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Future of Allora Show Secured

The future of the Allora Show looks to be secured with the Allora Show Society securing a grant of \$465,455 through the Federal Government's Regional Agricultural Show Development Grants program.

The group received \$340,495 to construct an all-weather all-purpose covered arena, including seating and \$124,960 to renovate and upgrade the Allora Showgrounds canteen and bar.

President of the Show Society Mark Pillar said it's given him and everyone involved in the show a new outlook on life.

"This is going to make things so much easier for us," he said.

"Being able to showcase our new facilities next year will make it a better event for everyone."

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President of the Allora Show Society explaining the renovations to be made to the kitchen and bar area following news of the Government Grant.

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Wild Sage Has Moved



After months of planning Jaimie McMillan has moved with Hairdresser Bec Stewart to new premises in

Herbert Street, Allora.

Jaimie is excited with the new interior giving a fresh, natural look that was obviously very welcoming for the number of shoppers last Friday. At this stage Wild Sage will be doing only Hairdressing, Massage and Retail until her full staff can operate again.

James Lister standing for re-election

Sitting member for Southern Downs James Lister has announced he will stand in the State Elections scheduled for October this year.

A member of the Liberal National Party Mr Lister gained the seat after the local member Lawrence Springborg retired.

As the Southern Downs local MP, 90% of Mr Lister's time is spent getting around the large Southern Downs electorate.

"I have fought very hard to secure water infrastructure in Southern Downs and I have led the charge to maintain the State Government's attention on our drought challenges. I have worked closely with



James Lister MP.

Vic Pennisi, local farmers and small businesses to represent our needs and to ensure that the people of our electorate aren't disadvantaged, or stifled with the price of unrealistic and uncoded projects like the pipeline from Toowoomba" Mr Lister said.

Letters to the Editor...

Dear Sir,

A letter to the editor last week demanded that the Australian government 'look after your own country first'. Government alone cannot make this country self sufficient and bring back manufacturing. Manufacturing began moving offshore many years ago. Australians now have access to unlimited imported goods with no need to support more expensive locally produced products in numbers that are economic to produce. Australian-made cars were one casualty of our neglect. Production costs in Australia are higher compared to overseas because our high wages (amongst other factors) reflect our cost of living. Until we are prepared to spend more to support our local goods and begin to value 'Australian Made' products more than cheaper overseas brands, things will not change. Government does have a role but if a change is to come, it must be driven from below, by a motivated community.

Adele Thomas, Berat

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Current seating and area that will be transformed into an expanded, covered arena following the Federal Government Grant.

Future of Allora Show secured

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Mr Pillar said the new arena will allow the Allora Show to expand on its events.

"The area will be bigger to hold some different things in the future like team penning and more events like that."

Mr Pillar said the upgraded kitchen will also provide a more user friendly experience for show-goers and to all other users of the facilities throughout the year "I spoke to an executive chef who came in and helped set up a plan," he said.

"The kitchen will be a total revamp with new appliances, new lighting and a new user friendly approach.

"This will allow more space and a better experience for small groups

who use the dining room and bar."

Maranoa MP David Littleproud praised the success of the Allora Show when announcing the grants last week.

"The Allora Show is a major drawcard for the region and it will be back in 2021 bigger and better than ever before," Mr Littleproud said.

"I'm sure that will keep patrons coming back for more and is a great way to bring the community together.

"Upgrading show facilities means more visitors to these regional events, more local employment, and more tills ringing in local businesses.

"I want to see our shows continue to grow in size and popularity and bridge the rural/urban divide."

The future of the Allora Show was in doubt after the 2020 event was mostly rained out, with Mr Pillar saying back in April that the funding would be "do or die." Fortunately, the Allora show is here to stay.

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Joel Richters to contest Southern Downs

Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk has announced that Joel Richters will stand for Labor in the State Election scheduled to be held on Saturday 31st October.

Mr Richters moved to Goondiwindi in 2014 after serving in the Australian Army for eight years. He's a proud and dedicated healthcare worker at Darling Downs Health as well as Board Chair of the local disability and community

support organisation, Care Goondiwindi.

"I have seen first-hand how access to quality health services has a vital impact on closing the gap on health outcomes between urban and rural Queenslanders", Mr Richters said.

Mr Richters stood for the seat in 2017 finishing behind One Nation and the current sitting member for Southern Downs, James Lister.



Joel Richters.

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Motorists can expect delays for the next couple of weeks while Forde Street in Allora undergoes refurbishment.

Southern Downs Regional Council advises that road works are underway on Forde Street between Warwick Street and Drayton Street.

Works are expected to be completed within two calendar weeks. Both the start and completion dates are subject to change and are weather dependant.

The work site on Forde Street will be closed to traffic with diversions during

working hours.

A SDRC spokesperson said that due to restricted lane and traffic control conditions, delays will be experienced by road users.

Affected local residents will still have access to and from their properties and will need to obey the direction of traffic controllers, workers and signage during the work hours of 6.30am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday.

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The Back Paddock

Johnson Grass a concern for farmers

Property owners in the region are voicing their concerns over the potentially devastating impact of Johnson Grass on their crops and livestock.

