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Allora P-10 State School Speech Night 2019



Allora P-10 State School Year 10 group: Back from left – Lacey, Casee, Connar, Will, Max, Hayden, Lexie. Front from left: Montana, Shailea, Jodie, Faith (Dux), Abby, Anna, Bethany. Front: John

Allora P-10 State School's Awards Night, formally acknowledging the achievements of Years 7–10 students and the graduation of Year 10 students, was held in the school hall last

week. Former student and Dux Laura Babington (nee Johnson) was the guest on the night and presented Year 10 Academic Awards to the students. Laura gave a short address and encouraged

Year 10 students to seize opportunities as they arise, to ensure a successful future. Retired sports journalist Gerard Walsh, was very happy to be invited to present the sporting

awards. His opinion was that Allora P-10 State School is the best little sporting school in Queensland.

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Littleproud welcomes Aussie Farms decision



David Littleproud MP.

Federal Member for Maranoa, David Littleproud has welcomed the decision of the Charities and Not-for-profits Commission to strip Aussie Farms of its charitable status.

Aussie Farms runs a website listing the private details of thousands of Australian farming families and encouraging activists to take part in farm invasions.

"This is a win for common sense," Minister Littleproud said.

"As Agriculture Minister I wrote to the Charities Commissioner asking him to review Aussie Farms charitable status. He has acted.

"I also worked with the Attorney-General to bring Aussie Farms under the Privacy Act with a maximum penalty of \$2.1 million for breaching the act.

Charities do not invade people's privacy and encourage illegal behaviour.

Our farmers deserve respect for putting the best food in the world on our dinner tables.

These activists put farming families at risk by encouraging large-scale trespass.

No one wants 50 strangers invading their backyard where their kids play.

Aussie Farms will lose charity tax benefits after being exposed for what they are - militant activists.

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Bus Acquired for the Community

The proposed community bus service for the Allora district will go ahead after the executive committee acquired a bus for the project.

A suitable vehicle has been located in Brisbane.

The executive of the Allora Community Bus Committee is in the throes of putting in place requirements to enable the service to be initiated early next year.

The community bus will run to Warwick on Wednesdays and Fridays and to Toowoomba on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month for doctors' and specialists' appointments.

The next meeting of the Allora Community Bus Committee will be held next Tuesday, 3rd December, at 7pm in St. Andrew's Community Centre on the corner of Forde and Warwick Streets.

Anyone is welcome to attend.

Local Fire Ban

While the State of Fire Emergency Declaration has been revoked across Queensland as fire conditions continue to ease, a fire ban has been imposed across the Southern Downs Region.

The Fire Emergency Declaration was imposed on November 9 as the state battled through extremely challenging fire conditions before it was partially lifted from 36 of the 42 local government areas on Wednesday 20th November.

Acting Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) Commissioner Mike Wassing said although the Declaration had been lifted right across Queensland, local fire bans had been re-introduced in many areas.

"Over the last few weeks our state has been in the grips of some very severe and challenging fire weather and while the threat has eased, it has not passed," Mr Wassing said.

"Although the State of Fire Emergency Declaration has been revoked, QFES

has made the decision to impose local fire bans across large parts of the state.

"This decision is not made lightly but it is vital we continue to work together and do everything we can to protect Queensland communities during this ongoing bushfire season.

"Under a local fire ban all open fires are prohibited and all Permits to Light Fire previously issued are cancelled."

Power tools may be used during a local fire ban however QFES encourages people to use these with extreme care and ensure

adequate equipment is available to extinguish any fire which may start.

This may include having a person available to watch out for any ignitions that occur.

Mr Wassing said residents should make themselves aware of what restrictions are in place for their area by speaking with their local fire wardens and visiting the Rural Fire Service website."

Across the Southern Downs Region, the Fire Ban was introduced from 6pm last Friday and is in force until 11.59pm this Saturday, 30th November.

