PHN is seeking applications from individuals, organisations and/or community groups who are interested in hosting community-led well-being events in drought affected communities within the Darling Downs and West Moreton region.

The PHN has been granted funding under the Commonwealth Department of Health's Empowering our Communities initiative to facilitate community-led projects to support mental health, social and emotional well-being and suicide prevention initiatives for people living in drought affected areas.

Up to \$10,000 of funding is available per applicant to host their event/s, with the events needing to be hosted before 30th June 2019.

Eligible drought affected communities within the Darling Downs and West Moreton PHN region including the Southern Downs.

"The Empowering our Communities funding will support our drought affected communities to strengthen their resilience and build their capability to recognise when a community-member may be doing it tough so that they can provide this safe gateway to care." Mrs Strohfeltd said.

Interested parties are invited to contact Liam Maher, Darling Downs and West Moreton PHN Program Officer to receive the Expression of Interest information and further instructions by emailing submissions@ddwmpnhn.com.au. Applications close Friday, 11 January 2019.

Vandals Hit Road Sign



Authorities are concerned that a safety sign on the outskirts of Allora has been attacked by vandals. The

red-and-white sign urging motorists to reduce speed as they enter Allora has been sprayed with graffiti.

WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Min/Max
WED	Morning Clouds. Warm.	17 32
THU	Sunny. Hot.	17 35
FRI	Heavy Rain Late. Clouds. Very Hot.	20 38
SAT	Heavy Rain. Cloudy. Warm. Humid.	19 32
SUN	Morning Clouds. Mild.	16 25
MON	Mostly Sunny. Mild.	15 26

TODAY'S QUOTE

"If we aren't supposed to eat animals, why are they made of meat"

Katter Party names Maranoa candidate

Katter's Australian Party (KAP) has named its candidate to contest the seat of Maranoa at the Federal election due in the first half of 2019.

He is Anthony Wallis, who hails from the Western Downs.

A fifth generation farmer, Mr Wallis is married and has four children.

He owns and runs a farming and grazing enterprise at Hannaford, which is about 50 kilometres west of Tara.

On his property, Mr Wallis grows dryland cereals including sorghum, wheat and barley as well as running meat sheep.

After completing an agricultural degree in Gatton he moved to Dalby, where he spent five years working for an agri-business consultancy.

An opportunity arose to manage the family farm and he and his wife took this on and have recently purchased the business.

The KAP said Mr Wallis understands that agriculture and mining have a strong connection with the regional centres that support them.

The Party said his experiences working in a regional town and having invested personally in the agricultural sector gives him an excellent understanding of the issues that are relevant in the Maranoa electorate.

Mr Wallis told a media briefing in Toowoomba on Friday that he shares the concerns of locals, believing that the whole region has been taken for granted by the Liberal Nationals.

"I believe the major

parties are letting the rural and regional areas down and that change on the political landscape is desperately needed," he said.

KAP Federal Leader Bob Katter, who was on hand to announce the candidature of Mr Wallis, said Katter's Australian Party and Anthony Wallis have the same values as the region, and will be aggressive representatives on rural and regional issues.

Mr Katter said KAP does not want to necessarily beat the Labor Party or the LNP.

"We just want the balance of power," he said.

"You keep voting for them, you keep getting what you've got."

Mr Katter said he believes this would give his party the opportunity to have a positive impact on decisions affecting the future of the nation.

Mr Wallis said among the issues that he sees as important for the people of the Maranoa electorate are the future of the Murray Darling Basin and energy.

He is particularly concerned about increasing costs of electricity and wants to strive to have something done to arrest the rapid increase.

"It's something that affects everyone," Mr Wallis said.

Extolling the virtues of the new candidate, Bob Katter said KAP is not interested in politicians who mare in it for a career.

"We're very proud to have a quality candidate such as Anthony running for us," he said.

"We don't have career candidates."



Katter's Australian Party candidate for Maranoa will be Hannaford farmer Anthony Wallis.

