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Bridge Upgrade Increases Road Safety



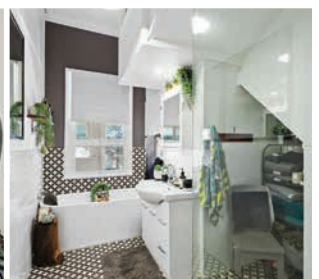
Member for Maranoa David Littleproud and Southern Downs Mayor Vic Pennisi officially opened a new bridge that will provide safer access for road users passing through Forest Springs. See story inside page 3

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Letter to the Editor...

Dear Sir,

Toowoomba Legacy Inc. has continuously supported the widows and dependent children of deceased veterans since 1947. This has only been possible through the exceptional generosity of the public especially during our Annual Badge Week appeal, which is usually held during the first week of September every year. You will have seen us, alongside the uniformed members of the Australian Defence Force, selling Legacy Badges in various shopping centres throughout the Darling Downs.

To say that 2020 has been an extraordinary year is a gross understatement. We began the year in the midst of a severe drought, with the threat from local bushfires. We then had to face up to the extreme regulations brought into play because of COVID-19. As a result many of those who have faithfully donated to us every year now find themselves suffering financial hardship. Our Legacy Volunteers (Legatees) are all getting older, most of us are in the high-risk category for COVID-19, and as such should refrain from unnecessary community activities. This year we have had to plan our appeal differently. Instead of attending the shopping centres; and thus posing a risk, not only to our volunteers but also, to the generous members of the public, we are asking the public to donate directly into our local bank account. The details of which appear below. Our Appeal will be extended to the end of September to allow plenty of opportunity for those who wish to donate.

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Upper Forest Springs Road Bridge Replacement

A number of Southern Downs councillors were also in attendence for the opening of the Upper Forest Springs Road Bridge Replacement.

Mayor Pennisi said the bridge upgrades will make a "big difference" to Forest Spring residents and other commuters.

"This bridge services not only residents, but farmers and producers, and is a vital piece of infrastructure that keeps the local community connected and moving," he said.

"Council will continue to seek funding opportunities to replace a number of old timber bridges within our road network and undertake important bridge repairs.

"While road safety is everyone's responsibility, council is committed to building better, safer bridges across our region for all road users, whether they are locals or visitors who travel here to enjoy everything that our unique locality has to offer."

Whilst at the opening of the bridge, before moving on to the opening of Palmer Bridge in Freestone, Member for Maranoa David



Littleproud spoke of the nations reliance on small towns such as Clifton, Allora and Forest Springs in the resurgence from COVID-19.

He said it was upgrades like these that are vital for small towns.

"While this may be a smaller one than Palmer Bridge, let me say this is just as important to these people behind us and on the other side and you only have to look into the paddocks around us to see how important this bridge will be to these people that are going to get us out of the COVID-19 recession," Mr Littleproud said.

"This is where it will happen, it won't be in the cities, it will be in the regions, and this piece of infrastructure will be the infrastructure that empowers

them and empowers our nation to get out of the recession."

The Federal Government

committed \$301,400 to the project whilst the Southern Downs Regional Council committed \$441,000.

Allora Police News

Over the past few weeks Allora and Leyburn Police have been pro-actively targeting the possession and transportation of dangerous drugs on our roads within the local area. In 5 days alone, 10 persons have been charged with 16 offences, stemming from the location of methylamphetamine, cannabis, and other drug-related items – including one man being in possession of over 6 ounces (168 grams) of cannabis hidden in his vehicle. The subsequent charges preferred, include multiple

counts of supplying methylamphetamine (ice) and 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA / Ecstasy), as well as possession of methylamphetamine and cannabis, possession of drug utensils and disqualified driving. All persons were residents of Warwick, Allora and Clifton, and will appear before the Warwick Magistrates Court later this year.

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Although the "Fatal Five" contributed to over one-third of all serious crashes where people were killed or seriously injured on Queensland roads, behaviours like tailgating, not giving way, running red lights, and breaking a range of other road rules contributed to half of all serious crashes.

This campaign's focus is on tailgating and failing to give way because, apart from the Fatal Five, they are the two of the most frequent contributors to serious crashes in Queensland.

