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Miner Abandons Goomburra



Kaili Resources has surrendered its Resource Authority Permit which could have led to a 100 per cent owned, Apec Coal Pty Ltd, mining the Goomburra Valley. *Read full story inside page 3.*

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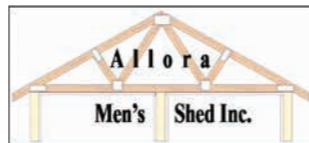
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The Shedders Return



L-R Bruce, Stuart, Graham, Garry, Bob, Rex, Trevor and Brett all lined up for a quick photo before distancing themselves at The Shed.



Members of the Allora's Men's Shed are pleased to be operating again - every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8.30 until midday. The blokes say the best part of the day is morning tea and a chat. New shedders are more than welcome to join and enjoy the benefits both physical and mental. You can't beat the sound of machinery and making sawdust amongst mates.



Brett and Bruce working on wooden aircraft that will form the base of a windssock to be erected on Brett's home in Clifton.

School Holidays

After settling back into school just last month, students will be taking two weeks holiday before Term 3 resumes. Term 3 will resume on Monday 13th July.

Last day of School for St Patrick's School Allora is Thursday 25th June with the School closed on Friday 26th for a planning

and professional learning day. Term 3 will resume on Monday 13th July.

Holidays for Allora P-10 State School will be from Monday 29th June until Friday 10th July. Resuming 13th July.

We hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday.

WEATHER FORECAST

Day	Forecast	Min/Max
WED	Sunny. Cold.	4 15
THU	Sunny. Cool.	3 18
FRI	Mostly Sunny. Cool.	5 18
SAT	Mostly Sunny. Cool.	6 18
SUN	Mostly Sunny. Cool.	7 18
MON	Mostly Sunny. Cool.	6 17

Miner Abandons Goomburra

Apec finalised test drilling on what it called the "Maryvale Project" in 2016 at which time local activity was initiated to prevent the project going ahead.

A public meeting was held at the Goomburra Town Hall and the group "Guardians of Goomburra" was formed.

A survey through the district showed that 96 per cent of locals were against the proposed coal mine.

A petition aimed at preventing the project also

received strong support.

The level of community opposition was, in part, responsible for Kaili Resources surrendering its approval permit.

A spokesperson for Guardians of Goomburra said the news was welcomed by group members and residents of the valley, however the organisation intends to remain vigilant as it would be possible for other companies to apply to take up a lease in the area.



Forest Plain Road Upgrade

Funding from the Federal Government's Roads to Recovery Program have been used to improve a section of Forest Plain Road.

A Southern Downs Regional Council spokesperson said staff had identified the road as having underlying pavement issues that require rehabilitation for safety reasons.

The existing road pavement has been rehabilitated and widened to improve its strength.

"Keeping our roads in Southern Downs as safe as possible is a key task that Council undertakes," the spokesperson said.

"We routinely inspect the region's roads and undertake maintenance and upgrade programs."



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SDRC Roads To Recovery Grant

Local road maintenance in the Southern Downs Region will receive a boost thanks to funding under the Federal Government's Roads to Recovery Program.

Member for Maranoa, David Littleproud has announced a current allocation of \$1,203,004 for Southern Downs Regional Council (SDRC).

It is part of a total \$9,464,047 allocated to SDRC from the Roads to Recovery Program between 2019-20 and 2023-24.

"The Roads to Recovery funding will allow the 17 councils in Maranoa to progress a number of high-priority projects, using local knowledge to deliver the best local roads," Mr Littleproud said.

"The Federal Coalition Government is committed to getting Australians home sooner and safer, no matter where they live."

The Australian Government has committed an additional \$100 million per year to the Roads to Recovery Program from 2019-20, as part of the Local and State Government Road Safety Package announced in the 2019-20 Budget.

From 2013-14 to 2023-24, the Government will provide \$6.2 billion under the Roads to Recovery Program, with an ongoing commitment of \$500 million each year following.

"We are investing in infrastructure as part of economic recovery on the other side of the COVID-19 pandemic. Helping local councils maintain and improve roads under their jurisdiction is a big part of that," Mr Littleproud said.

"The Federal Government is committed to providing vital infrastructure and services through a range of programs to local councils including the newly created \$500 million Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program, Financial Assistance Grants, the Bridges Renewal, Black Spot, Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity and Roads to Recovery programs."



Southern Downs
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minister seeks investigation into Warwick fuel prices



If you filled your car with fuel in Warwick recently, you may have paid too much.

