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SDRC Youth Council Includes Two From Allora



Members of the Southern Downs Youth Council with Mayor Tracy Dobie. Faith McKay and Connor Feltham are in Allora State School maroon jackets - Faith is in the back row, third from the left, and Connor is in the second row, behind the Mayor.

Photo, Southern Downs Regional Council

Two students from Allora State School have been selected to be part of the Southern Downs Regional Council (SDRC) Youth Council for 2019.

The students, Connor

Feltham and Faith McKay, joined other members of the Youth Council to be welcomed by the Mayor Tracy Dobie at the Council's General Meeting on Wednesday of last week.

The Youth Council was established as an advisory committee whose role is to represent the voice of young people who live, work, study or volunteer in the Southern Downs region, to provide

input into Council activities and decisions.

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Salvos Shop Now In Allora

The Salvation Army Store opened this week in the old NAB Bank building in Herbert Street.

Store Manager Julie Leggatt, who grew up in Allora, said the Store will open Monday to Thursday from 9am until 4pm. Funds raised remain in the South Downs Salvation Army region which takes in Warwick, Stanthorpe and Allora.



Come in and grab an opening bargain with clothes at half price.

Funding for Victoria Hill Hall



The Victoria Hill Hall.

amenities block. The hall was moved from Greymere to the Victoria Hill site in 1930. Through the support of hall members and various grants the hall has been extended and upgraded to what it is today. Regular meetings have been held by the Victoria Hill QCWA since 1961. They have supported the hall with donations over this period and are well known for their annual St Patricks day celebrations on 17th March. The Victoria Hill Bowls utilise the hall also on a weekly basis. Each year in May the hall organises their Annual Cent Sale to raise funds for the hall. The hall is for hire for a minimal fee. On 9th March a Back to Victoria Hill Day is being held commencing at 10am with a fashion parade, stalls and food can be purchased.

The Victoria Hill Hall Committee wish to recognise the Southern Downs Regional Council (Grants to Community) for their grant of \$10,000.00 to upgrade the Victoria Hill Public Hall

WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Min	Max
WED	Morning Clouds. Hot.	17	36
THU	Decreasing Clouds. Mild.	18	27
FRI	Partly Cloudy. Mild.	18	28
SAT	Broken Clouds. Warm.	16	33
SUN	Mostly Cloudy. Hot.	17	34
MON	Showers Early. Mostly Cloudy. Hot.	19	35

TODAY'S QUOTE

"Teenagers are God's punishment for having sex"

Queensland Ambulance Service Alert



TUESDAY, 5 MARCH 2019 - WARWICK: STRUCTURE FIRE - Paramedics were on standby at a structure fire on Wallace Street at 6.27pm. No patients required QAS assistance.

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Refresh for local halls



Allora R.S.L. Hall in Warwick Street, Allora.

The Allora RSL Sub-Branch Hall, QCWA Leyburn Hall, Greymare Hall and Goomburra Town Hall will receive a share of \$250,000 in Federal Government drought relief funding.

Communities, Towns and Villages Councillor, Sheryl Windle said the funding will ensure these community halls remain focal points for the region's towns and villages while delivering a boost to the economy.

"It is important to ensure the longevity of the region's community halls which are often the heart of our smaller and rural towns and villages," Cr Windle said.

The money was made available as part of \$1 million in Federal Government funding Southern Downs Regional Council secured through the Drought Communities Programme (DCP).

Applications for funding were assessed on how the project would deliver benefits to the drought-affected region as well as how it would benefit the community.

The DCP funds infrastructure and drought relief projects that use local resources, businesses and suppliers to stimulate local community spending and provide long-lasting benefits

to the community and their agricultural industries.

"The successful committees can use the grant money to complete much needed upgrades and projects which may have been planned for some time to ensure the halls can be enjoyed for generations to come," Cr Windle said.

"Council is working to ensure we continue to encourage and promote economic activity in

response to the ongoing impacts of the drought.

"These projects will also benefit the wider community by creating jobs for our region and by engaging local suppliers and service providers."

