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State Medal Haul for Allora Swimmer

Bailey Harm swam new personal best times in all his events at the Queensland Championships held at Chandler last month.

See details of his wonderful achievements on page 2.
Image courtesy of Medal Shots.



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State Medal Haul for Allora Swimmer



Coach Andrew Fidge with Bailey Harm after a successful QLD Swimming Championships in Brisbane.

Allora Swim Team member Bailey Harm and Coach Andrew Fidge had a busy week at the 2020 McDonalds Queensland Swimming Championships held at Chandler from the 12th to 18th December.

This was the first year that Bailey was of age to compete at this major event on the QLD swimming calendar. The event attracts the very best swimmers from across Queensland aged 12 years upwards with swimmers having to meet qualifying standards to attend.

Bailey commenced his week swimming as part of the Allora Team in two relays at the Qld Club Relay Championships. He was also selected to compete as a member of the Darling Downs Regional Swim Team in the 11/12 years Qld Regional Relays. Bailey swam the breaststroke leg of the medley relay, swimming his team into first place at the changeover. He was the anchor swimmer of the Darling Downs Freestyle relay, pushing his team home for a 4th position

overall. Bailey competed in 7 individual events over 6 days in Brisbane, qualifying for 6 state finals. Bailey dominated in the breaststroke events, taking home the State Silver in the 50m Breaststroke, another Silver in the 100m Breast and Bronze in the 200 Breast. He also placed 4th in the 50m Freestyle and 50m Backstroke and 10th in the 100m Freestyle. Bailey swam new personal best times in every event, dropping 3 seconds in his 50m Breaststroke and over 8 seconds in his 200m Breaststroke, a new event in Bailey's competitive regime.

Bailey's efforts and results at his first Qld Championships are most commendable given he had only ten weeks of pool time to prepare for this event, following the pool reopening for the season in October. For now, Bailey is back to intensive training as the Allora Swim Team prepares for the Darling Downs Country Championships and the Qld Sprint Championships in February.

Local Cricketers will be Bowled Over by the Irrigated Grounds

Sam Darr of Darr Drillings had been given the job of drilling for water at the local cricket ground.

And the result is good - at least 1,000 gallons per hour. Sam told the Allora Advertiser that the bore went down 26 metres with static water level at 13 metres.

After Will Duff of Willy's Wiring has equipped the bore, which could be in the next couple weeks, installing an irrigation system will be the final stage. As well as the benefits to users, the beautiful green grass will be a welcoming sight for Allora's entrance.

All this has been made possible due to the Allora Sports Club who sponsored the two local cricket clubs, Allora and Victoria Hill.

The Club applied for a Federal Government Drought Assistance grant through the Southern Downs Regional Council to assist with the cost of sinking and



The bore site at Allora Cricket oval.

equipping an irrigation bore to water the field. The SDRC viewed the application favourably and the Sports Club commissioned Sam Darr to sink the bore. Sam is a proud Allora local and is completing the project on

favourable terms to assist in developing the sport of cricket in Allora. President of the Victoria Hill Cricket Club and local electrical contractor, Will Duff is installing the pump and irrigation infrastructure.

Allora Sports Club Secretary John Ellwood extends thanks to legendary local volunteer Laurie Ward for his tireless efforts in mowing the cricket ground and maintaining the lawn and gardens.

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Town walks will be conducted both days from 7am by Trevor Neale who will give an informative story of the history of Allora, old buildings, historic sites and interesting characters such as the crossing where the bullock wagons crossed

the creek bringing supplies and settlers to the area. The walk will cover about 4kms with meeting point Corner Raff & Jubb Streets. Cost \$10 per person and bring hat and water. Walkers need to be reasonably fit. To learn about the history

of Allora be sure to join the cemetery walks, heading off at 10am on both the Saturday and Sunday. Meet at the brick shelter at the Cemetery. Cost \$10 per person and don't forget your water and hat.

to visit our fascinating museums. The historic Allora museum buildings, "The Shire Chambers" and "The School of Arts" will be open on both Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th from 10am-12noon and 1pm-3pm.

