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Wednesday, 16th January, 2019

## Rachael Duncan 2019 Allora Showgirl

This year was a big year for the Allora showgirls, with Ted Cowley no longer with us, we endeavoured to achieve what he had always hoped for - a presentation dinner was held at the Allora Commercial Hotel with the entrants, their families and show committee members.

The night was a great success with more than 50 people gathering to celebrate the announcement of the 2019 Allora Showgirls.

Congratulations to our 2019 winners:

- Junior Showgirl - Maddison Griffin
- Junior runner up - Emily Phelan
- Junior participation awards - Elizah Feltham and Carly Cantwell
- Teen Showgirl - Nicola Westerman
- Teen Runner Up - Abby Phelan
- Allora's 2019 Miss Showgirl - Rachael Duncan.

The girls were presented



Left to right: Emily Phelan, Maddison Griffin, Abby Phelan, Rachael Duncan, Nicola Westerman, Elizah Feltham and Carly Cantwell.

with gifts donated by Warwick Watchmakers and Jewellers, Black Toyota, Beaute Shoppe and PR's Hair Design.

The girls participated in a formal interview with judges Jan Hemphill and Lyndal Symonds on Saturday the 5th of January.

Jan Hemphill reflected on her special role in interviewing the young women saying, "They have had the courage to step up and forward to bring Allora's young to the minds of those around us and beyond our fence lines here."

When being questioned

by the judges the entrants brought to light ideas of what needs to happen in Allora; to encourage others to come forward to support activities like the Show.

To make any activity happen the thread of needing people to volunteer

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**Letters to the Editor**

Dear Editor,

**Follow up on "Locals Get Excited Over Traffic Change"**

Following this story it is worth knowing the full details and reasons for the current traffic change. Forde Street comes under two different authorities, from north down to Warwick Street comes under SDRC and from Warwick Street south comes under Queensland Main Roads (TMR). For many years residents of Forde Street have been concerned at the volume and speed of heavy vehicles on Forde Street especially after GrainX got extended trading hours and the Quarry trucks were operating roughly between 4am until 11pm. There is an additional issue with the section of Forde Street that has been changed which is trucks going over a poor road, making houses shake, leading to items falling off shelves and pictures moving. An earlier petition was done and neither the then SDRC nor TMR did anything about it, SDRC alleging that they did not know which part of Forde Street they were responsible for! Finally in February 2017 I obtained clarification from TMR about which part of Forde Street came under SDRC and very quickly engineers from SDRC inspected this section of road and declaring that it needed full resurfacing, not just temporary fixing, that would need to be budgeted for. In the meantime SDRC erected temporary 40kph signs as the Homestead Aged Care Complex was in the middle of this section of road.

No-one took any notice of this signage so all the problems persisted. Finally in March 2018 after we made the current mayor Tracy Dobie aware of the past and present situation we had a meeting with her and one of her engineers where they proposed as a stop gap measure to install road narrowing bags at either end of the section, but again these were totally ignored and very quickly damaged such that they were effectively non-existent. Eventually the current more substantial and legal road narrowing plus plenty of good signage (CHANGED TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, full 40kph signs) was installed at either end of the problem zone shortly before Christmas. Despite some negative comments, plus plenty of support, and one unsavoury letter to ourselves, the majority of traffic is adhering to the new traffic conditions, and there seems to be far fewer heavy vehicles passing through such that it is serving its purpose. I would further comment that in all the years we have lived here, I have not been aware of trucks passing each other from different directions on this section of road. As Sargeant Grace has said "people driving through the area need to be aware of these changes to the road design". Since the final repair bill to "fix" this section of road is estimated to be in the order of \$200,000 the best thing people can do is to continue to lobby SDRC to ensure funding is granted in the next budget.

