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## Still Kicking Goals 50 Years On



Syd Telford, Brian Meara, Denis Ryan, Brian Keleher, Laurie Lipp, Michael Bowe, Lew Platz, John Cowley, Terry Fogarty, Greg Platz, John Fogarty and Malcolm Duff. *Photo courtesy Janet Platz.*

Members of the 1970 Wattles premierships team gathered at Allora on Saturday for a 50-year reunion dinner.

The team captured the first A Grade premierships for Wattles in the Toowoomba Rugby League competition, which the club had entered

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# Allora's 150th celebration issue impresses judge

The Allora Advertiser's special edition on July 17, 2019, celebrating the 150th anniversary of Allora achieved second place at the 2020 Queensland Country Press Association's Newspaper Excellence Awards, announced in Toowoomba on Friday.

There were 39 entries in the "Best Commercial Feature" category.

The judge said the Advertiser's special issue was a tremendous effort from one of the Association's smallest members.

The 28 page gloss wrap around the regular issue of The Allora Advertiser provided a snapshot of the 150th celebrations, events and history of Allora.

*The Allora Advertiser*

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# Local Police News

Thankfully, no crime to report for the past month for the Allora area.

There have been several routine drug / traffic interceptions – the usual. Nil of particular note.

With the Christmas season fast approaching we'll have more news in next

week's Allora Advertiser on how to keep your property safe and tips for holiday travel.

Damian F. GRACE  
Sergeant 7722  
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# It's Just a Nice Story...

Timely action by the Southern Downs Regional Council has made a causeway on the Goomburra Road much safer for residents of the area, as well as the wave of new tourists that are choosing camping trips over overseas get-a-ways.

The relaxation of borders and the COVID19 restrictions on international travel have brought an unprecedented wave of tourists seeking the serenity of the many newly developed camp grounds at the end of the Goomburra-Inverramsey Road. The arrivals are heralded with the appearance of convoys of cars with caravans or trailers and other recreational vehicles.

Of course, this influx of visitors, while very welcome in terms of our local economy, puts a lot of pressure on our roads, many designed only for local traffic.

The upgrading of Inverramsey Road was most welcome and has reduced the frequency of having to get off the road to pass an on-coming vehicle. The

plans to extend this further will greatly enhance the travelling experience for our visitors. However, one of the most infamous sections of the road - namely, the approaches to the causeway (both east and west) about 17kms from the Goomburra Hall - has presented new safety concerns with the increase in traffic, especially the articulated car-caravan/trailer combinations, often well loaded and not particularly agile.

A service request by an Inverramsey resident to the SDRC initiated a process whereby the Council planned for a team to clear vegetation obscuring the view from both directions. The prompt action from the Council now makes the approach to the single-lane bridge much safer and will reduce the frequency of emergency braking and near misses. Locals have expressed their admiration at the timely response and



Before: Approach from east shows vegetation masking the view of the western approach.



After: Removal of vegetation means greater visibility and less likelihood of an accident or awkward meeting.

the "neat job" (quote, source not named) that makes the area more attractive as a whole. Additionally, the removal of the vegetation may well reduce the amount

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Andrew Westerman,  
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There's going to be some decision-making to do for Southern Downs Regional Council and residents of Allora after a council meeting was held in the town last Wednesday to discuss a number of important issues.

About 40 Allora locals were at the meeting, headed by Southern Downs Mayor Vic Pennisi and attended by eight Southern Downs councillors.

Though a variety of issues were discussed, water, sewerage and the re-location of the Allora library were at the top of the agenda.

## CAN THE LIBRARY MOVE?

It was clear that most in attendance were in favour of the location change of the Allora library to the now vacant Senior Citizens Hall.

This will provide a flat surface with no steps, a massive advantage for seniors, particularly considering adult books are located on the second level of the current library setup.

Unfortunately, Mayor Pennisi said the Senior Citizens building is zoned differently to the library and a straight swap can't be made.

"The tenure of the land is a tenure that relates to seniors so you can't just put a library in here because the law says you're not allowed to put a library here," he said.

It's now a waiting game to see if the Queensland Government will accept a change to the legislation.



Southern Downs Regional Council has approached the State Government but believes the response may be delayed due to the recent election.

The potential move has been made possible by the exit of the Allora Senior Citizens Group which has been struggling for members for quite some time and is on the verge of collapse if more members don't join soon.

President Helen Caird cited low membership numbers and lack of maintenance of the building for the move.