If you'd like to participate in these walks please pre-book and pre-pay by contacting Wendy Ardrey, the Secretary of the Allora and District Historical Society on 0488 673 778 or adhssec@gmail.com. Direct debit facilities available.

The Society is also conducting a raffle during the Heritage Weekend with great prizes of fuel vouchers from Bartranz Petroleum.

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Friday Night 5th February - Remember The Date!

It's the action packed Allora BULL RIDE - an entertaining night with riders taking on wild bucking bulls.



This year will be different and more exciting as the venue is the main Arena at the Allora Showgrounds.

Due to Covid-19 requirements you're advised to bring along your Membership card so you won't be held up at the gate. If you're not a member of the Allora Show Society - it's never too late! Pre-register for membership before 4th February on 0427 100 210.

Great News For Allora

The annual Allora Heritage Weekend is still going ahead with dates set down for Saturday and Sunday 23rd and 24th January at the Allora Showgrounds.

All the usual interesting displays such as tractors, trucks, bikes, vintage vehicles and machinery - plus the popular Swap Meet and many antiques. Admission \$10 adults with children free. For more information phone Graeme on 0428 717 623.

Covid-19 requirements will be in place but that won't stop the weekend being well supported.

Need For Feed

Farmers still have time to apply for hay to be delivered to their farm - through the Lions Club Need for Feed.

Day and individual trucks will deliver hay throughout South East Queensland.

Already 20 farmers have applied for hay and more enquiries are welcome.

Closing date is definitely Tuesday 19th January. Phone 0427 727 344 or email ekrampl@lions.org.au

A large convoy of trucks will arrive in Cecil Plains on Australia

Need for Feed - supported by the Clifton Lions Club.

Bursaries Offered

Allora and district 2020 graduating Grade 12 students still have time to apply for a QCWA Condamine Valley/Warwick 2021 bursary.

tertiary education." said Branch Secretary, Penny Campbell-Wilson.

Three bursaries, at \$1500.00 each, are being offered to male and female students, who reside in the QCWA Border Division and may be experiencing financial difficulties as they commence their

The QCWA Border Division covers Allora and Clifton and the entire Southern Downs Regional Council area.

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New rules will keep Australians safe and ensure seasonal worker recruitment can continue

National Cabinet has agreed to implement new pre-departure COVID testing processes and reduced international arrival caps that will ensure seasonal workers can still come to Australia to work on farm this harvest.

Member for Maranoa, Minister for Agriculture and Deputy Leader of the Nationals, David Littleproud, said that exempting seasonal workers from the pre-departure testing demonstrated the government's commitment to supporting our farmers at this time of severe workforce shortage.

"I welcome the new rules but I am also pleased to see that the needs of our Pacific seasonal workers and Australian farmers have been accommodated.

"These exemptions are

not about cutting corners but recognise the very low rate of COVID-19 in all participating Seasonal and Pacific Labour Scheme nations.

"Since August last year when we re-opened the Seasonal and Pacific worker programs, we have stood ready to stamp the passports of more than 22,000 pre-vetted seasonal workers once states and territories approve their health protocols.

"I am pleased that most states and the Northern Territory have already brought Pacific workers in and are continuing to do so, however I would urge all jurisdictions to continue working with their respective industries to recruit more workers," Minister Littleproud said.



Seasonal workers on a local farm.

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2020 Year in Review

January

Showgirls Get Ready For 142nd Allora Show



One of the Junior entrants Gorgia Chandler with her Palomino gelding named Storm.

Rain Beautiful Rain



William and Nicholas Willett enjoying the puddles at the Allora Heritage Weekend. Even though it poured for a couple of hours on Saturday (unofficially 64 mil) no-one was complaining.

February

The Show Must Go On



Smithy's Droughtmasters are looking calm, cosy and well-rested for their judging on Saturday.

Irrigation Dam Breach



As reported elsewhere this is NOT the Quarry Dam but the Farm Irrigation Dam on Bolzan's property.