For more information on the Federal Government's Drought Communities Programme and projects funded by the scheme visit sdrc.qld.gov.au

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Programme For Allora 150 Year Celebrations



Saturday 20th July
9am - 3pm - St. David's Hall - Allora Art & Craft Group displaying 150 years of craft/sewing; doll display; teapot display; bridal wear display
 St. David's Church will be open to the public till 1pm (Private wedding in progress)
 St. Patrick's Catholic Church will be open to the public
 QCWA Hall open with displays & food
 RSL open selling RSL memorabilia, soups, toasted sandwiches, tea/coffee, pies
 Cancer Council Food Van selling burgers
 Allora Butchery selling pig on the spit
 Peck's Coffee Van
 Piccolo Coffee Van
 Vintage cars & Penny Farthing bicycles
 Maypole Dancing
 Street musicians in Herbert St.
 Photography Club display in Senior Citizens Hall
 Allora P-10 State School open to the public
 St. Patrick's School open to the public
 150 Year Time Line Static Display in Allora Community Hall

Sports Museum open to the public. Entry - Adult - gold coin donation. Children - free
 Drayton St. Museum open to the public. Entry - Adult - \$5. Children - free
 Mary Poppins House will be open to public from 10am till 2pm with House Tours (\$7)
10am - Town Crier to call the people to the Official Opening of 150 Year Event
10.45am - 11.30am - Street Parade (to disband in Jubb St.)
11.30am - Bullock Crossing at cnr. Jubb St. & Raff St.
12.30pm - 1.30pm - Burying of Time Capsule then Roll Call of Sportsmen & Sportswomen at the Commercial Hotel (to announce winner of Sportsman/woman of the past 150 Years).
2pm - 4pm - Talgai Homestead open to the public (\$10 admission at the gate includes afternoon tea).
 As this is a privately owned property, the historical society asks that the public shows respect for the owners' home & gardens.
3pm-5pm - Wine, cheese & music at Mary Poppins House (Cost TBA). Under a marquee in the beautifully manicured grounds, enjoy wine, cheese, music and Fashions through the Years (organised by Ethel May

Byrne). Tickets will be pre-sold. 50 guests only. Phone your booking to Les Struthers on 0428 746 458
 As this is Les & Lorraine's private residence, the historical society asks that the public shows respect for their home & gardens.
7pm - 11.30pm - Pioneer Dinner - 2 course meal - spit roast meats with veges, apple/mint sauces, gravy, dinner rolls, butters and choice of 2 desserts. Tea & coffee. Drinks for sale at the bar.
 MC & entertainer Gary Fogarty & Last Pioneer Standing Raffle draw (\$1000 to the winner) throughout the evening.
 Bookings to Wendy adhssec@gmail.com
 Pre-sold Dinner tickets - \$50 pp (Max. 200)
 Raffle tickets - \$20 each can be purchased before the night. The winner does not have to be at the drawing.
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 Allora Bowls Club
 Allora Golf Club
 Allora Tennis Club
 Allora Cricket Club
8.30am - Memorial to Fallen Soldiers at Allora RSL
 Time to be advised - St. David's Anglican Church Service. Time to be advised - St. Patrick's Catholic Church Service
9am - Poet's Breakfast at RSL
10am - 3pm - Mary Poppins House will be open for House Tours (\$7) & Morning Tea (\$5)
12 noon - 50 year Reunion of the 1969 Allora State School Year 10 class will be held at the Railway Hotel Dining Room (Cost \$25) RSVP to Kaye Mullins by 12.07.19 for catering purposes on 0448666132 or email tomkayemullins@gmail.com

PROGRAMME SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Netball given a new shot in Warwick thanks to \$321,793 in Federal Government funding

Players in the Southern Downs will soon be able to unleash their skills on refurbished courts and enjoy an upgrade to facilities thanks to \$321,793 in Federal Government funding secured by Maranoa MP David Littleproud for the Warwick and District Netball Association.
 Mr Littleproud was in Warwick on February 23 to make the much-anticipated announcement because the association was forced to play away from their home-base as their courts were worn out from decades of use, weather and ground movement.

