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Ring The Bell! School's In



Students were eager to attend St Patrick's School in Allora on

Monday, first day back after many weeks of home-learning.

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Janowen Hills Re-Opens

Jan and Owen Lawrance, owners of Janowen Hills 4WD Park and Campground have now re-opened in accordance with the Covid-19 restrictions. After being closed during the pandemic Jan and Owen have been regularly contacted by customers about a possible opening day.

The re-opening means Day trippers who have travelled less than 150 kms from home can now enjoy a drive in the beautiful Goomburra Valley. Social distancing will still apply for visitors to the Park.

Stage 2 restrictions from 12th June will allow groups of 20 people to travel 250 kms from home and camp overnight or for multiple nights at Janowen Hills.

Stage 3 will start from 10th July and is focussed on returning to more normal operation which will allow for gatherings up to 100 people.



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St. Patrick's School Kids happy to return to school.

Local Group Benefits From Grant

An Allora volunteer group has benefitted from the Federal Government's Tackling Tough Times Together programme.

The Allora Community Circle has received \$19,987 to enhance community cohesion and reduce social isolation through the delivery of two community

events in Allora. Locals have previously supported and enjoyed the Autumn Festival and the Bush Christmas organised by the Community Circle volunteers.

Member for Maranoa and Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management David

Littleproud said "many projects funded in this round will help reduce volunteer fatigue, enhance social participation and boost the operations of local not-for-profits organisation, which are all crucial to drought-affected regional communities".

Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

During long past war times, enemy aeroplanes flew above, destroying everything below, including the population. The following costs to rebuild, repair and bury, or mend the horribly injured has brought forth a new kind of war!! It is called COVID-19!!

With jobs in crisis, fear at an unprecedented level, the entire shopping world devastated, this new war will leave roads, bridges and cities intact, but communities all around the world changed forever.

Who could have prepared for such devastation one might ask, and can the world ever be the same again, following the COVID-19 war?

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Victoria Hill sheep feedlot creates new market and job opportunities

A Western Queensland cattle and sheep producer will build a new sheep feedlot at Victoria Hill and support close to 150 regional jobs with a funding boost from the Queensland Government.

Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries Mark Furner said Schmidt Grazing Industries was one of fourteen businesses in Queensland to receive a Rural Economic Development (RED) Grant of up to \$250,000 to fund the expansion of their business.

"Schmidt Grazing Industries is a family owned and operated business that has identified an opportunity to capitalise on an emerging opportunity for sheep producers," Mr Furner said.

"The funding will be used to construct a new lamb feedlot over three phases.

"By the third phase the feedlot will be able to hold 16,200 head.

"This project will create jobs that directly and indirectly support the development of the sheep industry in Queensland.

"We know the COVID-19 pandemic has made it tough for a lot of businesses and communities, so these additional jobs will be most

welcome."

Victoria Hill Lamb Feedlot will be constructed at Schmidt Grazing Enterprise's Victoria Hill operation, supporting close to 150 full time jobs across the region once all phases are completed.

Grazier and project owner Stephen Schmidt said the feedlot would help diversify Schmidt Grazing Industries' business portfolio.

"The feedlot will allow Schmidt Grazing Industries to value add their own livestock as well as buying in from other sheep producers," Mr Schmidt said.

"We have extensively researched modern and innovative feedlot designs, based on years of advisors' experience, data analysis and the latest technology to maximise profitability.

"The primary production value chain will be impacted at all stages: sheep producers, contract mustering, livestock agents, livestock transport companies, vets, grain, hay and silage farmers, freight companies, livestock supplement suppliers, saleyards and abattoirs, meat packagers, butchers and meat wholesalers."

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Low Water Pressure



Allora residents may have noticed low water pressure in the past couple of weeks in parts of the town.

A Council spokesperson advised The Allora Advertiser that Council crews have investigated the problem and have rectified the issue.

The low pressure was

caused by one of the pressure reducing valves not operating correctly.

Allora water is currently sourced from Warwick via a pipeline and requires pressure reducing valves to reduce excessive pressure.

