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Wednesday, 29th January 2020

Rain Beautiful Rain



William and Nicholas Willett enjoying the puddles at the Allora Heritage Weekend. Even though it poured for a couple of hours on Saturday (unofficially 64 mil) no-one was complaining.

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Water Tank Rebate Scheme Closes this Friday

Due to the overwhelming positive take up by eligible residents of the water tank rebate and the impact on Council's budget, Councillors have made a tough decision to place the water tank rebate scheme on hold for the remainder of the financial year.

The Water Tank Rebate Scheme will come to a conclusion for this financial year at close of business this Friday, 31 January 2020.

Key Information and Dates:

- The water tank rebate scheme for this financial year will cease at close of business Friday 31

January 2020

- Tanks ordered by close of business 31 January 2020 are still eligible to be claimed

- When claiming, eligible ratepayers will be required to show proof of order demonstrating they ordered the tank on or before 31 January 2020

- Due to delivery time-frames, Council has allowed a grace period for applications to be lodged

- Council will allow a 2 month period, up until 31 March 2020, in which applications

can be lodged to access the water tank rebate

- When claiming, eligible ratepayers will be required to show proof of payment demonstrating payment has been made on or before 31 March 2020 for both the purchase of the tank(s) and plumbing necessary for the installation of the tank(s)

Southern Downs Regional Council Mayor Tracy Dobie said she was very impressed by the way residents have embraced this scheme.

Southern Downs and Granite Belt Water Supplies

Southern Downs Regional Council is pleased to report that significant water has been added to two of the region's main dams throughout the last week.

Leslie Dam will reach minimum operating level by May 2021, this is an additional 9 months storage. Connolly Dam will reach

minimum operating level by March 2021, this is an additional 8 months storage.

These figures are positive news for the region, however, residents are asked to keep up their dedicated water saving measures as Emergency Water Restrictions still apply.

Renovations at The Homestead



Work has begun on renovations to resident rooms at The Homestead.

It's expected that the works will take approximately 4 to 6 months to complete.

While this is happening most of the residents in the four rooms will be moved to other rooms within the facility.

Part of the renovations will include corridor flooring being replaced and there'll be extra toilet facilities at front reception area.

Sue at the Homestead

advises that the Personal Incentive Program (affectionately known as PIP) is proving popular. Residents are encouraged to introduce a new personal activity which is done independently from group activities. Residents are enjoying personal exercise programs, letter writing, learning new crochet stitches, board games and colouring in.

If you'd like to volunteer at The Homestead contact Sue at 4666 3588.

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The Allora Heritage Weekend

Another successful Heritage Weekend has come and gone. This time, we managed to secure some 50+ mls of rain lunchtime Saturday, which did not do the visitors much good, but certainly helped a few paddocks about the place. The rain made conditions on the ground a little damp, and many exhibitors chose to get away whilst they could before the black soil took them hostage.

The organisers elected to prevent further damage to the arena by halting vehicle movements for the remainder of Saturday, but come Sunday, with the sun out and a breeze blowing, we were able to introduce a reduced program. Many members of the public took advantage of this and there was a fair crowd in attendance to watch the Heavy Horse display and the Bullock team. The truck parade, which had to be

suspended on Saturday, was able to run on Sunday and cars, bikes and tractors all were able to drive around in the main arena.

Whilst crowd numbers were down on prior years, exhibitor numbers were not. This bodes well for the future as many heritage vehicles continue to put Allora on their agenda for the Heritage weekend. The swap meet was well attended, reports were positive from the Multi-draw raffle, food vendors were upbeat on their sales and the crowd were happy and entertained. The RACQ display, particularly the driving simulator, was a feature and reports indicate that many youngsters took advantage of this event.

It is expected that the event will continue in the future as the overall benefit to the community demands it.