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Allora Police Report

• **Shortly before 8pm on Wednesday evening 13th November**, Allora Officers had cause to attempt to intercept a red Holden Commodore wagon in the Herbert Street business area. The vehicle failed to stop and was driven away at a good rate of speed. The vehicle was followed by Police before being forced to stop when it was driven into a dead-end rural road, a distance away at Deuchar. Two male persons fled the vehicle on foot at that location, with one of them being chased down and arrested a short time later. Upon arrest, a 29yr old Warwick man was located in possession of a quantity of methylamphetamine, a large sum of cash and several drug utensils. He has been charged by Police for the offences of Obstructing Police, Failing to comply with a Requirement, Possess Dangerous Drugs, Possessing Tainted Property and Possessing Drug Utensils.

• **As a result of investigations** subsequently conducted into the matter and the car's other occupant who was not located by Police on that night, a second, 29yr old Warwick man has since been identified and charged with the offences of Evade Police, Obstruct Police, Possessing Dangerous Drugs and Possessing Drug Utensils. Both men are due to appear in the Warwick Magistrates Court on the 18th December. The plates from the vehicle have been seized by Police, rendering the vehicle unable to be driven for a period of 90 days.

• **It was while leaving this incident scene** and shortly after this occurrence, that at about 10pm Wednesday night 13th November, Allora Officers then

had reason to stop and search a black Holden Commodore sedan located in Upper Willowvale Road at Deuchar. In relation to that matter, it was determined the 33yr old single female driver from Warwick was a disqualified driver (repeat offender). A search of the car located a glass pipe used to smoke methylamphetamine. She was charged by Police with the offences of Disqualified driving and Possession of Drug Utensils. She was further ticketed for the offence of driving an unregistered motor vehicle and her vehicle registration plates seized, to be held by Police and rendering her vehicle undriveable, at all, for 90 days. If caught driving again, the same woman will face actual forfeiture of any vehicle being driven by her (regardless of whether it belongs to her or somebody else).

• **On Saturday afternoon 16th November**, a passer-by through the Allora town area located a left-behind backpack in Dalrymple Park. The item was promptly and correctly brought in to Allora Police. While a search of the backpack did determine the property's owner, it also caused the location and seizure by Officers of a set of digital scales, in close proximity to two other bags containing a total of 43 mixed pills and capsules of the dangerous drug MDMA (Otherwise known as "Ecstasy".) It was determined sadly, that the drug items were bound for schoolies celebrations. As a result of subsequent investigations conducted by Allora Officers, a 17yr old male has been dealt with under the provisions of the Youth Justice Act for the offences of Possessing Dangerous Drugs and Possessing Things for Use in a Drug Crime.

• **On Monday afternoon 18th November**, a farmshed in the town area, at the western end of Darling Street, Allora was reported as broken into over the weekend of the 16th and 17th and a number of hay bales stolen. Such a theft would have required the use of a vehicle. While no local resident was apparent witness to the occurrence, property belonging to the offender was located at the scene and has been seized for forensic examinations, which will assist Police determine the offender's identity. A second, similar hay-theft has since been reported as occurring from a Donegan's Road property at the edge of town. As the drought continues and conditions worsen across the District, residents of both Allora township and surrounding farms are urged to consider the security of property & things that may not have been considered previously. If anyone has any information with respect to these occurrences, they are asked to contact Allora Police, Policelink or Crimestoppers.

• **While performing follow-up inquiries** about the Warwick town area with respect to recent local matters, on Wednesday 20th November, Allora Officers had reason to intercept a 22yr old Warwick man acting suspiciously in Lyons Street at Warwick. As a result of conversations had with the man and suspicions formed, a search of his person was conducted. This search caused the location of a quantity of cannabis (in deal-sized bags), scales, and a knife upon his person. The man has since been arrested and charged with the offences of Supplying a Dangerous Drug, Possessing a Dangerous Drug, Possessing Things used in the commission of a drug crime and Possession of a knife in public.

He also is to appear in the Warwick Magistrates Court on the 18th December.

• **On Saturday evening 23rd November**, on-duty Allora Police were called to two men drinking liquor in public, outside the IGA store in Warwick Street. As a result of Police attendance to the matter, a 30yr old Allora resident has been arrested and charged with Causing a Public Nuisance and Consuming Liquor in Public. Due to the circumstances of the matter and until his matters are heard by a Court on the 29th January, the man has been bailed with further conditions that he not consume liquor and that he not attend the Railway Hotel, Allora.