The weed has prospered since the return of rainfall earlier this year and can be seen densely lined along the roadside between most towns in the region and littered across the paddocks.

It has been described by one resident, who has been fighting to eradicate the problem for two decades, as "the COVID-19 of weeds."

He said the weed could pose a serious threat to the long term future of cropping land in the region.

"I believe Johnson Grass to be the most infectious, invasive and destructive weed the Darling Downs has ever seen," he said.

"At present, we are witnessing the beginning of an environmental disaster - the destruction of cropping land on the Darling Downs.

"I have been fighting this pest for over 20 years on this property and am only seeing some satisfactory results now with suppression, but not eradication.

"Identifying and stopping all

sources of infestation is the key but is impossible now, as almost every farm, road and water way on the Darling Downs has been contaminated."

The weed is able to take control of a property in a number of ways.

The seed doesn't germinate straight away, sometimes even up to 10 years, but is spread faster by cattle/sheep dung.

This dormancy ensures the seedlings will be around even after you stop looking for them.

The weed can then release toxins in the soil that kill surrounding plants and crops and dry out the ground with their rhizomes, reaching over two metres deep.

These toxins can then affect cattle and other livestock.

The effects go beyond cropping however, with the resident seeing first hand the plethora of environmental impacts it can cause.

"The Johnson Grass which was planted on the roadside drains is an excellent catcher of silt," the landowner said.

"Drains have been allowed to build layers of silt to the extent that the drains are higher than the

roads and the drains are using the roads for drains.

"Now that this weed is established in drains, they need to be desilted after each storm, an extra expense farming ratepayers can't afford."

He said the weed also acts as a fire hazard.

"A stand of Johnson Grass when frosted coming into mid Spring presents a serious fire hazard."

"When you consider the sides of highways with the grass 2-3m tall and thick and dry, the timber power poles don't stand much of a chance when a lighted cigarette butt is flicked from a car into it.

"Alternatively a car only has to drive into it off a road and the hot exhaust pipe will light it up like a cane fire."



Johnson grass in the Goomburra Valley.

To control the weed, it seems the most effective method is blanket spraying, as slashing or mowing is only effective if it's done continuously.

Mowing, however, is one of the main reasons of spread, with mowers needing to be fully cleaned before being used again in any non-affected area.

If Johnson Grass is a problem at your property, it may be worth doing your research to lessen the impacts both on yourself and future landholders in the region.

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Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago May 1995 Industrial Site

The search is on for a suitable site for industrial development in Allora following the Warwick Shire Council's rejection of an application for a steel retailing and fabrication business close to the town. The proposed site was near the intersection of the New England Highway and Allora Drive on the northern approaches to the town. The Council felt that the proposed development would have an undesirable visual impact on the surrounding area. Following a question by Cr. Sue Cowley as to alternate site, the Council will approach the Land Administration Commission to make available a site suitable for an industrial estate in Allora.

Allora's Past 50 years ago May 1970 Business Announcement

S. C. & L. Wickham advise that they have sold their Earthmoving Business to T. P. and M. A. Mullins of Goomburra. They take this opportunity to thank all clients for business entrusted to them in the past and hope same will be accorded the new owners.

Allora's Past 75 years ago May 1945 Safe and Well

Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Sapsford of Allora



Allora's first Town Hall built in Forde Street in 1870.

have received a cable from their son Captain L. P. Sapsford that he is safe and well in England. Captain Sapsford was captured during the campaign in Greece and for four years has been a prisoner of war in Germany.

Allora's Past 100 years ago May 1920

Allora Shire Council
Those present at the monthly meeting of the Allora Shire Council were: Crs. J. Dean (Chairman), E. S. Maher, P. H. Imhoff, C. G. Shooter, Jacob Holmes, W. J. T. Neale, C. Smith, L. E. Laws (Engineer), and A. Hamilton (Clerk). Correspondence was received from the Lands Department advising that the area of the Allora Mountain Reserve

could be leased by the Council, with the consent of the Minister, for stated periods from time to time, with the view of controlling the growth of noxious weeds.

Allora's Past 150 years ago May 1870

Allora Municipality
Tenders are invited for the erection of a Town Hall at Allora. Plans and specifications can be seen at the Town Clerk's Office, where endorsed tenders will be received until 4 p.m. on Saturday the 28th May. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. Alexander Cameron, Town Clerk.

Colin Newport

Happy Snaps From Around The Region



Tufts of grass uniformly caught on every steel post on this fence near Spring Creek.

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SCIENCE TRIVIA QUIZ

1. The word petroleum comes from two Latin words. Petra means rock, but what does oleum mean?
2. How does the Mars Curiosity rover generate electricity? Does it a) have solar panels, b) have wind turbines, c) burn petrol or d) use a piece of radioactive plutonium dioxide?
3. What does a hippologist study? Is it a) the skeletal system, b) horses or c) hippopotamuses?
4. True or false? There is a ring around Uranus.
5. How many toes do cats have, in total? Is it a) 16, b) 18 or c) 20?