Peter Stacy, President
(See photos on page 6 & 7)

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Day	Forecast	Min/Max
WED	Morning Clouds. Warm.	18 33
THU	Mostly Sunny. Warm.	19 31
FRI	Early Fog Followed by Sun. Warm.	17 32
SAT	Early Fog Followed by Sun. Warm.	16 33
SUN	Morning Clouds. Warm.	17 33
MON	Afternoon Clouds. Warm. Humid.	19 34

OAM for Former Local

A Catholic Sister who grew up in the Goomburra area is among those awarded an Order of Australia (OAM) in the General Division, in this year's Australia Day Honours list.

Sister Monica Mary Cavanagh, who now lives at Waverton in New South Wales, received the honour for her service to the Catholic Church.

She grew up on the Cavanagh family farm and was present for the clearing sale at the family property in July last year.

Sister Monica progressed her vows in 1973.

Among her work for the Church is membership of the Queensland Provincial Leadership Team from 1986 to 1993 and again from 2008 to 2011; She was a member



OAM recipient Sr. Monica Mary Cavanagh.

of the Congregational Leadership Team from 2002 to 2008; has been a Congregational Leader since 2013; and a member of Catholic Religious Australia (CRA) since 2014, including president off CRA in 2018 and 2019.

Catholic Religious Australia is the peak body for Catholic Leaders of Religious Institutes and Societies of Apostolic Life who are resident in Australia.

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Candidates for Council Election

Southern Downs REGIONAL COUNCIL



Gye STOCKS
Standing for re-election

I am looking forward to contesting the forthcoming election. There are many projects in the pipeline that I would like to see finalised. I am opening a shopfront at 107 Palmerin St Warwick, next to Mussels, for my election campaign.

Please come in and have a chat about the things that matter to you. My phone number is 0417 620 648.



Sheryl WINDLE
Standing for re-election

I have been, and will remain, passionate about the Southern Downs region. I am driven to engage, and connect, with the community, to bring about change and progression, particularly in the smaller towns and villages. The Southern Downs Region has

many attributes to offer, to both the locals and visitors, and I am proud to live here.

My current Portfolio, as a Southern Downs Regional Councillor, is 'Communities, Towns and Villages'. I have embraced that role, and have been committed to it 100%. I have invested a significant amount of time, to meet with, and support, as many residents as possible, in a proactive and positive manner, throughout the region. I would like to have the opportunity to continue working with those organisations, and individuals, to address community issues, and achieve a desired outcome. If re-elected, it is my intention to remain committed, in my role as a full time Councillor.



Marika McNICHOL
Standing for re-election

Hi, I have owned and operated a retail business at Glen Aplin for 17 years and have raised 8 children, so I know what it's like to work hard. We also have a cattle farm, so I understand how difficult it is in the rural sector, battling with this unprecedented drought.

Water security will be of paramount importance into our future. Some of the reasons I have decided to run again is; I would like to advocate and continue work on a better, more secure water supply for the Southern Downs and the Granite Belt, better roads especially in the villages and keep rate rises as low as possible.

I want to continue working with the community to ensure the Southern Downs and Granite Belt are great places to live, work and raise a family.

Southern Downs Citizens of the Year

On Sunday 26th January the Regions most deserving community members were announced at the 2020 Australia Day Awards held in Warwick.

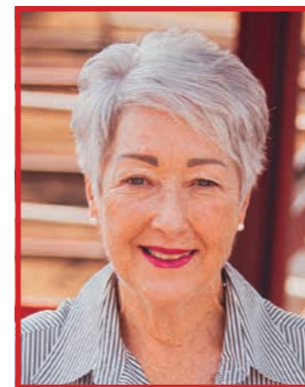
Sandra Head was named winner of the Southern Downs Citizen of the Year and **Ben Armbruster** the Youth Citizen of the Year.

Sandra is a dedicated and active member of a number of community groups, generously spreads her time across the Southern Downs Community Crisis Support Group, The Warwick Bridge Club, the Rotary Club of Warwick Sunrise

and Warwick Friends of BUSHkids.

