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## Allora Students keep Best Little Town tidy



Clean up Australia Day - Even the littlest can make a difference. Allora State School Students tidy up Allora. See story inside page 9

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# Community Bus Service Cancelled

Effective immediately the Community Bus Service that operated between Allora and Warwick and Allora to Toowoomba via Clifton, Nobby and Greenmount has been cancelled due to Department of Transport regulations.

The bus was a much needed mode of transport for the Seniors in our community.

However it's hoped that another service may be commenced further down

the track. Committee members of the Allora Community Bus Inc. apologise for any inconvenience caused to their passengers and supporters but would like to thank everyone involved in the operation of the service.



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# The prescription? Buy Australian made

The Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management, David Littleproud has urged those businesses and Australians who will receive the Federal Government's stimulus to buy Australian made products and buy from Australian businesses.

The government has targeted its stimulus package to support economic confidence, encourage investment and protect jobs, but those receiving the stimulus have an opportunity to make it go further by spending locally, Minister Littleproud said.

"If businesses invest in a product made or supplied by another Australian company, it'll magnify the economic effect.

I'm asking not only those receiving the direct payment, but all Australians, to take a few extra seconds at the shops to look for the green and gold kangaroo and support Australian made.

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## Queensland Ambulance Service Report: Ellangowan – Truck Rollover

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# Unveiling The Laura Geitz Statuette



Spotted at Allora's new Park before the flowers are planted... someone with a great sense of humour! And, it's good to see that there's still some toilet paper in town!

It's the latest attraction in Allora and it will be unveiled this Saturday - a tribute to Allora's own Laura Geitz.

Everyone is welcome to be part of this historical occasion at the Allora Sports Museum from 11.30am.

MC will be Shane Webcke who is looking forward to being in Allora.

As he says, "breathing some good country air on a wonderful autumn day."

Allora Shire's first two Sports Immortals - netballer Laura Geitz and NRL coach Wayne Bennett have had the Park dedicated to them for their sporting achievements.

Southern Downs Regional Council achieved a

grant through the RADF to pay for the bronze statuette of Laura - which is a replica - and no other will be made.

Huge thanks go to Jill Bockman and John Rhea as well as Wayne & Wendy Rhea of Warwick Sandstone for donating all the magnificent Sandstone blocks. Luke Philipson of Luke's Landscaping and Excavations played a big part in organising and laying the blocks.

On Saturday after the official ceremony, the Warwick Thistle Band will lead the way (Pied Piper style) to the Railway Hotel for a barbecue lunch at \$20 per head.

Isn't it great to have a good laugh? Looks like Wayne Frizzell doesn't want his trophy anymore or does he think he's in the same league as Laura?



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Day	Forecast	Min/Max
WED	Mostly Sunny. Mild.	12 24
THU	Sunny. Warm.	11 27
FRI	Morning Clouds. Warm.	12 29
SAT	Sunny. Warm.	15 32
SUN	Morning Clouds. Warm.	16 32
MON	Few Showers. Broken Clouds. Warm.	17 31



# Agriculture set to benefit

Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management, David Littleproud says agricultural businesses will benefit from the Federal Government's economic stimulus package. Agriculture, fisheries and forestry will get a boost from a number of support measures in the package designed to support economic confidence, encourage investment and protect jobs, Minister Littleproud said.

"\$1 billion will be directed to a regional and community fund to support industries including agriculture impacted by coronavirus. The instant write off threshold has been increased from \$30,000 to \$150,000 for businesses with an aggregated annual turnover of less than \$500 million.

"There's accelerated depreciation deductions to encourage investment for the next 15 months. Businesses with a turnover of less than \$500 million will be able to deduct an additional 50 per cent from asset costs in the year they were bought.

"And there will be another economic shot in the arm locally with the one off payment of \$750 to pensioners and those on Newstart.

"Take advantage of these measures to grow your business, to increase production and keep our regional and rural communities strong."

"If you were thinking about whether to invest in your agricultural business here's added incentive. For small businesses, the life blood of the community in regional and rural Australia, there's a

**MARCO GLIORI**



**SDRC Councillor Candidate 2020**

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# Warwick and Toowoomba Shows Cancelled

Annual agricultural shows at Warwick and Toowoomba have been cancelled in the wake of the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic.