Last week the Allora reservoir was offline due to roof damage.

Hendon – burns victim

On Sunday, 24 May, a male in his teens sustained burns to his hand after falling into a fire on private

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Funds to help combat wild dogs



Southern Downs Regional Council has revealed how it plans to spend around \$1.5 million worth of grants to help control wild dogs in the region.

Environmental, Waste, Sustainability and Disaster Management portfolio leader Cameron Gow said council had been planning the process for years.

"We received \$1 million previously through round one and that will be used to help landholders build five clusters in priority areas in the Traprock sheep and wool growing part of our region," Cr Gow said.

"The clusters have been identified and worked up in conjunction with landholders and through Council's Pest Management Advisory Committee over a number of years before the funding even being made available."

Cr Gow said the clusters that have been identified will cover a vast area.

"There have been five cluster areas identified

and they have a combined length of 167km and will encompass an area of 25,500 hectares," he said.

"Round one will also help fund other exclusion fencing through an EOI process.

"The 'Trial Electric Cluster' has a length of 55km and will encompass a further 10,400 hectares and it is this that has been funded under round two."

Minister for Agriculture David Littleproud announced the second round of funding two weeks ago, which saw Southern Downs Regional Council secure another \$450,000.

Councillor Gow said this funding will go towards the Trial Electric Cluster.

"We don't have the funding agreement as yet, but we have had verbal confirmation from the department that the Trial Electric Cluster project has been funded through the round 2 funding that David Littleproud has just announced," he said.

SDRC Secures \$1.5M for Roads & Public Facilities

The Southern Downs Regional Council has secured more than \$1.5 million through the Federal Government's new Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP) to improve roads and community facilities, Maranoa MP David Littleproud has announced.

"This \$1.5 million LRCIP investment will support local jobs and businesses on the Southern Downs and boost local economies struggling under the effects of COVID-19," Mr Littleproud said.

"One of my top goals as the member for Maranoa is to keep improving our public infrastructure, highways and roads for safety, more efficient movement of goods, so that we are better connected with our community and to boost tourism.

"Under the LRCIP, eligible road projects include constructing or improving bridges and tunnels, street lighting, and heavy vehicle

facilities such as rest areas.

"Projects to improve public infrastructure include upgrading bicycle and walking paths, community facilities, picnic shelters and barbeque facilities at parks.

"The LRCIP is based on the successful Roads to Recovery program and will enable local councils to deliver priority projects with a focus on upgrades and maintenance to local roads and community infrastructure.

"I will be working closely with council to make sure projects get under way to support jobs and businesses as soon as possible."

The Federal Government is delivering a \$1.8 billion boost for road and community projects through local governments across Australia - \$500 million through the Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program and the bringing forward of \$1.3 billion of the 2020-21 Financial Assistance Grant payment.



Zebra crossings in Allora's main street received a facelift on Monday.

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Students return to Allora P-10 State School



Students have now returned to school, meaning the resumption of in-class learning.

Teachers will no longer be providing learning at home packages however parents and caregivers can continue to access the learning@home website

set up by the DoE. These resources will continue to be available until the end of Term 2.

School services have returned with tuckshop operating Monday, Wednesday and Friday; instrumental music on Tuesdays, private music lessons Wednesday and Thursday and in-school

sport and HPE.

School assemblies, religious instruction, Friday Futures and inter-school sport will not occur until further notice.

This year the Premier has invited all students from Prep to Year 9 to participate in the 2020 Premier's Reading Challenge which

closes on Friday 28th August. Prep to Year 2 should read/experience at least 20 books, Years 3 and 4 read at least 20 books and Years 5 to 9 read at least 15 books.

A Certificate of Achievement will be given to all students who complete the challenge.