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**CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS**

MONDAY 24 DEC 8.30am - 5.00pm	FRIDAY 28 DEC 8.30am - 5.00pm	CLOSED - NEW YEAR'S DAY
TUESDAY 25 DEC CLOSED - CHRISTMAS DAY	SATURDAY 29 DEC 8.00am - 12.00noon	WEDNESDAY 2 JAN 8.30am - 5.00pm
WEDNESDAY 26 DEC CLOSED - BOXING DAY	SUNDAY 30 DEC CLOSED	THURSDAY 3 JAN 8.30am - 5.00pm
THURSDAY 27 DEC 8.30am - 5.00pm	MONDAY 31 DEC 8.30am - 5.00pm	FRIDAY 04 JAN 8.30am - 5.00pm
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The Allora Advertiser

THIS IS THE FINAL EDITION FOR 2018.

We will not be publishing on 26th December or 2nd January.

First edition for 2019 will be 9th January.

Office will RE-OPEN on Monday, 7th January.



## Allora RSL Sub Branch Update

Victoria CWA members enjoyed their annual Christmas party on the deck on Sunday with the backdrop of welcome rain.

The quarterly meeting of the Sub Branch was also held on Sunday afternoon followed by a Christmas B-B-Q tea prepared by Leah. It was a busy day at the café, with other groups also enjoying the quiet atmosphere and the views across the parklands.

Leah and the café volunteers have catered for Christmas parties for several local organisations including the RSL Clifton

Sub Branch, Scope, Allora & District Historical Society, the Masonic Lodge, the Garden Club and Norma O'Hara Murphy's Boney Mountain music group (including Santa)

At the meeting, President Shaun Godley announced that the Sub Branch had met all the criteria for the Taxation Charity Concession with all the boxes ticked in providing welfare for ex-servicemen and women, community welfare and community support. The Sub Branch was able to offer meal specials, give donations to the Allora State



Victoria Hill CWA Christmas Party table beautifully decorated by Annette Frizzell on the deck at Allora RSL.

School and the Salvation Army. RSL Allora also gave monetary and volunteer support to the Christmas Carols organisers in December 2017. Proceeds to the value of \$300 were handed to the Allora State School from the sale of the student's wooden products on display in the dining area. As well as organising the community Anzac Day commemorations, the Sub Branch conducted a Remembrance Day Service this year, followed by lunch and sing-along.

The RSL Café will be the venue for an 80th birthday

celebration on the 29th December and a family reunion in January.

The RSL Café will be closed from Saturday 22nd December to Tuesday 25th December, opening on Wednesday 26th December.

Support the RSL Allora Sub Branch Café, meet your family and friends on the deck during the Christmas-New Year holiday period for coffee and cake, lunch or snacks.

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## Check your locks and check them twice

Queenslanders going away for Christmas have been urged to consider their home security before heading off as new RACQ insurance data revealed home theft claims had totaled \$19 million from almost 5,000 claims in the past three years.

RACQ spokesperson Lucinda Ross said in the excitement of planning, packing and finishing work for the year people often overlooked simple safety precautions that could protect their home and belongings.

"There is so much to think about as you pack and head away over the Christmas period, that unfortunately home security can often be forgotten," Ms Ross said.

"It may only take a few minutes but it could save you a lot of heartache if it prevents a break in.

"We hate hearing stories about people coming home from a wonderful holiday to find their belongings, maybe even their brand new Christmas gifts, have been

stolen."

Ms Ross said there were a number of simple steps people could take to keep their homes secure.

"Firstly, remember the basics. Shut and lock your doors and windows, arm your alarm if you have one, and ask a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property."

Additional tips to secure your home this Christmas:

- Deadlock doors and windows – don't assume high windows or balcony doors are too hard for thieves to access.
- Avoid posting about your holiday plans on social media.
- Store easy to carry items such as laptops, jewellery and cash out of sight.
- Consider installing a safe.
- Ask trusted neighbours, family or friends to regularly clear your letterbox, mow your lawn or park in your drive way to make your home look habited.
- Consider a timer on lights or a radio to give your home the appearance someone is home
- Check your home and contents insurance is up to date.

## Police praise Allora drivers

During the first week of December more than 150 Allora residents and passers-through were intercepted by local Police for roadside breath tests – all of whom returned results under the legal limit.

Allora Police have extended thanks to the community for its ongoing



support in maintaining road safety as we approach into the holiday period.

Allora Police will maintain an active police presence over the holiday period, targeting the fatal five offences.