Warwick Show and Rodeo Society made the first move, cancelling the three-day event, which had been scheduled for the coming weekend.

In a statement, the Society said that the cancellation came under the direction of the Australian Government in regards to COVID-19 and mass gatherings of more than 500 people.

"We appreciate your understanding and patience as our team works through the logistics and issues that come with cancelling an event," the statement said.

The Royal Agricultural Society of Queensland, which stages the Toowoomba Royal Show, made its decision on Monday.

Toowoomba's iconic event was due to be held from Thursday, 26 March until Saturday, 28 March.

Royal Agricultural Society of Queensland (RASQ) president Shane Charles said the decision was one of the most painful decisions ever taken by the Society.

"The Show impacts on tens of thousands of local citizens as well as retailers, exhibitors, presenters, entertainers and judges from interstate and overseas," Mr Phillips said.

"The cancellation also has significant ramifications for our regional economy given visitors will now not be utilising accommodation venues and restaurants and buying goods in local shops.

"The future of the 2020 Show was foremost in the minds of my committee over the past few weeks and we held our breath waiting for some improved news about

Coronavirus. "Each day, sadly, the news got worse."

Show CEO Damon Phillips said, "We'd hoped the Show would be a special occasion for our farmers and graziers to celebrate the recent good rains after years of dreadful drought.

"The cancellation is particularly disappointing in that regard.

"However, the health and safety of our patrons, exhibitors and volunteers is paramount and the final decision was indeed the right one to take."

It is anticipated that by next Monday, 23 March a timetable will be in place to

deal with 2020 contractual matters, sponsorship and refunds.

The RASQ Committee will commence work on its 2021 Show program at its next meeting.



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- Fast-track necessary infrastructure and community projects
- Build a better future for our young people

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Authorised by Tracy Dobie 151A Palmerin St, Warwick, Candidate Southern Downs Regional Council

Since being elected Mayor in 2016 I have achieved strong financial management

- limited rates rises to just 2% - the lowest in the region in more than a decade;
- delivered four consecutive budget surpluses;
- continued to pay-down inherited Council debt by more than \$10 million in just four years, and
- attracted substantial government funding to deliver more infrastructure & community projects than ever before

- TRACY DOBIE

**VOTE 1 MAYOR**

**COMPARATIVE % RATES INCREASE**

Year	% Increase
2012/13	10.0%
2013/14	4.5%
2014/15	4.5%
2015/16	4.5%
2016/17	4.0%
2017/18	3.0%
2018/19	2.5%
2019/20	2.0%

**COUNCIL DEBT REDUCTION**

Year	Debt (\$'000)
2012/13	32,000
2013/14	30,000
2014/15	28,000
2015/16	26,000
2016/17	24,000
2017/18	22,000
2018/19	20,000
2019/20	18,000



# Where To Vote

Southern Downs Regional Council local Government election Polling Booths will be open on Election Day, 28 March 2020 from 8am to 6pm (Polling Booth locations may be subject to change - check ECQ website).

**Allora -**  
Senior Citizens Hall,  
18 Drayton Street

**Goomburra -**  
Public Hall,  
Goomburra Road

**Maryvale -**  
Maryvale State School,  
81 Taylor Street

**Killarney -**  
Senior Citizens Hall,  
11 Ailanthus Street

**Massie -**  
Deuchar Massie Hall,  
12 Warwick Allora  
Back Road, Massie

**Warwick -**  
Indoor Recreation &  
Aquatic Centre,  
29 Palmerin Street

**Warwick -**  
Warwick East State  
School,  
45 Fitzroy Street

**Warwick -**  
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School,  
17 George Street



# Improvements to Freestone Hall

Energy efficiency and water storage improvements are coming to Freestone Memorial Hall, thanks to \$42,862 secured through Round 15 of the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal's Tackling Tough Times Together initiative, Maranoa MP David Littleproud announced.

"The Freestone Memorial Hall is a hub for the community and these improvements will serve its users well into the future," Mr Littleproud said.

"Providing an avenue to get involved at the hall is a priority so that people can get together, support each other and have a good time.

"Drought has taken a toll on communities across

the region and having access to facilities that are in top condition provides an opportunity for support and to lift some of that burden off our shoulders, even if it's just through an event for a few hours."