"When I heard the association couldn't play at home because their courts were in such a poor condition, I knew I had to do something and was able to secure \$2900 in funding for the canteen equipment upgrade, under the Stronger Communities Programme, and \$318,893 to reconstruct four courts under Community Sport Infrastructure Grants program," Mr Littleproud said.
 "Our very own netball legend Laura Geitz honed her skills at home here and this upgrade means future netballers will continue to play this great sport in the Southern Downs well into the future.
 "You can ask any rural community in Maranoa and they will tell you how



Maranoa MP David Littleproud presents funding cheque to Warwick and District Netball Association.

important top-notch sports facilities are.

"The flow-on effects are numerous because new faces around town have an opportunity to get involved and make friends with locals.
 "The more part of a community you feel the more likely you are to stay.
 "Besides enhancing that community spirit, everyone needs to exercise and keep fit. Sport - netball in this case - acts as an enabler for these positive outcomes."
 "This funding also provides Maranoa's youth with access to facilities that match those available in our bigger cities - just because you come from the bush doesn't mean you can't access top-notch facilities."

Attempt To Support Local Pubs Fails

The Member for Southern Downs, James Lister is disappointed that the State Government has not been prepared to include local hotels in a scheme to reduce licence fees as a consequence of the ongoing drought.
 Last week in Parliament, Mr Lister fought to get cheaper licence fees for drought affected pubs in the electorate of Southern Downs, but the Government voted it down.
 "Pubs in the far north and west of Queensland get a special 90 per cent reduction in their fees," Mr Lister said.
 "But here in Southern Downs, our many small pubs, which are run as family businesses, are suffering terribly from high costs and the drought.

"All I asked was that the Palaszczuk Labor government accept an amendment to allow the many drought affected pubs in our neck of the woods to be given the same discount but they voted it down.
 "Small country pubs are the centre of their communities and they provide many essential services.
 "We need to look after local small family businesses like the Railway Hotel, the Blue Cow and the pubs in Yangan, Maryvale and Killarney too.
 "I am very disappointed that we have been defeated on this important issue," Mr Lister said.
 "Their owners work so hard and they need a break."

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 Fill in this nomination form and send to Perry Cronin at the Allora Regional Sports Museum, Herbert Street before the end of June.
 I nominate:



Allora P-10 State School News



Friday Futures

We have embarked on new program this year that covers the entire school. This program, "Friday Futures" aims to provide students with a broad and diverse range of co-curricular activities that promote physical, intellectual, social and cultural development. This will be achieved with offerings from the arts, music, sport, life skills and other interest areas.

We are hoping to include a broad range of community interest and expertise and are keen to invite people from the community to join with us on this exciting new program.

A very big thankyou to Mrs Glennis Bailey (Beaute Shoppe To You), Mrs Jan-

Maree Murphy (Chevron Sands Designs) and Mrs Judy Emms for coming along and offering their time, interest and expertise.

Netball Success

Six students from Years 9 and 10 represented Allora P-10 State School at the Border District netball trials held at Scots College, Warwick on Tuesday February 26. The girls played some great round robin matches against other schools in the region such as Warwick State High School, Goondiwindi State High School and St Joseph's College, Stanthorpe. Alexia was selected to play in the possible and probables matches along with 27 other students. She then went on to be selected in the Border



All photos this page courtesy Leanne Kanowski.

District team to play at the Darling Downs trials on 12 March. Congratulations on a great performance Alexia!

Ava represented Allora P-10 State School, participating in the Southern Downs Basketball trials on Tuesday 26 February. Ava trialed well and

showed great skills. She was successful in gaining selection in the Southern Downs Team to trial at Darling Downs level on t1 April. Well done and all the best, Ava.

Ten Allora P-10 State School students participated in Warwick on Monday 25



Victoria Hill Public Hall

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Friday, 15th March

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February, at the annual Southern Downs Swimming Carnival. Students were aiming to gain selection to attend the Darling Downs trials. All swimmers participated very well on the day with a number of personal

best efforts and Age Championships awarded to Georgina, Marshall and Ava with Runner-up Age Champions Sienna, Claire and Kai.