David Finch (Allora)

*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.*

**Traffic Alert Update**  
 Motorists are advised of roadworks on the Cunningham Highway 12km south of Aratula in Clumber, (commenced 14 January 2019), between 6am and 6pm, and continuing until early February 2019, weather permitting. Temporary traffic lights and speed reductions will be in place. Please drive with care and watch out for roadwork signage. Weather, site and contractor conditions can impact works, delaying start and finish schedules.  
 For information on the latest traffic conditions, please contact the Statewide Traffic Management Centre on 13 19 40, or visit [www.QLDTraffic.qld.gov.au](http://www.QLDTraffic.qld.gov.au)

**POLICE REPORTS**  
**DRUG RAID RESULTS IN TRAFFICKING CHARGES** - A Stanthorpe man has been charged with a number of offences following action taken by police at Allora last week. On Monday 7th January, Allora Police intercepted a vehicle on Raff Street at about 2pm. A search of the vehicle resulted in a 23-years-old Stanthorpe man being charged with allegedly possessing what was considered to be a commercial quantity of methamphetamine (ice) and drug utensils. As a result of that incident, a search warrant was obtained and the following morning (Tuesday), Police from Allora and Clifton raided a Herbert Street residence. At that address, the same man was arrested and charged with one count of supplying a dangerous drug, namely methamphetamine, and two charges of allegedly trafficking MDMA and cannabis. He will appear in the Warwick Magistrate's Court at a later date.

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**Allora Presbyterian Men's Breakfast**

The next Men's Breakfast is to be held on Saturday, 19th January, 7.20am at the Scots Presbyterian church hall. Please note that this is a change of the normal date as the last Saturday this month is Australia Day. Come and enjoy free cereal and bacon & eggs, a yarn over breaky and hear from Andrew Acason (our cook). His daughter Rose lovingly wrote the below description of him - how can you not come to hear this man.  
 "Hi my name is Rose. My dad has to talk at the next Men's Breakfast and has asked me to write a few words about himself (He says he would prefer

to walk bare foot on broken glass than talk about himself). Dad was born and educated in Allora, married the wonderful Julie nearly 30 years ago, and now has 5 children (the first 4 being pretty ordinary; the last is just fabulous). He has worked on different farms since leaving school and still plays farms on the weekend. Dad hopes to talk on the weird, wacky and wonderful things of God and life. (The first 2 are probably about the boys, leaving the wonderful for Grace and myself.)  
 Where - Allora Presbyterian Church Hall. When - 7.20am, Saturday 19th January.

**WEATHER FORECAST**

Day	Forecast	Min	Max
WED	Early Fog Followed by Sun. Hot. Dry.	16	38
THU	Morning Clouds. Hot. Dry.	18	35
FRI	Early Fog Followed by Sun. Hot. Dry.	15	35
SAT	Breaks of Sun Late. Very Hot. Dry.	16	38
SUN	Sunny. Hot.	19	34
MON	Afternoon Clouds. Hot.	20	34

**TODAY'S QUOTE**  
 "Be nice to your kids - They'll choose your nursing home"

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their time and talents openly and without question is at the basis not only of Allora's heart, but each organisation in the town.

The 2019 Showgirl Rachael Duncan is very excited to be a part of the Show this year.

She is passionate about her community and is eager to meet everyone at the Allora Show.

Rachel is passionate about horses, dance and writing, and has been involved with Barrel racing, camp draft and pony club since a very young age.

She is about to start studying Remedial Massage and hopes to pursue this in

the future.

For fundraising, the showgirl entrants have been busy selling tickets for the 22nd annual Dalrymple Duck Race to be held on Australia Day at the Allora Pool.

There are still a few ducks looking for owners so if you haven't purchased a ticket, call into the Allora Butchery before January 26.

This year there is a special \$100 prize draw for Ted's Golden Duck.

Tickets will also be on sale outside the Chemist on Friday 18th and Friday 25th January from 9am to 1pm.

Lauren Eastwell

**See more Showgirl photos on page 8**

**RIGHT:** Some of the great prizes on offer at the Days For Girls Multi-Draw Raffle.

**BELOW:** Volunteers hard at work wrapping prizes.



**New look for old favourite**



When is a Cent Sale not a Cent Sale? When it morphs into a multi-draw raffle - and that is what has happened!

Days for Girls in conjunction with the Allora Heritage Festival will be bigger and better than ever.

Last year the display was likened to Aladdin's Cave and it will be the same again at 1pm on Saturday, 26th January at the Main Show Pavilion.

Prizes include a trip in a glider, a photographic sitting, term fees at a dancing school, electronics,

electrical goods, beauty products, vouchers valued up to \$100, garden watering system, dog and chook food, crochet rugs and much more.