Ben from Stanthorpe is a swimming sensation, qualifying for the Australian Age & Open Swimming Championships and the trials for the Tokyo Olympics. Ben also volunteers at local events and fundraisers.

SDRC Mayor Tracy Dobie congratulated all the nominees and the award winners for the roles they play in supporting their community. Collectively they all make valuable and selfless contributions and are worthy of recognition.



MAYOR Tracy DOBIE
Re-contesting

Listing water security as her number one priority moving into 2020, Cr Dobie said this Council had set in motion major projects necessary to building the water infrastructure needed. "Water security is the key to the future success and prosperity

of our residents and I will make sure we have the water security we need. This is my number one priority."

Cr Dobie said, as Mayor, she had brought reform and good governance to Southern Downs Regional Council and in announcing she would recontest the 2020 Local Government Election confirmed that she would continue to provide strong leadership for the greater good of the whole community.

"My strength is my leadership and I have brought that strength to our Council that now has a track record of delivering benefit to our community.

"I have needed to be strong and decisive during recent bushfires, the drought and the water crisis; when doing what was needed to be done was essential to make sure our communities have access to water. I have stood up for the best interests of all members of our community. Such challenges will continue, and no-one least of all me in my role as Mayor, can afford to be complacent – there is much work still to be done.

"Over the last four years, I have proven that I am up to those challenges." Cr Dobie said.



Neil MEIKLEJOHN
Not standing

I have thoroughly enjoyed my 20 years of service to our community and all the challenges associated with constant change in local government in that time. I am very proud of what Southern Downs Regional Council has achieved in all my time but

particularly this last term in often difficult circumstances. Drought, bushfire and the uncertainty around de-amalgamation were at the forefront of those challenges. Highlights include significant infrastructure improvement, debt management and improved financial planning with major improvement in our cash position and importantly keeping rate increases much lower than the previous 16 years as a direct consequence of those improvements.

Another highlight for me was chairing the Legume to Woodenbong Road Alliance which successfully advocated to the NSW Government and Federal Government for \$30 million in funding for Tenterfield Shire to upgrade Mt Lindesay Road between Legume and Woodenbong, a critical link between the Northern Rivers areas of NSW and the Darling Downs.

I am hopeful of staying in the region I love and I am looking for the right employment opportunity.

I offer my best wishes to all of the candidates at the upcoming local government election.

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY 28TH MARCH WITH VOTING IN THE SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL BEING VIA ATTENDANCE - NOT POSTAL.



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Allora Heritage Weekend 2020



Sally Higgins (Allora), Bella Clegg (Warwick) and Mary Higgins (Allora)



I started out as a normal car and was owned by a Headington Hill (near Pilton) resident. I was later converted into a utility, and then during the Second World War was again converted, this time into an emergency fire engine, and was used in Toowoomba then Dalby, before being donated to Scot's College in Warwick (where I was used for irrigating their oval), they in turn donated me to the Historical Society. I am now being restored and looking forward to taking my place at the museum for future generations to admire and enjoy.



Drought loans for farm-dependent small businesses

- \$500,000 RIC loans with two year interest-free period and concessional rates
- Small farm-dependent businesses affected by the drought are eligible
- For operating expenses and/or refinancing existing debt

The Australian Government continues to support small businesses affected by the ongoing drought in many parts of Australia.

Minister for Drought and Rural Finance David Littleproud has announced the new Regional Investment Corporation (RIC) loan

for farm-dependent small businesses are available.

“As drought continues to hit small businesses across rural Australia, the RIC’s AgBiz Drought Loans will offer financial relief,” Minister Littleproud said.

“Small businesses are the lifeblood of our regional communities and they’re doing their best to serve farm businesses also affected by this drought.

“Those businesses - livestock transporters, equipment repairers, harvesting contractors - can use these small business drought loans to refinance existing

debt or just keep their businesses going until the drought breaks.