RIGHT: Alexia at Border District Winter trials - netball.

BELOW: Age Champions and Runner Up Age Champions at Southern Downs Swimming. Kai, Claire, Ava, Georgina, Sienna and Marshall.



BOTTOM LEFT: Ava at Southern Downs Basketball Trials.

BELOW: Allora State School swimmers participating in the Central Downs Team at Southern Downs Swimming - Ava, Marshall, Lincoln, Addison, Kai, Sienna, Matillda, Claire and Georgina (absent Jack).



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QDU Debating – Round 1

Allora P-10 State School's Year 9 debating team competed in the first round of the QDU Debating in the Toowoomba Competition on Wednesday February 27. The team had the affirmative side of the topic 'that we should ban the Melbourne Cup'.

With Ala Frankcom as 1st speaker, Xavia Oloman as 2nd speaker, Nicola Westerman as 3rd speaker and Emily Phelan as chairperson, the team debated against Centenary Heights State High School in Toowoomba. Although a bit nervous, they had a very good case and were excited to come away with a win for their first debate for 2019.

The next Year 9 debate is on March 20 against Toowoomba State High School.



Allora State School Debating team - Xavia, Ala, Nicola and Emily.

The first debate for the Year 10 team will be held on Wednesday March 6. The

team has the affirmative side of the topic 'that we should ban fast fashion' against St

Joseph's College. Robyn Westerman



St. Patricks School News

St Patrick's School Board

Our School Board recently held its first meeting for the year. At the end of his two year tenure as Board Chair, David Burton stood down and Felicity Philp took up the position of Chair. We thank Felicity for accepting this role and David for his commitment to our School Board. We look forward to his continued membership of this group.

Kylie Brasch has been a long standing member on our School Board. Kylie stood down from her position

on the board this week. We thank Kylie for her years of dedication to this important role.

Volunteers wanted
Uniform coordinator, Tuckshop convenor and Trivia night helper.

P & F Meeting
You're invited to our next P & F Meeting Wednesday 13 March 7pm in the Library. Our Annual General Meeting was held on the 20th February. Karen Brown and Shane Peters stood down from their positions

of President and Vice. We thank both Karen and Shane for their work on our committee throughout 2018 and we look forward to their continued support of our school community.

Cross Country Volunteers

We need some helpers to assist in the coordination of the 'meal deal' we offer to the students of St Patrick's and St Francis de Sales on the 20th March. Please contact Karli if you can assist.

Expressions of Interest
Our School Board drives the school improvement continual renewal agenda. It is consulted with on many changes affecting our school community. The board is now calling for expressions of interest. Contact the Tyrone if you would like some further information.

Queensland Term Dates - 2019

- Term 1 Tuesday 29 January to Friday 5 April (10 weeks) (Easter – 19-22 April)
- Term 2 Tuesday 23 April to Friday 28 June (10 weeks)
- Term 3 Monday 15 July to Friday 20 September (10 weeks)
- Term 4 Tuesday 8 October to Friday 13 December (10 weeks) (Year 10 finish 29 November)

Date Claimers

- 8 Mar - SD Touch Football
- 13 Mar - P&F Meeting 7pm in Library
- 15 Mar - St Patrick's Day Liturgy at Assembly
- 19 Mar - School Photos
- 20 Mar - School Cross Country – Allora Golf Course
- 3 Apr - CD Cross Country – Pilton

DEADLINES

PLEASE NOTE - Deadlines for The Allora Advertiser:

- Display Advertising - **1.00pm Monday**
- Classifieds Advertising - **5.00pm Monday**
- Editorial - **5.00pm Monday**

Once Upon a Song



ABOVE: CWA ladies provide a healthy morning tea. While sharing morning tea the young children may be exploring new foods, learning to share and socialise.



BELOW: Children benefit greatly when their significant adults share activities with them.



The children are learning to wait just a little, while the popcorn (coloured balls) gets hot and then they shake the parachute to make it 'pop, pop, pop'.