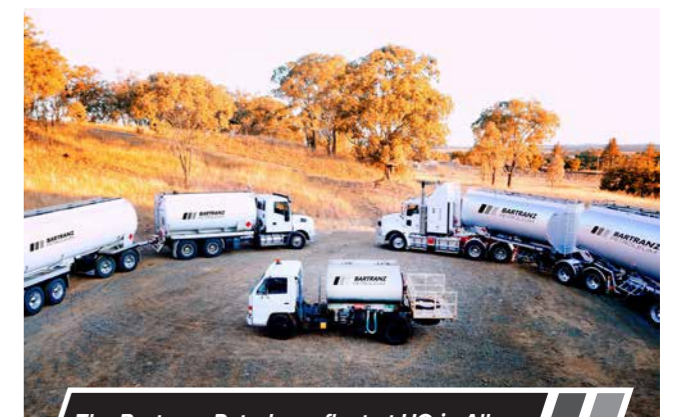
business spotlight

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Owner/operators Justin and Gretta Barton have been in the industry over 20 years. 18 of those years were spent at the very successful local business Glenmar Fuels. Their passion for local business led to the commencement of Bartranz Petroleum. The Drought and COVID-19 crisis have placed immense pressure on small family operated businesses so there is no time like the present to support them.



The Bartranz Petroleum fleet at HQ in Allora



Justin & Gretta with their four children Ambrose, Eddison, Claudia & Harriet

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Missing Droughtmaster bull

Report from Sergeant Troy Whittle on May 21, 2020.

Sometime between April and May, a Droughtmaster bull has gone missing, suspected stolen from a property at Silverdale.

The bull (depicted below) is described as approximately three years of age, polled, red/brown in colour and is branded "KG over half circle".

ification System.

The Forest Hill Major and Organised Crime Squad (Rural) are appealing to the public to come forward with any information that may lead to locating this bull.

If you have any information, please contact the Forest Hill Major and Organised Crime Squad (Rural) on (07) 5465 4200 or Policelink using the online suspicious activity



The bull has an NLIS tag in the offside (right) ear, which has been flagged as lost or stolen on the National Livestock Ident-



form 24hrs per day at www.police.qld.gov.au/reporting.

Quote this reference number: QP2000820847 within the online suspicious activity form.

Southern Downs Still Drought Declared

The whole of the Southern Downs Region remains drought declared along with the rest of Southern Queensland.

After a disappointing wet season, the total area of Queensland that is drought-declared remains unchanged at 67.4%.

Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries Mark Furner said Local Drought Committees (LDCs) had not recommended any changes to drought declarations due to a lack of drought-breaking rainfall.

LDCs found that while rainfall received during February-March was welcome, there was a lack of follow-up rainfall and the benefits were limited.

"With so much of our focus on COVID-19 while having to maintain high levels of ongoing drought support, we are postponing the implementation of Drought Program Reforms until 1 July, 2021,"

Mr Furner said. Mr Furner advised producers in any drought-declared area who believed their property conditions were improved enough to allow restocking could have their property individually revoked.

"If their drought declaration is revoked, producers can access returning from agistment and restocking freight subsidies through the Drought Relief Assistance Scheme (DRAS) for up to two years after the end of the drought declaration," he said.

"However, to be eligible for these subsidies producers must ensure their property's drought declaration is first revoked before introducing any livestock."

The drought declaration map can be viewed at longpaddock.qld.gov.au

For further information on drought assistance visit daf.qld.gov.au or call the Customer Service Centre on 13 25 23.

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George Rickert feeding the pigs on "Villa Farm" at Berat.

Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago May 1995

Glengallan Dig

Archaeologists commissioned by the Department of Environment and Heritage conducted a dig at Glengallan Homestead on the weekend. The purpose of the excavations was to ascertain the exact location and dimensions of the kitchen and "cedar wing" which had been formerly attached to the sandstone section of the building on the western side. The dig uncovered several interesting items including a horse brass, bottles and a stove top.

Allora's Past 75 years ago May 1945

Obituary

The death occurred in Allora of long time resident Mr. Thomas Muir at the age of 84. Mr. Muir had been ill for the past twelve months but shortly before his death he heard the news that he had waited four years for, the release of his son Arthur from a prisoner of war camp in Germany. Thomas Muir was born in Toowoomba and came to Allora as a small boy. He worked the family farm "Riversleigh" on the western edge of the town efficiently over a long period of time. He was a former chairman of

the Allora State School committee, a foundation member of the Masonic Lodge and a member of the State Wheat Board. It was in the field local government where he made his mark being mayor in 1907, 1908 and 1912, first chairman of the Allora Shire Council in 1915, and chairman from 1921 until 1933. His special projects were having the road from Gatton to the border declared a State Highway in 1925 and the connection of electricity to the town of Allora in 1932. Mr. Muir was survived by his wife, four sons and four daughters.