The majority of projects funded in this round seek to reduce volunteer fatigue and boost the operations of local not-for-profit organisations in drought communities.

The Federal Government is backing drought-affected communities by providing more than \$8 billion in drought assistance and concessional loans to support those experiencing hardship.

# Pet Registration

Last year 573 cats and 386 dogs were impounded across the region. Registrations are the primary mode of identification and return for all rescued animals. Pets can be registered at any time of the year and registrations can be completed over the phone, in-person or online with the Southern Downs Regional Council. While the SDRC doesn't require

registration of cats, missing cats can be reported to Council's Lost and Found Register in the absence of a registration number.

Residents should provide a description, microchip details and contact details for the owner.

By reporting lost pets, animals can be reunited with their owners as quickly as possible.

# Thanks to the Wonderful Volunteers

Last Saturday saw the final distribution of free bottled drinking water at the Warwick Showgrounds. President of the Southern Downs Community Relief Group, Sandra Head said "This has been an amazing community effort, over 600 households have benefitted over the past 13 weeks".

Sandra added that the project attracted a fantastic roll up of volunteers, many of whom have come every single week and given up their Saturdays to make this project work so efficiently. Overall, this band of fantastic community workers, have contributed 2000 hours to the project. Their tireless, good humour and kind, welcoming faces have ensured our recipients felt supported and not forgotten.



Volunteers load up a car with donated drinking water

Our many supporters and donors from near and far have provided the means for the project to have been so successful. In particular the Warwick Show Society who loaned us their Kevin Thumpkin Pavillion and Graham Bucknell who provided the extended loan of a fork lift.

Through this project, we have forged new connections and built a great partnership between the Rotary Club of Warwick Sunrise and the Warwick Lions Club which will stand us in good stead in the future.

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**VOTE - YVE STOCKS**  
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**My Priorities for Our Region**

**WATER SECURITY**  
CONTINUE with water conservation measures. JOIN the South-East QLD & Northern NSW water grid. CONTINUE TO LOBBY the Governments for a commitment to fund this type of infrastructure and dams. Recycled water for parks & gardens, sporting fields and industrial users has been expanded, and I will push to further this.

**INFRASTRUCTURE**  
Water & Waste Water. I am proud to say that a lot of work has been done in this space and I will continue to lobby for the upgrade of all levels of infrastructure across our Region.

**A UNITED REGION WITH HAPPY RESIDENTS**  
I am hopeful that the bridges can be mended. We are a diverse people, and I believe that the Granite Belt Strategic Plan will pull us together as a community.

**GROWING TOURISM**  
Tourism is in my veins and something I am passionate about. Tourism is a pillar of our economy, with every dollar spent by a visitor helping EVERY business in turn. A new suite of regional entry signs have been finalised and I look forward to bringing this project to fruition. Following extensive consultation we are ready to roll out a new "welcome mat" on the national highways, as visitors drive into the Southern Downs and Granite Belt.

**PARTNERSHIPS WITH PRIVATE BUSINESS AND COUNCIL**  
Council isn't always in a position to afford large projects. Partnerships are a way to go forward.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT and RECYCLING**  
Something not being done well at present. Education is one aspect. Ensuring that this applies to EVERY business and household in the region. Banning excessive packaging. Waste to Power is a project we could partner with.

**HIGHWAY ACCESS THROUGH CUNNINGHAMS GAP**  
The ongoing road closures at Cunninghams Gap are disruptive to our economy. Although acts of nature are out of our control, a future-facing vision of uninterrupted access to Southern Downs could be possible by lobbying State and Federal Government for a permanent solution. I propose that one such solution could be in the form of a vehicle tunnel built through the mountain range. The tunnel could potentially include a pipeline and a rail link.

**And finally, to have the guts to make the right decisions for the people I represent.**

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOTE FOR ME, YOU WILL FIND MY NAME AT THE END OF THE BALLOT PAPER.

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Sheryl Windle of 204 Pratten Street, Warwick, Candidate for Southern Downs Regional Council.

