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Eight Mile Overpass To Become Reality



Member for Maranoa David Littleproud with Transport and Main Roads regional director (Southern Queensland) Kym Murphy, and Southern Downs Regional Council deputy-mayor Cr Ross Bartley ready to turn the first sod at the Eight Mile intersection upgrade project last Thursday. (story page 3)

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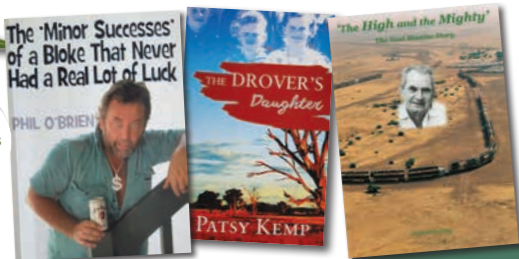
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Fire Destroys Clifton Home



An electrical fault in a parked vehicle is believed to be responsible for a fire that tore through the residential property in front of Olley's Organic Honey last Thursday afternoon.

Clifton Police, fire teams from Clifton, Allora, Nobby and Cambooya and ambulance were called to the large structure fire on Logan Road at about 5pm.

The vehicle was parked under an awning at the rear of the property and was believed to be the initial source of the fire before it quickly spread to the house.

No one was injured however an elderly man was treated at the scene for minor smoke inhalation.

The dwelling was totally destroyed, but the Olley's Organic Honey building remained untouched.

The couple who owned the residence were in Toowoomba at the time of the incident.

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Sod turned at Eight Mile

Work has finally begun on a new overpass at the notorious Eight Mile intersection of the Cunningham and New England Highways, a location that has seen its fair share of serious traffic accidents over the years.



The \$25 million project will include a single-lane overpass that will connect traffic travelling south from Toowoomba to Warwick on the New England Highway to the Cunningham Highway.

Other traffic movements at the intersection will remain at ground level and will be upgraded to improve safety and efficiency.

Traffic on the Cunningham Highway will travel underneath the overpass.

Member for Maranoa David Littleproud said he was pleased the project was finally getting underway after turning the first sod at the site last Thursday.

"This notorious black spot has claimed too many lives in our community and this upgrade has been one of my major priorities since being elected," Mr Littleproud said.

The works will start this month and are scheduled

for completion in February 2022, weather and construction conditions permitting.

They will be carried out between 6am and 6pm, Monday to Friday, with a reduced speed limit of 40km/h in place during these hours.

Most of the construction works will be conducted under road-shoulder closures and offline traffic management.

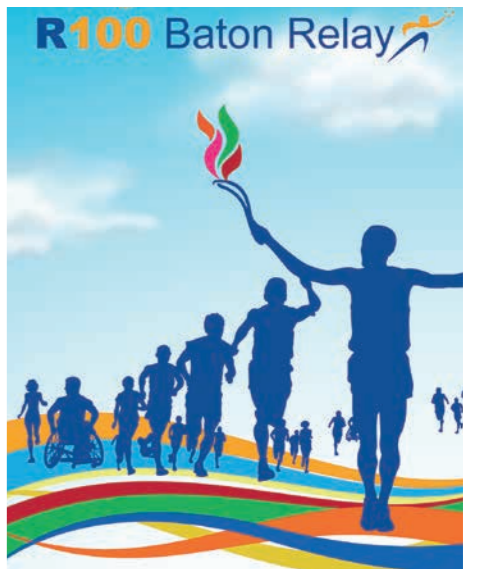
Some situations will require stop/slow lane closures on the existing New England Highway to facilitate works.

Traffic control signs will be erected to direct traffic through the works and delays will be kept to a maximum of 10 minutes wherever possible.

Some dust and loose surfaces may be experienced during the works and will be kept to a minimum wherever possible.

Rotary Baton Relay Visits Allora

Next Tuesday Allora will be part of the R100 Baton Relay that aims to connect all Rotary clubs across Australia and New Zealand with their communities.



Rotary "Down Under" will mark an epic milestone in April 2021 when districts, clubs and Rotarians from across our regions celebrate 100 years of doing good in the community, both at home and abroad.

Rotary banners will be seen around Allora while we wait for the arrival of the Baton on its way to Warwick.

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Library Delivers Free to Allora and Surrounds

While COVID-19 restrictions have temporarily suspended the regular mobile service, the Southern Downs Libraries offer a convenient and direct home delivery service.