• **On an unrelated note**, the Cunningham Highway at Cunningham's Gap remains closed for the immediate, foreseeable future. Allora & District residents would have seen and noted the subsequent marked and increased use of the New England Highway through Allora and along the Warwick - Allora backroad; including increased use by heavy vehicles at all times of the day and night. While all local, divisional Police and the Warwick Road Policing Unit will concentrate efforts on the highway and through this area to ensure road safety, Police are asking local drivers to be extra-aware of this change of circumstances, to drive to the conditions of the extra traffic, to allow extra time for travel between local points and to be more vigilant on the road. This will become very important if The Gap closure remains for any lengthy period into the commencement of the school holidays and Christmas season.

ALLORA BUSH CHRISTMAS & MARKETS

DEC 6TH 2019

Herbert Street, Allora - 4.30pm to 7.30pm



Allora Community Circle is excited with the response shown by fifty four market holders and eleven local businesses that are helping to make this event one of the best ever.



On Friday 6th December from 4.30 until 7.30pm Herbert Street will be alive with music, kids activities, face painting, pony-cart rides, plenty of food and lots to see at the markets. Our local businesses including Allora Butchery, Wild Sage Wellness Studio, Allora Pharmacy, True Value Hardware, PR's Hair Design, Lyn-D-Jo's Boutique and the Salvation Army Store will all be open and offering great Christmas deals. Tasty food and refreshing drinks will be

available from Army's Café and the Railway Hotel. Neil Burley will provide the traditional bagpipe opening of the Bush Christmas followed by a wonderful group of local children and adults who will entertain the crowd. Allora Community Circle has organised and funded this event and would like to thank everyone who has kindly donated their time and to the community and business houses for participating.

St Pat's School Musical 'Pirates versus Mermaids'

Team efforts don't come any bigger or better than our school musical. Last Wednesday night, families and community were treated to a spectacular show that showcased the talents of our students.



Miss Karine Preston, teacher and director 'extraordinaire', began casting for our actors and leading whole school choir practice in term 2 of this year. Students showed great leadership by willingly giving their lunch times to practice their lines for the musical. The script was ideal as it

allowed for the whole school to participate. The prep students made for some gruesome looking pirates and graceful mermaids. These events are especially wonderful for students as it allows all students to shine in ways that they

may not have been offered the opportunity to shine before. All students rose to the occasion and gave their best performance. 'More experienced' members of the audience (one, a teacher of many years experience) exclaimed that the show

was one of the best they had ever seen. A gold coin donation was collected on the night with proceeds going to the Queensland Rural Fire Service and the Bushfire Appeal. Tyrone Maher, Principal St Patrick's School

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Men's Breakfast Guest Speaker

Allora Presbyterian Church is pleased to host its Men's Breakfast this month on Saturday, 30th November, at 7.20am in the Presbyterian church hall, 12 Jubb St., Allora. Come and enjoy a free brekky and good yarns over cereal, bacon and eggs, sausages and tea or coffee. We are delighted to have Matt Amos from Warwick as our guest speaker and below is his introduction.

Matt Amos, Scientist - Pest Animal Research Centre, Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries. Matt hails from the Back O' Bourke where his parents run a small private Christian school. Growing up in the bush saw Matt interested in things typical for a country boy such as motorbikes, horses and shooting. Leaving school unsure of a vocation path Matt came to Brisbane for a year at a Christian ministry training centre. Having made up his mind to work in the Agricultural industry

Matt then went to Longreach Ag College for a couple of years. Following Ag College, Matt worked as a station hand and then for NSW DPI and NSW Department of Lands all based in Bourke.

In 2009 Matt and his wife Nell made a fairly significant decision for Matt to leave a secure job to pursue further studies at UQ Gatton. This was the start of his interest in wild deer. Matt completed a PhD in ecology based studying red deer at Cressbrook Dam near Toowoomba. He now works for QDAF in the pest animal research team - still on deer ecology and management.

He is married to Nell with four primary school aged children - Eliana, Nathanael, Timothy and Andrew. The topic he has chosen to speak on is "Are You Preparing Today for Tomorrow?"