# Allora CWA News

The Allora CWA branch annual competitions are being held on Friday 24th April. The schedule for the four competition categories are Cookery - Crochet & Knitting - Floral Art - Photography. Entries need to be at the rooms by Friday morning. Judging will be carried out that evening from 5pm followed by viewing and light refreshments from 6.30pm. Other categories for competitions are Handcraft - Dressmaking - Patch workers - Public Speaking - Short Story Writing & International. These competitions are open to CWA members and the general public. Everyone is encouraged to enter or come along and view the entries. The competitions are held by the CWA to raise funds for QCWA projects.

If you are interested in participating in the competitions please contact President Carolyn Anderson - 0427 648 384 or Secretary Barb McGovern - 0412 849 983. Information can also be obtained from calling into our rooms on Tuesday mornings or check out the website [www.qcwa.org.au/what-we-do/state-activities/](http://www.qcwa.org.au/what-we-do/state-activities/) The Walking Group

meets every Monday morning, 6am in front of the CWA rooms, Warwick St. Come and join for a fun, friendly walk around our beautiful town. Everyone is welcome.

Our Friendship Craft Mornings are held 9.30am every Tuesday morning (except meeting days). Whether you sew, knit, crochet or quilt or would just like some company, come along we'd love to meet you. Stay for as long or little as you like. Cuppa and a chat included.

Allora CWA Evening Meetings are proving to be very successful. They are held on the second Wednesday of the month starting 6.30pm. This month we had 13 lovely ladies join us for a soap making class followed by simple mending lessons on clothing that the ladies had brought in. Everyone is welcome to come along.

For more information contact President Carolyn Anderson - 0427 648 384 or Secretary Barb McGovern - 0412 849 983. email: [alloracwa@gmail.com](mailto:alloracwa@gmail.com)

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

# Allora too tidy for Clean Up Australia

Although Allora has the label of Tidy Town, one might wonder if standards have slipped. On the contrary, the Clean Up Australia Day, held in partnership between the Rotary Club of Allora and Allora P-10 State School has proven that Allora is still a very tidy town and rubbish, at least in the town area, is difficult to find.

Students spent about an hour recently, with gloves and bags, scouting the town for rubbish. Despite the humid weather, they embraced the activity with gusto but largely returned with little to show. The highway, where it was thought much of the rubbish may be found, was difficult to traverse due to waist high grass. Spying rubbish was almost impossible and the possibility of encountering a snake was a concern, so a complete clean-up along the verges was abandoned.

The 'problem' of too much grass is, of course, welcome and prompts the

notion that the day might better be held in winter when grass is more sparse. Rotary is considering an alternative model for next year.

The 10 cent refund program implemented by the state government appears to be making significant impact. Plastic bottles were very 'thin on the ground', as were aluminum cans. This is a very positive note among the challenges of the past year in our area.

Rotary's 'high vis' vests proved effective for activity close to roads. These vests were purchased for clean-up activities such as this, but are available to any local group for loan for activities where safety through visibility is required. We encourage community groups to take advantage of these 30 vests.

Students who teachers have nominated as winners in the 'most rubbish' competition will be presented with Clean Up Australia caps at a future school assembly.



Rotary Club of Allora high vis vests keep students safe on the back road.

## Local Govt Elections 'Early Voting'

Pre-poll or early voting can be made between now and Friday 27th March.

Any day Monday to Friday you can cast your early vote this week between 9am and 5pm and next week from 9am until 6pm at the Warwick Town Hall, 72 Palmerin Street.

Voting at the election is by attendance at your local polling booth however you can cast your vote by pre-poll or early voting before the election date of 28th March.

Voting in Local Government Elections is compulsory.

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## Marika McNichol as Councillor



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### MY POLICY PRIORITIES

- More secure water supply
- A strong voice for the region
- Keep rate rises as low as possible
- Grow our economy
- Improve and maintain local infrastructure
- Upgrade roads - especially in the villages
- Streamline council services
- Help people with their concerns

*It has been a great honour to represent you and work with you during the last 4 years and I will continue to work with you and the community to ensure the Southern Downs and the Granite Belt are great places to live, work, and raise a family.*

*Let's do this together*  
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## PRIVATES CHARLES RUPERT STEWART, REG. NO.47 AND WALLACE HIGHTON STEWART, REG. NO.78

Brothers, Charles Rupert and Wallace Highton Stewart were the sons of James Stewart, the pound keeper at Allora. James and his wife Margaret Emery were early pioneers, arriving in Allora in 1859.