Once Upon a Song occurs on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month during school terms, 9.30am to 10.30am followed by morning tea! It is held at the Allora QCWA rooms, Warwick Street, Allora. Admission is by gold coin

donation for the CWA. If you have children from 6 months to 3 years you are welcome to join us! You can find Once Upon a Song on Facebook at www.facebook.com/OnceUponASong.org.au

Clifton station turns 150

Join the Clifton township in celebrating 150 years of the Clifton Railway Station this Saturday from 8am.

To celebrate the occasion the Clifton and District Progress Association has organised a fun filled day out for the family.

The day kicks off with street markets, Southern Downs Steam Railway from Warwick is bringing its steam train for the day and the cutting of a ribbon will happen on the station at approximately 10.30am.

There will also be a town

crier, a petting zoo and model trains.

Down the road, Finnegan's Wake is on at O'Shanley's Irish Hotel from midday.

A comprehensive, detailed history of the Clifton Station is included in a wrap-around feature with this week's Clifton Courier.

To find out more information about the event, grab a copy of The Clifton Courier or search for the Clifton Railway Station and the Clifton Progress Association on Facebook.

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- HISTORIC DISPLAYS
- FINNEGAN'S WAKE
- CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
- LIVE MUSIC



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Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago March 1994

New School Building

St. Patrick's School, Allora, will have a new building at a cost of \$500,000 by the end of the year. School principal Rob Amadee said that tenders will be called on April 8 with construction starting on May 13. Funding for the project will be provided through a Commonwealth Government grant of \$430,000 with the balance to be raised by parish and school contributions. The new brick building will replace the wooden building which has served St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's Schools since 1917. The building was formerly O'Callaghan's Hall which had been converted for school use. "Despite being refurbished in 1975, the building had been less than adequate for our

needs" Mr. Amadee said. It is hoped that the new building will be completed by October.

Allora's Past 50 years ago March 1969

Pre Wedding Afternoon

A Pre Wedding Afternoon in honour of Miss Sheila O'Halloran's approaching marriage to Mr. Robert Ball will be held in the R.S.L. Hall on Saturday, 29th March.

S. Cowley, M. Ryan, K. Geaney, convenors.

Allora's Past 75 years ago March 1944

Fire in Allora

On Monday afternoon the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Marshall was destroyed by fire. The house was situated at the rear of Mr. Marshall's service station, and at the time of the fire the family was

absent. Mr. Marshall is a member of the Military Forces and his wife was attending a funeral at the time of the fire. It is believed that the dwelling and contents were insured.

(Jack Marshall took over Holmes Motor Supplies from Jack Holmes in the late 1930's or early 1940's. Jack Marshall's garage was on the present site of Wilson & Rigby)

Allora's Past 100 years ago March 1919

A Lucky Escape

A boy named Bert Holmes, the 12 year old son of Cr. John Holmes, had a narrow escape from serious injury on Wednesday. It appears that the boy, who was on horseback driving a cow off the vacant allotment between the "Guardian" office and the Club Hotel saleyards (the allotment was at one time occupied by the Club Hotel) when the horse fell down a disused well.. The boy had the presence of mind to jump off the horse as it fell and a serious catastrophe was thus averted. The well, which is about 40 feet deep, was covered with old corrugated iron and timber, and was hidden from view by a heavy growth of weeds around it. When the boy jumped clear he clung to the reins and held the horse's head up. The animal became wedged in, a few feet from the top. Mr. W. Burge, hearing a cry for help, was quickly on the scene and with the assistance of others, extracted the horse from its precarious position. Save for some nasty cuts on the hindquarters, the horse is none the worse for its unpleasant experience.

Colin Newport



Holmes Motor Supplies, Herbert Street, 1931, (now the site of Wilson & Rigby) Jack Holmes (centre).

Beard Growing Competition

Although there are two sets of siblings (Stephen & Mark Lehmann and Robert & Leonard Hoey) competing in the Beard Growing Competition organized

by the Allora 150 Years Committee, there is only one father/son rivalry with Brett and Daniel Erhardt.