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Allora CWA News



The last meeting of the year was held on Tuesday 18th November. There was much to discuss and plan as Christmas is now only weeks away.

We had a wonderful time hosting a morning tea for Triple M Darling Downs as they launched their **Faces of the Drought Campaign**. Morning radio host Lee Faulkner was very interested to hear about the impact of the drought on our small town and people.

A Country Kitchens Nutrition Workshop was held at Oaktree Warwick. Our Facilitator



Congratulations to our own Sandi Blinco who came 1st in the CWA State Competition for this gorgeous colourful shawl.

Barb McGovern assisted the residents preparing a healthy morning tea and lunch.

We are busy cooking and organising for our stall at the **Glengallen Christmas Markets** on Sunday 1st December. Our Christmas street stalls will be on the 29th November, 5th and 13th December outside Allora IGA. First prize will be a \$100 IGA voucher, 2nd prize a homemade decorated Christmas cake with third prize being a delicious home made Christmas pudding. Keep an eye out for the ladies and grab your tickets. The winners will be

drawn at our Christmas party held on Tuesday 17th December at the Allora CWA rooms.

Once Upon a Song - Early Learning through Music sessions for children and parents, celebrated their 2 year anniversary at the Allora CWA rooms.

The children had lots of fun



Alison Payne, Lee Faulkner, Sharon Ryan, Sandi Blinco, Gloria Mills and Annie Sackley.

and enjoyed the special cake to celebrate. For more information call Roslyn on 0414 545 854.

The Allora Walking Group is on every Monday and Wednesday morning. Wednesdays group is for anyone who enjoys a slower paced walk. There was also a discussion on starting a Friday morning group. Ladies meet at the CWA rooms at 6am for an hours walk around the Allora township. Everyone is welcome to come along no matter your level of fitness.


For more information call Sandi on 0408 066 192.

Allora CWA catered for the **SDRC Drought Interagency Meeting** held at the Allora Community Hall on Tuesday.

For more information contact President Alison Payne - 46661 542 or Secretary Barb McGovern - 0412 849 983. email: alloracwa@gmail.com

You can also check out our Facebook or Instagram page: Allora CWA, for news and upcoming events.

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Congratulations to all award recipients - details listed below.

SPORTING AWARDS

Medallions & Certificates
Swimming – 13Yrs Hamish G, Reagan Mc; 14Yrs Daniel M, Alexia L; **Cross Country** - 12Yrs Benjamin B, Chelsie S; 13Yrs Reagan Mc; 14Yrs Koby D; 15Yrs Connor F; **Track & Field** – 12Yrs Jack P, Chelsie S; 13Yrs Samuel G, Reagan Mc; 14Yrs Daniel M, Alexia L; **Archery** – Hayden E, Bethany C.

Trophies

Swimming – Hayden E, Anna E; **Cross Country** – Denovan O, Xavia O; **Track & Field** – Hayden E, Lexie H; **Netball** – Lexie H, Alexia L; **Rugby league A** – Daniel M; **Rugby League B** – Samuel G; **Tennis** – Shirley Mason Shield – Samuel G, Lexie H.

Darling Downs Representatives

Cross Country – Xavia O; **Swimming** – Anna E; **Water Polo** – Anna E; **Track & Field** – Tom D, Casee F, Reagan Mc.

Michael Butler Memorial Trophy – Casee F; Reagan Mc.

Champion House (Gwynne Shield) – Deacon

Sportsperson of the Year – Anna Eckersley

MUSIC AND EXTRA CURRICULA AWARDS

Instrumental Music Achievement Award – Tobias B; **Instrumental Music Conductor's Award** – Nicola W; **Music Encouragement Certificate** – Oscar B, Denovan O.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Community Service Certificates - Connor F, Ala F, Haydn J, Xavia O, Max P, Abby P, Jarod R, Brock S, Jackson S

Community Service Medallions - Bethany C, Hayden E, Macey H, Faith J, John N, Nicola W



Community Service Trophy – Lexie H
Chaplaincy Awards – Ala F, Brock S
Debating Certificates - Bethany C, Anna E, Macey H, Lacey M, Abby P
Debating Medallions – Ala F, Faith J, Xavia O, Nicola W
Defence Force Award – Lexie H
Zonta Bursary – Anna E
Lex Ellwood Memorial Bursary – Lexie H
Humanitarian Award – Connor F
Mayor's Medal – Anna E

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Year 7 – Academic Achievement – Belinda A, Oscar B, Gorgia C, Amy M, Denovan O, Chelsie S. **Diligence** – Callan G.

