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Our Library Is Open Again



Library officers Carmel Blakemore and Carmel Donovan prepared for the re-opening last Monday of the Allora Library, which has been closed due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Council has also re-opened its Customers Service Centre however locals are encouraged to use the online services if possible.

Residents can visit between 1pm and 5pm Monday to Friday however only five people are allowed at one time with social distancing and handwashing a requirement.

During this initial phase of re-opening, Council will continue to provide the home delivery service to minimise the number of people having to physically visit the libraries.

LEFT: The two Carmels ready for readers to return.

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Allora Improvements

On behalf of the Sports Club Committee, congratulations to the Show Society on being awarded a grant to build and improve infrastructure at the Allora Showground. The Allora Showground is an integral part of the social fabric of this town and the citizens would be delighted now that it is clear the future of the local Agricultural Show and numerous other important local events is assured.

I remember my brother Neil winning two categories in the Pet Parade at the 1967 show with his pet ant named Atom. He won both smallest pet and most unusual pet.

We also congratulate Jaimie and the team at Wild Sage for the incredible renovation of the old Cunningham Cafe building which will see a rejuvenation of the once bustling northern end of the Allora CBD.

John Ellwood

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Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor

I wish to thank and congratulate the constituents of the Southern Downs Electorate for their patience and understanding during the current lockdown due to the COVID-19 situation. This has been a financially, socially and emotionally trying time for many people who have not been able to engage in their normal day to day activities. With the fear of growing debt, loss of jobs, businesses and our livelihoods, I want to assure the Southern Downs Electorate my colleagues and I are working to get our economy up and running as a matter of urgency. I understand the need to get people back into employment is paramount because jobs and livelihoods are far better than perpetual dependence on government support, which has been welcome, however will need to be paid back by future generations. I share the concerns about our way forward after the massive blow to jobs, small business and state government finances resulting from COVID-19.

Although we have fought an excellent fight against coronavirus, our focus now needs to be on the future. Through bold road, transport and water infrastructure projects and sensible government spending and borrowing priorities, we can ensure an economic recovery for everyone, and get state finances back on track so that we can fund the nurses, teachers and police, who have done a tremendous job, into the future. I will continue to advocate for a more sensible approach to border crossings which are permanently closed. The commerce and skills coming into our electorate by our cross-border neighbours is a needed boost to our local economy and vice versa.

I know that it will be a tough and long road ahead but if our communities work together, we will come through this extraordinary time more resilient and stronger. Please look out for your family members, your friends, work colleagues and staff who may be suffering silently because of the isolation caused by the COVID-19 lockdown. It is ok to ask, "Are you ok?"

In the coming weeks as the rolling back of restrictions permit, I look forward to again making regular personal contact with the constituents of the Southern Downs Electorate. In the meantime, I can be contacted through my Electorate Office by telephone or e-mail, if any constituent requires assistance.

James Lister MP,
Member For Southern Downs



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Traffic Crash / Stolen Car:

At around 9pm Wednesday night 13th May, Warwick Police were called to attend a single vehicle traffic crash in Chappel Road, Willowvale. At time of Police arrival, the car was abandoned; the driver of the vehicle (and any potential occupants) were nowhere to be seen. The involved Mazda 3 hatchback was a write-off as a result of the crash. During subsequent inquiries made, it was determined that the car had in fact, only been stolen within the previous hour, from the backyard of a Darling Street, Allora address. Until Police arrival at their doorstep, the owner of the car was not aware that the car had actually been taken.

It has since been ascertained that similarly and prior to stealing the car, the offenders had also taken a child's "Thumpster" minibike from the yard of a nearby address in William Street. That theft was not noticed until the afternoon of Thursday 14th May, when the property owner noticed that her rear garden shed, in which the bike had been stored, was open. To date,

the red/orange Thumpster bike has not been located.

Follow-up investigations undertaken by Allora Police with the assistance of local Allora businesses, identified several, potential juvenile offenders from Warwick. The Warwick Child Protection and Investigation Unit (CPIU) have since taken carriage of the investigation, with two male juvenile offenders now spoken with and dealt with under the provisions of the Youth Justice Act.