Brett's great-great-grandfather, Michael Erhart,

bought the 1 acre allotment on the corner of Arnold and Jubb Streets in Allora's first land sale on the 5th March 1860. In 1866 he built the Queen's Arms Hotel on the corner of Herbert and Drayton Streets. It was at this hotel that the public meeting was held in 1869 where it resolved to petition the Government for Allora to be proclaimed a municipality. Michael Erhart served on the Allora Municipal Council in the 1870's.

Brett and Daniel can compete in the longest beard section, the best looking moustache, or the beard most resembling a previous



Michael Erhart.

mayor. Judging on previous efforts, Brett is a fair show in the bushiest beard section. Time will tell. The entries will be judged on the 20th July 2019 at the Allora 150 Years Celebration Weekend.



Daniel (left) and Brett Erhardt. Photos courtesy Wendy Ardrey



1869 - Opening of the Southern Railway to Allora

This Saturday we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the opening of the first stage of the Southern Railway to Allora on 11th March 1869 by his Excellency Samuel Blackall, the Governor of Queensland.

The first train, including the Volunteer Artillery and Band from Ipswich, arrived at Allora at noon, having been three hours on the journey from Toowoomba. The station was decorated with flags and ever-greens and there were about 150 local people present. Numbers greatly increased in a very short time by arrivals from Allora, Warwick and various parts of the district. The second train arrived shortly after the first and the third train arrived at about one o'clock. A fourth train which conveyed his Excellency and party, the Postmaster-General, (Mr. John Douglas), the Minister for Works, (Mr. Macalister), the Minister for Lands (Mr. James Taylor) and other "elites" arrived at 1.45pm

Construction of the Warwick line was given legislative approval in 1866 with completion of the section to Allora scheduled for 1867. By June 1866 it was reported in the Brisbane Courier that "The first section is now in progress and the works are being very fairly executed. The bridges at Spring Creek, Emu Creek, and Dalrymple Creek are in course of erection and timber has been laid down at the site of most of the bridges between Toowoomba and Allora, the termination of the first section. The earthworks and the delivery of ballast and sleepers also proceed satisfactorily." Due to a financial crisis in Queensland, the Government was unable to pay for the rails and the fencing wire to be delivered from England and completion was delayed by two years. Australia could not produce these items at this time

as its first steel works was only developed in the early 1900s.

The 46 mile (73.6km) southern line from Gowrie Junction had three stations - Cambooya at 17 miles, Clifton at 33 miles and the Allora terminus at 46 miles. The extension to Mill Hill at Warwick was not completed until 1871. Construction cost to Allora was £194,000. Mr. Williams was the contractor and Mr. Thorseloe Smith was the engineering superintendent.

Almost immediately after the opening of the line everyone in Allora and Spring Creek were unhappy about the location of their stations; Allora because their station was located on a waterless sandy patch three miles southwest of the town with no road access; and the Spring Creek settlers because their Clifton station was located nine miles away and in a swamp.

After petitioning the Government in May 1869, the Spring Creek farmers had the Clifton Station moved two miles south its present position at 35 miles within 9 months of the line opening. The relocation is reported to have cost £1000 which the Government could ill-afford. Trains first stopped at 'new' Clifton station from 1 January 1870.

The railway was designed to encourage closer settlement and provide efficient transport to markets for agricultural products such as wool and wheat. It was supposed to connect the major population centers, which in the Southern Downs, were Allora and Warwick. For Allora, it missed its mark by three miles but did not miss the interests of the squatters.

At this time all the land along the railway line was owned by the big squatters; Hodgson of



Hendon Railway Station circa 1880s. courtesy Downs Club Toowoomba

Eton Vale, Tooth of Clifton and the Clarks of Talgai. The Allora station (Hendon) was located on the boundary of Talgai, Goomburra and Glengallan and thus benefiting each of the squatters equally. The Allora Agricultural Reserve was surrounded by purchased land of the Goomburra Run owned by Mr. Green. The Spring Creek Agricultural Reserve, on the north side of Tabletop, was similarly surrounded by Tooth's Clifton Run. In 1869 the squatters were the obvious beneficiaries of the railway line as their land values increased significantly due its proximity to the line.

