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Tributes Flow For Brian Phelan

One of Allora's popular heroes, Brian Martin Phelan, aged 86 years, passed away last Friday, 30th April.

Inducted into the Allora Sports Museum's Hall of Fame in 1998, Brian will always be remembered for that famous kick and his worn out boots.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

(read the story and tributes on page 3)



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THU	Mostly Sunny. Mild.	9 24
FRI	Mostly Sunny. Mild.	10 24
SAT	Morning Clouds. Mild.	12 23
SUN	Mostly Sunny. Mild.	10 24
MON	Mostly Sunny. Cool.	7 20

Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

Thanks to the Allora Advertiser for the opinion pages regarding the Local Government election for the Southern Downs.

This writer has no Local Government experience other than rates notices that have arrived in my mail box for the past 28 years.

The last notice issued by Mayor Dobie's team in 2019 was well into the thousands of dollars and the first in 1992 from the Allora Council was in the low hundreds, for the same property. Shame on any mayor who would not have done anything different (her words), as rates costs rose into the thousands, for what?

This writer welcomes the new team led by Mayor Pennisi and leading Councillor Ross Bartley, for all rates payers require is trust and competence in local government.

Melba Morris, Allora

Dear Sir,

Export Action -

Back in the mid 1960's on ABC TV, at 6.55pm of a night, there was a 5 minute segment called "Export Action". It was a news item of things we manufactured in Australia.

How things have changed in the last 55 years. We now import; have stopped making cars, a lot of tools and machinery. A lot of country towns don't have machinery agents any more. Once one could go into a local dealer and buy a new tractor, car, truck, livestock equipment, farm machinery etc - Now nothing. If you want any of the above, one has to travel and hour or more and when one gets there you don't find what you want, or its that dear it's not a worthwhile purchase for the small bit of use one gets from it in a year.

Our Government needs to make this country self-sufficient, as it used to be. Not import rubbish stuff from China and other countries, look after your own country first.

Yours truly,

Derek Weier, Taglai West

New teacher at Allora P-10 State School

Introducing Ms Sally Pirie, newly appointed Acting Head of Curriculum, Primary at Allora P-10 State School. She is looking forward to becoming a member of the Allora State School and the wider local community. Sally believes that all students can learn and be successful at school, given the correct support.

Prior to this engagement at Allora P-10 State School, Sally was the Principal of Mount Tyson SS, Bartle Frere SS and Greenvale SS.

Former head of Department - Primary Curriculum at Allora P-10



Ms Sally Pirie.

State School, Leanne Kanowski has been seconded by the DoE to perform the role of Highly Accomplished and Lead Teacher Assessor.

Brian Phelan Tributes

From Allora Sports Club...

The committee of the Allora Sports Club would like to offer our sincerest condolences to the Phelan family on the passing of Brian last week.

After completing his football and sheaf tossing careers, Brian became a member of the Allora

Bowls Club and went on to feature in a number of Championship winning teams. Brian was notorious for turning up late for bowls with all the other bowlers on the green with their games well under way by the time he finished rolling his smoke and making his way to the rink. Brian's matches were further delayed as he always needed to have long mid

rink meetings with his third regarding the best shot to play, all the while rolling a smoke. At the end of play, Brian's rink was usually about half an hour behind all the others but of course no-one was silly enough to ask him to hurry up. Brian will be up at the Pearly Gates, discussing with Saint Peter about whether or not you can smoke "rollies" in

Heaven. Rest in Peace Brian.

From Allora Regional Sports Muesum...

The Committee of the Allora Regional Sports Museum wishes to extend their condolences to the Phelan family on the sad passing of Brian.

A true Legend of Allora and Warwick and District Rugby League. We thank Brian for his unforgettable,

history making goal kick to defeat Pittsworth in the famous St George Cup final of 1961. His unkempt worn out boots were the start of the Museum, during the usual Friday night pub footy talk / friendly disagreements and in 1998 it was decided to frame these boots and honour Brian and brother Max with a dinner and Hall of Fame Status bestowed on them - Museum born.