Tickets are just \$1, and will be on sale at various local outlets including Allora Pharmacy, Allora News, Allora Post Office and Warwick Credit Union, at the Pavilion from 1pm and in the Day for Girls, strategically located blue gazebo in the grounds.

Pre sold tickets will have names and phone number recorded so winners can be notified.



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 2019 will be an exciting year, bringing new opportunities for all students



# SDRC workshops to help kids and green thumbs save water at home

Want to turn your children into shrewd water users? Like to keep your gardens looking lush and beautiful while using as little water as possible? Then come along to Southern Downs Regional Council's water-saving workshops!

Coordinated by SDRC's Sustainability Officer Catherine Travers, the FREE workshops will teach the region's young water savers and keen gardeners tools and tips to conserve water at home now and into the future.

SDRC invites primary school aged children between grades one and four to the Warwick and Stanthorpe Libraries for 'Water Detectives', a new Council program which teaches children to think about how they and their families use water at home.

Children will love hands-on activities like learning to be their household's water manager, or timing how long it takes a normal showerhead to fill a bucket with water compared to water-efficient showerheads.

SDRC is also teaming with Warwick gardening



Sustainability Officer Catherine Travers at Warwick Central School.

expert Duanne Karle from The Weeping Mulberry to offer workshops in Stanthorpe and Warwick that show green thumbs tips and tricks to keep their gardens thriving while keeping water use to a minimum.

Southern Downs Regional Council Mayor Tracy Dobie said everyone had a part to play in monitoring water use at home and in the garden.

"Long-term forecasts

indicate our region will be hotter and drier than in the past," Cr Dobie said.

"Offering water-saving workshops will give residents the tools they need to make informed choices on the most efficient ways to use water into the future.

"Water Detectives is a great way for children to become involved and to teach our next generation how important it is to conserve our most precious resource.

"With current high level water restrictions, everyone needs to consider ways to reach the current target of 170 litres of water per person per day – around 19 household buckets.

"Developing these practices now will help our region secure its most

precious resource moving forward once the drought begins to ease."

SDRC will host 'Water Detectives' and The Weeping Mulberry's gardening workshops throughout January.

For more information on the times and locations of SDRC's water-saving workshops, please visit SDRC's Community, Business Workshops and Forums page at <https://bit.ly/2GSYIW9>, or follow SDRC's Facebook page.

SDRC advises that spaces for the workshops are limited, so residents wishing to attend should RSVP to Catherine Travers, Sustainability Officer, on 1300 697 372 or [catherine.travers@sdrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:catherine.travers@sdrc.qld.gov.au).

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# Family History

On Sunday former Allora resident Lola Crooke presented a copy of her book "The Crookeys of Hendon" to representatives of the Allora and District Historical Society. Lola commenced collecting information and photographs for the book shortly after her husband Doug died in 2005. The project has been a twelve year labour of love. The material has been put into book form by Crooke descendant, Bruce Nickel, and is a comprehensive record of the Crooke family and the Hendon district from the time of the family's arrival there in 1876.

Lola has limited copies of the book available for sale at \$25. She can be contacted on 0427 560 084.

helping people better understand planning and development issues in their region."



Lola Crooke (centre) presenting the book to Allora Historical members Trevor Neale and Lyn Wright.

## Government Grant for SDRC

A project by Southern Downs Regional Council (SDRC) is among two dozen council-led planning projects which have secured backing through the second round of the State Government's \$4.5 million Innovation and Improvement Fund. SDRC has been allocated \$10,800 for configuration and implementation of the eSubmit module, which provides applicants with the ability to securely lodge and pay for development applications online, and track the progress of the application throughout the development assessment process.

The eSubmit module will

be fully integrated with the application system currently in use by the SDRC and will provide automatic registration into Council's document management system, resulting in easier and more convenient lodgement of applications by developers, significant reduction in handling and processing times, and a quicker, more efficient development assessment process.

Acting Premier and Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning, Cameron Dick said the state was supporting councils to develop innovative ways

to improve their planning systems and practices, for the benefit of their communities.

"Our government is committed to delivering improved access to local planning and development information," Mr Dick said.

