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Scope News



The SCOPE Club of Allora recently secured and is very appreciative of the funding from the SDRG Grants to the Community. With this funding, solar panels, an air conditioner, office equipment and signage were purchased for the Community Op Shop at the corner of Forde & Warwick Streets, Allora. All these assets make for a much more pleasant & smoother running of the shop which sells pre-loved clothing & items as well as unused items. Using only

volunteer labour, monies raised are forwarded to many local organisations as well as a donation to the Allora State School's Year 10 Canberra trip, a bursary for the highest achieving girl in Year 10 food studies & the operation of a newly acquired community bus which will offer residents trips to doctors & hospitals on certain days to be announced.

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The final issue for 2019 of **The Allora Advertiser** will be published on **Wednesday 18th December**

The first issue for 2020 will be published on **Wednesday 8th January**

Please note the office will be **CLOSED** from Thursday 19th December, **REOPENING** on Monday 6th January 2020

The Team at The Allora Advertiser wishes all readers and friends a Merry Christmas and safe, happy New Year.

Send Letters to the Editor to:
The Editor, 53 Herbert Street, Allora Qld 4362
or email editor@alloraadvertiser.com

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Keep Our Posties and Drivers Safe

Australia Post is encouraging Australians to do their bit in the lead up to Christmas and help keep our posties and delivery drivers safe, as they ramp up to their busiest part of the year.

From the road to the front yard, posties and delivery drivers can often face unexpected safety risks, from the dog that hasn't been secured, to drivers that zip out of their driveway.

There were more than 370 incidents involving injuries caused by dogs in the 2019 financial year, and for the same period, more than two posties were injured in motorcycle accidents every workday.

One injury or near-miss is one too many, so Australia Post is asking the public to be alert, slow down and

remove distractions when driving

Drivers are asked to slow down, toot their horns and be wary of posties and pedestrians by carefully checking all directions before reversing from their driveway

Australia Post has some top tips to help avoid accidents with its posties and drivers:

- Put your mobile phone out of reach when driving
- Use your mirrors and check your blind spots for motorcycles and cyclists before turning or changing lanes
- When reversing out of your driveway, toot your horn and move slowly
- Keep your dog confined to your property
- Keep your dog on a leash when off your property

Dispose of your tyres correctly

There have been concerns recently over tyre dumping on the boarder of the Toowoomba Regional Council and the Southern Downs Regional Council.

With some confusion over what sites accepts old tyres, and the fees and charges applied, people are resorting to leaving their old tyres on the roadside causing a potential traffic

hazard. Fortunately, the Allora Waste Transfer Station does accept old tyres.

- The prices are as follows:
- Passenger Car: \$5.50 - with rim: \$10.50
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Allora Bush Christmas

The Allora Community Circle would like to extend a sincere THANK YOU to everyone who attended the Bush Christmas last Friday.

With over 1000 visitors, the afternoon was a huge success and we couldn't have done it without the support of many local businesses, community members and vendors who made the event possible.

A special thanks to the businesses who helped provide lighting and who opened their doors to the public during the event.

Our performers, Neil Burley, The Caldwell Family, Nicola Westerman, Faith Jones and the Warwick Thistle Pipe Band who stepped up and offered to entertain the community while they browsed the markets. Special guests Mayor Tracy Dobbie, James Lister MP, Joel Richters MP who all attended and thoroughly enjoyed the event, commenting on our

fantastic community spirit.

Thank you Captain Ross Williams and the Allora Fire Brigade (Santas Helpers) who did a magnificent job handing hundreds of ice-blocks out to the kids their generosity and willingness to help was genuinely appreciated! Also to Father McGinley for his prayer for rain!

We hope that everyone enjoyed the evening and would like to let you know that Bush Christmas 2020 is officially booked in for December 4th. We have received so much feedback and look forward to bringing you an even better event each year.

Anyone who would like to be involved can contact the Community Circle at allorafestival@gmail.com.

From the Allora Community Circle, we wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing what 2020 has in store for Allora.



James Lister amused by Mane Matters' colourful ponies.
More photos on page 5

Local Fire Ban Remains

Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) has extended a local fire ban for parts of South Western region.

The local fire ban will remain in place until 2359hrs on Friday 20 December 2019 for residents in the Toowoomba and Southern Downs local government areas.