Thanks to the Phelan Brothers it has become the best Regional Sports Museum in the country. A million stories have been, and will continue to be told about this great man. I still bear the chest bruises from the annual Allora State School footy match, Parents and Teachers Vs The Students. Brian and Max were well retired from playing but still terrorised us students. Brian was not born he was carved from an iron bark log!!

With the start of the new park outside the Museum we would like the next statuette to be of Brian Phelan a true icon of Allora and District. Thanks for the memories.



Brian Phelan's footy boots that kicked off the Allora Sports Museum.

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Allora Police Report - Labour Day Weekend Enforcement

At about 3.00pm on the 1st day of May 2020, police intercepted an unregistered and uninsured vehicle on Dalrymple Creek Road at Talgai. A 62 year old man from Tannymorel had purchased the vehicle and was attempting to drive it home. The man was subsequently served with two traffic infringement notices for his actions. Persons purchasing un-registered vehicles are reminded that permits can be obtained from Queensland Transport both in person and online, which provide short term insurance and allow for the vehicles to be driven lawfully.

All in all, Police would like to thank the Allora community for their compliance with COVID-19 laws, with no local members adversely dealt with in any capacity. In all cases we will apply appropriate discretion to minor breaches, however blatant disregard for the law and the health and safety of others will be enforced.

COVID-19 Advice: To clarify any confusion surrounding the changes to COVID-19 legislation – there are currently no changes to the ruling on travelling for

essential purposes (medical, employment, visiting someone at their primary residence at a limit of two visitors only, complying with lawful directions, etc). As has always been the case, there are no distance or time restrictions on this – however common sense applies and each situation is considered on a case by case basis. The current advice is of course to limit travel in any case – for example – do not go for overnight visits with your entire social circle just for the sake of getting out of the house. The new '50km from home' travel limit applies only to recreational activities with members of your household or one other person who does not live with you, and 1.5 metre social distancing rules still apply. These recreational activities include recreational driving / motorcycle riding / boating, a picnic, non-essential shopping, etc. We as Police understand that some persons are complacent and we appreciate information from the community about this, however we also ask that you maintain awareness and education prior to reporting matters to Police.

COVID-19 breach in Allora

A Boonah couple were issued with infringement notices for breaking social distancing rules on Saturday, with Allora Police making sure the guidelines are adhered to.

On May 2, police located a vehicle at Dalrymple park camping ground on Herbert Street in Allora.

Police spoke with a 51-years-old man and a 43-years-old woman from Boonah and had cause to search the persons, whereby the female was located in possession of small quantities of methylamphetamine cannabis and

various drug utensils.

She was charged with two counts each of possessing dangerous drugs and possessing drug utensils and is set to appear in Warwick Magistrates Court at a later date.

The man was issued with traffic infringement notices in relation to the vehicle being unregistered and uninsured.

Both persons were issued with respective COVID-19 infringement notices for contravening the Chief Health Officers direction, having failed to provide any lawful reason for their travel.

It's the sign that locals will be happy to see. The Salvation Army Store is open again just in time for winter with plenty of well-priced warm clothing.

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SDRC Acting CEO

The new Southern Downs Regional Council's first General Meeting saw Councillors vote on the interim CEO arrangements and recruitment strategy following the departure of outgoing CEO Mr David Keenan.

Council's current Director of Sustainable Development Jane Stroud (pictured right) has been appointed the Acting CEO and will be in the role until a permanent replacement is found.

Ms Stroud said that during the recruitment search, Council will continue to focus on working cohesively to deliver essential services throughout the region during the current COVID-19 climate.

"While there are many

challenges ahead with the pandemic and our region's recovery, I will continue to work closely with our executive management team, senior managers and coordinators to get on with business," Ms Stroud said.

Ms Stroud has been with Southern Downs Regional Council since 2018 and has extensive local government experience, having previously been employed at several South East Queensland Local Governments in senior roles in fields such as planning, community services, innovation and advocacy.

Council will engage an external recruitment consultancy firm to undertake the CEO recruitment process.



Acting CEO Jane Stroud.

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AgForce welcomes State waivers on land rent, transport fees

Pastoralists with grazing leases on crown land are celebrating after the State Government announced a 6-month waiver on land rents – other than minimum rent leases – to provide an economic stimulus to rural industries and the economy.