Loans of up to \$500,000 will be available with a two-year interest free period. Following those first two years, concessional interest-only payments will apply

before principal and interest payments are required in the final five years of the 10-year loan term.

Guidelines and application forms for these new loans will be available on the RIC’s website www.ric.gov.au

THIS IS GOOD TO KNOW

Lions Clubs volunteers pay membership fees to cover admin costs which means 100% of funds donated to your local Lions Club goes directly towards supporting those impacted. Lions Clubs across Australia have acted quickly to support those impacted by the Bushfires.

The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to assure the community that every dollar raised for the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal will be used to support the people impacted by fires. Vinnies will not, and has never kept funds from disaster appeals for any other work or cause. The organisation is not taking administration fees from donations to the appeal.

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Solution in classifieds section

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

A bloke was carrying a high load on his truck and, trying to take a short cut, he got jammed under a low railway bridge.

It wasn't long before the local policeman arrived, grinning all over "stuck, are you?" said the policeman.

"No" said the driver "I've got this bridge to deliver and I've lost the damn address!"

LOOKING FOR THE DOUBLE HELIX SCIENCE QUIZ? Fear not! Our Quiz returns 12 February

TODAY'S QUOTE

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time." - Thomas Edison

Events Calendar

2020

January -	
Fri 31	Stanthorpe Show
- Sun 2 Feb	Stanthorpe Showgrounds
February -	
Sun 2	Allora Show Dressage Competition
	Allora Showgrounds
Sun 2	Stanthorpe Ute Show
	Stanthorpe Showgrounds
Fri 7 & Sat 8	Allora Photography Display
	Allora Showgrounds
Fri 7 & Sat 8	142nd Annual Allora Show
	Allora Showgrounds
Fri 14	Clifton Annual Show
- Sun 16	Clifton Showgrounds
Wed 26	Toowoomba Hospice "Night of Comedy"
	Toowoomba Repertory Theatre
March -	
Fri 27	Allora & District Annual Campdraft
- Sun 29	Allora Showgrounds
May -	
Sat 23	ASH Futurity & Campdraft
& Sun 24	Allora Showgrounds
June -	
Sun 14	Allora Community Auction & Markets
	Allora Showgrounds

The Popular Duck Race

A major fund raiser for the Showgirls and highly entertaining for the locals is the Annual Dalrymple Duck Race, held on Sunday at the Allora Pool.



Junior Showgirls Gorgia Chandler and Amy Morris were selling tickets for the Dalrymple Duck Race which was held Sunday.



Allora Showgirls dunking the ducks.



Gorgia with Jan Ahfield, winner of the hamper full of products donated by Allora Pharmacy.

DON'T MISS
The Allora Show Feature
 in Next week's
Allora Advertiser

Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago January 1995 New School Opened

The new St. Patrick's School building was officially opened on Sunday 29th January 1995 by Senator Bryant Burns. The \$500,000 building was built with a \$442,000 Federal Government subsidy, the balance of the money coming from parish and school contributions. The new building replaced the re-located O'Callaghan's Hall building which had been in use for nearly 70 years, after the Sisters of St. Joseph

established the school in the original St. Patrick's Church building in 1916.

The new building was blessed by the Bishop of Toowoomba, William Morris, who spoke of the upholding of the traditions of the church by the Sisters of St. Joseph following the example of their founder Mother Mary MacKillop. Sr. Margaret Noreen McGee and Sr. Peter Gallagher still live in the convent and do pastoral work in the parish. A former pupil of St. Patrick's School, Sr. Monica Cavanagh, a Sister of St. Joseph based in Brisbane, was one of the readers

of the Prayers of the Faithful. Following the blessing, the flag was raised by students Andrew Pierce and Sharlinda Schied. The official opening was chaired by Denis Long of the Allora Parish and Pastoral Council, and speakers included Father Don Murray, Catholic Education Office director John Mahon, Sisters of St. Joseph representative Sr. Bernadette Barlow and school principal Kathy Doherty who recently replaced Robert Amedee. Following the ceremony 400 guests enjoyed a barbeque luncheon in the school grounds.