She said the building was built in 1978 and nothing has been done to it since then.

Perry Cronin later said a lot of the maintenance issues would be an easy fix.

Mr Cronin also said he would be open to having a visitor information centre in the former library space, if it were to be moved and if residents volunteered to keep it running.

He would also be looking to extend the Allora Sports Museum into the empty space.

## SEWERAGE FOR ALLORA WOULD COST RESIDENTS MORE

Southern Downs councillors agreed that if Allora residents wanted sewerage it was their call.

A show of hands proved most in the room were in favour.

Councillor Jo McNally said council had sewerage upgrades in its budget several years ago which would have cost an initial \$15 million to implement plus ongoing charges to residents who use it.

This number would only be higher now. Mayor Pennisi said once the decision is made it would take at least another three to four years to implement.

"We don't know what innovation has taken place and we

don't know what's out there since the last time we put sewerage in a community," he said.

"So one of the first things we would do is flesh out some options."

Mayor Pennisi said members of the community need to make their voices heard if they want sewerage implemented.

"It's got to be a community decision. It is inevitable that we will have to consider sewerage for Allora but I don't want to be the one that says we made the decision, like it or love it," he said.

"This is about walking with you guys and not walking without you."

Owner of the Blue Cow Hotel Denise Dalgliesh also made mention of the extra costs that would be associated for business owners.

She said the hotel would be charged for each 'pedestal' used, increasing the sewerage costs for businesses with more than one toilet.

"A lot of people just say 'yes we have to have it,' but everyone has to be aware that it's probably user pays and it's probably going to be very expensive."

Mayor Pennisi confirmed multiple charges for businesses, but said households would only be charged one fee for their sewerage use no matter how many toilets are operating.

## THE FUTURE FOR ALLORA'S WATER SUPPLY

That's another "wait and see" matter.

Council is still in conversation with the Queensland Government over the Southern Trunk Pipeline that is being proposed to run from Toowoomba to Warwick.

The goal of this is to avoid trucking water to Warwick if the town ever runs out.

With 40 truck loads of water still being carted to Stanthorpe every day, Warwick's total would only be bigger.

Mayor Pennisi says council will not make a definitive answer on whether it wants to be involved in the project until it knows how much it will cost rate payers.

"From a council point of view, we can't afford communities to run out of water," he said.

"The Queensland Government has offered this, we will not make a decision on this until we know what it's going to cost and we don't know yet what it's going to cost you."

"The last thing we want to do is impose a 10% rate rise or a 5% rate rise, whatever the case may be, to provide this water to communities."

"We have made our position very very clear that we can't afford this water at any cost."



Mayor Pennisi said council had around 28 bores in the Southern Downs region that could be called upon if needed, including the Allora bore containing 350 megalitres.

"We are exploring, it's not just the Allora bore," he said.

"Some of them haven't been used for some time and some would need to be treated to bring the water quality up to Australian drinking standards."

"All of that is in the mix and council will have to make a decision at some stage," Mayor Pennisi said.

## YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE A SAY

If one thing was clear at the council meeting, it was that Southern Downs Council wants to work with its residents.

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# Book Week at St Patrick's School



Students took the opportunity to dress up as a favourite character during Book Week recently held at St Pats. The theme was

"Curious Creatures and Wild Minds". A lot of fun was had by all with prizes given for each year level.



# Book Launch Well Attended

Allora Landcare Group is delighted to announce the success of the launch last Sunday of their book 'A Pictorial Guide to the Birds of Allora Mountain Flora and Fauna Reserve'. The event was held at the Reservoir level on the Mountain with approximately sixty people in attendance. We wish to thank Councillors Stephen Tancred and Andrew Gale and their families who generously gave up their Sunday morning to attend. Other attendees came from as far afield as Oakey, Toowoomba, Stanthorpe, Maryvale, Killarney and Brisbane.

The contributing photographer, Frank Coman, was introduced by ALG president Hughie Huston. Frank spoke of his experiences on the Mountain over the years and the birds he has identified. He keeps coming back, he says as he finds the occasional new or unexpected species in residence, or migration of certain birds from their more traditional habitat to the Mountain. This makes for a shifting and fluid environment which is always exciting for observers. We thank Frank again for his time and generosity and hope to welcome him back



to the district regularly.