Rural road fatalities made up two thirds of last year's national road toll. 835

people tragically lost their lives on regional roads last year.

A staggering 78% of city and regional drivers admit to risky driver behaviour generally, while one in five confess to being more likely to break a road rule in rural areas.

Worryingly, speed is the number one dangerous driving act that all Australians are prepared to risk on rural roads, while speed, fatigue and drunk driving are the top behaviours found to most likely impact rural drivers.

Allora Police are asking all local and district road users to concentrate while driving, adhere to the road rules and especially, to drive to the conditions of the road at the time. "We just want to make sure that all road users, get to where they're going safely, each and every time". Sergeant Damian F. Grace said.

Markets at Warwick

The popular Country Harvest Markets are on again this Sunday at the Warwick Showground.

From 8.30am until 1pm you can stroll, enjoy the music and pick up some great local crafts and homemade items.

All sellers must make, bake or grow which makes for some delicious goodies. Stall holders are local as well as from the outer regions



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ALLORA P-10 STATE SCHOOL A Day at Secondary School

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opportunity to experience a day in secondary at Allora P-10 State School. An invitation is extended to Year 6 students to attend on Tuesday 15th September from 9am to 3pm. Please RSVP to the School Office on Friday 11th September or for more information phone 4666 7222.



ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL ALLORA from Principal Tyrone Maher

Stop the Spread

While there are no confirmed cases of Covid 19 in our immediate area, developments south of our state border are a reminder of the importance of good practices to ensure everyone's safety. These

practices include; social distancing (school children are exempt in the school grounds); good hand hygiene—hand washing and the use of a sanitizer; keeping yourself and your children at home when feeling unwell; and good coughing and sneezing etiquette—into the elbow.

Change to Rate Notices

Southern Downs Regional Council will move from a single annual rates notice and will instead issue two six-monthly notices from this financial year.

All rates and charges will be billed together and issued in two smaller, six-monthly instalments in August and February, with the exception of water consumption notices.

Water consumption charges are determined by the amount of water consumed as per meter

readings, these notices will continue to be issued in two half-yearly notices in October and April.

Council will continue to offer a discount of 7.5% on the current general rates to ratepayers who pay their rates notice in full within 60 days of the notice date.

Rates and charges may be paid outside the due date subject to an agreement between Council and the ratepayer, however discounts will not apply for these arrangements.



David Burges - new CEO at SDRC



Southern Downs Regional Council has appointed Mr David Burges as the new Chief Executive Officer.

Mr Burges has a good local knowledge of the region as he was born and educated in Stanthorpe. His career in Queensland Local Government started 26 years ago. In that time Mr Burges has worked in various engineering related positions at Moreton Shire/Ipswich City Council, Bulloo Shire Council, Johnstone Shire Council and Waggamba Shire Council, culminating as Director of Engineering and Planning at Goondiwindi Regional

Council. In 2011 he was appointed CEO of Quilpie Shire Council.

Mr Burges commences duties at the Southern Downs Regional Council on 14th September.

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The Back PADDOCK

New Bigger, Stronger Palmer Bridge

The upgraded Palmer Bridge in Freestone was opened at the weekend, benefiting residents and the agriculture industry in the Southern Downs town.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Michael McCormack said the newly opened concrete single-span structure, which replaced the former timber bridge, would make a meaningful difference to the community.

"The new bridge has a 100-year lifespan with a significant increase in load capacity as it now can carry 166-tonnes which will be of great benefit for local primary producers and transport companies.

"The new bridge supported 26 jobs during construction and is a great local example of how the Australian Government's investment in infrastructure nationwide is supporting jobs and communities at a time when it's needed most." Mr McCormack said.

Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management and Federal Member for Maranoa David Littleproud, who attended

the opening, said the new bridge offered oversize access and a detour when the Cunningham Highway is closed.

"The bridge's approaches have been realigned to better integrate with Freestone Road, which improves safety for all motorists including agricultural workers in the area," Mr Littleproud said.

"The bridge has been widened from 5.5 metres to 9.2 metres and the height has risen from 4.8 metres to 6.15 metres, which means the bridge will close less often during flooding."

Southern Downs Mayor Vic Pennisi said he was thrilled to see the region's important assets updated.

