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Introducing Boo-Boo The Texas Longhorn



This speckled steer has caught the attention of Allora locals and visitors who have been seen snapping photos as Boo-Boo poses.
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Day	Forecast	Min/Max
WED	Partly Cloudy. Cool.	6 20
THU	Mostly Sunny. Cool.	6 19
FRI	Mostly Sunny. Cool.	7 18
SAT	Mostly Sunny. Cool.	5 18
SUN	Early Fog Followed by Sun. Cool.	6 20
MON	Morning Clouds. Cool.	7 17

Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

Many people have phoned me and my office to criticise the decision down in Brisbane to replace Lawrence as a party trustee on the executive committee. I found out about it in the newspapers and the decision had nothing to do with me or Deb Frecklington. I understand and respect people's disappointment, and I thank them for expressing their opinions to me. It just confirms for me how well-respected Lawrence remains in the Southern Downs communities that I represent. Lawrence is widely beloved as the founding father of the LNP, and he's a very important source of wisdom and support for me personally. He remains a towering figure within the LNP, and his influence, popularity and moral standing is entirely undiminished by this latest news.

Party-political goings-on down in Brisbane are not my business, and they don't in any way change how I do my job in Southern Downs. My focus remains on getting around our big electorate, representing everyday people who come to me for help, and fighting for the best possible outcomes for us down in Parliament.

I continue to speak with Lawrence all the time, and I am grateful for the excellent working relationship that I have with him as Mayor of Goondiwindi. Lawrence is a mate and he has a lot to offer, so I hope that he'll return to a senior position in the party at some stage down the track, if he so wishes. I know he'll have the strong backing of myself and the many LNP members here in Southern Downs.

James Lister MP
Member for Southern Downs

St Patrick's School Allora

This Friday 31st July St Pat's School Allora will be a 'Pupil Free Day' as the School will be CLOSED.

It's the Bishop's Inservice Day when all Toowoomba Catholic School's Staff will

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On Tuesday 4th August School Mass will celebrate the Feast of St Mary MacKillop.

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Allora Men's Shed AGM held



Attendees at the Allora Men's Shed AGM on 25 07 2020. L - R, back: President Bob B, Bob L, John C, Wayne F, Garry T, Bruce R (+ Tassie), James L MP, Chris G-S, Brett N, Travis B, front: Trevor S, James W, Barry H, Jim F, Rex R, Graham H, Ken G, Glenn M, Stuart C.

Allora Men's Shed held their AGM last Saturday. Reports on a productive year were presented by second year President Bob Burge and retiring Treasurer Graham Hickson.

James Lister MP congratulated Bob, the Executive and AMS members on a very successful year and their successful activities within the Allora & District community.

James then presided over the election of Office Bearers, those being elected are:- President: Bob Burge.

Vice President: Trevor Shields. Secretary: Brett Nottage. Treasurer: Barry Hanlon. Patron: Ken Gillam.

The Management Committee members are: the Executive plus Graham Hickson, Garry Taylor and Rex Rigbye.

Members are pleased to be 'back in action' following almost 4 months closure due to covid19.

Any prospective new members are invited to attend any of the 10 o'clock smokos on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday mornings at the shed, 16 Jubb St., Allora.



During the meeting. L - R, President Bob Burge, AGM Chairman James Lister MP, Secretary James Willis.

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Rate Increase Averages 1.9%

Southern Downs Regional Council has adopted a rate increase averaging 1.9 per cent for the current financial year, although ratepayers won't be impacted until January.

Mayor Vic Pennisi said the current COVID crisis has been in the front of mind for Councillors whilst developing this budget, and in response Council is proposing that for the first six months of the new financial year rate-payers will receive a rate increase that equates to zero per cent.

"There are some mechanics behind doing this, and as such Council will levy a 1.9 per cent rate rise but then will apply a corresponding concession to balance that rise back to nil," Mayor Pennisi said.

"This initiative will provide financial support to our residents through these trying times."

The Mayor said Council will also be changing the way in which it levies the general rates and the utility rates.

"Previously these have been levied at different times of the year with the general rates all in advance at the start of the financial year and then two separate utility levies," Mayor Pennisi said.

"We've listened to the feedback that this is somewhat confusing and messy for our ratepayers so we will be introducing the issuing of two half year levies for general rates and utility charges."