The State Government is seeking an independent investigation into fuel prices in Warwick.

Energy Minister Dr Anthony Lynham has asked the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to look into whether fuel retailers were ripping off local motorists.

"Warwick motorists deserve a better deal at the fuel bowser," Dr Lynham said.

"We know Queenslanders are doing it tough as a result of this global pandemic and it is unfair Warwick locals are dealt a double blow with high fuel prices.

"International oil and refined fuel prices are now on the way up from

their historic lows and it is important for the economic recovery of Queensland that motorists are not paying more than they should be for fuel."

The Queensland Government is doing everything it can to help Queensland motorists at the bowser.

This includes the government's fuel price reporting trial to help motorists shop around and find the cheapest servo in town.

Under the trial, all fuel retailers are required to report their fuel prices online within 30 minutes of any change.

"I have asked the ACCC to look and investigate fuel prices in Warwick and bring what action they can, including naming and shaming the retailers who are doing the wrong thing," Dr Lynham said.

Race Club Funding

An application for funding from the Clifton Jockey Club to Racing Queensland has proved successful.

The club is one of 13 across the Darling Downs, Maranoa and South West to share in more than \$750,000 in infrastructure funding as part of the State Government's Country Racing Program.

The program enables non-TAB clubs to apply to Racing Queensland for

repairs and maintenance to club infrastructure.

Clifton Jockey Club has been allocated \$20,000 to upgrade padding on its barriers and improve its swab stall.

The Club stages one meeting a year, each October.

The meeting is as much a major social event as it is a race meeting, and attracts a large contingent of people from the Allora district.

Nominate a Local Hero

Nominations for the 2021 Australian of the Year Awards have been called and while the chances of finding someone in ur area who could qualify for the major wards may be difficult, one award - for Australia's Local Hero - is not beyond the realms of possibility.

The Local Hero Award acknowledges a significant contribution made by an individual at a community level.

National Australia Day Council CEO Ms Karlie Brand said nominating someone for the Awards helped share the many stories of inspiration among us.

"There are always so many people doing amazing

things in our country," said Ms Brand.

"This year, perhaps more than any other since the awards began in 1960, we've seen Australians overcome many adversities, help each other in times of crisis and carry out acts of bravery, leadership and kindness on a daily basis.

"It only takes one nomination for someone to be considered for the awards, but a nomination must be submitted for a person in order for them to be in the running."

Nominations can be made online at - australianoftheyear.org.au

Nominations close at midnight on July 31.

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Stronger Penalties for Biosecurity Risks

An amendment to the *Biosecurity Act 2015* to strengthen biosecurity penalties has been introduced into the House of Representatives.

Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management, David Littleproud, said the *Biosecurity Amendment (Traveller Declarations and Other Measures) Bill 2020* is about protecting Australia.

"Australia produces the best agricultural products in the world, but we need to be vigilant to protect Australia from an ever-increasing number of pests and diseases that threaten our country and way of life," Minister Littleproud said.

"Our biosecurity system safeguards our environment, animal, plant and human health from exotic pests and diseases. It also underpins the productivity and sustainability of our agricultural industries.

"The Bill enables infringement notices with a higher value to be issued for goods that have not been declared on an incoming passenger card and pose a high biosecurity risk.

"Under the new legislation the Director of Biosecurity will determine which goods pose a high biosecurity risk and can therefore be subject to a higher infringement notice amount than currently applies. Instead of the two penalty units (\$420) currently available at the airport, infringement notices may be issued for up to 12 penalty units (\$2520). The value of a penalty unit will be indexed on 1 July 2020 (\$222 instead of \$210).

"We need everyone to get the message, if in doubt just declare it and if you don't declare it, you will be caught and issued with an infringement notice."

"This government is serious about biosecurity and this legislation provides us with another tool to manage non-compliance. It builds on changes introduced in 2019 that allow visitors to have their visas cancelled and be refused to be entry into Australia for a serious breach of our biosecurity law.

The new legislation is expected to commence on 1 January 2021.

Uni Fee Reduction Welcomed By Littleproud

The cost of studying agriculture at university will be slashed from 2021 under an Australian Government higher education funding plan aimed at producing graduates for high-priority jobs for growth sectors.

Member for Maranoa and Federal Agriculture Minister David Littleproud said the whole agriculture sector will continue to thrive post-COVID-19 and will be helped by more access to educated, highly-skilled workers.

"The announcement by the Education Minister that students who study agriculture will pay 62 per cent less for their degree reinforces the sector's status as an essential, high growth industry," Mr Littleproud said last week.