Arising from these incidents, Allora Officers would once-again, like to remind and warn Allora residents in terms of their vehicle and property security. These were not targeted crimes, but simply ones of opportunity, committed by offenders from other towns and areas passing through Allora. Even if you're home, please lock and secure your vehicles, your sheds and secure anything within or from the yard that may be easily stolen. If you see something that is not right, or someone "hanging around" in circumstances that are suspect, please contact Policelink 131 444; this will ensure an immediate

Policing response whether our Officers are off-duty or patrolling in other parts of the area.

Hoons Caught in the Act:

At about 5:10pm on the 15th day of May 2020, Allora Police along with several members of the public had their attention drawn to the sound of two vehicles performing burnouts between Allora State School and Freedom Fuels Service Station. Thanks to the prompt and accurate descriptions and directions provided by witnesses, both vehicles were tracked and intercepted on the New England Highway south of Allora only minutes after the incident.

It was identified that the vehicles were travelling in convoy, and that the two females and three males from the vehicles were associates from Loganlea.

The driver of one vehicle, a 20 year old man, was charged for wilfully creating unnecessary noise/smoke by way of a burnout, driving and unregistered and uninsured vehicle, attaching false number plates, failing

to display L plates, and driving without a supervisor.

The driver of the second vehicle, a 21 year old man, was served with infringement notices for disobeying the speed limit, and attaching false number plates.

In addition, all five persons were fined \$1,334 each for contravening the Chief Health Officer's Direction (COVID-19) in relation to their non-essential travel outside of 50 kilometres from their residential addresses.

Police are committed to protecting and maintaining the health and safety of the community, and ensuring that offenders from other localities are quickly deterred from bringing unlawful or undesirable behaviour to our town.

Riley Cozens
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The property owner at the back of Hendon was burning rubbish when the fire escaped and eventually burnt about 5 acres of grass before being extinguished. The local brigade was backed-up by the Massie Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Ross Williams, Captain of the Allora Auxiliary Fire Brigade is pleased to have on board a transfer member from Morandah.

Dallas Hoey comes with 6 years experience and has become a valuable part of the seven member team.

However, extra volunteers are still needed to become an Auxiliary Firefighter. If you'd like to join, contact Ross Williams on 0427 890 089 or attend training any Wednesday between 6.00pm and 9.00pm at the Fire & Rescue Station in Muir Street.

Fire Permits for the Allora urban area can also be obtained from Ross Williams.

ALLORA DENTAL PRACTICE NOTICE

We're pleased to announce that COVID19 restrictions for dentistry have been reduced to Level 1.

This means we can now provide our full range of services to anyone who has not been in contact with the virus and is not showing any flu-like symptoms.

Our new hours are from 9 am to 4 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Phone 4666 3651 for an appointment.

Kind Regards,
Dr Alan Smith B.D.Sc

WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Min/Max
WED	☁ Afternoon Clouds. Cool.	11 21
THU	☁ Passing Showers. Cloudy. Cool.	12 17
FRI	☁ Morning Clouds. Cool.	9 18
SAT	☁ Light Rain. Mostly Cloudy. Cold.	9 12
SUN	☁ Light Rain. Mostly Cloudy. Cold.	10 14
MON	☁ Light Rain. Morning Clouds. Cool.	9 18

Warwick Chamber of Commerce

I was very pleased to accept the nomination as President of the Warwick Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber has been a part of Warwick life for almost 100 years and has worked in collaboration with businesses and Councils to develop a stable local economy.

It is my goal now to build on what has already been established, to promote what Warwick has to offer in order to assist local businesses to grow, to attract more businesses to move here, and to encourage more visitors to stop and spend money in our shops.

A key aspect is to engage with our local members and inspire more local businesses from every industry sector to join the Chamber and participate in the events and activities that are on offer every month. This is the way in which our members can learn more



President Tracy Dobie.

and collaborate with each other to build their own business while enhancing what Warwick has to offer.

The next twelve months will be the most challenging that local businesses have faced. After years of drought, water shortages and now COVID19, we are going to need all the energy and commitment we can muster to get us through, and the Warwick Chamber of Commerce is here to provide support.

Tracy Dobie

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School News

Next Monday can't come soon enough for parents, teachers and students.

And it's official! The State Government has announced the return to school-based learning for students in Years 2-10 on Monday 25th May.