Wild Sage Proving Popular

Annie, Jamie and Katie at Wild Sage Cafe have been kept busy with diners enjoying the relaxed atmosphere in the courtyard.



Open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8am the Café is attracting plenty of locals and out-of-towners. It's great to see another reason for tourists to visit the "Best Little Town on the Downs".

Congratulations Eric!

Eric Holmes celebrated his 90th birthday last Sunday 26th July.

Living all his life on the Darling Downs, Eric was born in Allora and grew up on a dairy farm at Spring Creek, where he attended the Spring Creek State School until he left at 14 years of age.

Eric did odd farm jobs until he married Gladys (nee Baker) and they bought a farm at Headington Hill where they lived until their son Lindsay married and sold the farm to him.

They then moved to Allora where they've lived for 28 years or so.

Eric has been in the Clifton Nursing Home recuperating from illness

but this week moves back to Allora to reside at Homestead.

On Sunday the family gathered to celebrate Eric's 90th birthday.

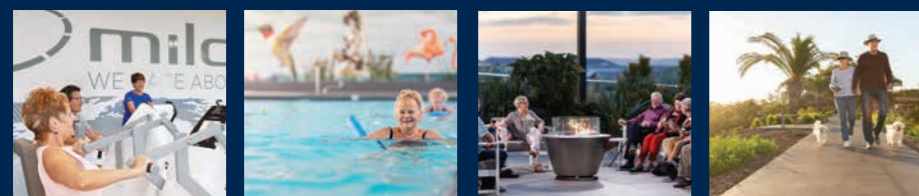


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Lifeline Support Continues

Lifeline Darling Downs is continuing to offer support for drought affected persons through the Lifeline Darling Downs Drought Relief Program and the Community Connections Program.

"Residents in the Allora, Clifton and surrounding areas who need support can contact Lifeline Darling Downs for assistance on 1300 991 443," Lifeline Darling Downs, CEO, Derek

Tuffield OAM said.

Food and clothing can be provided through the Emergency Relief Service, and for primary producers monetary support up to \$500 can be offered.

Primary producers just need to complete the Lifeline Drought Application.

Drought funds are limited but all funds will be distributed until fully expended.

Fr Thomas celebrates a quarter of a century



Fr Thomas Areekuzhy.

After a quarter of a century in the Darling Downs, former Allora priest Father Thomas Areekuzhy said he has enjoyed every minute working in small regional communities.

After arriving in Australia on June 16, 1995, Fr Thomas began his mission at St Theresa's Parish in Toowoomba then as Associate Pastor at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

He first took up a role in the local area in February 1999 when he was appointed as Priest Director and visiting Priest for the Sacred Heart Parish in Cambooya and St Joseph's Parish, Greenmount.

A year later Father Thomas made Clifton home when St James and St John's at Clifton and St Matthew's Leyburn were added to his list of parishes.

These were joined by St Patrick's Allora soon after.

Although he is now based between Oakey and Pittsworth, Fr Thomas said he has fond memories of his time in the Allora and Clifton districts.

Never one to shy away from innovations, Fr Thomas said he is always willing to take on new technologies in his work and he is now well known for taking photos of his parishioners using his trusty iPad.

With decades of connections and friendships in the Darling Downs, Fr Thomas has no intention of leaving the region.

"I love to live in the countryside," he said.

"I was approached to move to Brisbane and Sydney, but I refused. I love the country, city life is not for me."



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Located on a property near Allora this Texas Longhorn steer has an interesting background.

Bought as a calf about 5 years ago from a breeder in western Queensland, Boo-Boo became a pet to the owner Jill Bockman who couldn't resist this tiny calf that was really cute.

Horns on the steer are 72 inches from tip to tip -

apparently other cattle in the paddock become aware of the dangers after the first time being pricked.

Texas Longhorns have a strong neck to support these horns and in America Longhorns are sought after for the longest horns which have a huge base. Unfortunately some horns are too big causing harm to the animal's neck and head. The main reasons

for keeping Longhorns are showing, breeding and very tender meat (and of course, as pets!).

Boo-Boo, a full bred animal and fully registered, has won the best Longhorn Steer two years in a row in Shows out West.

Texas Longhorns are not common around the Darling Downs but if you'd like to know more phone Jill on 0437 551 842.

Q-Fever: What Will It Cost You?

This article, written by Vincent Machatsch, a medical student undertaking a rotation at the Allora GP clinic explores the issue:

Do you work with or come into contact with livestock? Then you are at risk!