The settler's plight at this time was clearly stated by Mr. JC Hegarty at a Spring Creek meeting on 5 May 1869. He said that he had all along predicted the way in which they [the farmers] would be shut out. It was quite evident the railway was not intended to cause settlement on the land, for every possible hindrance was thrown in the way of doing so.

The decisions during the 1865 railway design process, to unofficially prioritise the transportation needs of the Squatters, left Allora isolated from Queensland's most important

infrastructure network of the 19th century. Allora finally got a branch line in 1897 after 30 years of agitation, and then, only by the Council guaranteeing an economic return to the Government.

The impact of these 1865 decisions remain today. The two-year competitive advantage Allora had over Warwick as a freight hub for the southern downs in 1869-71, came to naught due to the location of its station and lack of access.

While we have much to celebrate with the coming of the railway to Hendon (Allora) in 1869, we have also much to regret, in that, it failed to deliver the prosperity and benefits promised by our parliamentary leaders.

Hendon today is an unattended siding. All its buildings, long neglected and eaten by white ants, have vanished; a far cry from the four trains, Governor and banquet which opened the line 150 years ago.

The Queensland Times reported on the 13 March 1869 "The opening to Allora was pre-eminently successful. No accidents and all appeared to enjoy the trip."

Happy 150 Anniversary.

Trevor Neale

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Solution in classifieds section

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

Armed Robbery

I work as a manager in a bank. Last week one of our teller's, Cindy, was subjected to an armed robbery while I was at lunch..

Upon returning from lunch I was quickly informed of the robbery.

Apparently, a man walked up to Cindy and put a \$20 bill on the counter and asked for \$20 worth of quarters. When she opened the cash drawer, the man pulled a gun and asked her for all the cash in the register.. To this request she quickly complied, and then the man fled, leaving his \$20 bill on the counter.

After hearing the details of the story, and while staring at the man's \$20 bill still sitting on the counter, I asked, "So, how much cash did he steal from your drawer?"

"About twelve dollars," she replied.

Events Calendar

2019

March -	
Sat 9	Back to Victoria Hill Day Victoria Hill Public Hall, 10.00am
Fri 29 - Sun 31	Allora Annual Campdraft Allora Show Grounds
April -	
Sat 6	Leyburn Bluelight Family Fun Day Leyburn State School, 10.00am - 2.00pm
Sun 14	Doctor Who Club Annual Mega Family Picnic Stuart Henry Park, 11.00am
June -	
Sat 15	June Afternoon St. David's Anglican Church, Allora
July -	
Sat 20 & Sun 21	Allora Celebrates 150 Years Allora
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SCIENCE TRIVIA QUIZ

1. What is the pollinator of the rare Canberra spider orchid? Is it a) a wasp, b) a bee, c) an ant, or d) a possum?
2. The tallest tree in the world is an endangered redwood named Hyperion. How tall is this tree to the nearest metre? Is it a) 11 metres, b) 66 metres, c) 97 metres, or d) 116 metres?
3. Which of these Australian animals is not considered endangered? Is it a) northern quoll, b) Lord Howe Island stick insect, c) northern corroboree frog, or d) eastern grey kangaroo?
4. In 2018, which mammal species genuinely improved from endangered to non-endangered on the IUCN Red List? Is it a) white rhinoceros, b) fin whale, c) Goodfellow's tree kangaroo, or d) koala?
5. Which of these animals is most closely related to now extinct thylacines? Is it a) numbats, b) cats, c) tigers, or d) Tasmanian devils?

Answers in Classifieds pages

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Allora Night Bowls Notes

26th February - You may think that we have been a bit hard on Paddo but he cops a lot more ribbing from his fellow Maydan mates. Gina's Babies (so cute) played on the adjoining rink. They kept up the banner during the game, checking on the score and rubbing it in that Zoolanders were being beaten again! Next week these teams will meet on the rink - bring the battle on.

