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Fog Blankets Allora



After some welcome weekend rain the fog rolled in, creating a mystic look over the Anglican Church. The Allora gauge on Dalrymple Creek registered a total of 28mm over the weekend - 5mm up to 9am Sunday and 23mm up to 9am Monday.

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Federal Funding For Massie Airport

The Warwick regional airport at Massie is among 60 across Australia to receive a share of \$41.2 million in funding, announced last week by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Michael McCormack.

The money has been allocated through the Regional Airports Program to assist the owners of regional airports to undertake essential works, promoting aviation safety and access for regional Australians.

Southern Downs Regional Council will receive \$319,035 for its aerodromes at Massie and Stanthorpe.

The two facilities provide bases for emergency services to operate effectively outside of major urban

centres.

The funds will be used to prevent failure of the airstrip pavements, which could provide risks in operating aeromedical and firefighting capabilities along with commercial operations.

The two aerodromes are also used as Royal Flying Doctor Service pilot training facilities and support aeromedical services to the broader region.

"For our regional communities, the local airport is an essential link to the rest of Australia," Mr McCormack said

"The Government is investing in regional airports because we know this infrastructure is key to securing our regional aviation network now and into the post-COVID future."

WEATHER FORECAST			
Day	Forecast	Min	Max
WED	☀ Mostly Sunny. Cool.	8	19
THU	☁ Partly Cloudy. Cool.	9	16
FRI	☁ Morning Clouds. Cool.	10	17
SAT	☀ Mostly Sunny. Cool.	10	17
SUN	☁ Showers. Mostly Cloudy. Cold.	6	15
MON	☀ Mostly Sunny. Cold.	3	13

Rural Water Tank Rebate - Expressions of Interest Now Open

Expressions of interest are now open for Council's Rural Water Tank Rebate Scheme. Residents that wish to take advantage of the rebate have until close of business on Friday 10 July 2020 to submit their expression of interest.

Southern Downs Regional Council Mayor Vic Pennisi said residents should review the Expression of Interest process on Council's website to ensure they follow the correct procedure.

"I want to remind people that they shouldn't rush out and buy a tank right away. Council understands people will be keen to take advantage of this rebate but they must remember that there is a process we have to run to allocate the available funds fairly and equitably"

To be eligible for the rebate, expressions of interest must be received by COB 10 July 2020. Council anticipates that the \$1,050,000 of available funding will be over-subscribed. All expressions of interest that meet the eligibility criteria will be



Mayor Vic Pennisi included in a ballot to randomly select successful applicants. Successful applicants will be notified in writing and only then should they order their tank.

"The last thing we want to see is people left out of pocket if they jump the gun and buy a tank without having their application approved. I ask people to be patient and let the process run its course" said Mayor Pennisi.

Funding for the Rural Water Tank Rebate Policy comes from funding allocated to Southern Downs Regional Council as part of the Australian Government's Bushfire Recovery Exceptional Assistance Immediate Support Package, delivered by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority.

Allora motorists urged to slow down

Leyburn police are urging motorists to slow down on the roads after a dramatic increase in speeding offences issued in the region over the past two weeks.

Between June 5 and 7, Leyburn police issued 11 infringement notices for speeding in the Allora, Leyburn and Clifton region.

Leyburn Senior Constable Matthew Swan said police were disappointed with motorists.

"It was disappointing to see the average speed of offending was between 20km/h to 30km/h over the sign posted limit," he said.

"The most disappointing infringement notice was issued to a 22-years-old Wheatvale man who was detected travelling at

147km/h in a 100km/h zone.

"The behaviour of motorists over the period was appalling and it is a timely reminder to motorists to follow the speed limit, pay attention and don't drive in a manner that endangers your own life as well as others," Senior Constable Swan said.

The Wheatvale man was issued with a high speed infringement notice of \$1245, lost 8 demerit points and will serve a mandatory six month licence suspension.

The male was also issued with an infringement notice for failing to update his address with Queensland Transport within the relevant time period of 14 days.



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Allora Fire Captain urges residents to prepare an escape plan

With winter officially here Ross Williams, Captain of the Allora Auxiliary Brigade, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) is urging everyone to prepare, practise and discuss their home fire escape plan.

Unlike bushfires, cyclones and floods many Queenslanders believe

house fires won't happen to them. In 2019, QFES attended 554 home fires during winter. These months typically see the highest number of structure fires compared to any other period of the year.

Fire happens fast and there's only a small period of time to get out, so having an escape plan could be

the difference between life and death. It's important for everyone in the household to prepare, practise and discuss an escape plan so everyone knows what to do.