Heightened fire conditions are perfect for bushfires to ignite and spread quickly.

Under a local fire ban all open fires are prohibited and all Permits to Light Fire which have been issued in

the designated areas have been cancelled.

Fires lit for the purpose of cooking are permitted under a local fire ban provided they are not left unattended, are within a properly constructed barbeque, smoker or oven and managed appropriately.

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

Information on fire bans and the exemptions that can apply can be found on the RFS website, www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au.

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Enjoy the Christmas Wishes in next week's Allora Advertiser.

Your favourite Allora businesses will also have information on their Opening Hours during the Festive Season.

Great reading in the final edition for 2019 of **The Allora Advertiser - pick up a copy!**



WEATHER FORECAST		
Day	Forecast	Min/Max
WED	Showers. Morning Clouds. Hot.	17 38
THU	Scattered Showers. Sunny. Hot.	16 35
FRI	Morning Clouds. Hot.	15 34
SAT	Haze. Warm.	16 34
SUN	Early Fog Followed by Sun. Hot. Dry.	16 35
MON	Morning Clouds. Warm.	18 34

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This Week's Specials

	BBQ Steaks..... \$15.50 kg
	Potato Salad..... \$6.00 tub
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Allora's Waste Disposal Facility - almost a tourist attraction



During the Festive Season Allora's Waste Disposal Facility will continue operating as normal:

Friday to Tuesday 8am to 5pm. Closed Wednesday and Thursday.

As Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on a Wednesday opening times will not be affected.

Free Information Session

Do you need access to local economic data to help with grant writing or business planning?

Register now for an information session on Profile id, a free economic data tool. Southern Downs Regional Council has a free tool, Profile id, to assist businesses and community groups to gather vital information for grant writing and business planning. Presented by .id consulting, this free information session will explore how you can use this online tool to discover valuable data on topics such as population, local jobs, local businesses, employment, demographics, population, industry structure, economic indicators, diversity and heaps more.

EVENT DETAILS - Monday 16 December 2019 10.00am - 11.30am, Warwick Town Hall 72 Palmerin St, Warwick. Cost: FREE.

RSVP - Register by 12 December at edu@sdr.c.gld.gov.au or 07 4661 0455.

Allora's 2019 Bush Christmas in Herbert Street



A large crowd gathered for the Allora Bush Christmas.



The Allora & District Tyres' Christmas Tree



Shakoba Pratt & Georgia Lester.



Santa's helper elves arrived by fire engine with 100's of icy treats.



The ever popular jumping castle was a favourite with the kids.



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St. Patrick's School News



St. Patrick's School Awards

The St Patrick's Allora School community finished another year of learning with a wonderful celebration last Thursday night. The celebration wound up the achievements of the year and acknowledged long standing and valued families departing the school. Perpetual trophies were awarded to some of the year 6 children who had achieved high levels of excellence. Seven students in total were awarded with various annual achievement awards.

- **Sporting award** - Ella Hagenbach and Patrick Denny
- **Cultural Award** - Ziggy Gibson
- **Diligence Award** - Zachary Brasch

- **Christian Leadership Award** - Jason Deehan
- **Community Spirit Award** - George Philp
- **Academic Award** - Ella Hagenbach.

The school's final assembly on Friday saw musical performances by all classes and the awarding of Academic achievement awards. Gold pins were awarded to students in each year level who had made the most progress in reading and numeracy. These were awarded to:

- **Year 2** - Molly Williams, academic certificate - Emilia Hoey
- **Year 3** - Seth Donovan, academic certificate - Darius Olsen
- **Year 4** - Paige Cummins,



- **Year 5** - Joshua Millard, academic certificate - Archie Brown
 - **Year 6** - Ziggy Gibson, academic certificate - Ella Hagenbach
- Special guest Mrs Michelle Smith, our local St Vincent de Paul representative, was on hand to receive the donation of well over 200 items donated

by the children and their families for the St Vincent's Christmas Appeal.

St Patrick's School would like to thank the entire Allora Community for their support in 2019 and wish everyone a Merry and safe Christmas.

Any families wishing to enrol their children over the Christmas break can do so by visiting our schools website and following the relevant links.



Front - Ziggy Gibson; Middle - Zachary Brasch, Jason Deehan and George Philp; Back - Ella Hagenbach and Patrick Denny.