The brothers would have been original members of the Allora Rifle Corps and the mounted infantry. Their father, James, had donated the land for the formation of the Allora rifle range.

Charles and Wallace gave their names on the first day of enrolment of volunteers to serve in South Africa. They were of similar height and build, Charles was twenty-nine years and Wallace was aged twenty. They became part of the 264 strong 1st Contingent. Most were from Queensland including 11 from the Allora-Clifton district.

The men were sent to Fort Lytton (Brisbane) and within a couple of weeks, the 1st Contingent left Pinkenba wharf, Brisbane bound for Albany W.A. via Sydney aboard the transport ship "Cornwall". When they arrived in Cape Town, South Africa, the men and horses were loaded on a train to be taken to the Orange Free State. The 1st Contingent was involved in many operations on the veldts of South Africa.

An account of an incident

in which 'Stewart's' horse was badly wounded by shell fire was recorded in a letter home by a fellow trooper. A copy of the letter was included in Len Harvey's book "Letters from the Veldt". The letter dated April, 1900 related how the contingent was heavily engaged in the action where two men were killed, two wounded and five taken prisoner.

Wallace contracted enteric (typhoid) fever. He was invalided back to Brisbane. He was discharged from service on 21st September with 10 week's pay at two-thirds the contingent rate.

The Allora Guardian reported that a large crowd gathered at the Allora railway to welcome home three invalided soldiers from the district. They were met at the railway station and accompanied to the Protestant Hall by the Victoria Institute band, a strong detachment of Allora mounted infantry, school children carrying banners and residents. At the reception, Wallace thanked the people of Allora for the welcome given to himself and his comrades. He was reported as saying, "When the 1st Contingent left, a lot of people from Allora said we were only going for a picnic, but if what we went through was a picnic, I would not

care to go to war". After the reception, the soldiers were escorted back to the station where they entrained to Warwick to attend a military ball at the Warwick Town Hall.

Charles Stewart returned to Brisbane with the other members of the 1st Contingent at the end of their twelve month term of service in January 1901. He was discharged when the unit was disbanded a week later.

Charles qualified for the Queen's South Africa Medal with the relief of Kimberley, Paardeber, Driefontein, Johannesburg and Diamond Hill clasps. These were the places throughout the Transvaal where the 1st Contingent saw action against the Boers. Wallace's medal only had the clasps of Kimberley and Driefontein attached.

The returning soldiers were honoured at a social and presentation in the Protestant Hall in March 1901. Each man received a gold medal with an inscription.

Charles rejoined the local Q.M.I. Company. Several members of the unit were chosen as a detachment to proceed to Melbourne with other Queensland troops to take part in the opening of the first Federal Parliament and the Royal visit by Prince



Private Charles Rupert Stewart, Reg. No. 47

George and his wife Mary in May 1901. Charles was one of three from the company who were in charge of the horses in the horse train.

Charles became a licensed carrier after the Boer War.

Wallace continued to suffer from typhoid fever for many years. He had been awarded a 'pension' of 25 pounds in monthly instalments. After an appeal by the local Australian Light Horse Squadron in 1905, Wallace received a cheque of \$50.00 from the Toowoomba Patriotic Fund.

Wallace became a licensed victualler in Toowoomba. Over time he was licensee at the Union, Freemasons, Empire and the Globe hotels.

Wallace Stewart died in Toowoomba on the 23rd October 1934 at age fifty-five years.

## Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago  
March 1995

### Player of the Season

Victoria Hill cricket captain Rodney Bell won the trophy donated by Keith Masters as the Back Plains Cricket Association player of the season. Rodney also took home four individual trophies: all-rounder of the year, leading batting aggregate, highest score and most centuries. Jason Sparksman also of the Victoria Hill club took out the batting average. Nobby player Kevin Bianchi won the trophy for bowling aggregate, Kev Harrison for bowling average and Ashley Gillam for best bowling performance. Shane Rhode took the most catches with 12 (plus 3 stumpings).