March

Headington Hill Shed Fire



Allora auxiliary fire-fighters were among four crews called to a shed fire on a property at Headington Hill on Sunday afternoon.

Last Drinks



Monday morning before the clock struck 12 noon this happy gang was gathered together for a quick photo before again distancing themselves on the verandah at The Railway Hotel. L-R John, Ebony, Toni, Alana & Red with Karen at the front.

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Looks like it's Vic to become the Next Mayor of SDRC



Vic Pennisi.

THIS ANZAC DAY LIGHT UP THE DAWN

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May

Tributes Flow For Brian Phelan

One of Allora's popular heroes, Brian Martin Phelan, aged 86 years, passed away last Friday, 30th April.



Future of Allora Show Secured

President of the Allora Show Society explaining the renovations to be made to the kitchen and bar area following news of the Government Grant.



June

YOUR LOCAL PAPER

James Lister MP, finds an engrossing read in local papers.



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.

2020 Year in Review

July

COVID 4 a Kid

Read what Grayson has to say about life for a kid in a changing world.



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.

August

Popular Local Lady Turns 95

Rae Masters celebrated her 95th birthday on the 31st July. She was born in the Allora Hospital and has lived in Allora all of her life.



Show President Re-Elected



The Allora Show Society's AGM was held on Sunday and saw Mark Pillar voted in again as President. Mark will be supported by the new Secretary, Glyn Rees and new Treasurer Ian Tate from The Warwick Credit Union.

September

Hereafter - Bottle Tree Corner



Members and friends of the Allora & District Garden Circle last week witnessed the planting of the Commemorative Bottle Tree on the corner of Raff and Jubb Streets.

Daphne Recognised By SDRC



Mayor Vic Pennisi and Councillors Marco Giori and Sheryl Windle visited Allora last week to present Daphne Whatley with the Mayoral Contribution to Community Award.



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Allora's Golf Course Bridge Under Construction



The new bridge will allow golfers to cross the Dalrymple Creek more safely when playing the 9th and 18th hole. The old weir crossing will no longer be used. The bridge will be officially opened on 21st November.

Gwynne's Magnificent Garden Is A Winner



Strolling through Dale and Gary Gwynne's garden situated on the outskirts of Allora, it's obvious why they won the best acreage garden in the recent Warwick Horticultural's Annual competition.

November

Lister Re-Elected with increased majority of over 10%



The happy Lister family - Belinda and James with sons Jeremy and William.

NOT A BRIDGE TOO FAR



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Maher - Rickert Bridge on Saturday. L-R Michael Maher, Bec Bolzan, Greg Patterson, Heather Bolzan and Lynne Patterson.

December

Year 10 Graduating Students Allora P-10 State School



Back row from left: Brayden, Beau, Jordan, Miles, Lachlan, Nicola, Lachlan, Macey, Jack, Daniel, Brendan, Lachlan. Front row from left: Imogine, Nikita, Ala, Kealee, Xavia, Alexia, Cooper. Absent: Blain



Allora's special little girl Grace checking out the fun decorations at Wild Sage's Christmas Tree. *Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas* *I wonder which bauble you're allowed to keep?*

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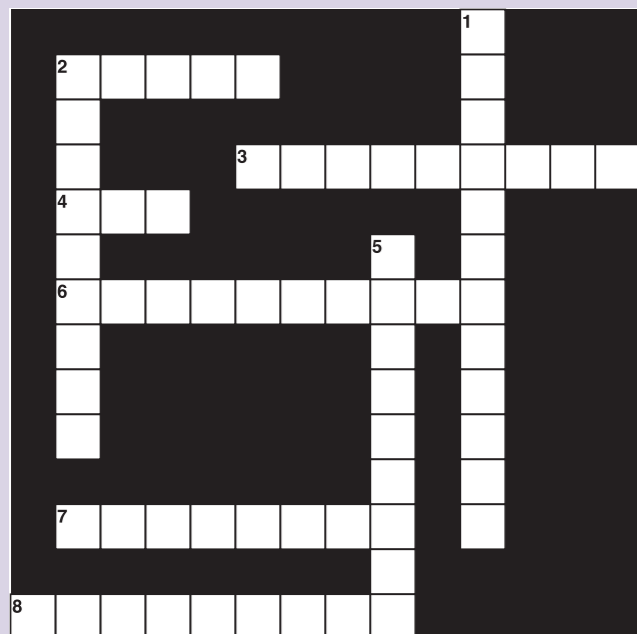