We would also like to thank local historian Trevor Neale who compiled a large visual display of newspaper and magazine articles and photographs from the early days of the township. These were displayed to great effect on the walls of the reservoir and attracted great interest. Trevor spoke on various aspects of town and district history; for example,

did you know the entire wheat crop in the district was completely lost in 1899 due to three days of frost in November? The formalities were followed by a rather good smoko and the event concluded by midday.

Copies of the book are available for sale at \$10. Please contact ALG Secretary Pete Thomas at alloralandcare@gmail.com for details.

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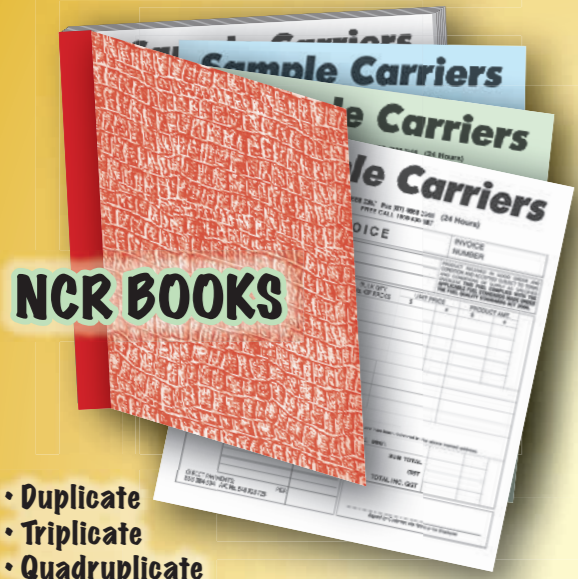
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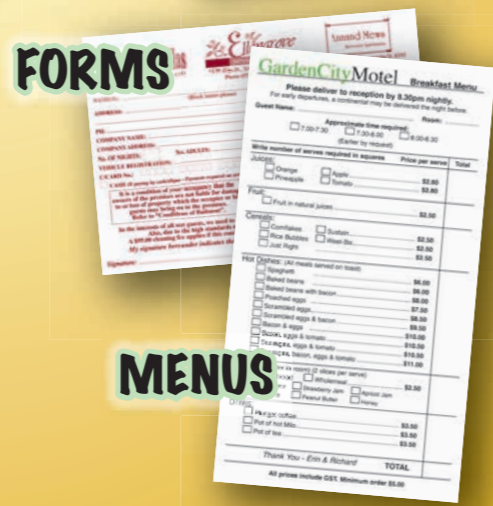
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### Chaplaincy Dinner

Every year the Allora community generously supports the work of our school chaplain through the Annual Chaplaincy Dinner.

On this our 21st birthday in the year of COVID-19, for the first time ever, we are forgoing the chaplaincy dinner... that means no speaker, no entertainment, no singing, no quizzes, no chatting around the table, no meeting new people.

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helpings of ice cream), your own entertainment, and STILL support the work of our Chappie.

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## Book Week at Allora P-10 State School

As part of Book Week and Book Fair celebrations held recently at Allora P-10 State School, the school's Acting Principal, Mrs Carole Douglas, read a short-listed story in the school library titled "Three". Grayson read his own story and students were busy colouring booklets associated with Book Week.

The winners of the

competition from each grade were as follows:- Prep/ Year 1 – Nataya, Year 1/2 Jackson, Year 3 - Ozzie, Year 4 – Trixie, Year 5 – Abigail, Year 6 – Layne, Year 7 – Abbey, Year 8 – Jackson, Year 9 – Brian and Year 10 – Macey. These students won a \$20 voucher to spend at the Fair. Congratulations to all involved.





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AgForce Cane President Ricky Mio said the incoming Government must engage fully and genuinely with regional Queensland if it wanted to navigate the unprecedented challenge of the COVID-induced economic, jobs and debt crisis.

"It's clear that Queensland's recovery will continue to be led by the regions and the industries like agriculture, resources, and tourism that underpin them," Mr Mio said.

"First and foremost, the Premier needs to listen to us – for the past two terms we have been shunned and shafted, farmers have been

talked to, communication with the Government has been one way.

"They need to genuinely work with primary producers to find solutions to the State's significant economic, employment, and environmental challenges, not just tell us what to do."

Mr Mio said the Government's first responsibility was to work with the State's farmers to rebuild mutual trust, respect, and co-operation when for so long they have been treated like the enemy.

"Our industries face many challenges in these areas, but what we produce is vital to the Australian community – we need to work together to ensure we can continue to provide that.