**ABOVE:** Allora Men's Shed members and their partners enjoyed a Christmas dinner in their newly constructed premises. Providor and noted camp-oven cook, Trevor Shields, standing in the photo, prepared a scrumptious BBQ meal. Members will continue to meet on Thursday and Friday mornings over the holidays



### Further Grants to Community Funding Available through Council

SDRC has more than \$155,000 available to award to successful individual and not-for-profit grant applicants through the following funding programs.

- The **Fast Grant for Not-For-Profit Organisations Only** - is capped at \$2,000 per applicant per financial year.
- The **Fast Grant for Individuals Only** - is capped at \$1,000 per applicant per financial year. Both Fast Grants are open now and will close on 14 June 2019.
- The **Community Grant - Round Two (2) for Not-For-Profit Organisations Only** - is capped at \$10,000 per applicant per financial year. Round Two (2) will **open** on 26 December 2018 and **close** on 23 January 2019.

All the information regarding *Grants to Community*, including Guidelines and links to Application Forms, can be found at [www.sdrc.qld.gov.au](http://www.sdrc.qld.gov.au) - Doing Business - Grants to Community. Council strongly recommends applicants **Read the Guidelines** before starting an application.

Previous unsuccessful grant applicants are welcome to - make an appointment - with Council's Community Grants Officer to discuss their previous application and how it could be improved for future submissions.

For any questions or assistance contact Council's Community Grants Officer, Sue Harrold: 1300 697 372.

**David Keenan**  
Chief Executive Officer

### Council calls for de-amalgamation business case to be released to community

Southern Downs Regional Council is calling upon Granite Belt Community Association (GBCA) to release its de-amalgamation business case, A New Granite Belt Council, to the community after it was submitted to Local Government Minister Stirling Hinchliffe on Monday.

Council was handed a copy of the business case on Tuesday and was incorrectly advised by GBCA the report had been embargoed by the Minister. A GBCA member had also stated publicly the business case was embargoed.

However, SDRC received advice from the Minister's office that at no time was the business case embargoed by Minister Hinchliffe and could be released to the community.

Council is calling for the Association to release the report as soon as possible in the interest of transparency. Currently only SDRC, GBCA and the Minister have copies of the business case.

Southern Downs Mayor Tracy Dobie said she was

disappointed Council was led to believe the business case wasn't to be made public to the community based on inaccurate information provided by GBCA and called for openness and honesty.

"I am disappointed the availability of the business case was misrepresented by the Granite Belt Community Association to Council and the community," Cr Dobie said.

"The viability and possibility of de-amalgamation is an issue which affects not only Granite Belt residents but the entire Southern Downs community.

"Any information which makes a case for de-amalgamation should be made available to residents as soon as possible for their consideration and input.

"If the association want to make a case that de-amalgamation is feasible and financially viable then the entire process must be transparent, open, fair and entirely in the public interest."

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Zita & David wish customers and friends a Happy & Safe Christmas and look forward to catching up next year.

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The Scope Club of Allora Inc. wishes the community a

## Happy and Safe Christmas and New Year



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## Happy Christmas & Enjoyable New Year



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*Merry Christmas*

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**DAVID LITTLEPROUD MP**  
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*This beautiful true story was written by Roy Neale in the late 1970's about a Christmas in 1914. Roy was the secretary of the Allora Historical Society for many years and a prolific documenter of local history. This is his Christmas story:*

**Santa Claus and the Skinny Little Boy**

In the year 1862 a married couple came to Australia from Northern Ireland and in 1872 another married couple came to Australia from England. Both couples came to the Allora district. A son of the first couple and a daughter of the second couple got married and they had three little girls. At the time of this story they all lived in the house built by the couple from Northern Ireland. The original portion of this house was built with slab walls and a shingle roof and an ant-bed floor. Later a weather board portion was added which included a brick chimney with a large open fireplace with a mantle piece above.

Now it was just before Christmas that the mother of a chubby little girl and a skinny little boy, who was tall for his age, became ill and had to go to hospital. So this very kind couple with the three little girls took the chubby little girl and the skinny little boy from town to their house on the farm just outside the town to care for them.