The Southern Darling Downs has amongst the highest rate of Q-fever in the developed world. Whilst this vaccine-preventable disease is more common here than elsewhere in Australia, there seems to be a void in accessible information on what this disease really is and how to best prevent it.

Q-fever is spread by a bacteria *Coxiella Burnetii*, which is found in high concentrations in animal bodily-fluids. However it

is not only direct contact with animals that can cause infection - This clever bacterium can live for months in dry dust and cause infection after being inhaled.

The good news? Half of all people exposed to the Q-fever germ will not develop symptoms; The bad news is that the other half that do get sick develop severe flu-like symptoms 2 - 3 weeks after being exposed. The most common symptoms include fever, profuse sweating, nausea, weight loss, fatigue. This is generally treated with anti-biotics and bed rest. The initial illness usually lasts between 2 - 6 weeks, but it may not be over there. Long term complications include damage to the heart valves, lung scarring, and a

debilitating chronic-fatigue-like illness which can last for up to several years.

The only known method of preventing Q-fever is vaccination. The vaccination process includes two steps:

1. Pre-screening where it is determined whether you have been exposed to the disease prior
2. Vaccination if it is deemed that you have not been exposed - if you have been exposed to the disease you are considered immune and will not need a vaccination

Cost for a complete vaccination schedule generally amounts to 200 - 300\$AUD yet may be tax deductible for business owners and employers. This vaccine is the only one that is tax-deductible in Australia,



Vincent Machatsch.

because the government acknowledges the financial impact Q-fever could have on a business. Once given, the vaccine works for life and you would have greatly reduced your risk of having Q-fever affect you or your livelihood.

If you have any concerns surrounding your risk of Q-fever and how to further reduce it, please contact your local health services or consult the QLD work safe website.

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Looking Back...

Hendon Families

In the past week the Allora and District Historical Society received two inquiries about old Hendon families. Both had sons who served in the military forces.

Edward and Mary Washbourne came to the Hendon district about 1889 and took up farming. Edward had been previously employed as a carpenter in the Railway Department. Edward and Mary had a family of thirteen children. Their son Sydney served in the 1st Queensland Contingent in the Boer War. On his return home Syd was well known around the Hendon district in that he had trained a bullock to the bridle and saddle. It was common to see him canter to the railway station on the bullock and home again after collecting the mail. He also yoked the bullock to the shafts of a dray and used it to do all the general cart work around the farm.

George and Mary Ann Sanderson came to the Hendon district in 1897 when George was appointed the ganger on the newly built branch line from Hendon to Allora. George and Mary Ann had a family of seven children. The name C. H. Sanderson appears on both the Hendon honour board and the Allora WWI memorial. There is no record of a C. H. Sanderson serving in the Australian army during WWI. For some unknown reason Charles Hugh Sanderson enlisted in the army while working as a horse breaker at Condoblin N.S.W. under the name John Clive Turner. He gave his next of kin as his father George Turner, railway worker, of Hendon, Queensland. John Turner served in the Provost Corps at Gallipoli and in France. In 1919 after the war, "John Clive Turner" married Kate Moody. John, Kate and her seven year old daughter returned to Australia in December of that year. On discharge from the army, Charles Sanderson must have reverted to his real name as Charles Hugh and Kate Sanderson were



School children at welcome to Prince of Wales, Hendon railway station, July, 1920.

recorded on the 1920 Warwick Division electoral roll as living at Tanneymorel. The present day Sanderson family descendants are in possession of the WWI medals issued in the name of John Clive Turner. On his enlistment form in the militia in WW2 Charles Sanderson wrote John Turner's regimental number 2028.

Allora's Past 100 years ago July 1920 Prince of Wales Visit

The Hendon railway station was the assembly point for the citizens of the Allora district to welcome His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on his Australian tour. A compact square of returned soldiers, school children, members of the Light Horse, cadets and the general public sang "God Save the King" as the Royal Train drew up. The Prince spent seven minutes



Cr. James Dean (front right) welcomes the Prince of Wales to Hendon in July 1920. Photo courtesy Edwin Dean

talking to the returned soldiers and the wives and mothers of soldiers. Cr. James Dean, Chairman of the Allora Shire Council, welcomed the Prince. Lieutenant W. J. T. Neal M.M. was in charge of the returned soldiers. Other officers present were Lieut. R. W. Brown and Major Laphorne. The Prince was given a rousing cheer on leaving.