Through the home delivery library service, residents can book items online or over the phone and the staff will deliver them directly to your door.

Residents can search the library's online catalogue under the 'Living Here' tab on Council's website at www.sdrc.qld.gov.au.

The home service is available across the region and makes regular deliveries to regional areas previously serviced by the mobile library including Yangan, Swan Creek, Emu Vale, Junabee, Maryvale,

Freestone, Gladfield, Leyburn, Wheatvale, Pratten, Karara, Dalveen and Killarney.

Deliveries are also available in the Warwick and Allora townships and surrounds. Any member of the Southern Downs Libraries is welcome to inquire about the possibility of a delivery.

The regular home run service is still offered fortnightly for deliveries to housebound residents who are unable to access the library because of illness or disability.

Residents need to have a library card to access these services and members without cards can phone library staff to facilitate an over-the-phone signup for access to online services.

SDRC Proposed Works Plan

Allora Swimming Pool could benefit from \$480,000 if an upgrade project is given consideration by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications. The funding will be used for pipework at the Pool.

Southern Downs Regional Council has submitted

a number of projects under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program of almost \$2 million.

Killarney Pool would benefit from solar panels and switchboard replacement costing at \$315,000 while WIRAC would see an allocation of \$257,482 for maintenance and improvements.

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Opening of Foundation Farm

Farmers in the Allora district will benefit from a Pacific Seeds initiative that will test new technologies, methods and systems right on our doorstep.

The farm, located 2.5 kilometres south of Allora, was officially opened by Agriculture Minister David Littleproud last Friday at a launch that was well-attended by local farmers and representatives from government, the agricultural industry, and various research institutions.

Foundation Farm will act as an innovation hub, testing new practices prior to their implementation on farms.

Pacific Seeds Grains Agronomist Trevor Philp said farmers in the Allora district will be some of the biggest beneficiaries of the project.

"The aim is to help farmers Australia-wide, but it's done right here in their area under their local conditions and on the same type of soil," Mr Philp said.

"The trials that are conducted, the research we do, and the results we get will be immediately applicable to local growers, so it's really a great thing for those guys."

Mr Philp said he encouraged local producers to get involved in the research and bring forward their own ideas.

"The other side of it is they can feed back to us because they're nice and close," Mr Philp said.

"If they're having a specific problem we can react quickly and do a trial and solve an issue for them."

In a powerful speech, Agriculture Minister David Littleproud said it was initiatives like this that will continue to drive the country's agricultural sector.

"As our population grows and farmers face new climate challenges, it has never been more important for like-minded organisations, researchers and growers to work together to not only overcome these challenges but identify and implement opportunities for Australian agriculture to continue to prosper as a result," Mr Littleproud said.

For more information on the project visit www.pacificseeds.com.au/science-innovation/foundation-farm/



David Littleproud MP and Barry Croker Pacific Seeds CEO.



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Art & Craft Entries



Allora Arts Group members did well in the Craft Pavillion at the recent Allora Show. All our entries won a prize, including two Grand Champions. The results are proof of the encouraging atmosphere at our weekly meetings. Members urged one another on to complete projects and enter them in the Show competition. One quilt had its final stitches put in just hours before the submission deadline.

We are a talkative, nondenominational group who meet every Tuesday between 9 and 12 at St. David's Church Hall. For more information please ring Jan (0499 559 894) or Karen (0409 663 208).



Articles that have been created by the Allora Craft Group -

TOP LEFT: Quilt (1st Prize).

BOTTOM RIGHT: Hat (1st Prize).

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Welcome to the world of mainly music

The new year has started to get busy, children head off to kindy and preschool – and we are welcoming the next generation of mainly music families at the Warwick Uniting Church. Open to all families with children from birth to school age.

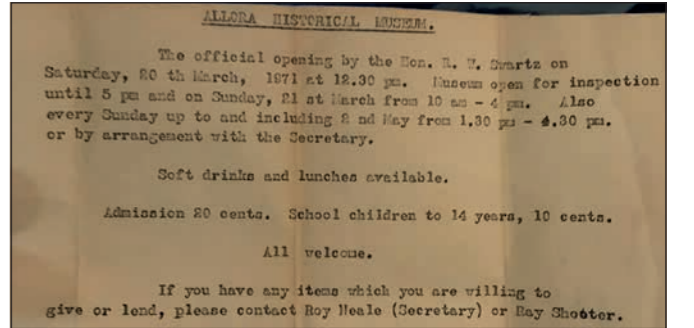
Since 2009 we have got to know literally hundreds of young families as they come to sing, dance, play and chat amongst each other, all learning how to grow in a safe community setting.