"Palmer Bridge has been a part of our region since the 1960s and it's heartening to see it receive this attention and care."

Palmer Bridge, which spans the Freestone Creek, was built in 1964 and named in honour of Freestone's Palmer Brothers. One was Mr W L Palmer, who was Deputy Chairman of Glengallan Shire Council (1957-64), having served on Council from 1939. Glengallan Shire was

absorbed into Warwick Shire in 1994, which in turn merged with Stanthorpe Shire to form Southern Downs Regional Council in 2008.

The project was jointly funded with the Australian Government committing \$1.494 million and Southern Downs Regional Council \$1.504 million.



David Littleproud, Ross Plamer, Vic Pennisi and Helen Palmer at the opening of the new Palmer Bridge in Freestone.

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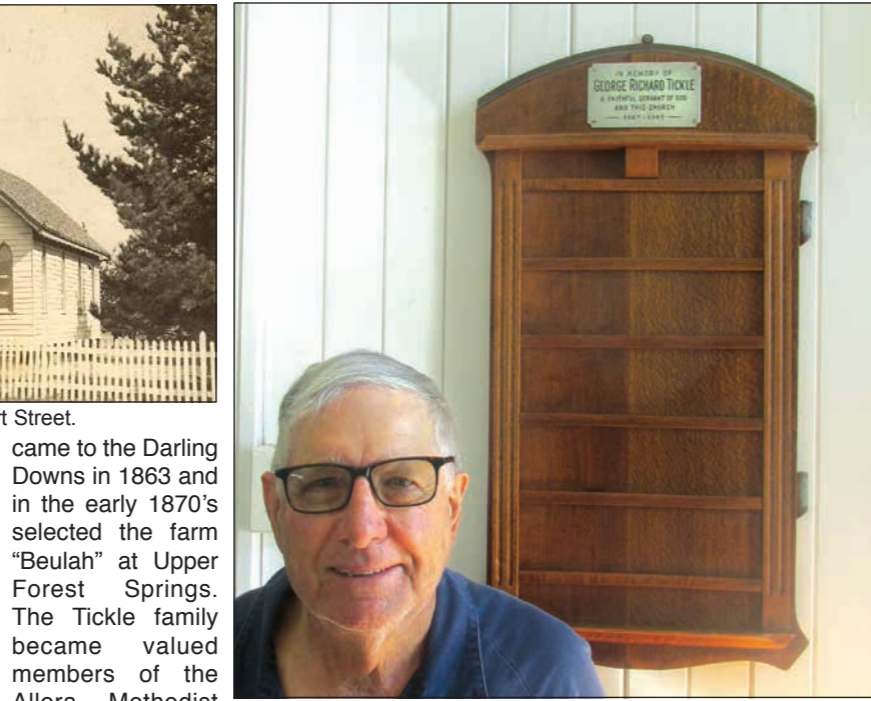


Methodist Church at 34 Herbert Street.

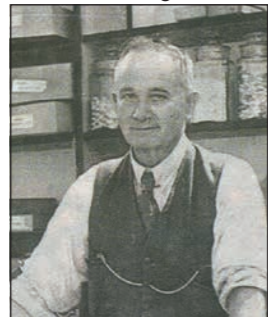
Hymn Numbers Board

An historic item was returned to Allora last week when the hymn numbers board from the Allora Methodist Church was given to the Allora and District Historical Society and hung on the wall of the Warwick Street museum. The original Wesley Chapel was opened in Allora on Christmas Day 1866. In 1896 the old building was replaced by the new Methodist Church on the site that is now 34 Herbert Street. This building served the Allora Methodist congregation until 1977 when the Uniting Church was formed with the amalgamation of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches in Australia. The Methodist Church building was sold and the Uniting Church congregation moved into the former St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Warwick Street. Some years later the decision was made to sell the St. Andrew's Church manse. The new owner found the hymn board in the ceiling and contacted former Upper Forest Springs resident Graham Hoey who is a senior member of the Allora Uniting Church. Graham also happens to be a great nephew of George Richard Tickle who the hymn board was dedicated to.

George senior and Caroline Tickle



Allora Historical Society president Jim Anderson with the hymn board at the Warwick Street museum.