When creating an escape plan, ensure there are two ways to exit each room in the house, check there are spare keys handy for doors and windows, have a heavy object handy to break glass if there's no other exit available and pick a safe meeting place outside to check everyone is okay before phoning Triple Zero (000).

Regularly practise escaping with your family or housemates and make it realistic by using a blindfold and crawling on all fours to keep low in case of smoke. For more fire escape plan tips and practise tests visit the Home Fire Safety website www.qfes.qld.gov.au/community-safety/home

To reduce the risk of house fires, check electric blankets and heating devices are properly functioning and do not have any frayed, exposed cords or rust evident. If they do, repair or discard the electrical appliance immediately.

Avoid placing items



QFES Captain Ross Williams.

close to heating appliances, take care using matches or lighters and never leave burning candles or any open flame unattended.

Please make sure your home is fitted with a working Photoelectric smoke alarm. For further questions about the new smoke alarm legislation, please visit: www.qld.gov.au/smokealarms

For any further information don't hesitate to contact 4666 3302 or drop by the Allora QFES station at 2 Muir Street on Wednesday nights between 6 and 9pm.



SDRC Mayor Vic Pennisi, Warwick SES Local Controller John Newley, Warwick SES Janine Hegarty, QFES Regional Manager Robert (Bob) Bundy, Warwick SES Vance Sinden, Warwick SES Ros Newley, and Warwick SES Matt Sondegeld.

New Equipment for SES

The Warwick branch of the State Emergency Service (SES), whose area of responsibility includes the Allora district, has received a boost with new equipment provided by the Queensland Fire and Emergency Service (QFES).

The specialised equipment consists of a Ferno 'Mule II' litter wheel with handles and a Ferno Split Basket Stretcher, and is designed to assist in the rescue and extraction of people who are injured in remote and inhospitable terrain.

Allora QFES Auxiliary Brigade captain Ross Williams said the Allora fire brigade already has some of this equipment but is pleased to see more available for the district if it is needed.

Southern Downs Mayor Vic Pennisi was present at the handover of the equipment.

"I'm really pleased to

see the SES are receiving additional and updated resources," he said.

"These resources make rescues quicker, safer and smoother for both the SES and the people being rescued.

"Our emergency services all work together to support each other and the SES takes this commitment seriously.

"The State Emergency Service is always prepared to assist in any situation, even non-emergency events.

"The SES is often requested by agencies such as the Queensland Ambulance Service to provide specialised equipment, such as these rescue stretchers, to help move patients in tricky circumstances."

The SES is run entirely by volunteers and provides a wide range of services across the whole Southern Downs Region.

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I'm going back to school! How good is this? Allora P-10 State School now has a Breakfast Menu for students.

Beginning Monday 13 July, breakfast will be available for purchase from the tuckshop, on a pre-order system only. How about a sausage, egg & cheese muffin?

Order forms are now available at the Tuckshop and will need to be received at the tuckshop by the end of term (Friday 26

June). Breakfast will then be available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

By the way, tuckshop volunteers are urgently needed. Helping out for an hour or so a month would be appreciated.

On Friday 26 June students will have an opportunity to participate in a range of games run by the Dreamtimes Games Company. Students are invited to wear free dress as part of the reward.



Information from St. Pat's Principal Tyrone Maher - **Uniform Expectations** - the word uniform means "the same". Wearing the uniform shows pride in our school and that students are ready to learn. Our families do a great job in supporting our uniform policy.

Jewellery - no jewellery is to be worn except for watches, religious medallions, one pair of stud or sleeper earrings with special diameters. Nail polish and make-up are not to be worn.

Hair - shoulder length hair is to be tied back with school coloured bands or ribbons. Hair for boys and girls should be worn/cut that stops hair from being in the eyes of the students.

Social Distancing - thanks to families for your co-operation in regard to social distancing. Parents are to phone or email the school to arrange early collection of students, uniform purchasing or a meeting with the classroom teacher.



Australia-India trade partnership

Minister for Agriculture David Littleproud has applauded the Australia-India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership agreed by Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"India is one of this nation's great trading partners and our farmers, fishers and foresters already enjoy a two-way trading relationship worth \$1 billion," Minister Littleproud said.

"The timing of this partnership is critical in the context of COVID-19 as we look to explore export opportunities for our farmers in a post-pandemic world where access to safe, reliable food will be more important than ever.

"India is too big to ignore. It is projected to be the world's third largest economy in the world by 2035 with 1.6 billion citizens—and demand for food is set to outstrip supply.