Answers in Classifieds pages

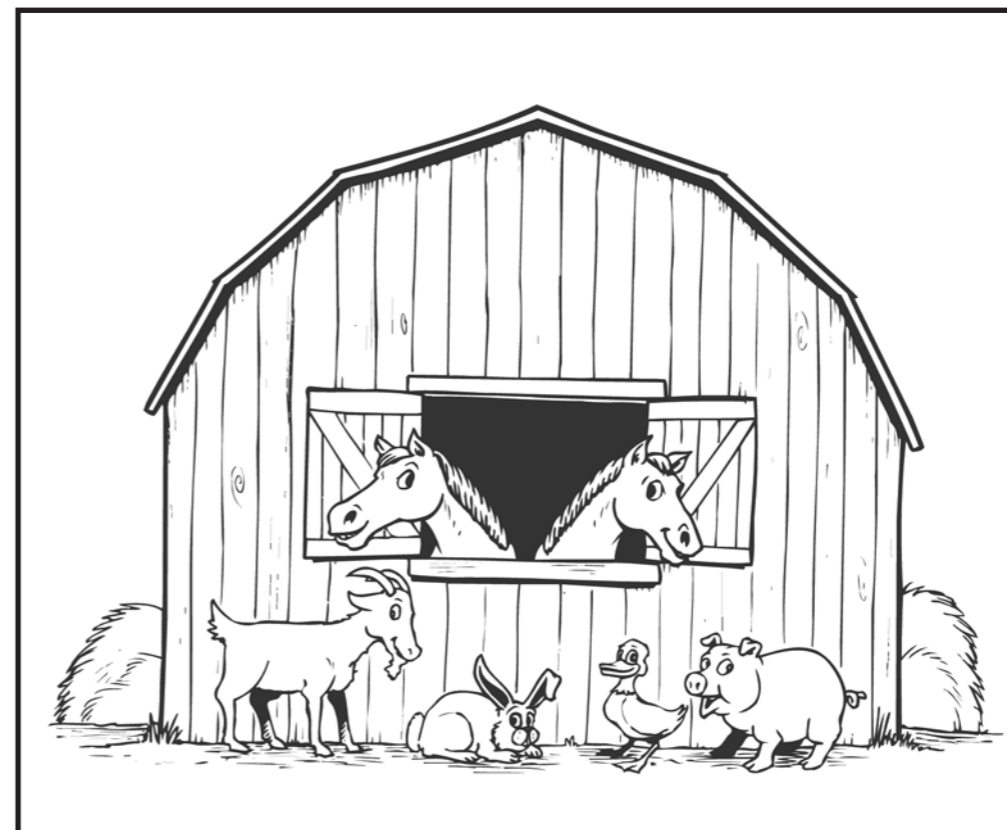
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TODAY'S QUOTE

"Believe only half of what you see and nothing that you hear." - Edgar Allan Poe

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

"What are you making, Johnny?" said the woodwork teacher.

"A portable" replied the boy.

"A portable what?"

"I don't know yet. I've only made the handle."

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• FUNERAL NOTICES •

WEDGWOOD, Anne

Late of Gatton, formerly of Allora,
passed peacefully on 9th May 2020, aged 92 years.

Much loved Wife of Geoffrey (dec'd); dearly loved by Geoff's Children Peter and wife Pam, their children Hugh, Marion, David and their families; and Judy and husband Carmen. Dearly loved Sister and sister-in-law of Hettie and Cyril (both dec'd). Loving Aunt of Alexa and husband Stephen, and Great-Aunt to Lincoln and Sebastian; Aunt of Margaret. Cherished friend of Joan and Helen, among many others especially in the Bridge Clubs, Dog Clubs and Indoor Bowls Clubs of which she was a dedicated and active member. Sadly missed by her dear dog Juno.

A Private Funeral is to be held at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Allora followed by interment beside her dear Geoffrey at the Allora Cemetery, on Monday 18th May 2020. There will be a Memorial Service in Gatton for Anne at a later date to be determined when Covid-19 restrictions allow.

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Allora Golf Club Notes



Almost perfect weather over the weekend and it was fantastic to see so many golfers taking advantage of the conditions. **Percy's Fruit Duck Run** saw Garry continue his purple patch of form to record 23 points and win on a count-back from Wayne. Good to see our old mate Mick Finger having his first hit for a while. Pin shots went to Mick VDP with a beauty on the 13th; Wayne on 15th and long putt to Moose on the 18th. Balls in the rundown went to Rod, Moose, Nick and Mick VDP.

Sunday was a Club sponsored event with numbers slightly down on past weeks due to a few

regulars being on a short leash due to Mothers Day. The day was a par event with new member Kieran winning with a mammoth plus 9. It didn't take this bloke long to salute after only joining the club last week. Runner up was Corbs on plus 1. Pin shots went to Wayne on the 4/13; Kev (8/17); Kieran 3/12 and Rod (6/15).

Thanks to the social golfers who are continuing to support the club. It is great to see so many kids out having a hit.

Next week will be **Percy's Fruit Duck Run** on Friday and the **Railway Hotel Monthly Medal** on Sunday.

A reminder to all golfers to fill in their divots, both on the tee box and on the fairway. Good golfing to you all.



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