AgForce has welcomed the move, which will save many producers thousands, even tens of thousands of dollars – money that will not only give these farm businesses a boost, but be spent in outback towns and helping maintain the rural workforce.

CEO Michael Guerin said AgForce had first suggested the plan to the State Government late last year as a way it could offer relief to producers affected by the lengthy drought – which is still ongoing.

“With the right settings in place, the agriculture industry and the regional and rural communities it underpins are well placed to play a significant role in Australia’s recovery from the pandemic.

“This includes ‘having Australia’s back’ in terms of food security during the

crisis, maintaining local jobs and economic activity, and making sure we are in the best position to lift export revenues once restrictions lift to help Australia get back on its feet quickly.

At this stage, the waiver is in place for the two middle quarters of the year – effectively April 1 to September 30. Leaseholders who have not yet paid will not be expected to pay and those who have already paid will be given a full refund.

The Government also announced a number of measures to assist rural transport operators, including a continuation of the existing freeze on increases in heavy vehicle registration fees, and a waiver on fees for de-registration and re-registration of vehicles.

Mr Guerin said these measures would assist the transport industry to keep Australia moving, ensuring primary products can reach markets and ensuring a vital transport lifeline for those living in rural and regional areas.

Funding relief for drought affected rural households

Financial hardship funding is still available through The Salvation Army and Federal Government’s Drought Community Support Initiative Round 2.

Farmers, farm workers, farm suppliers and farm contractors who have cash flow problems as a result of the drought may be entitled to receive a one-off payment of up to \$3,000.

Southern Downs Regional Council Mayor Vic Pennisi encouraged rural residents impacted by ongoing drought to reach out to the Salvos and seek funding relief.

“Our community is incredibly resilient and has stood stoically through hard times and I would like to remind those who are still feeling the impact of drought

that accepting help is the strongest thing you can do. The financial hardship funding is in place because The Salvation Army and the Federal Government know the importance of supporting our farming communities.”

Payments can cover numerous expenses such as groceries, vehicle maintenance, energy and utility bills, and health and medical expenses.

The Salvation Army has distributed over \$31million of this funding to over 11,000 drought affected households since 21 November 2019, and are distributing more than \$1.2million every three days.

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Looking Back...

**Allora's Past 25 years ago May 1995
Extensions Opened**

The official opening and dedication of the Eric Clarke Wing at the Allora-Clifton Blue Nurses Respite Care Centre took place on Saturday. The wing was named in honour of the late Mr. Eric Clarke whose bequest made the extensions possible. More than 130 people were present to see Mrs. Marg Bell unveil a plaque dedicating the wing to memory of her brother. Mr. Leslie "Bunny" Clarke was also present. After the ceremony, Mr. Bruce Burge, chairman of the Allora-Clifton Blue Nurses committee, invited those present to participate in afternoon tea.

**Allora's Past 50 years ago May 1970
Bakery Sale**

FAMILY CHOICE BAKING CO announce that they have purchased the Bakery previously operated by Mr. H. J. S. Hutchinson as from Monday next, May 18th. Fresh top quality Family Choice Bread will be available from the Allora Bakery. Contact Mr. Hutchinson, who will be remaining as Manager, and inquire about our large range of bread.

**Allora's Past 75 years ago May 1945
V-E Day**

Victory in Europe Day was celebrated quietly in Allora, most of the residents attending special services arranged by the various churches. All services were crowded and about 450 residents attended the special service arranged by the combined Protestant churches in the Central Hall in the afternoon. At night a dance was held in the Central Hall to entertain a party of visiting British sailors, and a number of young people made this a very gay occasion. Rev. I. Hiscock, Methodist Church, led the afternoon service and addresses were given by Rev. A. E. Loxton,

Church of England rector, and Captain Hill of the Salvation Army. The arrangements for the dance in the evening were made by a committee comprising of Miss Pat Thompson (secretary), Mrs. Max Pitkin, Misses Una Shooter, Doris Stay, Coral Kaiser, Josie Stay, Audrey Stay and Mrs. Gordon Willett.