Allora's Past 100 years ago March  
1920

### Football Club Reformed

At the annual meeting of the Allora "Boomerangs" Football Club it was resolved that the activities of the club be resumed during the forthcoming season. The election of office bearers resulted as follows: Patron, E. H. Kates; President, N. C. Thompson; Vice-Presidents, 12 elected; Captain, W. S. Neale; Vice-Captain, G. T. McMillan. The annual subscription was set at 2/6. It was also resolved that the club purchase suitable playing colours, and the matter of selecting the guernseys and stockings was left in the hands of a sub-committee. From the enthusiasm and interest evinced at the meeting everything pointed to a successful year's work.



The Gibson family at "Gum Tree Flat" at Pratten.

Allora's Past 125 years ago March  
1895

### Gold Find!

It is reported in Allora that the Gibson brothers, who have for some time been working a claim at Darkey Flat, have been successful in unearthing a nugget of gold weighing 4lbs. We have made some enquiries into the matter, but those in the "know", for reasons of their own, appear to be very reticent and disinclined to give away any information. We are, therefore, unable to give full particulars, but it is very certain that a find of unusual magnitude has been made.

Allora's Past 150 years ago March  
1870

### Mail Coach Delayed

The passengers from Allora on Wednesday evening last had to put up with a novel mode of spending the night. The coach left Allora as usual at 7 p.m., and got over the rough roads as

comfortably as possible until nearing Glengallan Creek. Here it was found that the water had risen very high and the bridge approaches could not possibly be discerned in the darkness. Jack Richards, the driver, who very rarely allows any difficulty on the road to interfere with his regularity in arriving with the mails, was at this point fairly mastered, and sooner than run the chance of not striking the bridge in attempting to cross, and thus endangering the safety of the coach, passengers and mails, he chose to wait until daylight. The passengers were thus compelled to spend the night in the coach, and to make themselves as comfortable as best they could. On the following morning it was apparent that no vehicle could cross in safety, so Richards saddled the horses and brought the mails into Warwick. The passengers also came in on horseback though the water was nearly up to the horses' backs.

Colin Newport

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Solution in classifieds section

## BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

As the storm raged, the wind howled and the waves grew bigger, the skipper realised his ship was sinking fast.

“We’re in trouble! Does anybody here know to pray?” he shouted above the storm.

One man stepped forward. “Aye captain, I know how to pray” he said.

“Good man,” the captain replied, “you pray while the rest of us put on lifejackets... we’re one short!”

## Events Calendar

2020

March -	
Tue 24	Allora CWA Friendship & Craft Group Allora CWA, 9.30am
Fri 27 - Sun 29	Allora & District Annual Campdraft Allora Showgrounds
Tue 31	Allora CWA Friendship & Craft Group Allora CWA, 9.30am
May -	
Wed 6	Peace Walk & Candlelight Vigil Warwick
Sat 23 & Sun 24	ASH Futurity & Campdraft Allora Showgrounds
Thu 28	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea Railway Hotel Allora
June -	
Sat 13	June Afternoon “Baubles, Bangles & Beads” St. Davids, Allora.
Sun 14	Allora Community Auction & Markets Allora Showgrounds
September -	
Fri 11	Allora/Clifton Anglican Street Stall Allora, 8.30am - 12.00 midday
October -	
Fri 16	St Patrick's Fete St Patrick's School Grounds

### TODAY'S QUOTE

“Minds are like parachutes - they only function when open.” - Thomas Dewar



## SCIENCE TRIVIA QUIZ

- Which of the following birds is lightest? Is it a) the ostrich, b) the northern cassowary, c) the emu or d) the emperor penguin?
- Which metal is always found in an amalgam?
- True or false? Our Sun is a brown dwarf.
- A coprolite is a kind of fossil, but what is it a fossil of?
- Which acid is found in the stomach? Is it a) nitric acid, b) sulfuric acid or c) hydrochloric acid?

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# The Allora Community Directory

### ORGANISATIONS

**Allora Community Circle** - Meets on the 4th Thursday of the month, 6.00pm at the Senior Citizens Hall, Drayton Street Allora. Enquiries, contact Julie 0407 954 615.

**Allora Community Kindergarten** - 7 Gordon Street, Allora. Children attend 5 days per fortnight - Qld School Terms. Phone 4666 3420.

**Allora & District Historical Society** - Meets 3rd Wednesday of every month, 7.00pm, at Old Shire Hall, 53 Warwick St., Allora. Drayton St Museum open by appointment. Contact Lyn Wright 0408 753 085 or Colin Newport 0408 740 622.