G. R. Tickle at the Excelsior Bakery in 1935.



Interior of the Methodist Church, hymn board on the left.

came to the Darling Downs in 1863 and in the early 1870's selected the farm "Beulah" at Upper Forest Springs. The Tickle family became valued members of the Allora Methodist congregation. Their second son George Richard Tickle was on the building committee of the new Methodist Church in 1896. G. R. Tickle conducted the Excelsior Bakery at what is now 48 Herbert Street from 1902 until his retirement in the early 1940's. Graham Hoey spent a great deal of time restoring the silky oak hymn

numbers board and in consultation with his cousin the late Ian "Kookie" Tickle decided to donate it to the Allora and District Historical Society. (If anyone knows of the whereabouts of the Methodist Church WWI honour board the Historical Society would be keen to hear about it).

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2. When two hydrogen atoms combine to form a helium atom, what is it called? Is it a) fusion, b) fission or c) friction?
3. The word vaccine comes from the Latin word for which animal? Is it a) cows, b) pigs or c) sheep?
4. Which has more bones in a human, a hand (including wrist and fingers) or a foot (including ankle and toes)?
5. Which baby animal is called a puggle?

Answers this page below

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TODAY'S QUOTE

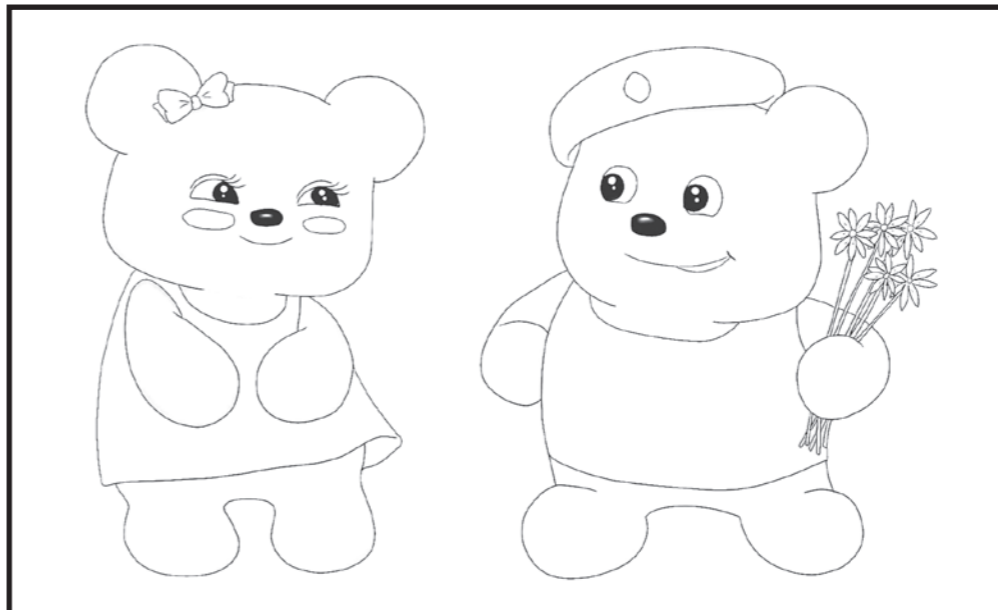
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DOUBLE HELIX QUIZ ANSWERS

- SOLUTIONS**
1. a) Sweat is produced from the sudoriferous glands.
 2. a) When atoms combine to make bigger atoms, it's called fusion.
 3. a) The word vaccine comes from the Latin word for cow, vacca. This is because a vaccine for smallpox was made from cowpox.
 4. The hand has more bones, but only just. A human hand has 27 bones, while a foot has 26.
 5. a) Puggle is a baby echidna or a baby platypus. It's also the name of a type of dog – a pug crossed with a beagle!

