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At the time of going press, The Electoral Commission of Queensland had counted 80.08% of the votes in the Southern Downs Council Mayoral Election.

At that stage Vic Pennisi was ahead of Tracy Dobie by 1,708 and is positioned to become the next Mayor of Southern Downs Regional

Postal voting closed at 5pm yesterday (Tuesday) and following counting of those, the position will be

Stanthorpe born local Vic Pennisi believes it was time to be heard.

With sixteen years government local well-known experience,

Southern Downs councillor made the decision to challenge for the position of Mayor because he knew for a fact the people in the community were not being heard and he wants to lead a council that listens first.

"I love our region, I have lived here for my entire 61 year life, I love and respect local government but I have seen the trust erode over the past years because council doesn't listen to what citizens are saying. Many other external factors have contributed to the decline in trust in our council leadership and I will earn trust again by listening, not talking" says Vic.

Vic Pennisi

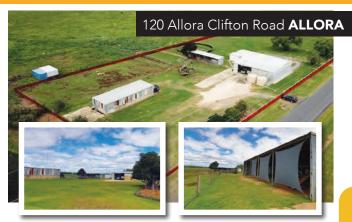
Vic Pennisi.

Vic Pennisi	9054 votes	44.63%
Tracy Dobie	7346 votes	36.21%
Peter Kemp	2897 votes	14.28%
Joe Doepel	988 votes	4.87%

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Allora Golf Course To Close Until Further Notice



The Secretary of the Allora Sports Club has advised that, following advice from Golf Australia. the Allora Golf Course will need to close until further

Up until last Sunday evening, it was determined that golf courses could remain open provided strict protocols were put in place in regard to social distancing

rules brought about by the COVID-19 virus. However. with the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday limiting gatherings to two persons or fewer, it is Golf Australia's recommendation that all golf clubs and facilities should close until further notice

The Allora course will close from Thursday 2nd April.

As with the bowls green, the golf course will continue to be maintained and will be ready for play immediately the restrictions are lifted. The committee of the Allora Sports Club extends its thanks to the sporting public for their understanding.



Allora's beautiful Golf Course that no-one can use... except the ducks - they're allowed to play.



Local Election Results 2020

(As at 12 noon, Tuesday, 30th March)

The Local Government Election were held last Saturday. However results have been slow at being released by the Electoral Commission of Queensland.

At the time of going to Press (12noon Tuesday) the results the Southern Regional Downs Council Councillors is still at only 77.17% (unofficial preliminary count).

Postal voting closed at 5pm yesterday (Tuesday) and following counting of positions should be clarified.

Twenty-six candidates stood for the eight positions for Councillors of SDRC.

As it stands Allora's Glvn Rees is placed at 9th position

but that could change as counting continues.

Glyn is our local bloke who has had eight vears previous experience as a local Government Councillor.



Local candidate Glyn Rees.

Neighbouring Mayors Elected

Toowoomba Regional Council Mayor Paul Antonio has been re-elected with 72.53% of the vote (as we go to Press).

> Goondiwindi Regional

Council saw the position of Mayor uncontested with former State LNP Leader Lawrence Springborg duly



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	Mostly Cloudy. Mild.	16	27	
	Mostly Cloudy. Mild.	15	27	
SAT	Partly Sunny. Warm.	16	28	
SUN	Mostly Cloudy. Warm.	16	30	
MON	Storms. Broken Clouds. Humid.	17	29	

Pos.	Name	Votes	%
1	BARTLEY, Ross	8764	5.89%
2	GOW, Cameron	7733	5.19%
3	MCNALLY, Jo	7639	5.13%
4	GALE, Andrew	7480	5.02%
5	WINDLE, Sheryl	7374	4.95%
6	GLIORI, Marco	7101	4.77%
7	MCDONALD, Cynthia	6999	4.70%
8	TANCRED, Stephen	6854	4.60%
9	REES, Glyn	6649	4.47%
10	WANTLING, Russell	6631	4.45%
11	KELLY, Rod	6517	4.38%
12	JENSEN, Michael Damian	6303	4.23%
13	STOCKS, Yve	5920	3.98%
14	KEOGH, Julia	5913	3.97%
15	HARROLD, Amanda Joy	5890	3.96%
16	MCNICHOL, Marika	5406	3.63%
17	HUNTER, Max	4970	3.34%
18	GRANT, Greg	4721	3.17%
19	LAWS, Sue	4523	3.04%
20	CARRICK, Marion	4268	2.87%
21	CHRISTENSEN, Scott	4217	2.83%
22	CABEZAS, Paola	4106	2.76%
23	MARSDEN, Barbara	3784	2.54%
24	ETTERY, Robert	3392	2.28%
25	GREENE-GALLOWAY, Jenn	3371	2.26%
26	JOHNSON, Gregory Glenn	2373	1.59%
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Allora Sports Club Gets Better and Better