Colin Newport

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SCIENCE TRIVIA QUIZ

1. Guinea worms are almost extinct, but what are they? Are they a) giant earthworms, b) nematodes that grow inside humans, or c) caterpillars of the world's largest butterfly?
2. How many sides does a decagon have? Is it a) 6, b) 8, c) 10, or d) 11?
3. Where would you find a mangrove forest? Are they found a) on the coast, b) on mountain ridges, c) in sandy deserts, or d) about 20 metres below the ocean?
4. What organ is affected by dermatitis? Is it the a) brain, b) liver, c) kidneys, or d) skin?
5. How many northern white rhinos are alive today? Are there a) 2, b) 23, c) 237, or d) 2370?

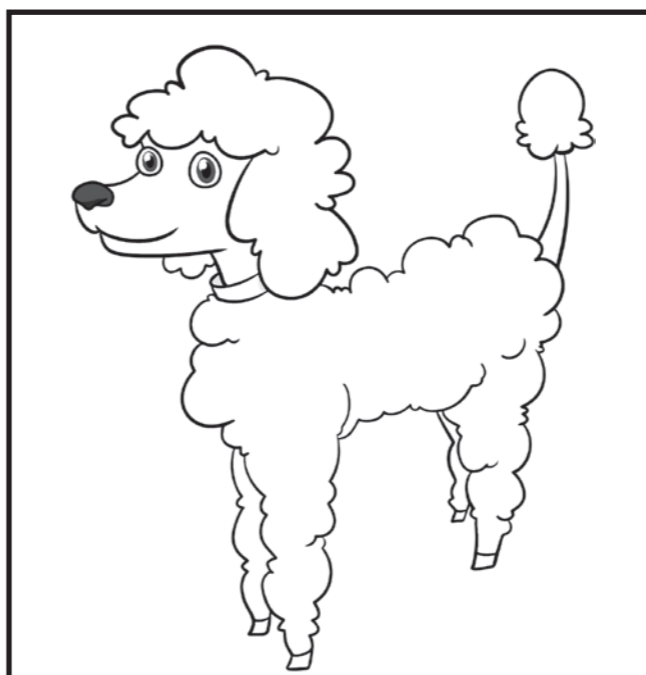
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TODAY'S QUOTE

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." - Mother Teresa

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Solution this page below

BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

A bloke applied for a picker's job at a lemon orchard.

"You had any experience picking lemons?" the foreman asked.

"I sure have" the bloke replied "I've been divorced six times!"

• SOLUTIONS •

DOUBLE HELIX QUIZ ANSWERS

1. b) Guinea worms are parasites that live inside humans and can grow over a metre long. A long and Fatu, and both are female.

2. c) A decagon has 10 sides. infections reported in 2019. there were only 54 human has been very successful, and running eradication campaign

3. a) Mangroves are shrubs and trees that grow in shallow water on the coast.

4. d) Dermatitis is a skin irritation that can involve itching, dry skin, or a rash.

5. a) There are only two northern white rhinos left, named Najin and Fatu, and both are female.

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Allora Junior Tennis Stars

Even though it was a really cold afternoon the Allora Junior Tennis Stars didn't seem to mind.

All the kids were eager to run around and warm up before Mandy Mutch had them hitting tennis balls.

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Allora Golf Club Notes

Winner of the **Percy's Fruit Duck Run** was Errol May with 24 points from Garry on 21 points in a countback from Moose. Pin shot on the 16th went to Rod and the long putt on 11 was won by Adam May. Great to see you out having a hit Gordie. The approach on 14 was a cleanskin. Moose won

a ball in the rundown. We only had a small field on Sunday for the **Allora Butchery 4BBB**. You golfers who stayed away because of the rain should be ashamed of yourselves. Winners were Garth and Corbs with 45 points from John and Kev on 44. Pin shots went to Garth on 4/13, Trav on the 8/17

(Trav actually beat his own shot second time round). Kev won the approach on 3/12 and the long putt on 6/15.

A reminder to all golfers in carts to stay well away from the apron of the greens. We don't want to be a club that has directional signs all over the place but the ninth apron

looked like the Goomburra four wheel driving course after Tuesday. You can't complain about your life if you don't do the right thing yourself.

Next Friday will be the **Percy's Fruit Duck Run** and Sunday will be the **Railway Hotel Monthly Mug**. See you on the links.



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