Colin Newport



The opening of the new St. Patrick's School building. Those in the photo are from left. Allora parish priest Father Don Murray, Senator Bryant Burns, Bishop of Toowoomba William Morris and St. Patrick's School principal Kathy Doherty.

Pets And Hot Cars - A Deadly Combination

As temperatures soar, disturbing new RACQ data has revealed an average of two pets are rescued from locked cars every day in Queensland.

The Club's Roadside Assist-

ance patrols had rescued 859 animals from hot cars in the past 12 months with 51 of those on the Darling Downs.

"Contrary to popular belief, parking in the shade and with your

windows down doesn't make much difference to the temperature inside your car.

Animals can't cool themselves in intense heat so it's up to the owner to behave responsibly

and protect their fur babies". Spokesperson for RACQ said.

"It's pretty simple; if you wouldn't leave your child in the car then don't leave your pet either."

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Howard Fea.

ALAN SMITH DENTAL SURGERY will be CLOSED from Monday, 27th January and will RE-OPEN on Monday, 17th February.

• SOLUTIONS •

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Allora Joins Open Court Sessions



Allora Tennis courts and clubhouse.

South Queensland clubs have launched social tennis with a twist to get more adults on the court. The aim is to improve the health of the regional population through a more sociable and relaxed approach through tennis. There's no longer the need to join a club, sign up for lessons or commit to a weekly competition.

Open Court Session is the perfect mix of a casual social hit with friends and the opportunity to enjoy great food and drinks courtside. It's all about being social,

both on and off the court and we all know how important that is for both physical and mental health.

All equipment is provided and each session includes a range of activities.

For more information head to play.tennis.com.au or phone 0428 365 676. View the Website www.tennis.com.au/allora

The first sessions is Thursday, 6th February from 6.30 to 7.30, cost \$5. Allora Tennis Club, 2 Darling Street.

Allora Golf Club Notes



A great field of 18 golfers contested the **Percy's Fruit Duck Run** on Friday. The winner was Len Hoey who was fresh from his holiday on the Sunshine Coast catching up with his old boss Garry Evans. By all reports Len forgot to take any beer with him. Len scored an impressive 22 points. With five players on 19 points, no runner-up trophy was presented. Both the pin shot on the 13th and the approach on the 11th went to Aaron. Long put on the 18th was won by Rod.

On Sunday, due to heavy rain on Saturday, a small field of 12 golfers contested the **Allora Pharmacy Monthly Medal**, although the Medal of Medalists play-off for 2019 was deferred until February. The conditions were heavy but the golf was very good. Winner was Kev Harrison with a net of 65. This will see Kev qualify for the QLD PGA pro-am at City Golf Club. Runner up was Lindsay with an impressive net 69 in his first 18 hole comp since knee

surgery two months ago. Approach shots were won by Lindsay on the 5th and 11th and Jason on the 14th. Pin shots went to Barry Junior on the 7th, Lindsay on the 8th, Wayne on 16th and Garth on the 17th.

This Friday will be the **Percy's Fruit Duck Run** and Sunday will be the **Railway Hotel Monthly Mug**. Thanks to Percy and Robyn for your continued support.

The new signs have been erected on the golf course with the design based on our resident buck Koala using the text book swing of struggling B grader Rod Simpson. Thanks to Jack and Kate Gordon for their long term sponsorship of the original Golf Course sign. Thanks also to Allora Independent Steel for donating the steel and our resident "Mr Fix-it" Lew Ramus for erecting the signs and straining the fence.

With the recent magnificent rain, the golf course is in top condition and we encourage social golfers to come out for a game. A reminder to members that memberships are due by 31/1/2020.

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