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# Allora Heritage Weekend

During the long weekend, just over a week away, Allora Showgrounds will spring to life again as the Warwick Veteran and Vintage Car Club hosts its annual Heritage Weekend.

The two-day event will include the annual swap meet.

This year's feature product will be Allis Chalmers tractors. These tractors are no longer made, but there are plenty of models still in existence and organisers expect a good roll-up.

Among those who will be bringing a few is local farmer Zane Hoey. Mr Hoey has a collection of Allis Chalmers tractors and still uses some in his paddocks, including a couple of crawler tractors - a 1963 HD11 and an even older HD9, manufactured in 1953.

The brand was first manufactured in the United States at Milwaukee in the state of Wisconsin. It took its name from two men who were involved in a variety of manufacturing enterprises in America - Edward P. Allis and Thomas Chalmers.

Mr Hoey said at the peak

of Allis Chalmers' operations in 1979, the company had 70 manufacturing plants world-wide, including one in Australia. However by 1986, they were all gone.

While the brand's tractors will be the featured product at this year's Allora Heritage Weekend, Allis Chalmers also manufactured a range of other farming plant including balers, mowers and headers.

Other features of the long weekend event at Allora will be British trucks, pre-war vehicles, Cooper and Ruston Hornsby Engines, Harley Davidson motorcycles and machinery from the steam era.

Displays which are at every Allora Heritage Weekend will be back, including various vintage and veteran cars and trucks, motorcycles, historical mechanical and horse-drawn machinery and bush poets.

A new attraction this year will be helicopter joy flights.

A Boonah-based helicopter will be on site and available for flights around the local area.

Admission to the Show-

grounds will be \$10 for adults, but children will be admitted free of charge.

Camping is available - for details contact Greg on 4697 3742 or 0427 096 406.

More information on

the Heritage Weekend is available from Ted on 0418 875 469, or Mark on 0438 623 734, or for swap meet details, call Lyle on 0409 766 288.

# Allora Landcare News



Artist Adele Thomas with Landcare president Hughie Huston.

Allora Landcare Group (ALG) has commissioned a series of paintings from local artist and Landcare member Adele Thomas on the subject 'History of the Horse on the Southern Downs'. These paintings form part of their contribution to the celebration of 150 years of Allora township scheduled for July.

The photo above shows the latest painting, which was installed last Sunday on the wall of the central catering shed at the Allora Showground, with the artist Adele Thomas and Landcare president Hughie Huston in attendance. The painting depicts the 'heavy horse', still a welcome feature in the district. It is a significantly larger painting than the first two in the series which were

installed late last year and reported in the Advertiser. It is intended that at least one more heavy horse painting will follow.

Allora Landcare invite inspection of the three paintings, and we look forward to greeting attendees at the upcoming Allora Show. Landcare will be exhibiting in the showground Pavilion on Saturday 9th February, when the Gecko Wildlife display, which was a standout attraction in 2018, will be returning by popular acclaim.

We wish to thank Conrad Schnitzerling, Mark Pillar and the Allora Show Society for their generosity and assistance.

Any enquiries to ALG Secretary Pete Thomas 0419 724 025.

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### Service Alert

**SUNDAY, 13 JANUARY 2019 - LEYBURN:**  
**ACCIDENTAL WOUNDING** - Paramedics were called to an accidental wounding at the intersection of Murphy and Toowoomba Karara Road at 9.15pm. A male patient in his 20s has sustained injuries to his chest at another location and was transported to meet paramedics. The patient was stabilised on scene by road crews and was airlifted in a serious but stable condition to Princess Alexandra Hospital.

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# Allora Photography Group AGM 2019



Left to right: Peter Warhurst, Chris Johnson, Gale Ward, Trevor Martin, Stuart Campbell, Mike Geisel.

18 of 29 members of the Allora Photography Group attended the 2019 AGM. President Chris Johnson sincerely thanked the retiring executive members:- Vice President Linda Coombes, Secretary Karen Johnson, Treasurer Hilary Neden (after 8 years in the position), Projectionist/ IT and catering officer Karen White.

Chris gave his annual report, the highlight of which was mention of the Club Exhibition of 'Advance Australia Fair', which was very well received by the public, at the Warwick Art Gallery. He thanked all members who participated throughout the very successful year.