Warwick Mainly Music

has revised our program and practices to comply with COVID-19 safety guidelines – the main change being that we ask parents to provide their children's morning tea at this stage.

Come and join the 2021 families in Warwick – at the Uniting Church, Guy St (park off Stacey St), each Thursday (during school terms) at 9:15 – 10:45am. \$4 per family. For information phone the church office on 4661 1080 9.30-12 week days.

Drayton Street Museum Open 50 Years



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The initial Expression of Interest (EOI) for free potable water was unexpectedly under subscribed. Council has voted to extend the offer to include the free delivery of water, capped at one delivery up to 17,000L per property. "Our region has been thankful for recent rains that filled private rural tanks and dams but we are still in drought, and until we receive significant rainfall, dam levels remain low," Mayor of

Southern Downs Vic Pennisi said. Free water and now carting costs are included under this generous funding from the Australian Government. To be eligible, applicants must:
• Apply via an EOI
• Not be connected to reticulated water supply network
The new EOI form is online at www.sdrclqld.gov.au/doing-business/grants-to-communityradf.

How To Manage Drought & Climate Risk



"What's the weather going to do?"

Rural land holders are invited to hear guest speakers involved with the Northern Australia Climate program, coming to Warwick on Friday 26th February from 8.30am. Key Learnings will include:
• Find use and assess relevant climate tools and information
• Heat stress in cattle and possible management
• Climate, Soils and Grazing land management
Speakers on the day will include:
• Associate Prof John Gaughan - Uni of Qld - Heat stress in cattle
• Bruce Alchin - NACP Regional Climate Officer -

Agricultural Consultant
• Dr Chelsea Jarvis - USQ - Northern Australia Climate Program
Register your interest by phoning Bruce Alchin on 0438 831 301 or email Bruce.Alchin@usq.edu.au
The Northern Australia Climate Program provides support for graziers and all those in the livestock production chain by answering broad questions like what are the drivers of our seasonal conditions? And focussed ones such as what is the correct interpretation of the probability of rain from forecasts?
Bruce Alchin is the Climate Mate for SE Qld, and through his rangeland consulting he provides a link across all the other regions. Bruce recently took on the role as a local Climate Mate and he instantly could see the benefit the program would be to local producers, "We work closely with the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) and this ensures we have an open door to the latest cutting-edge research. It is really important that producers have access to the best information and research available" Bruce said.

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Allora Show Cattle Results



Junior Bull Spectacular Grand Champion, K5X Quality Q53, Exhibited by Steve Hayward and Kellie Smith (Photo by Kellie Smith)



Wendy Bryce from Freestone Feedlot presenting the sash to the Champion Led Beast of Show. Steer owned by Neil Gosch.



Champion Prime Beast of Show. Owned by Neil Gosch.



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** Champion Stud Beef Exhibit, Marion Hayward Memorial Trophy donated by Mr & Mrs E B Bassingthwaighe, presented by Tegan Dawson. K5X Wilcoola N106 with her twin calves, Exhibited by Steve Hayward and Kellie Smith



Supreme Stud Beef Exhibit 2021 Allora Show, K5X Wilcoola N106 with her twin calves, Exhibited by Steve Hayward and Kellie Smith. And Judge James Matts presenting the Trophy sponsored by Elders Toowoomba.



Bridie Shooter (2021 Junior Judges & Paraders Chief Steward) awarding Reuben Sullivan as the Grand Champion Beef Cattle Young Parader with the Bernie Hayward Memorial Shield, donated by Janice Hayward.

Allora Bowls Notes

Week 4 - Over the years since night bowls commenced many people have enjoyed the sport of lawn bowls. We have experienced bowlers like the Patterson brothers whose parents introduced them to the game when they were quiet young and many people who would never have picked up a bowl or jack. It has been great to see so many young people now playing the game. One current player who has only just started, Cody Prendergast is thoroughly enjoying himself and is keen to learn the finer points of the game.