"And this is where the Government must take a lead role, rather than pandering to minority interests that don't reflect the average Australian's views or priorities in terms of work, life, and nature." Mr Mio said.

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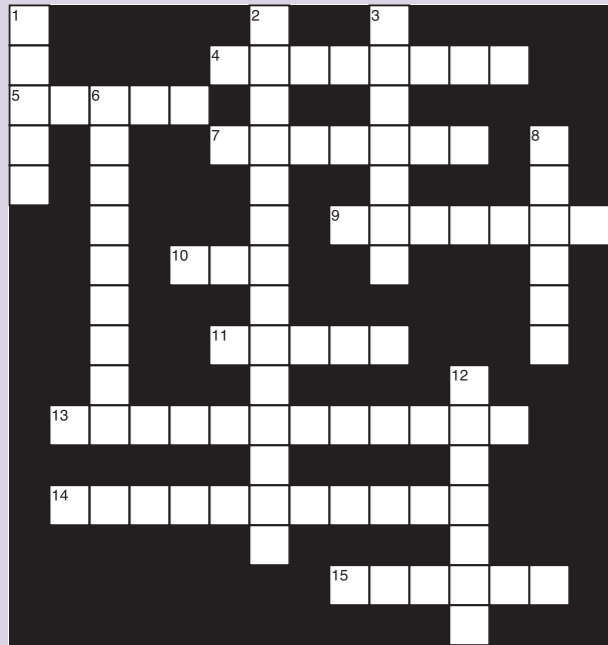
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- Across**
- Structure to commemorate.
  - Harmony between nations.
  - Esteem for or a sense of the worth or excellence of a person.
  - Military man or woman.
  - "\_\_\_ and Peace". Classic work by Tolstoy.
  - Australian or New Zealand soldier.
  - Repeated phrase in Kipling's "Recessional" (4,2,6).
- Down**
- Plant from which opium is extracted.
  - This week's crossword theme (11,3)
  - Personal liberty.
  - Suspension of hostilities.
  - Ring of flowers or foliage.
  - 9 across but with greater experience.

- Brotherhood, companionship.
- A ceremonial procession.

## SUDOKU

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**TODAY'S QUOTE**  
 "The purpose of our lives is to be happy"  
 - Dalai Lama



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**An optimist thinks the glass is half full.**

**A pessimist thinks the glass is half empty.**

**A realist knows if he sticks around long enough he'll have to wash it.**

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#### CROSSWORD

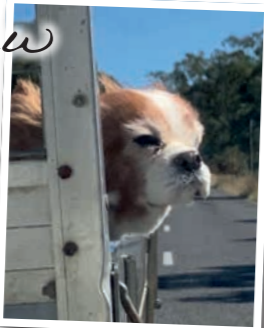
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## Jeremy's View

### Dad's Ute

My dad has an old Holden ute. I have noticed that here in the country, there are a lot more utes than in the city. My guess is that utes are an important part of country life. We take our rubbish to the tip ourselves in the country, and it's no good having smelly rubbish inside the car with you. And country dogs love to ride in utes and stick their heads out into the wind. The photo is of my dog Missie with the wind in her ears on the back of our ute. It doesn't look like Missie is smiling but she was really happy. Dad used his ute a lot in the election campaign. Because there are so many election supplies and signs to move around at election time, his old ute is a big political help to my dad. He loves that ute. Just because it is old and noisy and slow doesn't mean he doesn't want to drive it all the time. We are thinking of getting a new ute. Dad and my little brother William were thinking of getting a cheap Chinese ute called a "Great Wall", but mum and I told dad that he's not allowed to because we like Toyotas. I don't think a country MP should drive a strange car. He needs a tough ute to get around our rough country roads. I kind of love dad's old ute too. Dad's taking me to school in it tomorrow morning and it has never let us down so far..



Jeremy Lister, age 9

## Looking Back...

**Allora's Past 25 years ago**  
 November 1995.

### Allora Remembers

A large number of people including school children and RSL members turned out at the opening of the new Australia Remembers Park by Warwick Shire Mayor Bruce Green. The park on part of the former Goomburra railway reserve near the corner of Darling and Gordon Streets commemorates 50 years since the end of WW2. Fifty native trees donated by the Council and the Dalby Forestry Department were planted by school children around an archway courtesy



The opening of the Australia Remembers Park by Crs. Bruce Green and Sue Cowley. Photo courtesy Harry Gwynne.