Maybe Gina's Babies should have paid more attention to their own game, they went down to Doesn't Matter 15v11. Kitty hawks lived up to their names and honed in on to the jack and won 14v8 over Zoolanders. The Three Stoogers 14 were too good for the Bowling Stones. Those fancy shirts the Railway boys wore did not match their not-fancy score of 9 against the The

Old Boys on 17. Cheeky Simmo back playing with Chris and Ashleigh in the Pig Lures sponsored team was pleased with their 15v11 win over the 3 of Us. Doug, John and Danny had been on a winning streak. Did not see the game, but can imagine the tension on rink 2 where 3 Dos and 1 Don't had a tie with Landcruisers +1. The Dos and Don'ts were declared winners with 8 winning ends over 6 by the landcruiser boys. At last but not least, wow what a win on rink one. Rooniks (all rookies and substitute players - Ryan, Sandy and Amy) beat Tramps Like Us 17 v 7. Congratulations, they also took home the Winners Prize when Rink One was drawn. The Bowling Stones were winners after all, they took home the Loser's Prize on Rink 5.

Ashleigh surprised us all with an early call of 'touchers'. It took a while but

eventually Glen Hentschel, Greg Paddo, Barry Donegan, Sandy Groves, Gade Gardner and Peter Moreton won one of Paul Parker's chocolate blocks.

Lynn, Lyn Lynn, Peter, Russell and Bryce were named winners of the raffle. John Rockley had a chance to cut the cards but failed to find a Jack or Joker. Prize jackpots to \$140 next week.

Thank you to new sponsor Alana Frizzell of graphics company Silver Gum. Thank you also to Tim Hentschel of Whites Garage, Aaron & Ashley of Allora Butchery, Robyn of Railway Hotel and the Allora Sports Club. Along with all the volunteers special thanks to Harry who pushes the raffle prize button and loves his job.

Lyn Wright, Scribe

Allora Golf Notes



Friday Duck Run - 1 March - Sponsored by Percy's Fruit. Winner: Errol May (22) Runner Up: Phil Watt (20) Approach (11): Rod Simpson

Sunday - 3 March - Monthly Mug - Stableford - Sponsored by: Railway Hotel. Winner: Roy Kitchen

(44) Runner Up: Matt May (42) Pins/Approaches: Ken Wilson (4) Kev Harrison (3) Kev Harrison (13) Garth Simpson (12) Matt May (9) Garth Simpson (18) Thanks to the 4 Warwick golfers for playing.

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Upcoming Events: Sunday: Championships begin on the weekend.

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Mary, Terry, Debbie, David, Paul, Steven and their families wish to sincerely thank Father Rod McGinley, Dr. Kaye Ellis, Alison, Leslie and staff of the Allora Nursing Home for the wonderful care extended to Jock.
Thank you also to the Allora Community for all your support, cards, flowers, cooking and phone calls, it certainly has been appreciated.
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is still undescended and doesn't yet have a name.
2. d) Hyperton, the tallest tree in the world stands at 115.9 metres.
3. d) The eastern grey kangaroo is the only animal listed that is not considered endangered.
4. b) Just one mammal species, the fin whale, improved from endangered to non-endangered in 2018.
1. a) The Canberra spider orchid is pollinated by a wasp. The species of wasp close relatives of thylacines.

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All teams will wear their new jerseys to open the Warriors 54th season, featuring major kit sponsors Railway Hotel, Allora (A Grade), South East Engineering Services, Clifton (Reserve Grade and Willett Electrical, Allora (Under 18).

Player coach and former NRL star Travis Burns feels he has the team to snatch the Barrett Family Shield silverware back from the Cowboys won last year at Platz Oval.



Kick off times for Saturday at Father Ranger Oval are: 12.45 pm Under 16: Eastern Suburbs v Collegians; 2.00 pm Third Grade: Warwick v Stanthorpe, 3.30 pm Under 18 - Wattles v Warwick; 5.00 pm reserve Grade - Wattles v Warwick and the first

grade Barrett Family Shield clash at 6.30 pm.

Wattles A Grade: 1. Michael Marshall, 2. Blake Lollback, 3. Nick Van Der Poel, 4. Jake Hargreaves, 5. Braydon Wilson, 6. Travis Burns, 7. Matt Duggan, 8. Mitchell Duff, 9. Joe Morris,

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