Principal of Allora P-10 State School Shaun Kanowski advises that in our school setting it's important that all adults:

- Maintain 1.5m physical distance from each other
- Conduct meetings online or via telephone wherever possible
- Refrain from congregating in and around areas such as school gates, carparks & outside classrooms
- Practise effective hand hygiene and cough & sneeze etiquette
- Stay away from school if unwell
- It would be helpful if parents and caregivers could drop & pick up their children at the gates, only entering the school if necessary and by going through administration in the first instance



Principal of St Patrick's School Allora Tyrone Maher advises that Prep-2 Learners are already back at School and well done on a successful return. Parents are to be commended on the preparation of their children's return to school.

All Students from Years 3 to 6 will return next Monday 25th May.

Parents are asked to ensure that their child either has a jumper for day uniform or a jacket for sports uniform days. Labelling reduces the likelihood their child's clothing ending up at another home. Jumpers and tracksuits can be purchased from the office by appointment.

Applications are now open for families wishing to apply for transport assistance in regards to their child's daily bus travel to and from School. Applications close 31st March.

The Popular Trivia Night - Our P & F are organising an online version on Friday the 29th May. No cost attached to participate and small prizes will be "up for grabs".

SDRC Economic Recovery Package

The first stage of support will take the form of immediate relief on council rates, fees and charges.

Southern Downs Regional Council Mayor Vic Pennisi said that the announcement of the COVID-19 Economic Relief



Southern Downs REGIONAL COUNCIL

Package was the starting foundation for the region's recovery.

Southern Downs Regional Council COVID-19 Economic Recovery Package

COMMUNITY

- Refocus the Community Grants Program to COVID-19 recovery actions arising from the recovery plan.
- Extend the payment period for utility notices until the end of June 2020.
- Suspension of the Invasive Pest Control levy for 2020/21.
- Extend the period of time which payment arrangements can be entered into.
- Waive interest on overdue rates and charges calculated at 30 June 2020.
- Suspend charging of interest on outstanding rates and charges.
- Suspend debt recovery activities for all outstanding rates and charges.

BUSINESS

- 50% reduction of development assessment fees for any new, extensions to existing, and operational works applications fees for 2020/21.
- Waive rental accommodation license fees and caravan park permit fees for 2020/21.
- Waive food license fees for 2020/21.
- Refund booking fees for community events cancelled as a result of COVID-19.
- Waive fees for temporary event permits up until 31 December 2020.
- Fast-track the processing of payment of all invoices.



Tight controls continue at Warwick saleyards

While some COVID-19 restrictions will ease across the region, tight control measures will continue at the Warwick Saleyards for the foreseeable future to ensure the yard's ongoing essential operation during the pandemic.

Southern Downs Regional Council representative to the Saleyards Advisory Committee Councillor Marco Gliori said that by and large, the livestock agents and permanent buyers had respected the guidelines and he acknowledged the importance that the guidelines played in keeping the saleyards operational as an essential service for the region during COVID-19.

One important change is the process of including additional buyers outside of the permanent buyers list through a weekly pre-registration process by 5pm the day prior to the sales. If they are not on the permanent buyers list then they will need to pre-register

through their preferred agent.

The following rules for attending the saleyards will continue until further notice:

- Only agents, essential staff and permanent buyers will be allowed entry.
- Additional buyers will need to pre-register by 5pm the day prior to the sale through their preferred agent. There will be a limit to the number of additional buyers allowed to enter the sale and they must have genuine intent to purchase.
- The main access gate will be manned and each person entering will need to provide their name and contact details and sign a health declaration.
- Only one buyer representative will be permitted on the premises.
- Persons observed to be unwell may be refused entry.
- Social distancing will be monitored and enforced by Council staff

Ekka Led Steer Competition

Entries are now open for the Royal Queensland Show's (Ekka) Led Steer Competition, which will run in a modified format in 2020 due to the covid-19 pandemic.

This year the competition will feature all Hook classes with double the prize money on offer - a total of more than \$13,000 up for grabs.

Judging will be carried out by qualified Aus-Meat chiller assessors on Wednesday 5 August.

Reserve Champions and Champions will also have their carcasses auctioned to the highest bidder via a livestream.

RNA Beef Committee Chair Gary Noller said it was important the RNA found a way to continue to

run the competition in some capacity.