THANK GOODNESS FOR 2021

Ten Points to Ponder after a year most people would probably prefer to forget - 2020:

1. The dumbest thing I ever bought was a 2020 planner.
2. 2019: Stay away from negative people. 2020: Stay away from positive people.
3. The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house & their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!
4. This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came to my house & told my dog... We had a good laugh.
5. Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pyjamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
6. Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?
7. I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!
8. I need to practice social-distancing... from the refrigerator.
9. I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip out to the bins!
10. Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go into a bank with a mask on and ask for money.

NYE CROSSWORD



- Across**
2. A device with hands and a face.
 3. Pre-midnight numerical ritual.
 4. Sundown time.
 6. New Year's promise.
 7. Dates chart.
- Down**
1. New Year's Eve ditty (4,4,4).
 2. Have a party.
 5. Pyrotechnic displays.
 8. Handheld fireworks.

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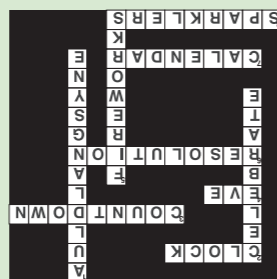
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"I have opinions of my own - strong opinions - but I don't always agree with them" - George Bush

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BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

A new inmate in the prison was told by his cellmate that if he made romantic advances to the Governor's wife, she could get his prison term shortened.

The new inmate, however, said that it wasn't right to end a sentence with a proposition.

Allora Swim Team Prepares For A Busy Second Half

Continued from back page...

The Allora Swim Team are now preparing for the upcoming Darling Downs Regional Country Championships to be held in Stanthorpe on Saturday 16th January. Swimmers are competing at meets in Gatton, Stanthorpe and Pittsworth in the weeks ahead as they aim to qualify for the QLD Sprint

Championships to be held 14/15 February in Brisbane.

Thank you to the swimming club families who are prepared to support our swimmers always, often chauffeuring children across the Downs and to Brisbane to experience their sport at a higher level. Great clubs rely on great families prepared to contribute and our Allora Swimming Club

is thriving having 65 registered club members as we kick in to the second half of our swim season. New families are most welcome to come along to try one of our club nights



please contact Club President Donna-Maree on 0467 670 595.

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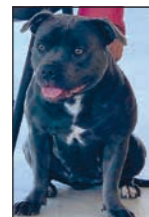
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Allora Swim Team Prepares For A Busy Second Half

The Allora Swimming Club will resume Club Nights on Friday 15th January at 5.00pm and will continue through until mid-March. It's been a busy summer at the pool with Coach Andrew Fidge running squad sessions Monday to Friday over the school holidays to prepare our swimmers for the second half of their season.

Allora Swimming Club wrapped up our mid-season

with the QLD Championships Club Relays held in Brisbane on December 12th. For the first time in many years, Allora Swimming Club had enough depth to form three teams to experience racing at one of the finest stadiums for swimmers, the Sleeman Sports Complex. All teams swam a Medley and a Freestyle Relay in their respective age groups.

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The 11/12 years boys had a great learning experience with the boys digging deep to swim for their club. Congratulations to Jett White, Ziggy Gibson, Will Peters and Bailey Harm.



The 11/12 years girls had an outstanding day with all members of their team putting in strong performances. Congratulations to Ellyn Moore, Bridie Hutchison, Matilda Rees and Sienna Sparksman. on representing Allora Swim Team at this event.



The 13/14 girls team were inspiring in their efforts and PB swims. Congratulations to Aamilyn Johnson, Charlee Murdoch, Claire Eckersley and Ellyse Kruger.



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