Extension available to access water tank rebate

During October Southern Downs Regional Council amended the way in which the water tank rebate is calculated.

Previously residential ratepayers installing tanks with a capacity greater than or equal to 5,000 litres were eligible to receive a rebate of the cost of the tank or \$2,500 whichever is the lesser amount. Under the new changes to the tank rebate scheme, tanks with capacity greater than or equal to 5,000 litres will receive the rebate at 10 cents/litre of the capacity of the tank, up to \$2,500.

In response to extended

wait times for water tanks Council is allowing a transitional arrangement for those who have ordered their tank prior to 1 December but are still awaiting delivery or installation. This transitional arrangement will allow access to the former rebate scheme which allows for the lesser of the cost of the tank or \$2,500.

Residents who have purchased their tank prior to 1 December will need to provide evidence by way of a confirmation from the supplier or an invoice dated prior to 1 December when they submit their application.

The timeframe to apply

under the former rebate scheme has been extended with residents having until 28 February 2020 to lodge their application.

For those who may not have not purchased a water tank but wish to access this rebate scheme, Council encourages you to act fast as the scheme will be winding up at the end of this financial year.

Southern Downs Regional Council Mayor Tracy Dobie said she had seen many residents taking extra steps towards even

more sustainable homes.

"We are very supportive of residents becoming more sustainable and a great opportunity is still available for eligible residents to access the new rebate scheme of 10 cents/litre of the capacity of the tank, up to \$2,500 if they purchase their tank before 30 June 2020, so get in quick" said Mayor Dobie.

Please contact Southern Downs Regional Council on 1300MYSDR (1300 697 372) for more information.

Why shop at Coles anymore?

Minister for Drought David Littleproud has slammed Coles for its low act of skimming millions off the top of its 10 cent milk levy.

The ACCC has ordered Coles pay farmers and processor Norco \$5.25 million it failed to pass on from its 'drought levy'.

"Coles promised me when I negotiated the deal that all the money would go to farmers," Minister Littleproud said.

"They told their customers they were helping farmers, then tried keeping

the money. Coles has shown its true colours and needs to put things right. Coles should now lead the way and put at least 20 cents a litre right across its dairy range, not just on milk to show they really do care about dairy farmers. They owe it to dairy farmers and the public for failing to live up to their promises and it will allow time for government reforms such as the Dairy Code of Conduct to come into effect. Australians should show their support for dairy farmers by boycotting Coles until it comes good with this."

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- Still feels like Christmas
- Mary's Boy Child
- Merry Christmas Everybody
- Santa Got stuck up the Chimney
- Hark the Herald Angels Sing
- Sleep Holy Babe
- A Star was his Candle
- What Child is this?
- My Grown Up Christmas list
- O Holy Night
- Silent Night
- Mary did you know?
- Christmas Hallelujah
- All I want for Christmas
- Santa Baby
- Feliz Navidad
- Happy Christmas (War is Over)
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Santa Arrival

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- Cast Performance
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Cast Performance

Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago
December 1994

Cricket Championships

Allora cricketer Anthony Mason will be aiming for a place in the Queensland Country team when he plays in the State Under 15 cricket championships in Toowoomba. Anthony, a Year 10 Allora State School student, will be playing in his fourth State Championships. He played in the Darling Downs primary schools side in 1991, the Darling Downs & South-West Under 14 side last season, and the Darling Downs secondary schools side this year. He plays club cricket for Wests in the Toowoomba competition and also for Allora in the Back Plains & District competition. He made his Mitchell Shield debut for Back Plains this season.

Allora's Past 75 years ago
December 1944

Fatal Accident

Harold Best (20), single, railway employee, died in the Warwick Hospital from injuries received in a shunting accident at Allora. Best, who had been engaged on relieving duty as lad porter and acting night officer in the Warwick district, arrived at Allora on the weekend, and yesterday was his first day in that centre. It appears that he was uncoupling some trucks in the yards when he slipped in front of the engine and was caught by the cowcatcher. A doctor

rendered medical aid and Best was then conveyed by ambulance to the Warwick hospital where he passed away that night.