**Allora Garden Club** - Meets 1st Tuesday of the month at 1.00pm, at 1 Drayton Street and travels to different locations. Contact Jane Jacoby 4666 3868 or Sandra Sparksman 0409 542 692.

**Allora Landcare Group** - Meets on the 3rd Thursday of every second month, starting in February, at the Commercial Hotel, 7.30pm. Contact Peter Thomas 4666 6210 or 0419 724 025.

**Allora Men's Shed Inc.** - Open weekly Thurs. and Sat. at 16 Jubb Street, Allora, 8.30am to 12.30pm. All welcome. President Bob Burge 0427 964 156, Secretary James Willis. Email [alloramensshed4362@gmail.com](mailto:alloramensshed4362@gmail.com).

**Allora QCWA** - Meets 3rd Tuesday of month, 10.00am. Once Upon a Song held 2nd & 4th Thursdays of month 9.30am to 10.30am except during school holidays. Contact Alison Payne 4666 1542 or Barb McGovern 0412 849 983.

**Allora R.S.L. Sub Branch** - Meets at R.S.L. Hall. Contact Kath Turner 4666 2050.

**Allora Rotary Club** - Meets every 2nd Monday at Railway Hotel, from 6.30pm. Contact Ann Balmain 4666 2450.

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

**Allora Senior Citizens** - Meets Monday, 1.00pm - 3.30pm for cards and games. Contact Kathy Shannon 0427 973 286 or Joan Barnett 0475 565 740.

**Allora Show Society** - Meets 2nd Sunday of the month at 2.00pm at Show Society Ring Office, Allora Show Grounds. Contact Mark Pillar - 0447 161 090 or Camping - 0427 100 210.

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

**Goomburra Hall Committee** - Meets monthly, 6.30pm at Goomburra Hall. Contact Gina Tranberg [goomburratownhall@outlook.com.au](mailto:goomburratownhall@outlook.com.au) to confirm dates.

**Headstart Australia Child Care Centre** - 29 Forde Street Allora, Open Monday-Friday from 6.30am-6.30pm all year around (excluding public holidays), care available for 15 months - school age children, free care available for eligible families, (07) 4666 2299.

**Hope Masonic Lodge** - Meets 1st Friday each month at 7.30pm, at Gordon St., Allora. Inquiries welcome. Contact Graeme Allen 4666 3164

**Scope Community Op Shop** - 46 Warwick St, Allora 4362, open 9.00am - 4.00pm Tuesday & Friday. All donations are welcome and appreciated.

**St. Patrick's Parish Pastoral Council** - McKillop House (old convent) Warwick St., Allora. Contact 4666 3377 and leave a message.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** - Meets 3rd Thursday of the month, at Mary McKillop House, St. Patrick's School, at 9.30am. Contact 4666 2001.

**Victoria Hill QCWA** - Meets 1st Tuesday of month 1.30pm at Victoria Hill Hall. Contact Shirley Erhardt 4666 3470

**Warwick Veteran & Vintage Vehicle Club Inc.** - Meets 1st Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm. Contact Graham McMillan 4666 3554 to confirm venue.

### ART & CRAFT GROUPS

**Allora Arts & Crafts** - Meets every Tuesday, 9.00am - 12.00pm, at St. David's Hall, 1 Church St., Allora. Contact Barb Corby 0499 612 106 or Jan Hemphill 0499 559 894.

**Allora Photography Group** - Meets 2nd Wednesday night of every month, 7.00pm, Allora State School Library, Raff St. All welcome. Contacts - Pres. Joan Wylde 0411 772 339, Sec. Glenda Guy 0435 953 791, email [alloraphotographygroup4362@gmail.com](mailto:alloraphotographygroup4362@gmail.com).

### SPORTING / HEALTH ACTIVITIES

**Allora Amateur Swimming Club** - Meets Friday afternoons at 5pm at the Allora swimming pool. Contact Emily Henry 0439 667 564.

**Allora & District Campdraft Association** - Contact Secretary Angela Hart on 0418 708 366.

**Allora Sports Club** - Meets 2nd Sunday of the Month at 9.30am in the Club House, Warwick Street. Contact John Ellwood 0427 425 256.