"There are huge opportunities for Australia's world-class, clean and safe products in this thriving market, but patience and persistence is required.

"We're providing capacity building training to accept modern biosecurity treatments for our exports, we've posted a second agricultural counsellor in India and we're working to improve Indian crop forecasting so Australian pulse farmers can make more informed decisions about what they plant each season.

Fast Facts:
· Australian two-way agricultural trade with India was valued at over \$1 billion in 2018, with Australia exporting \$664 million of agriculture, fisheries and forestry products.
· India has also recently agreed improved access conditions for barley to India's 500,000 tonne malt barley market.

GRDC - Focus On Farm Business

GRDC Grower Relations Manager, Susan McDonnell said this year's Update program, which will be delivered online, had been designed to provide grain growers with practical, relevant information to help improve farm business profitability.

"After three years of severely reduced income, it is vital that we are prepared and in a position to capitalise on the opportunity of what could potentially be an above average winter crop yield this year.

"As a result, we have very carefully selected five topics that will build knowledge and delivery information that genuinely supports good decision making in the farm office." Mrs McDonnell said.

While ensuring accessibility for all growers has been a priority, she said there had also been a focus on selecting topics in response to grower feedback.

"The five topics on offer online as part of the 2020 Grains Research and Development Corporation's Farm Business Updates

- from June 22-26 will be:
- Management under the microscope – budgeting, interest rates, investment planning, how to leverage existing resources
 - Resetting your mindset – taking yourself from survival to business as usual and forward planning
 - Economic outlook for agriculture and global supply chains
 - Managing farm business exposure to grain markets and tactics to reduce risk
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Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago June 1995

Rain Boosts Hopes

Falls of up to 23 mm on the Southern Downs will enable more winter crops to be planted, according to Department of Primary Industries agronomist Ken Bullen. "The rain will benefit the 60% of the winter grain crop that has already been planted. I expect that this week's rain will build up the top-soil moisture to enable a number of district farmers to plant cereal crops in the colder areas of the eastern Downs. The Southern Downs needs a continuation of regular 20mm to 40mm falls to ensure a good crop. More rain is needed but farmers are grateful for each fall after four years of drought," Mr. Bullen said.



Daniel and Johanna Connolly and two of their daughters on their farm at Elphinstone. (Note the bullock on the gallows behind Daniel). Photo courtesy Robin Connolly.

Allora's Past 50 years ago June 1970

NOTICE ALLORA SAWMILL

Mr. Harry Geck advises that he has sold his sawmill to K. & V. G. Jannusch and he desires to take this opportunity to thank all clients for their support during the past 23 years.

Allora's Past 75 years ago June 1945

Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Crooke, well known and highly respected residents of Allora, celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding on June 6th. They were married in the old Presbyterian Church in Forde Street in 1895. Mrs. Crooke was born in Allora and was the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Cameron, pioneering residents of the Allora district. Mr. Crooke was born in Gowrie Junction

but his family came to the Allora district when he was five years old. Both Mr. and Mrs. Crooke took a keen interest in the Allora Show, as exhibitors and judges. Mr. Crooke was a foundation member of the Allora Bowls Club while Mrs. Crooke was instrumental in the founding of the Ladies Bowling Club and served as president for four years. Both are prominent members of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Crooke have shared much joy in life tinged with a little sadness. Their eldest son Cameron drowned in Dalrymple Creek at the age of 11½ and their second daughter died after a long illness at the age of 24. There are three other children and six grandchildren.

Allora's Past 100 years ago June 1920

Allora Born Knight

Western Australia's Agent-General in London since 1917, James Daniel Connolly, has received a knighthood in

the King's Birthday honours list. James Connolly was born in Allora on the 2nd December 1869, the third of the eleven children of Daniel and Johanna Connolly (nee O'Callaghan). James received his education at the Clifton Colliery School, Warwick Public School and at Gregory Terrace in Brisbane before training as a quantity surveyor. In 1893, with a group of other young Allora men including Patrick Donovan, Henry Kennedy and George McDonald, he left for Western Australia to try his luck on the goldfields. James became a leading contractor on the goldfields, building many prominent buildings in Coolgardie, Kalgoorlie and Perth. He was elected to the Western Australian parliament in 1902, and appointed Colonial Secretary and Minister for Commerce and Labour in 1906. His other portfolios included Public Health where he took a deep interest neglected children, the betterment of aborigines.