"These reforms recognise that the farming sector will lead Australia's economic recovery out of COVID-19 and towards the Ag2030 \$100 billion target.

"We have the brightest agricultural minds in Australia and the best farmers in the world.

"The Australian agriculture industry is changing, including the adoption of technology, advanced

equipment and new farming techniques, and the emergence of internationally competitive industry and business structures.

"The workforce and skill needs of the industry are changing too and the announcement means that it will be more accessible for people to upskill for the breadth of agriculture, agri-business and ag-tech jobs available today and in the future.

"The announcement by Minister Tehan supports our focus on securing Australia's food security supply chain and harnessing export opportunities.

"It also reinforces the importance of our development of a National Agriculture Workforce Strategy to guide these future graduates to long and fulfilling agriculture careers," Mr Littleproud said.

"These reforms will also allow us to support more regional, rural and Indigenous students to access higher education, because we believe that every Australian should have access to a world-class education."

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Looking Back...

Back Plains Death

The Allora Historical Society has received, through the editor of the Allora Advertiser, an inquiry about the Doyle family in the Allora Clifton district. The inquirer knew only that her great grandfather, Michael Doyle, may have been murdered in the Back Plains district in the early 1900s.

Research reveals that there were three apparently unrelated Doyle families living in the Allora Clifton

district at that time. John and Bridget Doyle of Allora were from Kilkenny in Ireland, Richard and Margaret of Spring Creek were from Tipperary, and Michael and Mary were from County Kerry. Michael and Mary Doyle selected an 865 acre block on the Hendon Victoria Hill Road in about 1886. This was known as the "Glen Lomond Paddock" and was formerly part of North Toolburra. The Doyle family lived in a cottage on an 80 acre black soil farm about two miles from Hendon.

In about 1892 Michael and Mary purchased a farm at Back Plains and moved there, retaining the Hendon paddock. They were living at Back Plains in 1898 when Michael took his neighbours the Doolan brothers to court for the assault of his 19 year old son James. The judge at the time is reported to have said "I wish that farmers would settle their disputes between themselves and not bring



The grave of Michael and Mary Doyle in the Clifton cemetery.

them here before me." Perhaps Michael had this comment in mind when in January 1900, Michael, the 15 year old son of Michael and Mary, reported to his father that he had been assaulted by their neighbour David Sissman. The father and son confronted Sissman at his farm, and after a heated argument Sissman struck Michael Doyle senior on the back of the head with a hoe as he stooped to get through his fence. Sissman was arrested and appeared before the Allora Police Court charged with assault. He was denied bail and remanded for 8 days. In that time Michael Doyle died of his injuries in the Toowoomba Hospital.

David Sissman was then brought before the Toowoomba District Court charged with manslaughter. He claimed that he had acted in self-defence. After the trial the jury returned a verdict of "guilty of manslaughter under great provocation with a strong

recommendation of mercy." The judge sentenced Sissman to 6 years imprisonment. Some of the jury members were shocked at the severity of the sentence and started a petition for the remittal of part of the sentence. Mary Doyle was pregnant at the time of the death of her husband Michael. Their son Cornelius was born later that year and Con Doyle grew up to be a prominent racehorse trainer. After Michael's death the family retained the Back Plains farm, with part of it and the Hendon paddock being transferred into the name of the eldest son James. The family land at Hendon and Back Plains was sold in about 1915. In 1916 son Thomas was killed in action in France. Mary lived until 1934 and is buried in the Clifton cemetery with Michael.

Colin Newport

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TODAY'S QUOTE

"Children have never been good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them."
- James Baldwin

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

"I have never seen a stranger looking baby," said the social worker.