At the election of Office Bearers, President Chris was re-elected, the Vice President is Mike Geisel, Secretary Peter Warhurst, Treasurer Stuart Campbell, Projectionist/IT Trevor Martin and catering officer Gale Ward.

For 2019 Chris presented a proposed Club Excursion calendar, these events being held monthly. The priority event for 2019 will be the Club's Exhibition at the Allora Senior Citizens rooms, pictorially supporting the historical Allora's 150th year celebrations, 20/21 July. Other months excursions will be at various venues, January's being the Heritage Weekend at Allora

on 26/27 January.

There will be a Club display at the Allora Show on 8/9 February and Chris encouraged members in supporting the show with competition entries as well as the display. He also promoted the Warwick Show's, 22/24 March, 'Emerging Photographer Talent' competition. Chris won it in 2017 and Jess Barlow, a valued club member, in 2018.

For the monthly in-club photo competitions, a list of subjects has been emailed members. The entries vary between on USB's and USB/ prints and must be taken within the last month (meta-data is checked). The winner

of the January subject 'My Favourite Christmas Photo' was Jess Barlow. Last year's aggregate winner was Karen Johnson with runner-up Gale Ward.

Annual membership is \$36, which covers insurance with membership of the Queensland Photographic Society. New members are always most welcome, be they beginners or advanced snappers.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Allora State School at 7pm, or enquiries can be directed to the Secretary, Peter Warhurst ph. 4661 4251 or email: alloraphotographygroup 4362@gmail.com.

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# Allora Show Girls 2019



ABOVE: Allora's 2019 Miss Showgirl – Rachael Duncan.

TOP RIGHT: Junior Showgirl entrants from left – Carly Cantwell, Maddison Griffin, Emily Phelan and Elizah Feltham.

RIGHT: Teen Showgirl entrants – Abby Phelan (left) and Nicola Westerman (right).



## Encourage Kids to Put Pen to Paper on National Handwriting Day - Wednesday 23 January

Wednesday 23 January is National Handwriting Day and while most of us are used to tapping away on a keyboard, there are still many reasons why we should continue to write with a pen, particularly for school children who need the practise.

"Research shows that forming letters by putting pen to paper stimulates brain circuits to help with memory, attention, motor skills and language in a way that punching a keyboard doesn't," said Mr John Johnston, marketing manager, Pilot Pen Australia.

With the new school year coming up, National Handwriting Day is the perfect time to encourage your children's handwriting

practise. Here's Barbara Nichol, handwriting expert, author and teacher shares her top tips to help guide you:

1. Grip - teach your child to hold a pen properly using a tripod pen hold – holding the pen between the thumb and index finger and resting the barrel on the middle finger. This helps with correct letter formation and prevents 'over gripping' resulting in fatigue.
2. Roundy round – teach your child the difference between clockwise and anti-clockwise by encouraging them to draw a circle. As most letters are formed anti-clockwise, this will help them with letter formation.

3. Free flow – use writing instruments that have a good free flow of ink so they don't require heavy pressure. This allows your child to concentrate on the letter formation rather than pressing hard to get the pen to work.
4. Line up – make sure you use lined paper or draw the lines yourself, so your child can get into the practice of forming the letters correctly and they learn that each letter has an upper, middle and lower zone.
5. Pen power - find a pen that your child loves and that will capture their



imagination so they enjoy their handwriting practice. Fountain pens are great fun and have the novelty factor. The Kakuno Fountain Pen has been especially made for children – it has a thick barrel for an easy grip with a smooth flow of ink requiring no pressure.

For more handwriting tips and worksheets, visit: [www.pilotpen.com.au](http://www.pilotpen.com.au)



## 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 1 Drayton Street and travels to different locations. Contact Jane Jacoby 4666 3868 or Sandra Sparksman 0409 542 692.

**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 Bob Burge 0427 964 156, Secretary Stuart Campbell 4666 3499. Email [alloramensshed4362@gmail.com](mailto: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 Balmmain 4666 2450.

**Allora Scope Club** - Meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays of month at 2.00pm. Contact Daphne Whatley 4666 3691 for details on venue.

**Allora Senior Citizens** - Meets Monday, 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 Camping - 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.