Allora's Past 100 years ago
December 1919

Thunderstorm

Accounts coming in from the outside districts show that Wednesday's thunderstorm was widespread, considerable damage being caused by the high winds. In the town itself several windmills were blown down and trees torn up. A high board fence around the R.C. Church was blown down in several places and the Convent school was shifted considerably out of plumb. In the vicinity of the town the houses of several farmers were completely demolished and sheds unroofed; the heaviest sufferers in this respect being Messrs J. Tickle and E. S. Maher. At Hendon the residence of Mr. A. Masters was partially unroofed and much damage done to outbuildings. The storm passed on up the Goomburra

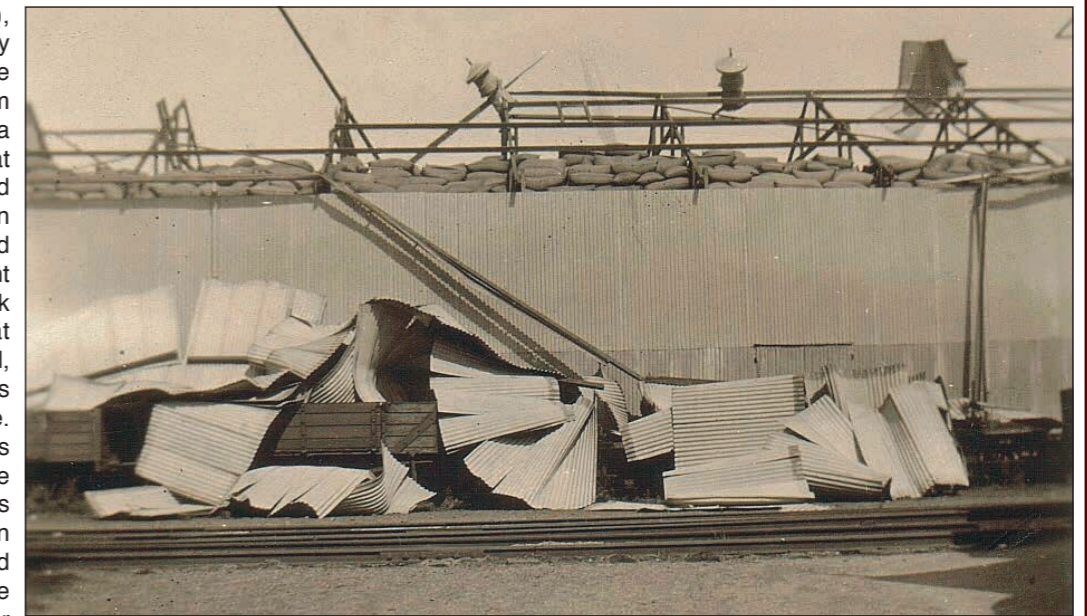
valley where outbuildings were unroofed on several farms.

Allora's Past 150 years ago
December 1869

Wheat Harvest

Reaping operations in our immediate neighbourhood are drawing to a close. I was informed by Mr. Andrew Dougall of Spring Creek, that he had cut 220 acres in 18 days, giving an average of 12 acres a day. The best work being done by the machine being 30 acres in two days with two horses. This is great work, and the machine itself appears to be the least complex and liable to get out of order of any reaper that I have seen. Its principal drawback is that it will not act when the wheat is laid down by the wind or rain; but this is a disadvantage under which, I understand, all machines must labour to a greater or lesser extent. (Warwick Examiner & Times 18th December 1869).

Colin Newport



The Allora grain shed unroofed by a storm in 1929.



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Solution in classifieds section

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

On his day as a member of the galley crew, a slave remarked to the oarsman beside him that it was a beautiful day to be sculling around the Mediterranean.

“won’t be tomorrow” said the mate, “we’re booked to take Antony and Cleopatra water-skiing”.

TODAY’S QUOTE

“Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass but learning to dance in the rain”



SCIENCE TRIVIA QUIZ

1. Ladybirds are wonderful critters that can help your garden, but what sort of animal are they? Are they a) birds, b) arachnids, or c) beetles?
2. What part of a coffee plant is used to make coffee? Is it a) a root, b) a leaf, c) a seed, or d) the bark?
3. Where would you find the Sea of Tranquillity? Is it a) on the Moon, b) on the periodic table, c) in the lower depths of Earth’s oceans, or d) on a history of Earth’s rocks?
4. Does antimatter really exist?
5. In humans, does a baby or an adult typically have more bones? Is it a) a baby, b) an adult, or c) they have the same number of bones?