"Our dedicated exhibitors have been preparing their cattle for the Show since before the Ekka was cancelled in April, so it's important we provide an avenue to recoup some of their investment," he said.

"The carcass information helps exhibitors to promote their bull sales from late August to October during spring bull sale season."

The cattle will be delivered to four nominated saleyards, including Toowoomba on Monday 3 August for transportation to Nolan Meats.

Entries close Friday 12 June 2020. To enter go to www.ekka.com.au competitions



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Looking Back...

**Allora's Past 25 years ago May 1995
Piggery Decision**

An application from Danpork Australia to build Queensland's biggest piggery, integrated abattoir and pig meat processing plant at Pratten in the Warwick Shire is expected to go before the Warwick Shire Council for decision in July. Warwick Shire deputy mayor Cr. Cliff Farrell said that the size and scope of the development placed a heavy responsibility on council to ensure all issues, concerns and objections were addressed before a decision could be made.

**Allora's Past 50 years ago May 1970
Business
Announcement**

Mr. Len Batterham wishes to advise that he has sold his Butchering Business to Anderson's Butchery, Clifton, and desires to thank all clients for their support during his term of business and hopes that the same support will be accorded the new proprietors.

**Allora's Past 75 years ago May 1945
Gift Evening**

Mrs. P. Armstrong, Misses Millie Kelly and Billie Collins arranged a Gift Evening in St. Joseph's Hall to honour Miss Mabel Munsie on the occasion of her approaching marriage to Sergeant Neville Guy (RAAF). Miss Munsie is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Munsie of Allora and Sergeant Guy is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy of Tully. Mr. J. Hilton was chairman for the occasion, Mr. R. Marshall spoke congratulating



Members of the Allora Chamber of Commerce inspecting wheat variety trials on Geitz's farm in 1932.

the couple and Mr. J. M. Marshall presented a substantial monetary gift on behalf of those present. Sgt. Guy, Mr. Munsie and Mr. Guy replied on behalf of Miss Munsie and thanked the organizers of the function.

Allora's Past 100 years ago May 1920

Wheat Variety Trials

An officer of the Department of Agriculture visited Allora in connection with the experiments carried out from year to year on wheat variety trials by the Department. The site selected was on Mr. A. Geitz's farm near Allora and in all 36 varieties of wheat were sown. Mr. Harry Geitz who is taking a keen interest in the experiments had the ground, a black loam, in excellent condition and so far the weather has been favourable for a trial under

auspicious circumstances. The Department carries out experiments in this direction each year in an endeavour to ascertain which varieties are suited to particular districts.

Allora's Past 125 years ago May 1895

Allora Hendon Railway

Yesterday was a very busy day in Allora, the occasion being the voting on the question as to whether it would be advisable or not to construct the railway line from Allora to Hendon on the guarantee principle. The residents had not been unanimous on the point so they elected to take a poll on the matter, the result showing that a large majority of ratepayers favoured the building of the line on the guarantee principle.

Colin Newport

CREATIVE CORNER 



SCIENCE TRIVIA QUIZ

1. The Mariana Trench is the deepest trench that we know of, but what ocean is it in? Is it the a) Atlantic, b) Pacific, c) Indian, or d) Southern?
2. Spelunking is another name for what deep activity? Is it a) diving, b) spacewalking, c) caving, or d) mathematics?
3. In 1997, the computer Deep Blue beat the world champion of which game? Was it a) poker, b) chess, c) Mario Kart, or d) table tennis?
4. Which Nobel Prize was jointly won by Peter Doherty and Rolf Zinkernagel in 1996? Was it a) physics, b) chemistry, c) physiology or medicine, or d) peace?
5. Which of the following life forms emerged first? Was it a) dinosaurs, b) flowering plants, or c) sharks?