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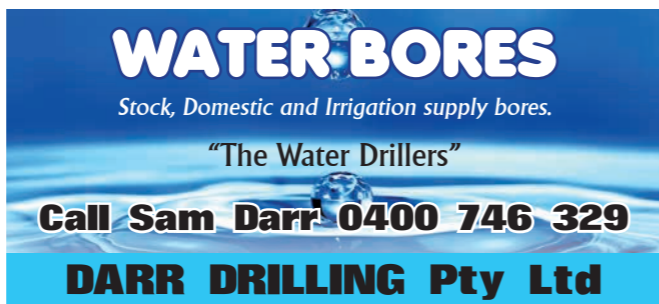
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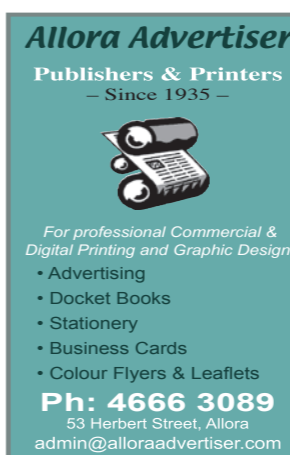


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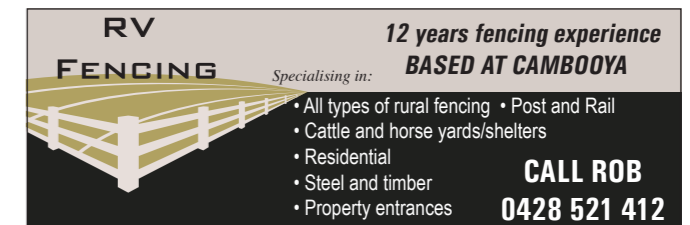
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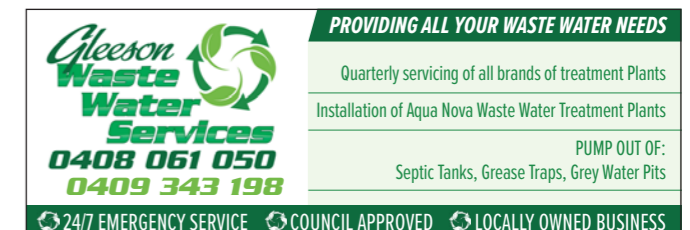
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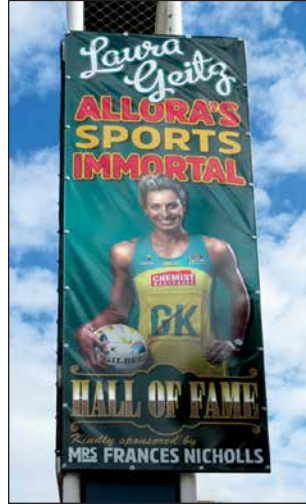
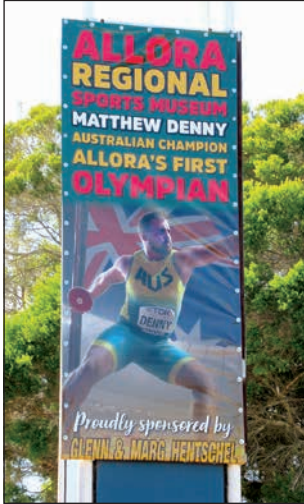
Fresh makeover for Laura & Matt

Adding to the beautification at the entrance of Allora's Regional Sports Museum, new banners have been erected for two of Allora's great sportspeople.

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Allora Golf Notes



On a lovely warm day on Friday we had a great field of 19 players turn out for the **Percy's Fruit Duck Run**. Winner on 23 points was Whit and runner up was Garth with 21 points. Long putt went to Roy Boy; approach went to Brodie and NTP to Kev.

Sunday's Monthly Medal saw a handy field of 16 players. Winner of his first Monthly Medal was Mark Ellwood who is fresh out of quarantine. Mark sank a monster putt on the 18th for a net 65 to see him win on a countback from Garth who had his fourth podium finish in his last four "at bats". Garth is in rare form.

Wayne won a ball in the rundown. Pins/approaches went to Aaron (2/11 and 4/13); Tommy (7/16); Wayne (8/17); Baz (6/15) and Baz won the long putt on 9/18.

Next Friday will be the **Percy's Fruit Duck Run** and Sunday the **Allora Butchery Two Person Ambrose**. With things back to normal, Duck Run start time is back to 1.30 pm. A reminder that the sand trap on the fourth is still GUR. Use the rake to retrieve your ball and stay off the new turf.

Open Days coming up at Dalby (30/8/20) and Bell (6/8/20). Flyers are on the board. Sheet for the 2020 Matchplay Championship is out. Nominations close 30/8/2020 and play will begin in September. See you on the links.



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