Year 8 – Academic Achievement – Tobias B, Hamish G, Kiarn M, Karlie O, Isaac W. **Diligence** – Elizah F, Brian G, Samuel G. **Year 9 – Academic Achievement** – Brendan A, Ala F, Macey H, Xavia O, Nicola W. **Diligence** – Kealee D, Miles K, Alexia L, Bailey R.

Subject Awards – Year 10 – English, Science, History, Geography, Business – Faith J; Mathematics, Food Studies, Business Encouragement – Anna E; Japanese – Bethany C; Design & Technology – Casee F; Health & Physical Education – Lexie H; Visual Art – Montana H.

Academic Excellence (Runner-Up to Dux) – Anna E.

Dux – Faith J.

Allora P-10 State School Speech Night 2019



Anna receiving Zonta bursary from Mrs Janet Forbes, Warwick Zonta Club.



Lexie with Cr Rod Kelly receiving the Bob Deacon Memorial Trophy for Community Service.



Stuart Campbell, Faith J - Dux and Laura Babington.



Connor with Cr Rod Kelly receiving the Gibson Family Humanitarian Award.



Anna - Sportsperson of the Year and Gerard Walsh.



Lexie with Mrs Janet Forbes receiving the Lex Ellwood Memorial bursary.

Swimming Club Mid Season Wrap



Allora Swim Team representatives at the Inglewood Meet, all achieving personal best times and four Age Champions, Emma Day, Nicholas Denny, Bailey Harm and Chloe Harm.



The Allora Swimming Club commenced their new season with the pool reopening in October. With

the committee from the prior season continuing for a second term, there were long term plans in place to boost the club and bring local swimming back to the forefront of the community over the summer months. With National Coach and long-term pool manager Andrew Fidge as leasee

of the swimming pool for a second season, the club is well positioned moving forward to achieve our primary goals. As a Club, we want local kids learning to swim, enjoying the social benefits of water confidence, providing a pathway of progression to competitive swimming and

supporting those swimmers who compete at State and National Level.

Emily Henry returns as Club President, Andrew Fidge as Vice President, Donna-Maree Willett as Club Secretary and David Burton as Club Treasurer. The Club also appointed a fundraising and catering committee of Tabitha Peters and Kirsti Gibson. Their role has been vital in securing funds to provide long overdue IT updates to improve the efficiency of club nights and to bring the club into line with Qld Swimming meets.

The Club is pleased to welcome many new swimming families for the 2019/20 season! Our Club nights run each Friday commencing at 4.30pm with a stroke development session under the watchful eye of Mr Fidge. Racing begins at 5.30pm and nights conclude by 6.30 with a social dinner provided at a minimal cost. Club Registration includes ten free stroke development sessions over the course



David Rackley Memorial Finalists 2019, pictured left to right, Zara Sullivan, Clare Eckersley, Katelyn Peters, Winner Ellyn Moore, Club Patron Margaret Rackley, Riley Burton and Bailey Harm.

of the season as well as a club shirt and swimming cap. As we approach the end of our first half of the season, we are still very open to welcoming all new interested swimmers!

We have had a successful start to the competitive racing circuit with swimmers competing at the Patrons Shield event on the Sunshine Coast and regional carnivals at Glennie, Warwick, Dalby and Inglewood. The Club boasted a record 17 swimmers at the Inglewood Carnival. Each swimmer bought home personal best times and four of our club members received Age Champion. Congratulations to Emma Day, Nicholas Denny, Bailey Harm and Chloe Harm on a very successful day of swimming.