**Allora's Past 100 years ago May 1920
General at Hendon**

The special train with General and Lady Birdwood on board arrived at Hendon shortly after 12 o'clock. There was a large gathering to welcome the distinguished General. The Shire Chairman (Cr. James Dean), on behalf of the Shire and district, tendered a hearty welcome to the General who shook hands with the returned soldiers, chatting to each and asking many questions. Included amongst those present were Crs. Jacob Holmes and W. J. T. Neale and Chaplain-Major Laphorne. While General Birdwood was visiting area, the opportunity was taken for him to present medals to recipients from the Darling Downs. Lieut. R. G. Sinton of Allora who served with the 2nd



Lieut. Rolland Sinton. Australian Light Horse Regiment was presented with the Serbian Silver Star awarded to him by the King of Serbia. The presentation took place in the Masonic Hall in Toowoomba and as the recipient came forward he was loudly cheered.

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SCIENCE TRIVIA QUIZ

1. How do tadpoles breathe? Do they a) have gills, b) swim to the surface of a pond and breathe air, c) absorb oxygen through stoma in their skin, or d) live anaerobically, without oxygen?
2. At a particular temperature and pressure, water reaches its triple point, but what does that mean? Is it a) where water can be ice, steam and liquid at the same time, b) where ice crystals only form triangles, c) where liquid water expands in size rapidly, or d) where ice will sink in liquid water?
3. Which of the following is the densest? Is it a) aluminium, b) tungsten, c) ice, or d) coal?
4. What type of chemical is gluten? Is it a) fat, b) carbohydrate, c) vitamin, or d) protein?
5. Which of the inner planets has the thickest atmosphere? Is it a) Mercury, b) Venus, c) Earth, or d) Mars?

Answers in Classifieds pages

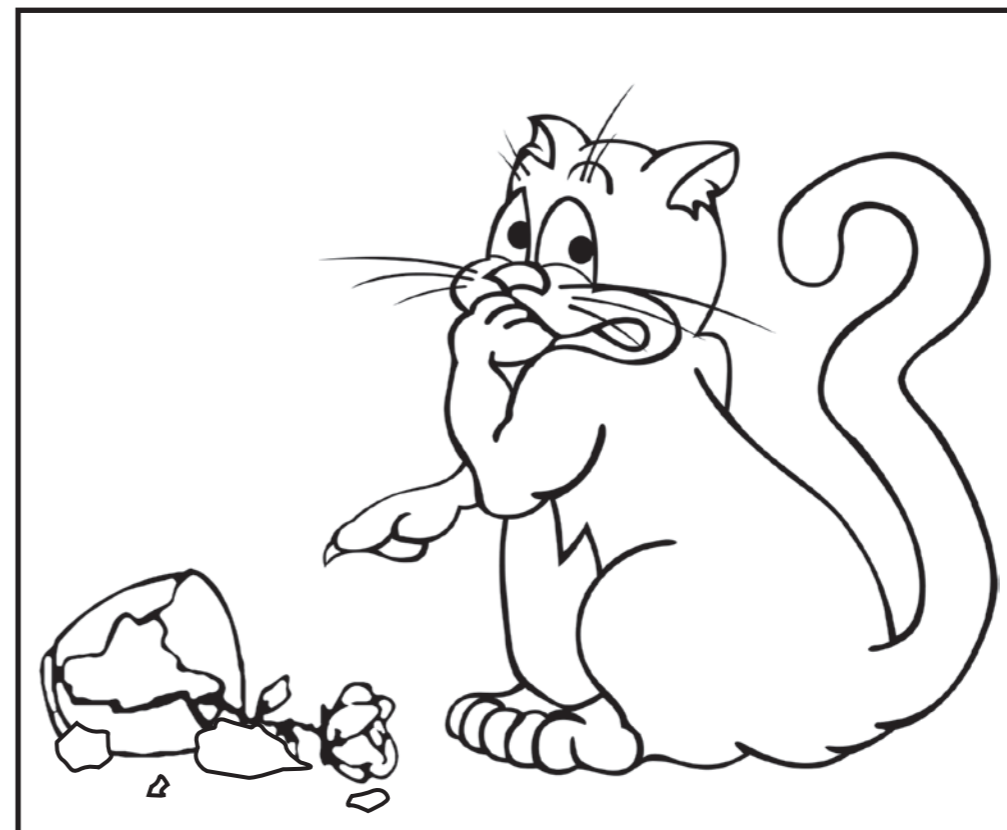
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TODAY'S QUOTE