The Allora Sports Club is bucking the trend of sporting clubs in Rural and Regional Australia as it continues to significantly improve facilities for members and quests. The latest project involves the removal of the unsightly asbestos cladding on the outside of the clubhouse and replacing it with weatherboard. The clubhouse will then be painted externally, with club providore Wendy Ellwood promising that the proposed colour scheme will be one to impress both Allora locals and visitors alike. The final piece of work in this project will be new floor coverings in the bar area to allow patrons to be more comfortable, particularly when they are up dancing to the beat of their favourite tune. There will also be a surprise for our Sports Bar patrons when they next drop in to the club at the conclusion of this enforced "shut-down".

The cost of the work will be around \$40,000 and the club was fortunate to secure a grant from the Gaming Fund of \$35,000 to assist with the expense. Wendy applied for the grant six months ago at the height of the drought, pointing out in the application how



Club house to get exciting new paint job

important the Sports Club and its facilities are to the Community, not only during the prolonged drought but at all other times of the year. The Gaming Fund assessors were clearly impressed with how the Sports Club is going, with it's increasing profits and membership doubling over the past five years to 130. It is estimated that almost 15% of the adult population of Allora is either a golf, bowls or social member.

Over the past 12 months the Allora High School has re-introduced bowls to the sporting curriculum and on Friday afternoons the bowls green is full of Allora's finest young adults playing the sport that made Sir Francis Drake famous.

As well as very strong golf and bowls competitions, the club has developed a reputation for being one of the finest function venues on the Southern Downs. With our very own Chef de Cuisine, Melinda May presenting gourmet meals out of it's state of the art commercial kitchen, the Sports Club is hosting around 15 large functions each year. In addition, we provided sumptuous

meals at the incredibly popular "themed" restaurant evenings that, up until the "shut-down", had become the place to be on the third Friday of each month.

There is no doubt that the current "shut-down" will have an adverse affect on the Sports Club and will certainly eat into both the trading income and net profit. However, Club Secretary, John Ellwood assures patrons that the club is well placed financially and will get through this difficult time and emerge well placed to get back to the business of providing excellent sporting and social facilities for the Allora public to enjoy.



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Allora Showgrounds Closed

older locals can remember that the Showgrounds have been closed.

The Queensland Govhas directed ernment that all campgrounds are to close. The direction listed campgrounds as a non-essential business, activity or undertaking. Similarly, caravan parks are considered non-essential. except for those where people live permanently.

President of the Allora Show Society Mark Pillar has advised that all events planned until the end of June, or beyond depending on The Government direction, have been cancelled. This includes the Allora Community Auction along with Bikes for Burn tour ride, Caravan & Motorbike Groups. Motorcar Rally and Campdraft & Bull Ride from last weekend.

The Sports Centre at the Showground has already closed.

On the other side of the lockdown Mark said "he hopes all organisations will band together to help each other and come out bigger and better for the benefit of Allora and district. It's been a tough time with the drought then the Coronavirus."

The camping ground and Showground is a clean environment closed to the public and entry is NOT PERMITTED. This is to keep everything clean in case the area is needed for Mark Pillar has locked the gate

evacuation and/or medical purposes Mark Pillar and the Show

Society apologise for any inconvenience but they are following the direction handed down by Government.

When life gets back to normal all affiliated groups

including Pony Club. Campdraft, Dressage, Dogs, Poultry, Dressage and Sports Centre using the Showgrounds will need to abide by the Rules and Regulations which will be reinstated by the Allora Show Society.

OFFICE CLOSURE

For the safety of our staff and customers, it has been decided that the office of

The Allong Advertiser

will be CLOSED to the public from Thursday 2nd April.

This will remain the case until such times as the current COVID-19 crisis is deemed to be over.

We wish to continue assisting our valued readers and customers and would encourage you to contact us via telephone on 4666 3089 or email editor@alloraadvertiser.com

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

We encourage all to adhere to the rules being laid down by the national cabinet and wish you the best of health.

ALLORA DENTAL PRACTICE NOTICE

Health authorities are currently advising that due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, dental practices restrict the scope of treatment to **urgent or emergency cases** only. This means that from now on we will not be able to see patients for routine examinations or treatment.