Answers in Classifieds pages

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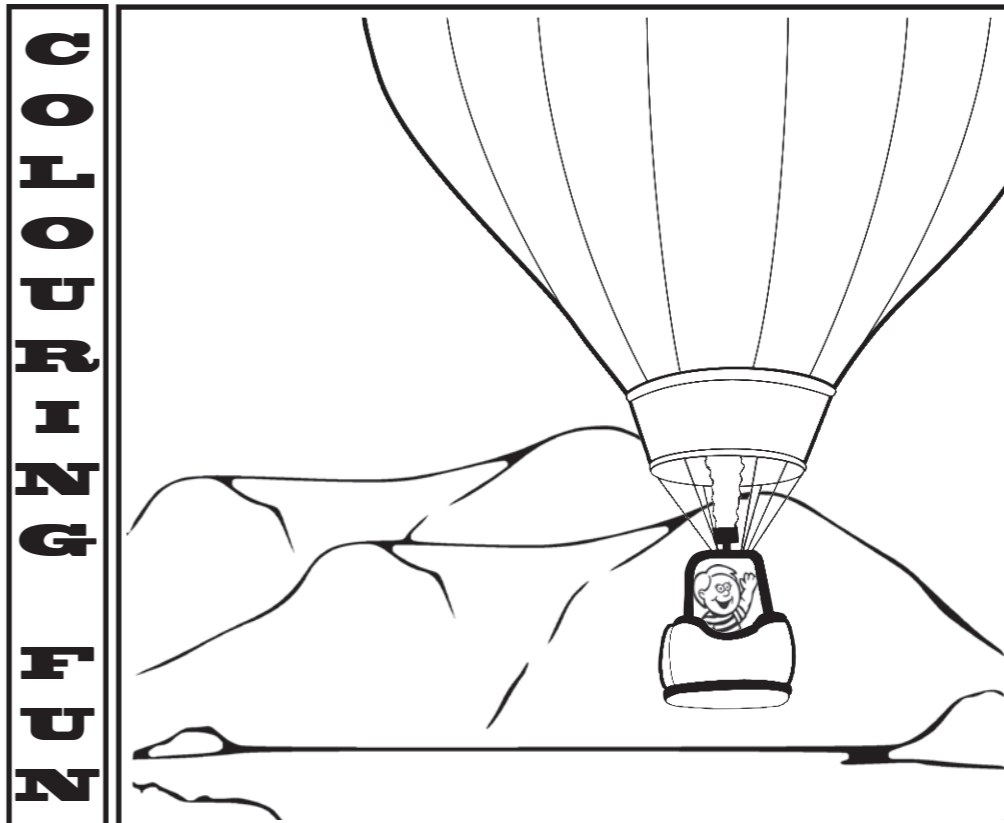
TODAY'S QUOTE

"Progress is like a wheelbarrow. If you don't keep pushing it, it stops." - W.G.P.

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

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DOUBLE HELIX QUIZ ANSWERS

1. (a) The Mariana Trench is in the Pacific Ocean, about halfway between Japan and Australia. (b) Spunking is another word for caving, or exploring underground caves.
2. (a) The dinosaurs emerged approximately 140 million years ago and around 4-10 million years ago. Flowering plants emerged approximately 140 million years ago. (b) Sharks emerged around 4-10 million years ago. (c) Sharks emerged around 4-10 million years ago. (d) Peter Doherty and Rolf Kasperov won the Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine for discovering how the body's T-cells recognise and kill virus infected cells.
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Allora Golf Club Notes

A group of 25 golfers played in the **Percy's Fruit Duck Run** on Friday with our reigning B Grade champion Garth recording 26 points off his "rookie" handicap. It was only a matter of time. Runner up was the ever consistent Mick VDP with 24 points. Moose won a ball in the rundown. Pin shot went to Ben who would have to have the crankiest father-in-law going around. The club almost has enough names on a petition to the government to permit Garn to head north for the winter.

Approach shot was won by Ty who is handling his reduced handicap pretty well although he reckons footy is the easier game.

The Sunday Monthly Medal was won by Moose with a net 67 from Wayne with net 69. Aaron was the

best putter on the day with only 24. Pins went to Wayne (3/12 and 8/17), Liam (2/11) and Garth (9/18).

Next Friday will be the **Percy's Fruit Duck Run** and Sunday the **Allora Butchery Four Ball Best Ball**. A reminder that Tuesday golf will recommence on Tuesday 26th May at 9.00 am.

Pictured at right is popular golf member and holder of the Ken and Sue Wilson Cup, Jason Nightingale who is teaching the finer art of golf to two of his three daughters. The cute little girls make a change to the usual group of ruffians who play golf here on a Sunday (with the exception of you of course Shann).

Please remember to repair your divots on both the green and the fairway. Good golfing to you all.

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