**Doctor Who Club of Australia - Allora Local Group** - Meetings are on a temporary hiatus but will resume soon. Keep an eye on the Facebook group [www.facebook.com/groups/dwca.allora](http://www.facebook.com/groups/dwca.allora) for updates or contact organiser Fraser Clark 0401 432 587.

**Goomburra Hall Committee** - Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month, from 6.30pm at Goomburra Hall. Contact John O'Brien 4666 6050 to confirm.

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# SDRC awards tender for \$6.5M Storm King Dam pipeline

The construction of the new Storm King Dam raw water pipeline is well underway with a tender being awarded for the \$6.5M project.

Construction of the new pipeline is set to begin in early 2019 after Southern Downs Regional Council awarded the tender to Newlands Civil Construction.

A joint initiative of Southern Downs Regional Council and the Queensland State Government, the vital project will renew deteriorated raw water pipeline between Storm King Dam and Mount Marley Water Treatment Plant.

Councillor for Transport, Infrastructure and Utilities Marika McNichol said the Storm King Dam pipeline is a vital project which would deliver a quality water source to the Southern Downs community into the future.

"We are committed to upgrading and investing in the region's ageing infrastructure and delivering quality projects to the

community which continually improve the liveability of the Southern Downs region," Cr McNichol said.

"The Storm King Dam pipeline project is a priority for Council and one that will ensure a continuous water supply for Stanthorpe and deliver water security to residents into the future.

"This pipeline is crucial infrastructure needed for the Southern Downs and awarding the tender for the construction and design of the project is a big leap towards its completion."

SDRC is funding more than \$2.6M of the project with the Queensland State Government contributing more than \$3.9M through the Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program (LGGSP).

Minister for Local Government Stirling Hinchliffe applauded the Council for moving forward with the project.

"This is exactly the type of important infrastructure the LGGSP is designed to help our councils deliver

for their communities," Mr Hinchliffe said.

"Cr Dobie and her team are to be congratulated for taking this next step in ensuring ongoing water supply well into the future."

The new 30 centimetre wide, 8.9 kilometre pipe will replace the current infrastructure which was constructed in 1954.

Construction of the Storm King Dam pipeline is due to

commence in March and expected to be complete by December 2019.

The project will support more than 25 jobs in the Southern Downs and boost the manufacturing and construction industries.

For more information on Southern Downs Regional Council's latest projects visit [sdrcl.qld.gov.au](http://sdrcl.qld.gov.au) or contact 1300 MY SDRC (1300 697 372).

## Ergon Energy Safe Entry program

Ergon Energy workers and meter readers won't enter yards where dogs are not securely restrained as part of new safety measures introduced this week.

There were 71 injuries from dog bites and 199 other incidents and close-calls between July 2017 and October 2018.

"The safety of our employees has to come first and that means if there is a dog on a property that isn't restrained - we won't go in to do work of any kind," Area Manager Wayne Alderman said.

"We'll talk to customers about what options are available and, if no one is home, we will leave information to help them do a self-read.

"In some cases where there is a dangerous dog or known access issue, a remote read meter may be installed."

The new Safe Entry measures will apply to all properties regardless of whether they are in an urban or rural setting.

"Ergon Energy will work with our customers and communities to make the new safety measures work so we have a good outcome for our people and our customers," Mr Alderman said.

Information about the policy and the tools available to assist customers are available on the Ergon Energy website [www.ergon.com.au](http://www.ergon.com.au).

## Events Calendar

2019

January -	
Sat 26 & Sun 27	Allora Heritage Weekend Allora Show Grounds
February -	
Sun 3	Allora Show Dressage Competition Allora Show Grounds
Fri 8 & Sat 9	141st Annual Allora Show Allora Show Grounds
March -	
Fri 29 - Sun 31	Allora Annual Campdraft Allora Show Grounds
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## Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago January 1994

### Council Helps Out

The Allora Shire Council will match a Government grant, dollar for dollar, to install industrial quality vinyl flooring at the Allora Community Kindergarten. The project is expected to cost about \$5000. Cr. Brian Smith said that he felt that the donation "was the least that the Council could do for such an important community facility. The kindergarten caters for more than 40 children and is growing with incredible speed," he said.