The annual David Rackley Memorial Handicap Swim was a great night of racing with many life members, friends and family turning out to support their swimmers. Club Patron and founder of this memorial swim, Marg Rackley, uses the swimmers best recorded 50m freestyle time this season to develop a series of handicapped heats. Through elimination rounds, the first swimmers to the wall progress to the next round until the final six swimmers compete for the final. This year's finalists were Zara Sullivan, Clare Eckersley, Katelyn Peters, Riley Burton, Bailey Harm and 2019 winner Ellyn Moore. Congratulations to all swimmers, with every one of our club members posting new personal best times in this event! Coach Andrew was most pleased with the progress of the squad over a few weeks of training! With the biggest block of swim training yet to come, there are many promising swimmers, both new, beginning and seasoned coming from the Allora Squad this season!

The McDonalds Qld State Relays will be held at Chandler in Brisbane



Big Event on the Darling Downs Swimming Calendar

in December. Based on times swum at regional meets this season, Bailey Harm has been selected to swim the freestyle leg of the medley relay and the freestyle relay for the 11/12 years DDRSA Team. Both Georgina Lester and Will Day have also been named as Reserves in the event of team member withdrawals! Well done swimmers!

It is a busy week ahead for Allora Swimming with our mid-season break up scheduled for this Friday 29th November. With our club development plan in action, we are introducing a 25m Sprint Carnival on this occasion! With swimmers competing in 8 and under, 10 and under, 12 and under, 14 and under and Open Age Groups, we will start a new collection of Pool Records for what we hope to be the first of many years of this mid-season Sprint Championship. In shorter distance swims, technically correct starts and finishes will have swimmers competing for placings to the wall in what is expected to be some fast and furious action in the pool! The night will conclude with a Parents verse Pool Crew verse Swimmers relay and a round of Pizza to celebrate a great start to our season.

To keep up to date with local swimming, please follow the facebook page "Allora Swimming Pool 2018/19 Season" or join us at the pool!

It will be all hands on deck on Sunday 1st December as we host the 50th Annual Rotary Carnival here at Allora. Local carnivals bring much needed funds to Swimming Clubs as well boosting club morale and regional swimming. With nearing

100 swimmers registered to compete on the day, it is looking to be a great day of swimming! Allora Swimming Club is most grateful to all local businesses that have offered support to the Rotary Carnival and looks forward to recognising these at the completion of our carnival.

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Solution in classifieds section

Events Calendar

2019

November -	
Fri 29	Allora CWA Christmas Raffle Street Stall Outside IGA Allora
Sat 30	Goomburra Hall Christmas Party Goomburra Town Hall, 5.00pm
December -	
Sun 1	Allora CWA Christmas Stall Glengallan Markets
Thu 5	Allora CWA Christmas Raffle Street Stall Outside IGA Allora
Fri 6	Allora Bush Christmas Herbert Street, Allora, 4.30pm - 7.30pm
Fri 13	Allora CWA Christmas Raffle Street Stall Outside IGA Allora
Sat 14	Rotary Allora's Carols in the Country Stuart Henry Park, Allora

2020

February -	
Fri 7 & Sat 8	142nd Annual Allora Show Allora Showgrounds
June -	
Sun 14	Allora Community Auction & Markets Allora Showgrounds

TODAY'S QUOTE

"They laugh at me because I'm different. I laugh at them because they're all the same."

BAD JOKE(S) OF THE WEEK

- Q: Why is it a good thing that there are female astronauts?
A: When the crew gets lost in space, at least the woman will ask for directions.
- *****
- Q: How do you know when the moon has had enough to eat?
A: When it's full.
- *****
- Q: What was the first animal into space?
A: The cow that jumped over the moon.



SCIENCE TRIVIA QUIZ

- Which of the following is the longest distance? Is it a) from the centre of the Sun to its edge, b) the centre of Earth to the Moon, or c) the centre of Saturn to the edge of its main rings?
- What is a peachick? Is it a) a type of bean, b) a type of bird, c) a type of money, or d) a type of microscope?
- Which of the following weighs more? Is it a) a bucket of gravel, b) a bucket of sand, or c) a bucket of mixed sand and gravel?
- Only one of the following metals is on the periodic table, but which one? Is it a) steel, b) zinc, c) bronze, or d) brass?
- Which of these big cat species is the heaviest? Is it a) the tiger, b) the lion, c) the jaguar, or d) the leopard?