Then came Christmas Eve and after the evening meal was finished and cleared away and the washing-up done, it was time for the father of the three little girls to hang up the stockings. This was done along the mantle piece above the open fire place. He hung five stockings; one each for the three little girls; one for the chubby little girl and one for the skinny little boy who was tall for his age. While all

this was going on the mother of the three little girls looked on with the loveliest of smiles on her kindly face.

Then the thought came that Santa Claus may not know that the chubby little girl and the skinny little boy were out there [at the farm] and not at their own home in town. So, the father of the three little girls said that he could fix that by talking to Santa Claus up the chimney. So down he got on his hands and knees into the open fire place and started to call up the chimney. "Are you there Santa? Can you hear me Santa? Just after he had said this a couple of times a knock came to the front door. So he got up from the floor and went to the front door.

After a little while, which seemed like ages to the little ones inside, he came back and said that he had been talking to Santa Claus and that everything was all right and that Santa Claus knew that the chubby little girl and the skinny little boy who was tall for his age, were staying there and that he had gifts for all the children who had been good during the past year and that before morning he would be leaving some for everyone in the house.

So off to bed went the children to wake up very early on Christmas morning to see what Santa Claus had put in their stockings hanging on the mantle piece over the open brick fire place.

Of course they were

excited and happy and busy opening their gifts. Now the skinny little boy who was tall for his age, saw something that morning that was to stay in his mind for all the rest of his life and that something was the smiles of joy he saw on the happy faces of the mother and father of the three little girls as they watched the happy children in front of the fire place.

Some of you may believe in Santa Claus, some of you may not, but the skinny little boy as long as he lives will always thank Santa Claus for the gift he received that morning, the memory of the joy and gladness of that mother and father that Christmas morning and the way that it showed on their kind and happy faces. The skinny little boy experienced the same type of joy and happiness in later years when he saw his own children and later still his grandchildren open their gifts from Santa on Christmas mornings.

It is hoped that you all may have some such happy memories that will remain with you and be cherished by you all your lives, and that the Gift of Christmas and all that it means, will never be



Edna Neale - "the chubby little girl" (L) and Roy Neale - "the skinny little boy" (R)

forgotten by any of you. You may wonder how I happen to know so much about what happened on that Christmas and about this lovely couple with their three little girls and the chubby little girl and the skinny little boy who was tall for his age.

Well, I was that skinny little boy.  
Roy Neale, Allora

**Enjoy your memories of Christmas' past, and if you have time, jot down a story of a special one just as Roy has done.**  
**Merry Christmas**

Trevor Neale

**Ho Ho Ho... It's Christmas Time!**

The team at **The Allora Advertiser** would like to wish all readers, clients and friends a **Very Happy & Safe Christmas**

Thanks for your support and we look forward to catching up in the New Year - We'll be back with the first edition for 2019 on 9th January. Happy reading!

**BAD JOKE(s) OF THE WEEK**

What happens to elves when they behave naughty? Santa gives them the sack.

What kind of music do elves listen to? Wrap.

What says 'Oh Oh Oh'? Santa walking backwards!

What did one snowman say to the other snowman? Can you smell carrot?

Whats the best Christmas Present? A broken drum - you can't beat it.



Looking Back...

“Allora” West Australia

A recent post on Glyn Rees' Facebook site "Allora – The Best Little Town on the Downs" came from Carl Nunan of Kalgoorlie W.A. Carl and his wife Allison live in a house in Kalgoorlie named "Allora". Their research uncovered the fact that it was built by former prominent West Australian politician James Daniel Connolly in about 1898 as a wedding present for his wife. They found out that James Connolly was born in Allora, Queensland, and were keen to find out some of his background.

The story of the Connolly family in Allora begins with James' mother, Johanna O'Callaghan (sometimes written Callaghan) who was born in County Cork, Ireland, and arrived in Queensland in November 1862 with her brother Patrick O'Callaghan. Patrick topped the poll in the first Allora Municipal Council election in 1868 but declined the mayoralty in favour of Francis Kates.

Johanna O'Callaghan married Denis Connolly, an Allora butcher, on the 20th January 1866. Their first child, Catherine (Kate), was born at the end of that year. Second child Timothy was born in 1868 but died in 1869, the year that James Daniel was born in Allora on the 2nd December. Six other children, including twin boys, were born to Johanna and Denis over the next twelve years. The older Connolly children attended the Allora State School.