Allora's Past 75 years ago January 1944

### Obituary

Mr. William Arthur Deacon, Member for Cunningham, passed away on Christmas night. The late Mr. Deacon was born in Allora seventy-one years ago, his father being the first school teacher in this part of the Downs. His early life was spent in farming, and he maintained his interest in a farming

property to the end. In 1920 he entered Parliament as a Farmers' Union candidate before switching to the Country Party, the party he represented until his death. Mr. Deacon was given the portfolio of Minister for Lands when the Moore government came to power. The late Mr. Deacon's strong characteristics were his integrity and his attention to detail. He was often referred to as "Honest Bill". No politician could possibly have visited, so consistently, the various parts of the electorate as Mr. Deacon did. He generously supported many public institutions and gave his personal attention to any request from the electors, whether they were his supporters or not. The funeral took place in Allora and was largely attended.

Allora's Past 100 years ago January 1919

### Returned Soldier

We extend a welcome to Pte. L. F. C. (Les) Masters M.M., who after 3½ years service with the A.I.F., returned home on Thursday. Pte. Masters is the

eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Masters of this town. He enlisted on August 9th 1915 and was attached to the 6th Field Ambulance. He sailed for Egypt on December 30th 1915 and after training, proceeded to France, arriving on March 26th 1916. He saw continuous service until March 26th 1918 when he was sent to "Blighty" suffering from trench fever. After recovering, he sailed for Sunny Queensland on November 21st 1918.

The gallant young man, who celebrated his 22nd birthday on board ship on January 3rd, enlisted at the age of 18½ and is the proud possessor of that most coveted decoration, the Military Medal, received for bravery at Bullecourt. Pte. Masters is looking especially well and speaks highly of the treatment he received in England and of a pleasurable holiday spent in Scotland.

Allora's Past 150 years ago January 1869

### Christmas Races

On Saturday afternoon last a very good day's sport was got up at this quiet little township when six races were set down for decision. There was a very good attendance of visitors, and all of the races were well contested. The Hurdle Race over two miles and six jumps was won easily by Joseph Nemeth's Buckey. The Town Plate over three miles was won by James McCurdy's Eucalyptus from Samuel Gordon's Bobbie, with Peter Schriek's Tommy in third place. Two Hurry Scurrys, a Maiden Plate and a Forced Handicap completed the program. (Warwick Examiner & Times 2nd January 1869).

Colin Newport



Jack Munro, William A. Deacon and Charlie Burge with a load of split posts on Deacon's farm in 1935. Photo courtesy of Jim Deacon.

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## Soak up Summer in the Country and WIN a \$2000 holiday!

Southern Queensland Country Tourism (SQCT) launched earlier this month, a summer competition to increase awareness of the region's summer experiences and encourage people to get beyond the beach to discover the cooler side of summer in the country.

The #MySummerInSQC competition asks visitors to share a photo of themselves soaking up the summer vibes in the region with the hashtag #MySummerInSQC, and answer a question recommending their top summer experience, with the ultimate prize of a 5-night holiday in Southern

Queensland Country up for grabs.

SQCT CEO Mary-Clare Power said there's far more to summer than sizzling on a beach.

"We're on the hunt for the coolest ways to experience summer in Southern Queensland Country – it could be swimming in a western country waterhole, sipping summer cocktails at a rooftop bar in Toowoomba, fishing on the breezy banks of the Balonne, walking in the cool spray of a waterfall, birdwatching in the Bunyas or tasting wine at the cellar door with a winemaker.

"We've put the call out on social media and we're

looking forward to seeing what people come up with and of course, sending off a lucky winner plus 3 family or friends on a holiday to experience more of our beautiful region!"

Valued at \$2000, the prize includes accommodation for up to 4 people for a night in Toowoomba at Vacy Hall's Gardener's Cottage, 2 nights at Girraween Environmental Lodge, adjoining the National Park, and 2 nights in a holiday house provided by Bunya Mountains Accommodation Centre. Two \$100 fuel vouchers will also be awarded to the runners up.

Ms Power said the competition builds on the success of last summer's Summer Selfie campaign.

"We're expanding the competition so that people can capture more of their favourite holiday

experiences and give us their insider's advice on the best spots to enjoy summer in the region."