"My mother used to say that there are no strangers, only friends you haven't met yet. She's now in a maximum security twilight home." - Dame Edna Everage

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

The lawyer went into the Doctor's surgery with a frog on his head. "That's a nasty looking growth," said the Doctor. "I'll say it is", said the frog "it started out as a pimple on my rear-end".

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• ANNOUNCEMENTS •

DEATH NOTICE

Brian Martin Phelan, late of Allora, passed away on 30th April 2020, aged 86 years.

Beloved son of Denis and Vera (both deceased), loved brother of Max, loved brother-in-law of Margaret. Beloved Uncle of Michael, Toni, Jenny, Danny, Kerry-Ann, John and Paula and their partners. Great Uncle of 16.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Forever in our hearts.

• CHURCH NOTICES •

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• SOLUTIONS •

DOUBLE HELIX QUIZ ANSWERS

1. a) Tadpoles have gills, which they lose when they turn into frogs. b) The triple point of water is the temperature at sea level.

2. a) Gluten is a group of proteins that are found in wheat. b) Venus' atmosphere is very thick. At Venus' surface, the atmosphere is about 100 times thicker than Earth's.

3. a) Tungsten is a very dense metal. One litre of tungsten weighs more than 19 kilograms! b) Venus' atmosphere is very thick. At Venus' surface, the atmosphere is about 100 times thicker than Earth's.

4. d) Gluten is a group of proteins that are found in wheat.

5. b) Venus' atmosphere is very thick. At Venus' surface, the atmosphere is about 100 times thicker than Earth's.

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Works in Forde Street will operate under full road closures with diversions in place during working hours. It is anticipated that delays will be experienced by road users. Residents will still be able to obtain access to and from their properties within Forde Street by obeying the direction of traffic controllers, workers and signage during the work hours of 6.30am & 5.00pm Monday to Friday.

Council apologises for any inconvenience suffered and seeks your co-operation during this period. Should you require further information, please contact Southern Downs Regional Council, Phone – 1300MYSDRC (1300 697 372).

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Allora Golf Club Notes

Another fantastic roll-up for the **Percy's Fruit Duck Run** last Friday and Errol would have been very pleased with his 22 points. Unfortunately for Errol, our local champion rep Rugby League player Ty Gardner played his best ever round of 4 over par to record a whopping 28 points and win the day easily. To rub salt into Errol's wound, Garry overcame the chilly late conditions to also record 22 points and beat Errol in a count-back for runner-up. Errol won a consolation ball in the rundown. Pin shot went to Will Wallace on the 7th and long putt to Tom Brown on the 8th.

A pretty good field on a cold and blustery Sunday contested the **Railway Hotel Monthly Mug**. We welcomed two new members

in Duke and Kieran and we look forward to seeing their names in the winners list in the near future. Scores were reflective of the conditions with only Jimmy playing to his handicap to win the day with 36 points. Runner-up was Roy Boy on 35 points in a count-back from Lenny. Pin shots went to Kev (11th); Garth (12th); Tommy (16th) and Kieran (18th).

Next week will be the **Percy's Fruit Duck Run** on Friday and a Club Trophy of Sunday.

It is great to see so many social players getting out to enjoy the Allora Course in this beautiful Autumn weather. Although the fairways have

dried out due to lack of rain, the course is still in awesome condition. Don't forget that kids under 16 can play for free while the shut down is in place and after that it is

only \$5.00. Adults can play nine holes for \$10.00 and eighteen holes for \$15.00. We also have motorised golf carts available for hire.

Good golfing to you all.



The long-awaited facelift is underway at the Allora Sports Club. Following the securing of a grant last month painting has commenced and members are keen to see the end result as Wendy has promised an impressive colour scheme.



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