Answers in Classifieds pages

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MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID Australia

Mental Health First Aid Course

The Southern Downs Regional Council will conduct a Mental Health First Aid Course held at the Allora CWA rooms on the 9th and 10th of December running from 8am - 5pm. This is a free course to attend and lunch and refreshments

will be provided. Approximately 20% of Australian adults experience a common mental illness each year. Research has found that completing an MHFA Course will help develop the skills in individuals that can assist support friends, family, co workers and the community.

Having mental health first aid skills means that those trained can assist someone developing mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis and make a real difference to the person, and ultimately the broader community. The 12 hour Standard Mental Health First Aid

course teaches adults (18 years and over) how to provide initial support to adults who are developing a mental illness or experiencing a mental health crisis. Contact Alison on 4666 1542 to RSVP by 5th December for catering needed.

Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago
November 1994

Medal Winner

Allora karate exponent Dennis Lawson won a bronze medal at the World Koshiki championships in Tokyo. Dennis was one of the 11 members of the Toowoomba Police Citizens Youth Club to compete in the championships. In a field of 30, he won his three fights before losing to the Japanese silver medallist in the semi-final of the cruiserweight division. His coach Mike Jordan said that the cruiserweight division was the strongest section at the championships. Dennis finished fifth in the open Kata in a field of 70.

Allora's Past 75 years ago
November 1944

Successful Function

Misses J. Byrne, M. Collins and B. Brown were the organizers of a "Back to Childhood" dance held in the St. Joseph's Convent school hall for the purpose of raising money for the church. Approximately £20 was taken. Mesdames Bill Dalton, W. J. Lilley and Cr. G. R. Ruhle acted as judges and Rev. Father Mahon presented the prizes to the following winners: Mrs. B. Armstrong (best dressed girl), Mr. Ray Marshall (best dressed boy), Mrs. D. Byrne and Mr. P. Byrne (most comical), Messrs Kev Geaney and Dan O'Leary

(special prizes). Maher's Orchestra supplied the music and a dainty supper was served by a committee of ladies. The function was most successful and the organizers were congratulated for their work.

Allora's Past 100 years ago
November 1919

Armistice Day

No holiday was observed in Allora on Armistice Day but at 11 a.m. all the business places suspended operations for two minutes, this observance being also carried out on many farms. The town flags were flown throughout the day, and at night a very successful ball was held under the auspices of the Allora branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A. At the ball there was a very large attendance, including many residents from outside

districts.

Allora's Past 150 years ago
November 1869
WARWICK

From our own Correspondent The good folk from our neighbouring village of Allora petitioned lately for a municipality, and now that they have obtained their wish, do not seem to know what to do with it. Their mayor has resigned, the aldermen are squabbling and a correspondent writes in one of our newspapers that "a truly more pitiable state of affairs does not exist in the colony other than that in the Corporation of Allora at the present time."
(The Brisbane Courier 20th November 1869).

Colin Newport



Peace celebrations in Allora in 1919.

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1. (a) It's almost 700 000 kilometres from the centre of the Sun to its edge. The Moon orbits about 380 000 kilometres from Earth, and Saturn's rings reach about 140 000 kilometres from its centre.
 2. (b) A peach is a young one element.
 3. (c) A mixture of different sized particles is typically denser than ones that are the same size.
 4. (d) Zinc is element number 30 and has the symbol Zn. The other metals include more than one element.
 5. (a) The largest wild cat ever measured was a Bengal tiger, which weighed approximately 389 kilograms.

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Wuppies Coming To Town



The popular Wuppies are coming to the Allora RSL this Saturday evening.

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All types of instruments are played by the band

with between 10 and 30 musos who come from Allora (Lesley Telford and Robyn Draper) Warwick and Stanthorpe as well as a couple of great singers from Maryvale.

Started as a ukulele ensemble by a couple of teachers in Warwick, the Wuppies have grown over

the years into one of the best known bands in the region appearing at many functions, different events, the Festival of Small Halls and Jumpers and Jazz.

The band will be at the Allora RSL this Saturday from 6 until 8.30pm with free entry.

The RSL will be making

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