Answers in Classifieds pages

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Events Calendar

2019

December -	
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

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Allora P-10 State School News

Principal’s Message

Where has this school year gone? Can I just start by acknowledging and thanking all members of our school community for your continued interest, participation and hard work, in ensuring that the students of Allora P-10 State School have had access to the best educational opportunities?

Farewell and good luck to Mr Ben McClure, who is transferring to the Sunshine Coast Region in 2020 and to Mr Andrew Westerman, who is officially retiring from full time teaching at the end of this year. I thank both gentlemen for their years of service.

Shaun Kanowski,
Principal

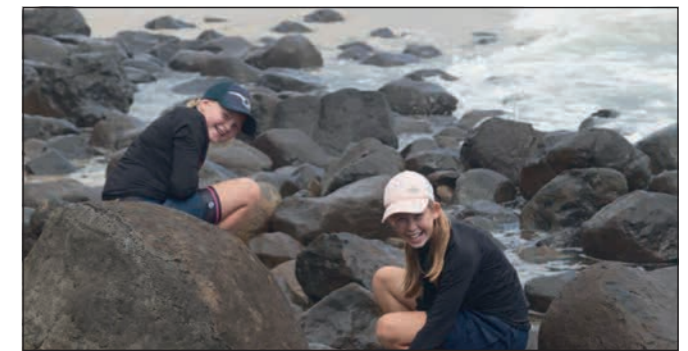
School Office Times

The school office will close on Friday 13

December at 1.00pm and will reopen on Monday 20 January 2020, between 9am and 3pm. It will also be open on Tuesday 21 January between 9am and 3pm.

Year 5 – 6 Camp

Last Month 36 students from Year 5 and 6, accompanied by Mr Hay, Mrs Harrison and Miss Heritage travelled to Burleigh Heads CYC for the bi-annual Year 5-6 Camp. Across three days, students participated in a variety of beach-related activities, including Dragon Boating, Body Boarding, Ra& Building and Tubing! The highlight of the camp was the positive feedback from campsite staff, activity instructors and passers-by about what a friendly and



polite group of students we had. Thank-you students for making this camp such a great one!

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• ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Wedding...

JEFF & JESS – Glyn & Wendy Rees of Allora with Graeme & Lynn Faulkner of Toowoomba, our families & friends take great pleasure in announcing the marriage of Jeffrey Rees to Jessica Faulkner.

3.30pm Saturday, December 14th 2019, Seacliff House, Gerringong, NSW

May you know nothing but happiness from this day forward.



• SOLUTIONS •

DOUBLE HELIX QUIZ ANSWERS

1. c) Ladybirds have six legs and hard wing cases over their wings, just like other beetles.

2. c) Coffee is made from the seeds of coffee plants.

3. a) The Sea of Tranquility is a large dark spot on the Moon.

4. Yes. Antimatter exists, and when matter and antimatter meet, they are both turned into energy.

5. a) Babies have more bones than adults. As an example, a baby's skull is made of many smaller bones that fuse together as a person ages.

THIS WEEK'S SUDOKU SOLUTION

3	5	1	4	2	8	7	6	9
9	7	4	6	5	1	8	3	2
2	8	6	3	9	7	5	4	1
1	9	5	2	4	6	3	8	7
6	3	2	7	8	9	4	1	5
7	4	8	1	3	5	9	2	6
8	2	9	5	6	3	1	7	4
4	1	3	9	7	2	6	5	8
5	6	7	8	1	4	2	9	3

• CHURCH NOTICES •

Scots Presbyterian Church - Allora
12 Jubb Street, Allora

THIS SUNDAY AT ALLORA - Service/Sunday School at 9.30am
WEDNESDAY - Bible Study at 7.00pm, at the church

MENS BREAKFAST - Last Saturday in each month, 7.20am

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2nd TUESDAY (at The Homestead), at 9.30am.

NO LAY LED LITURGY ON SUNDAY, 22 DECEMBER

Christmas Mass - Tuesday, 24 December, at 9.00pm.
Mass - Sunday, 29 December, at 9.30am (not lay led liturgy)

For information on Baptism, Weddings, Funerals and other church enquiries, phone 4666 3377.
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