Allora's Past 100 years ago May 1920

Obituary

A long time resident of the Allora district in Mr. Andrew Rickert died in Warwick at the age of 71. Mr. Rickert was born in Germany in 1849 and came with his family to Australia in 1855. Following the death of his mother in 1857, Andrew moved to Allora in 1860 with his father and brothers where Mr. Rickert senior set up a blacksmith's shop where the Railway Hotel stands today. Andrew eventually settled on a farm on Dalrymple Creek to the east of the town which became a model for progressive farming practices in the district. In the

early 1900's he set up an irrigation system pumping water from Dalrymple Creek with a 10 h.p. engine and growing fodder and many kinds of fruit and vegetables. Andrew Rickert was survived by three sons and six daughters, his wife having predeceased him five years previously.

Allora's Past 125 years ago May 1895

Freight Rates

During the week consignments of flour have been delivered from Messrs Kennedy Bros. Allora flour mill to Toowoomba by horse teams. The savings affected by the teams amounts to 8/- per ton, the freight by rail being 23/- per ton, carriers 15/-. Another of the many unexplained anomalies in connection with the railway has been pointed out by the Toowoomba merchants. Flour is carried from Allora to Brisbane, 150 miles, for 15/2 per ton, while from Allora to Toowoomba, about 52 miles, the charge is 23/- per ton. "If," say the merchants, "the Department would allow us to pay the rate to Brisbane, and drop the flour at Toowoomba, we would be satisfied, but to pay half as much more for half the distance we consider most unfair."

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Solution in classifieds section



SCIENCE TRIVIA QUIZ

1. What shape is a convex lens? Is it a) thicker in the middle than on the edges, b) thicker on the edges than in the middle or c) The same thickness all the way across?
2. Which planet is so tilted that it spins on its side?
3. What is the waxy coating of a leaf called? Is it a) the cuticle, b) the sheath, c) the xylem or d) the stomata?
4. True or false? Pterosaur means 'winged lizard'.
5. Are hippos a) herbivores, b) carnivores or c) omnivores?

Answers in Classifieds pages

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BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

A fortune-teller gazed into her crystal ball and told her client he would be poor and unhappy until he was 30.