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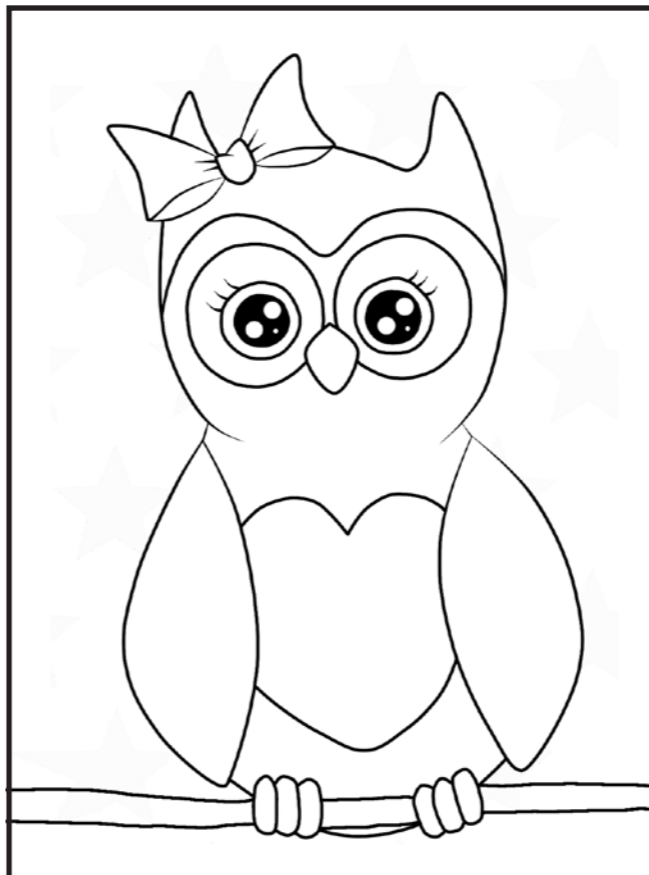


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COLOURING FUN



BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

Hoping to impress his girl with his athletic prowess, young Stan started to climb a cliff-face. But half-way up, he got stuck.

"Come back down, Stan!" his girlfriend called

"Can't" Stan shouted back.

"You can come back down the same way that you went up," suggested his girlfriend.

"No damn fear! I came up head first!"

TODAY'S QUOTE

"Exits are on the way out." - W.G.P.



SCIENCE TRIVIA QUIZ

1. How long does it take light to travel to our solar system from the nearby star system Alpha Centauri? Is it a) four months and four days, b) four years and four months, c) 44 years, or d) 44 000 years?
2. What line is 23.5 degrees south of the equator? Is it a) the Tropic of Cancer, b) the Tropic of Capricorn, c) the Antarctic Circle, or d) the Roaring Twenties?
3. Which mammal has the most neck bones? Is it a) humans, b) giraffes, c) three toed sloths, or d) they all have the same number?
4. Which element is often added to table salt to help prevent thyroid diseases? Is it a) carbon, b) selenium, c) iodine, or d) calcium?
5. Where would you find the patella bone? Is it in your a) leg, b) arm, c) back, or d) skull?

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Works will operate with Speed and STOP/GO restrictions. It is anticipated that delays will be experienced by road users. Residents will still be able to obtain access to and from their properties 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).

Jane Stroud
Acting Chief Executive Officer

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4. (c). iodine is often added to salt to prevent iodine deficiency. You might see the words 'iodised salt' on the packet.
5. (a). The patella is another name for your kneecap.

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QUIZ ANSWERS

1. (b). Alpha Centauri is the nearest star system to ours, about 4.37 light years away.
2. (b). Places on the Tropic of Capricorn are directly under the Sun at midday on their longest day of the year.
3. (c). Three toed sloths have nine neck bones. Almost all other mammals, including humans and

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What could be better than a game of golf with a few mates to enjoy the beautiful weather yesterday?

A smaller field of 15 golfers played in the **Percy's Fruit Duck Run** last Friday. It was good to see Whit back from his sojourn out to Charleville, with the break away certainly doing him no

harm. He won the day with 22 points on a countback from Doreen. Doreen is actually in rare form at the moment as she also took out the pin shot. Rickie Fowler look-a-like Tommy won the

approach with his eagle putt on the sixth and old "Silver Tongue" Rod won the long putt on the 8th.

Our Tommy Brown sponsored day on Sunday was cancelled due to the most welcome rain so Tommy will sponsor another event in the near future. Thanks Rickie.

This Friday will be the **Percy's Fruit Duck Run** and Sunday the **Monthly Medal**.

Thanks to our sponsors.

The committee decided on Sunday to allow optional tee up on the fairways. It is great to see divots being repaired on both the tee boxes and the fairways. Please continue to repair all divots, whether they are yours or not.

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