In 1878 the family moved to a farm opposite the Elphinstone railway siding in the Clifton district. Kate Connolly was a teacher at the nearby Mt. Colliery school until 1895 so it is likely that the other Connolly children attended this school. Kate Connolly later married Alfred Morton owner of Morton's store in Clifton. James Connolly is believed to have attended the Christian Brothers School in Warwick, a school probably attended by his Warwick cousins. The



Carl & Allison Nunan at their home "Allora" in Kalgoorlie W.A. Photo courtesy Carl Nunan

Connolly family sold the Elphinstone farm in 1909 and Denis and Johanna moved to Brisbane where Denis died in 1911. James took up work as a contractor and quantity surveyor.

Patrick Donovan resigned his position as manager of the Allora branch of the Queensland National Bank in August 1894 and the next month left for Western Australia in company with James Connolly to try his luck on the goldfields. Patrick returned to Allora a few months later and founded the auctioneer and commission agency business that would become Donovan & Son. James Connolly remained on the goldfields and prospered in mining business enterprises.

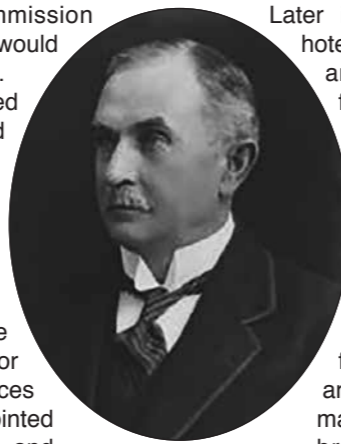
He was a member of the Kalgoorlie Municipal Council before being elected to the West Australian Legislative Council as the Member for the North-Eastern Provinces in 1901. He was appointed the Colonial Secretary and Minister of Commerce & Labour in 1906 and held

Ministerial positions in the West Australian Government until 1916. In 1917 he was appointed West Australian Agent- General in London and was knighted in 1920.

Before taking up the position in London in 1917, James Connolly called briefly in his old home town on his way to Brisbane to see his mother. He was able to see the house in which he was born and to see his O'Callaghan cousins, Joe, a farmer, and Jim, Maggie and Kate, owners of Tattersalls Hotel.

Later in the same year the hotel burnt to the ground and the O'Callaghan family bought the Railway Hotel of which they were long time owners.

Current Allora, and long time Allora district resident Phene Cantwell is a granddaughter of former Warwick architect, alderman and mayor, Daniel Connolly, a brother of James Connolly's father Denis.



Sir James Connolly c.1920.

Colin Newport

DoubleHelix SCIENCE TRIVIA QUIZ

1. Which of the following is not a cephalopod? Is it a) a sea urchin, b) a squid, c) a cuttlefish or d) an octopus?
2. What does a hygrometer measure?
3. True or false? Two positive charges will be attracted to each other.
4. What is the world's largest fish?
5. What does a bee do with its scopa?

Answers in Classifieds pages

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Events Calendar

2018

**December -**  
**Sun 23** Presbyterian Carols on the Lawn - Bring a blanket  
 Front of Presbyterian Church, Jubb Street at 7.00pm

2019

**January -**  
**Sat 26 & 27** Allora Heritage Weekend Weekend  
 Allora Show Grounds

**October -**  
**Fri 18** St Patrick's Parish Allora Fete  
 St. Patrick School grounds

A year that shaped our future: Southern Downs looks back on some of the best moments of 2018

As 2019 fast approaches Southern Downs Regional Council looks back at an exciting 2018, a year that saw the region progress towards a bigger and brighter future.

From improving services, attracting investment and working with residents towards the future, to taking part in an event witnessed around the world, there was no shortage of highlights in 2018!

Southern Downs Mayor Tracy Dobie said 2018 was a wonderful year for the region and represented a benchmark in SDRC and residents working together to shape the future of the Southern Downs.

"Council is excited about the direction our region is heading thanks to extensive public consultation and the input and feedback from our community, especially our Southern Downs Youth Council members" Cr Dobie said.

"A third-straight year delivering an operating surplus, plus a new strategic vision for the future with Shaping Southern Downs, means we can continue to provide for the needs of our region now, while shaping a Southern Downs that future generations will enjoy for years to come.