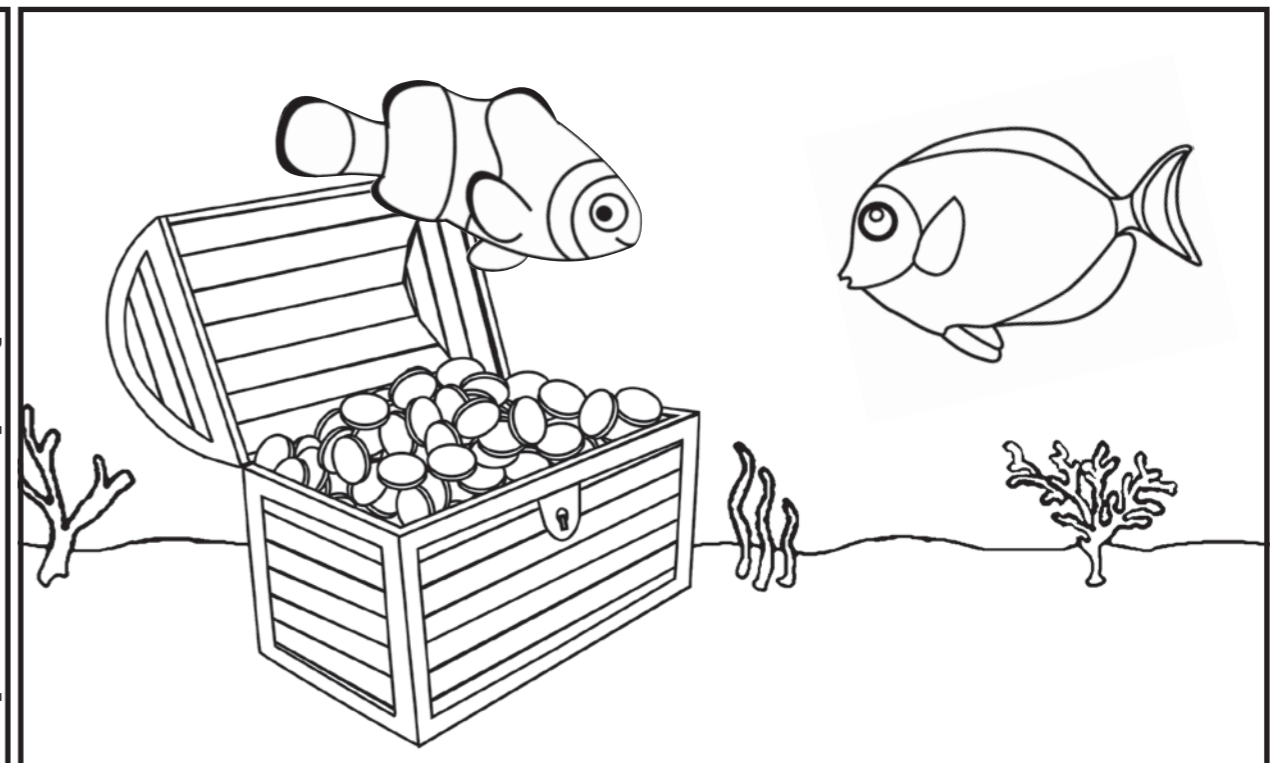
"and then what?" the client asked eagerly.

"and then you'll get used to it." replied the fortune-teller.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"A joke, taken seriously, is no joke." - PK Shaw

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Denny focussed on 2021

Allora's Matt Denny is staying focussed going into 2021 after his Olympic campaign was postponed until next year due to COVID-19 restrictions.

His father John Denny said Matt has been doing his best to adapt in order to keep his fitness up for the next Olympics.

"He's set up a home gym so he's going okay at the moment," Mr Denny said.

"He's been going down to the park to do his throws and he's got himself a portable circle which he can move around."

Mr Denny said the postponement is definitely not a disadvantage for Matt who is younger than most of the field he competes against.



Matthew Denny with proud parents John & Karen after winning silver at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

"Every year at his age he seems to be getting stronger which is definitely an advantage for him," he said.

"Even though he was disappointed that it was postponed, he's still young enough to do very well."

Mr Denny said Matt had big goals for 2021.

"He'd like to be on the podium and get himself a medal of some colour, that's the goal," Mr Denny said.

Allora Golf Club Notes



Another great field of 20 golfers played in the **Percy's Fruit Duck Run** last Friday. Winner on 23 points was "Tommy Terrific" Tommy Brown with the "Silver Tongue Devil" Rod Simpson runner up with 22 points. The perennial bridesmaid John Ellwood won a ball in the rundown with 21 points. The approach shot on the 18th went to "Silver Tongue" and Murray won the long putt on the 14th.

A fantastic field of 23 golfers played in the **Allora Butchery Four Ball** on

Sunday with Garth and Liam winning on 44 points from Rod and John on 42. Pin shots went to Tommy (4/13) Kev (8/17) Errol (2/11) and Crawf (6/15).

Welcome to our Warwick visitors Dave and Errol and welcome back Crawf. Thanks also to Kieran for making up the new pin shot markers.

Next Friday will be the **Percy's Fruit Duck Run** and Sunday will be the **Sports Club Patron's Day**. Thanks to Patto for the sponsorship and also for his unwavering support of the Sports Club Committee.

Good golfing to you all and don't forget to repair your divots.

Grant For Warwick Cowboys



Maranoa MP David Littleproud has announced a \$4,500 grant for the Warwick Cowboys Rugby League Club. The grant will enable the Club to invest in its

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