As well as submitting a photo, social media users are being asked to answer one of six questions to recommend their favourite summer experiences, including the best walking trails, places to cool down, summer adventures, the most delicious summer tastes, spectacular views or lookouts, and their favourite summer sips in the region.

The best images and tips will be shared on Southern Queensland Country's website and social media and also included in a new e-book, 'The Insiders' Guide to Summer in SQC'. The competition runs until 3 February, 2019. To enter visit [www.southernqueenslandcountry.com.au/summer](http://www.southernqueenslandcountry.com.au/summer)



### Allora Golf Notes

**Friday Duck Run – Sponsored by Percy's Fruit.** Winner: W Duff (24). Runner Up: J Millard (23).

Run Down: L May (22), K Harrison (22), J Fulwood (21), D Duffy (21). Pin: Roy Kitchen (7). Approach: Wayne McKewen (5).

**Sunday – Par Game – Sponsored by Tuesday Social Golf.** Winner: A Cummins (+5). Runner Up: L May (+5). Run Down: T Bartholomai (+5), M Dwan (+4), R Simpson (+3), T Brown (+2), D Duffy (+2). Pins/Approaches: B Duff (3), A Cummins (6), M Dwan (8), M Dwan (15), J Sparksman (17).

**Upcoming Events:** Sunday – Monthly Medal – Sponsored by the Allora Pharmacy – You will also have the opportunity to play for tickets to play with a Pro at the City Golf Club. The Medal of Medalists for 2018, will be played in conjunction with the Monthly Medal for January.

## SUDOKU

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Bob was in trouble. He forgot his wedding anniversary. His wife was really angry. She told him "Tomorrow morning, I expect to find a gift in the driveway that goes from 0 to 200 in 6 seconds AND IT BETTER BE THERE!"

The next morning he got up early and left for work. When his wife woke up, she looked out the window and sure enough there was a box gift-wrapped in the middle of the driveway. Confused, the wife put on her robe and ran out to the driveway, brought the box back in the house.

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WEDNESDAY - Bible Study at 7.00pm, at the church

**MEN'S BREAKFAST - Saturday, 19th January, 7.20am**  
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## Flat batteries top reason for callouts in the Darling Downs: RACQ

RACQ has reminded motorists to make time for regular basic car maintenance checks after it attended 25,775 roadside breakdowns in the Darling Downs last year.

RACQ spokesperson Clare Hunter said the number one reason members needed RACQ Roadside Assistance in the past 12 months was for a flat battery.

"The biggest killer of batteries is heat and we experienced very high temperatures last year. It's not surprising battery problems were the top reason for callouts in 2018," Ms Hunter said.

"There are simple things you can do to avoid a flat, like not leaving lights on when the engine isn't running and regularly checking your battery for wear. Feeling a sluggish start when you turn the key can be another tell-tale sign you may need a new battery."

Ms Hunter said the second most common reason for calls to RACQ

Roadside Assistance was a puncture or wheel change.

"Drivers should check their tyres regularly – look for foreign objects in the rubber, make sure tread is in good condition and check the air pressure is correct," she said.

"As well as tyres, motorists should check their oil levels and have their car regularly serviced. These are really basic maintenance checks we should all be carrying out."

Ms Hunter said RACQ Roadside patrols were also called to rescue 1,696 people who had accidentally locked themselves out of their vehicle last year.

"If you find yourself in trouble, we're ready to come to the rescue," she said.

"We know our members want to get to their destination as quickly and safely as possible, so we're proud to say of the 600,000 breakdowns we attended in 2018 across Queensland, we got 93 percent of people back on the road again straight away."

## Dalrymple Ducks Selling Fast



A special \$100 Ted's Golden Duck prize draw in honour of the late Ted Cowley (pictured) will feature at this year's Duck Race.

For fundraising, the showgirls have been busy selling tickets for the 22nd annual Dalrymple Duck Race to be held on Australia Day at the Allora Pool. We still have a few ducks looking for owners so if you haven't purchased a ticket

as yet, call into the Allora Butchery before January 26. This year we are having a special \$100 prize draw for Ted's Golden Duck. Tickets will also be on sale outside the Chemist on Friday 18th and Friday 25th January from 9am – 1pm.

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