"We are in a much stronger financial position and this past year we built upon what makes the Southern Downs so special, and we can't wait to continue that success in 2019."

As the New Year approaches, SDRC wraps up the best moments of 2018:

**New Southern Downs Youth Council bring issues that matter to the table**

Southern Downs Youth Council (SDYC) was established in April and consists of 14 elected youth leaders from the region's high schools. SDYC allows

local youth to raise issues, exchange ideas, discuss community concerns and provide input towards Council's planning, programs and services.

**Major rail service company Watco invests in Southern Downs**

The Southern Downs agriculture and transport industries received a major boost this year when Watco Transportation Services decided to invest in the region and establish a rail-based transport facility in Warwick. Watco will begin operating from the Warwick Railyards in the first quarter of 2019, employing up to 20 people.

**New plan a shared vision to shape bigger better future for Southern Downs**

After two years, more than 250 community surveys and consulting with residents at workshops across the region, SDRC adopted its new strategic plan for the future, Shaping Southern Downs. The plan envisions a bigger and better region, with strategies to increase investment and growing the population to 50,000.

**\$125M solar project shines a light on Southern Downs**

The Southern Downs is set to become a destination

for renewable energy after Council approved the construction of a \$125M solar farm near Warwick in June. Upon completion, the University of Queensland will own and operate the solar farm that will create 100 jobs for the region during construction and several ongoing positions after the project is completed. The project will attract visitors and tourists interested in clean energy and positions the Southern Downs as a renewable energy hub.

**Southern Downs takes part in history as Queen's Baton Relay arrives ahead of Games**

The region was swept up in Gold Coast Commonwealth Games euphoria when the Queen's Baton Relay travelled through Warwick in March. Hundreds lined the streets to see the Southern Downs take part in history and feature on the world stage! Seventeen of the region's local heroes and legends relayed the baton carrying a message from Her Majesty the Queen through the streets of Warwick. The GC2018 Queen's Baton Relay was the longest in history, travelling a record 388 days and 230,000km around the world.

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Allora Golf Notes

Last Sunday, several Allora players travelled to Toowoomba to play in the final round of the points challenge at City Golf Club. Tom Brown won the points challenge last year. He went into the final round in second position and finished on 15 points. Only one point behind the leader. Well done, Tom!

**Friday Duck Run** – Sponsored by Percy's Fruit. Winner: Tom Brown (23) Runner Up: Ray O'Leary (22) Run Down: R Simpson (21). Approach: Kev Harrison (5) Pin: Jack Fullwood (8)

**Sunday – Monthly Medal** – Sponsored by Allora Pharmacy. Winner: Tom Brown. Runner Up: Kev Harrison. Approach Shots: Jason Nightingale (5) Rod Simpson (14). Pin Shots: Tom Brown (4) Russell Sparksman (13)

**Upcoming Events:** Sunday – 2 person Ambrose following by a Christmas BBQ

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

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Winner Gordon Jago, money board; 1st Prize, Daphne Whatley; 2nd, Robin Draper; 3rd Bernie Hayward.



As of January 8th 2019, the Scope Club of Allora Inc. will be operating the Scope Community Op Shop at the corner of Warwick and Forde Streets, Allora.

Opening times will be the same - Tuesdays and Fridays, 9.00am to 4.00pm.

Quality clean items will still be accepted. All proceeds of the shop will be distributed locally and to Scope National project Warwick Safe House and Youngcare. Volunteers welcome. We are looking forward to an expanded operation during 2019 with lots of new stock and the community's continued support.

Members of the Scope Club

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**Council delivers third consecutive budget surplus**

For the third financial year in a row, Council delivered an operating surplus. SDRC ended the 2017-18 Financial Year with a surplus of \$20.16M, which is an increase from the 2016-17 operating surplus of \$16.83M. This financial security ensures SDRC can continue delivering infrastructure upgrades and enhancing services to the region's residents. The current Council inherited a \$31 M debt and in a very short time has reduced its debt to just under \$22M – a nearly 30 percent reduction.

For more highlights and the best Council stories from 2018 visit [sdrq.qld.gov.au](http://sdrq.qld.gov.au) or like us on Facebook!

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