We are also reducing our opening hours to Monday and Wednesday mornings only, from 9am to 1pm, for urgent care only.

If you think you may have a problem that cannot wait, please contact the surgery on 4666 3651 to discuss your case, or leave a message and we will call you back as soon as possible.

We regret any inconvenience to our patients, however we have a duty of care to take all reasonable steps to reduce the spread of this highly contagious disease. We will still be here for anyone in urgent need. Please take care of yourselves and those around you.

Kind Regards, Dr Alan Smith Page 6 THE ALLORA ADVERTISER Wednesday, 1st April 2020 Wednesday, 1st April 2020 THE ALLORA ADVERTISER Page 7

Council's waste services continue as normal

As the COVID-19 outbreak continues, Southern Downs Regional Council is focussed on ensuring business continuity for all major services, and it's business as usual for waste collection and management across the region.

Residents can rest assured that kerbside rubbish and recycling collection will continue as normal and waste management facilities will remain open.

Council has implemented only minor changes to ensure that residents still receive the usual level of service while also following Government health and safety precautions.

Effective immediately. cash will no longer be accepted at Council's waste facilities, and the Endeavour Foundation has decided to close its tip shop at the Warwick Waste Facilities until further notice.

A Council spokesperson said that the decision to move to a cashless model at the facilities was based on hygiene concerns and social distancing restrictions as per Government advice and requirements.

The facilities will now only accept EFTPOS (credit cards and debit cards) and account payments.

Council will continue to be guided by advice from State and Federal Government with its decisions regarding the operations of these facilities to keep the community and staff safe.

Council appreciates the community's understanding during these times of change.

Residents looking for further information can visit Council's COVID-19 Portal, available on the front page of Council's website.

For all the latest Southern Downs Regional Council news, visit www.sdrc.gld. gov.au or call 1300 697 372.





Challenging times for our Communities

church doors are closed, the church is still open!

I think it is timely to be reminded that it is the people who are the church, not the building.

Right now, we especially need to reach out to those in our parishes and communities, especially those in the high-risk groups who are on their own.

The imperative for "social distancing" or perhaps more aptly "physical distancing" highlights for us as human beings, the need for social solidarity and connection with each other as we ride out this storm.

As a faith community, we are looking for new ways to connect and support each

This will mean being creative and using whatever technology and approaches are available to us.

Some churches are livestreaming their services that will enable them to communicate in the absence of face to face gatherings and we are in the process of implementing some of those options, so watch for updates our Facebook Page, "Allora/ Clifton Anglican Church".

For those who are not "online" we will letterbox



Reverend Laurel Raymond.

drop the parish Letter "The Advocate" twice a month to keep our parishioners informed on parish happenings.

Allora Clifton Anglican Parish is also setting up a "Parish Phone Tree" or calling group. This is a simple and highly effective system for connecting a group of people by telephone. actively responding to assist people and keep the communication channels

Reverend Tom Bower and I will always be available when we are needed, as we, and the parishioners of Allora Clifton Anglicans strive to point to God's presence in our community.

> Rev. Laurel Raymond, Priest-in-charge Allora Clifton Anglican Parish Archdeacon of Cunningham



Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 vears ago April 1995

Deuchar Drugbust

A 39-year old Deuchar man appeared in the Warwick Magistrates Court on 10 charges relating to the finding of 134 growing cannabis plants, as well as harvested material. in a raid on a Deuchar property. 56 of the plants were a new strain of cannabis called "skunk week". and were believed to be the first mature crop of the variety found in Queensland.

> Allora's Past 50 years ago April Allora State School

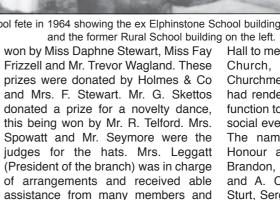
Buildings for Removal To be offered on site on Friday, 10th April.

Building No.1 Ex Elphinstone School Building No.2 Playshed

Allora's Past 75 years ago April 1945

Mad Hatters Ball

To raise funds for the Allora branch of the Australian Comforts Fund, a Mad Hatters Ball was held in the Central Hall. Total takings, including donations, were £43. Prizes for mad hats were



Allora's Past 100 years ago April

friends. Mr. Edgar Gwynne occupied

the box office, Messrs. M. Mason and

G. Ruhle were doorkeepers, and Mr. A.

J. Marshall was MC.

Welcome Home

There was a splendid attendance at the official Welcome Home in the Protestant

Hall to members of the Allora Methodist

The Allora State School fete in 1964 showing the ex Elphinstone School building with the playshed on the right

Church, and other Methodist Churchmen of the Allora Circuit, who had rendered service in the A.I.F. The function took the form of a high tea and social evening.