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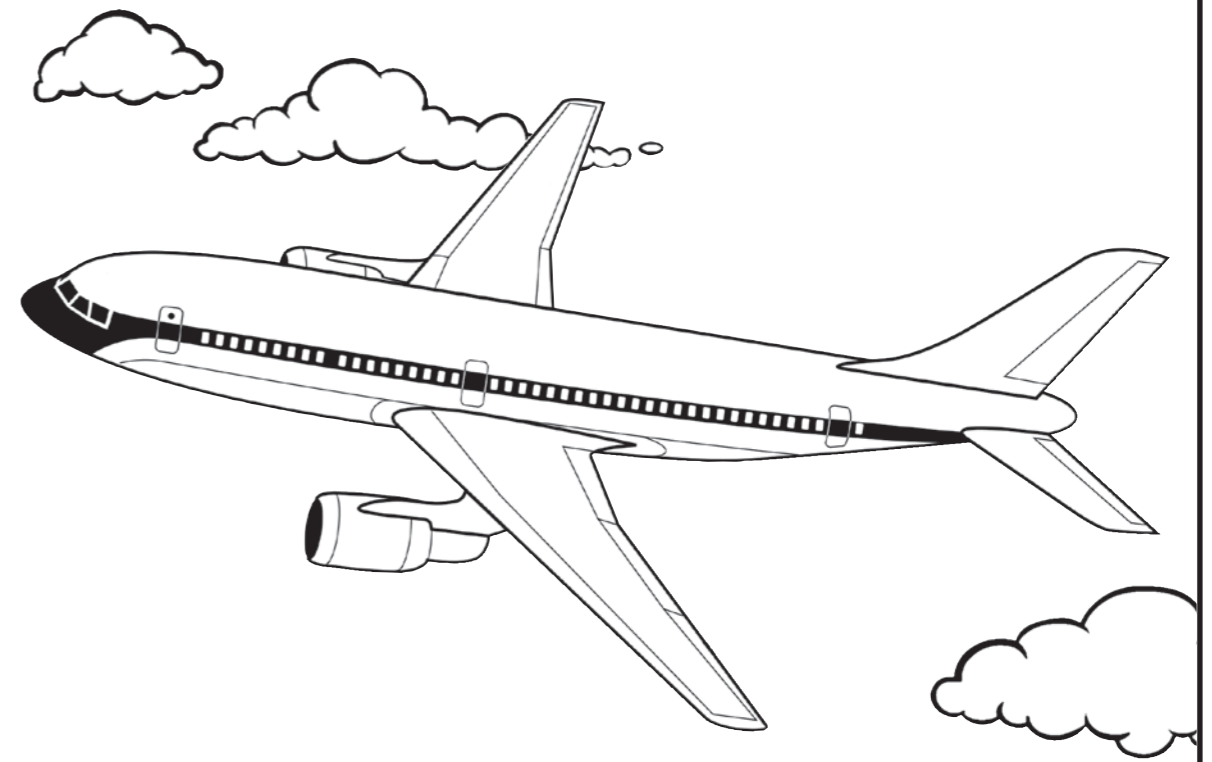
SCIENCE TRIVIA QUIZ

1. Where would you find the smallest bone in your body?
2. In general, when you heat a piece of metal, does it expand, contract or stay the same size?
3. Does a proton have a positive or negative charge?
4. Which is the brightest planet in the night sky?
5. What is the Ebola disease caused by? Is it a) a virus, b) a bacterium or c) a fungus?

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- A proton has a positive charge. Venus is the brightest planet, as viewed from Earth.
- The Ebola disease is caused by a virus.

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• ANNOUNCEMENTS •

TAYLOR, Mary Zita "Tommy"
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Allora Golf Club Notes

A great field of 24 golfers contested the **Percy's Fruit Duck Run** on Friday. Winner with a terrific 25 points was former champion soccer player Tony Haig. Runner up was Tommy Brown with 23 points on a countback from Moose and Aaron who both won balls in the rundown. Other ball winners were Kev, Roy, Nick and Rod. The approach was a clean skin and Roy won the pin shot. Kev won the long putt.

The **Monthly Medal** was played on Sunday with a field of 26 players. We welcomed a first time visitor from Middle Ridge in Stacey, who was most impressed with our course. Winner of the Monthly Medal was Roy with a net 62 from Russell with a 66. Russell has just emerged from isolation and considering he also won 3 pin shots (7/16; 8/17

and 9/18) and the long putt (6/15) the prolonged lay-off has done him no harm at all. Balls in the rundown went to Garth, Corbs, Sparkie, Kev and John E. Sparkie also won the approach on the 3/12. Other pins went to Baz (4/13) and Will (7/16 in a tie with Russell).

To round out a fantastic day for the Sparksman family, John won the "C" Grade Championship play-off by one shot from John E, shooting 85 off the stick. Congratulations Sparkie.

Next week will be the **Percy's Fruit Duck Run** on Friday and the **Allora Butchery Two Person Ambrose** on Sunday.

A reminder to all golfers that the club golf carts must be looked after and there is to be no "hooning", driving down steep slopes, more than two players per buggy etc.

If any members observe

poor behaviour on the golf course it is their responsibility to do something about it immediately. Don't report it to the Club Providore a week later. Golfers who continually disrespect the course and / or the buggies will be asked to leave the course and if they are members may have their membership revoked.

It is also the members responsibility to make sure that non-

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