Ken Mitchell, and a sundial provided by the Allora and District Historical Society.

**Allora's Past 75 years ago**  
 November 1945

### Welcome Home

The Central Hall was thronged with residents of all parts of the Allora district when the Allora Welfare Committee arranged a Welcome Home to seven men recently returned after being prisoners of war in Japanese hands. The men were Harry Peachey, Bert Smith, Harry Grainger, Les Cooper, Bill Masters, and Stan Carlyon.

**Allora's Past 100 years ago**  
 November 1920

### Horse Accident

A serious accident befell a schoolboy named Richard Alexander (Jack) Gwynne at the Allora State School. It appears that he was riding a school mate's horse around the horse paddock when he was unseated, and in falling his foot was caught in the stirrup.

Before the horse could be stopped the unfortunate lad was dragged for a considerable distance on the ground. Dr. Sapsford was sent for and was quickly on the spot. He ordered the injured boy into hospital. On examination it was found that the lad's back was badly bruised and lacerated, though no bones were broken. (Jack Gwynne (8) passed away 18 months later from his injuries)

**Allora's Past 150 years ago**  
 November 1870

### Wheat Harvest

In 1870 wheat growing was just beginning to take off on the southern Downs. In the Allora district James and Alexander Shannon, James and Andrew Dougall, Ewen McMillan, Robert Cooke, Robert Bradfield, Michael Erhart and several other old timers had their little fields of wheat, for the reaping of which they paid 10/- to 15/- per acre, all done with the reaping hook or sickle and thrashed with the flail. At Spring Creek, a new agricultural settlement was becoming the premier wheat producing centre on the Downs. There, Messrs Dalton, Wilson, Enright, Brown, Saal, O'Dea, Grimes, Gillam, McPhie, Hegarty, Herron, Dwyer, Fiechtner, Kuhn, Ernst and others sowed, reaped and thrashed their little plots of from 10 to 20 acres.

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### THANK YOU ALL

PATRICIA ZERK, of Allora, the beloved wife of Mick, mother of Robert and Peter, grandmother and great-grandmother, went peacefully to her final rest, on October 5th, 2020, after a short but very aggressive illness.

Little Pat touched the lives of all who knew her, and we who are left have been overwhelmed by the flood of condolences and kindnesses pouring in.

Please accept this message as a heart-felt thank you, to all whom we have not been able to personally contact.

From Mick and the boys.

## • ANNOUNCEMENTS •

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# Allora Golf Report

Percy's Fruit Duck Run was won by Kev with 23 points in a countback from last week's winner Ty. Balls in the rundown went to Nick and Tommy M. Hethe won the approach, Kev the pin shot and Nick the long putt. Thanks Percy.

Sunday was a two ball ambrose sponsored by Ty Gardner Concreting. The field was small due many of our members supporting the Clifton Open Day. In a close finish Ty and Tommy won with a net 57.25 from Brodie and Willy on 58. Pins/approaches went

to John and Hethe (2/11); Will and Frizz (4/13, 6/15 and 7/16) and Gene and Andrew (8/17). Ty and Tommy won the long putt. Thanks for your support Ty.

Next week will be Willy Duff's Charity Day on Saturday with a three person ambrose commencing at 10.00 am then the Monthly Medal on Sunday.

Get your names in for the Allora Open Day on Saturday 21st (Two Person Ambrose) and Sunday 22nd Stroke Event. See you on the links.

# Allora Bowls Results

There was great anticipation around week seven of the Tony Morris Tiling Night Bowls competition, with the "Maydan Grudge Match" between Are You Game Enough and Gina's Babies. The match lived up to its hype although in the end AYG were too strong for the defending champs. Other results were A Bowla Viris 18 d Landcruisers 10; Three Stooges 11 d Generation Gap 10, Pig Lures 24 d Railway 5; The Other Team 17 d Fire Ants 2; Three of Us 24 d Doesn't Matter 3 and Tramps

Like Us 15 d Bowled and Beautiful 10. Winners were Tramps Like Us and losers Fire Ants. Wagyuo Hoey touchers went to "Music Man", Slipp, Trevor, Timmy, Gade and Moley.

White's Garage jackpot of \$120 was not won and will be \$140 next week. Thanks to raffle sponsors Railway Hotel, Allora Butchery and Percy's Fruit.

Thanks also to our greenkeeper Moley, Wendy for supper and Sheree for the delicious dessert.

# More Pictures of 1970 Wattles 50th Reunion



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