**Allora Regional Sports Museum** - Regular hours each Sunday, 12.30pm - 4.00pm or other times open by appointment. Contact Perry Cronin 0407 034 320 or Glyn Rees 0400 811 093.

**Allora Tennis Club** - Family Fun Nights, first Friday of month from 5.30pm, phone 4666 2260. Ladies Tennis Tuesday AM and PM. Court available for night tennis. Contact 0439 702 051.

**Line Dance Classes** - Tuesday 6.45pm - 8.30pm, at Allora Sports Centre, Darling Street, Allora. Contact Jenny 4661 2448.

**Southern Downs Rifle Club** - Long Range Full Bore rifle competitions each Sunday, 9.00am - 12noon, at the Risdon Rifle Range, Connelly Dam Road, Warwick. Contact Margaret Taylor on 07 4666 1018 or Bob Tyllyer [bobtyllyer@hotmail.com](mailto:bobtyllyer@hotmail.com). Web site [www.southerndownsrifleclub.websyte.com.au](http://www.southerndownsrifleclub.websyte.com.au)

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## • CHURCH NOTICES •

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4. Coprolites are fossilised animal droppings.

5. (c) Stomach acid is mostly hydrochloric acid, with some potassium chloride and sodium chloride.

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# BOWLS

## Allora Night Bowls – Week 8

A few light showers did not hinder play but the blackout certainly did for 20 mins which is the time it takes for the gas flood lights to come back on. But time was not wasted and was used to draw the raffles early and announce the toucher winners and for players to sit and enjoy a few more drinks.

Alana F on Rink 1 bowled a great shot when the lights went out guided by the light of the club house party lights, just a pity the rest of her team was not there to witness it.

Winners this week: Rink 1. Are you Game Enough 15 d Railway Hotel 6; Rink 2. The Other Team 16 d Generation Gap 14; Rink 3. Gina's Babies 22 d Fire Ants 9; Rink 4. Doesn't Matter 19 d Landcruisers + One 10; Rink 5. A Bowla Virus 20 d Bowled & Beautiful 7; Rink 6. Tramps

Like Us 14 d Pig Lures 9; Rink 7. The Three Stooges 17 d 3 of Us 5.

A check of the leader board this week reveals The Three Stooges are on top with 12 points followed by Gina's Babies 11 & A Bowla Virus on 11; Doesn't Matter & 3 of Us 10; Landcruisers + One, The Other Team & Tramps Like us 8; Are You Game Enough 6; Pig Lures, Railway Hotel & Generation Gap 4; Fire Ants 2 and Bowled & Beautiful 0. Still plenty of time for these points to change and some fierce competition to be played.

Lucky raffle winners this week: Lennie, Paul B, Alana F, Ethan, Brett, Denis Lyons and Bev was the lucky winner of the \$80 Jackpot, back to \$20 next week.

Touchers for Chocolates: Dewey, Peter M, Tim, Bruce (again), Alanna O and Denis Lyons. Ashleigh, are you sure Bruce is not writing his

name down each week and again my toucher came after the bell was rung. Thank you, Len Hoey for donating chocolates each week.

Winners for the night – Doesn't Matter and Losers - Bowled & Beautiful.

Our special thanks to our sponsors and our workers Wendy, Sheree, Mark, Moley, John, Greg and a

special thanks to Harry our 'button pusher' who pressed my lucky number for the jackpot.

A reminder to anyone who has not paid \$20 Membership, this is overdue.

See you all back on the green next week. Happy Bowling.

Relief Scribe

## Allora Golf Club Notes

The 2020 Club Championships finished in a nail biting fashion in all three grades. Kev Harrison won A Grade with a four round total of 312 from Adam Cummins on 313. Kev is also the Club Champion for the first time since 2010. B Grade was just as exciting with Garth Simpson coming from a long way back in the field to beat our local footy coach Travis Burns by 1 shot, 334 to 335. C Grade is yet to be decided with the evergreen John

Sparksman shooting 364 to tie with John Ellwood. An 18 hole play off will be held over the next few weeks to determine the winner.

Congratulations to Garth Simpson for winning the Allora Pharmacy Monthly Medal for March.

The golf course is in "resort" condition and everyone is welcome to come out and have a game. Just remember to put your money in the honesty box.



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