The names on the church Roll of Honour are as follows: Privates F. Brandon, A. Morrison, H. C. Gwynne and A. Chard (Fallen); Lieut. Sister Sturt, Sergt. H. Smith, Corpl. C Jones, Privates R. Jensen, J. Brandon, H. Wright, Leslie Masters M.M., W. S. Neale, V. Tickle, R. Hawes, H. Neale, E. Smith, S. H. Tickle, F. Downes, H. Downes, A. Jensen, C. H. Morris, S. H. Munsie, W. H. Allen, P. J. Neale, G. Smith, - Eastment, F. Tomlinson, C. Chard, and Sister A. Smith.

Colin Newport

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Solution in classifieds section

Events Calendar

2020						
May -						
Wed 6	Peace Walk & Candlelight Vigil					
	Warwick					
Sat 23	ASH Futurity & Campdraft					
& Sun 24	Allora Showgrounds					
Thu 28	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea					
	Railway Hotel Allora					
June -						
Sat 13	June Aftern LED Lines, Bangles & Beads" CANCELLED					
	CANCALIOFA.					
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					

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

The farmer's wife took her husband to see the local doctor.

"I'm very worried about my husband, doctor" she said. "He seems to be wandering in his mind".

"Don't let it bother you", said the doctor, "he can't go far."



SCIENCE TRIVIA QUIZ

- Ceres was the first dwarf planet to be discovered, back in 1801. Where in the solar system would you find it?
- 2. What are ghost nets? Are they a) traps for catching ghosts, b) a way of getting internet when you're out of wifi range, c) fishing nets that have been lost at sea or d) mathematical shapes that only exist in seven dimensions?
- 3. Are cold sores caused by bacteria, viruses or protozoa?
- 4. What heats your hands when you rub them together?
- 5. Electric, manta and black sting are kinds of what type of fish?

Answers in Classifieds pages

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Allora Swimming Club Champs



Benjamin Mason receives his 2020 Club Encouragement Award from life member Heather Slatter



Senior Club Swimmers Anna Eckersley, Emma Day, Paul Costello and Nicholas Denny.

Allora Golf Club Notes



A small field of 10 golfers played for the Percy's Fruit Duck Run trophies on Friday, with Roy winning with an incredible score of 24 points. Roy has been "punished" by the handicapper with a loss of six strokes. No doubt Roy will be up to the challenge. Whit came in as runner-up with a very respectable 22 points. Nick won a ball in the run-down. Rod won the pin shot on the 8th and Roy the approach on the 6th. Thanks to Percy for his continued long-term support of sport in

On Sunday we saw 13 golfers enjoy a perfect Autumn afternoon playing for the Allora Butchery Four Ball. Thanks to Aaron, Ashley and Grace for sponsoring this highly sought after monthly trophy. We welcomed visitors from the Warwick Golf Club Dave and Nachcha who certainly brightened up the course in their matching outfits. We hope our old mate Errol can visit us again soon. Despite the long-standing rivalries, Warwick golfers, both competition and social

players, are more than welcome to play on the Allora Course.

Winners on the day were Tom and Nick with a very tidy 46 points from Kev and Roy on 45 points. Nick is making a habit of winning these four ball events and he took great delight in making the point that he and Tom defeated the current Club Champion and Course Record holder Kev and Friday's Duck Run winner Roy, making the victory all that much sweeter. Pin shots went to Nick on the 4th, Ken on the 8th and Kev on the 13th and 17th. Approach shots were won by Dave on the 2nd, Anthony on the 6th, Kev on the 11th and Tom on

Next Friday's Duck Run and Sunday's Railway Hotel Monthly Mug have had to be cancelled due to social distancing restrictions announced recently. Great to see both Percy and Robyn taking the initiative with their businesses to make it as easy as possible to purchase their fruit, veges, meals etc. I am sure that everyone appreciates what a great job they do and trust they will support them through this difficult time. Stay healthy and good golfing to you all.



Under 10 girls Ruby Paterson, Rikaya Kelk and Nevaeh Busuttil



Under 8 Participants Maeve Moore, Katelyn Peters and James Mason look forward to many years of club swimming ahead!

See more photos and read the full swimming report in next week's *Allora Advertiser*.

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of Allora.

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