Paul Eastwell, playing lead for What A Show.

This week starts the Allora State School students taking bowls as their extra curriculum activity. Bowls has been a popular choice. Bowling members volunteer to assist with showing students the basics of the game.

Results this week -: Rink 1. Are You Game Enough 20 v Doesn't Matter 13; Rink 2. Peaky Blinders 14 v Generation Gap 9; Rink 3. Fire Ants 15 v What A Show 9; Rink 4. The Three Stoogers 16 v Pig Lures 9; Rink 5. Gina's Babies 18 v Tramps Like Us 8; Rink 6 Phoenix Rising 19 v Bowled and Beautiful 7; Rink 7. Bowla Virus 21 v Railway Hotel 5

Winners and Losers this week were Fire Ants and Tramps Like Us. Both were happy to pick up their prize from the bar.

Ken O'Dea Floor Covering is sponsoring the touchers competition this season. Thank you to Ken. A block of chocolate was won by Robyn, Lyn, Gary, Glen, Gabe and Glen McM.

Our thanks to all our sponsors who donate prizes each week - Allora Hardware, Allora Butchery, Railway Hotel and Allora Sports Club. Tony Morris Tiling sponsors the Winner and Losers competition.

Each week a player wins a fruit tray from Percy's Fruit.

Taking about new players, Paul Eastwell has not been on a bowling green since he was 18 years old. His game was football. He has joined the new team What A Show. And what a show he created with his first bowl hitting the jack and both ending in the ditch and of course being "alive" in the ditch. The rest of us had to try to stay on the green and get as close to that hidden (although marked) jack as possible. It took a pro to win the end with two well placed bowls. Lyn Paterson was on fire for the Fire Ants.

For those who are interested the Movement of the Jack - Live in the ditch is covered by five paragraphs in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls hand book.

Lyn Wright, Scribe

Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago February 1996.

Champion Carcasses

Allora butcher Pat McVeigh had on display the carcasses of the cattle that he had purchased after winning their classes in the Allora Show fat cattle section. He commented on what a fine job that the judge had made in judging the cattle on the hoof in relation to the carcasses hanging in the butcher's shop. Mr McVeigh had purchased the heifer entered by Nin McGovern which had won the champion vealer and female of the show classes. He had paid 146c or \$416.10 for the heifer which dressed out at an outstanding 61%. He said that the carcass was ideal for the local trade. Mr McVeigh had also purchased the steer exhibited by Alan Hoey which had won the Grand Champion ribbon. He paid 148c or \$754.80 for the steer which dressed out at 59%. He said that the carcass was too heavy for the local trade but he had a special market for it.

Allora's Past 75 years ago February 1946

R.S.S.A.I.L.A.

The annual meeting of the Allora sub-branch of the R.S.S.A.I.L.A. was held in the Shire Hall. Those elected to the committee for the coming year were: President, R. G. Deacon; Vice-presidents, J. K. Murray, J. Gwynne, H. J. Lilley; Secretary, A. Martin; Treasurer, C. C. Wynn. It was decided that a Dawn Service be held on Anzac Day as well as the pilgrimage to the cemetery, the gathering at the memorial and the concert. An appreciation of service was recorded for S. C. Slatter for many years of dedicated service including as secretary for the previous 13 years.

Allora's Past 100 years ago February 1921

Boomerang Football Club

The members of the Boomerang Football Club gathered in good numbers to farewell Mr Ralph Sharpe, one of their fraternity, who is leaving Allora to take charge of a sawmill at Yandina. Mr N. C. Thompson, president of the club was in the chair. The gathering was held in the tea rooms of Mr G. H. Forster and the wants of the inner man were catered for in Mr Forster's usual efficient style. Ralph Sharpe was presented with a handsome pipe and tobacco pouch as a memento of appreciation.

Allora's Past 150 years ago February 1871

Warwick Police Court

Henry Doolery, a wild looking character, was brought up charged with having no visible means of support and prowling about the outskirts of the town. The man had for several days been observed strolling about the streets and sleeping in outhouses and complaints had been made that he was in the habit of annoying young females. He had appeared before the magistrates on previous occasions at Allora and Leyburn. The Bench committed the prisoner to three month's imprisonment in Toowoomba gaol.

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Jeremy's View

The blackout

Every Friday Mum picks us up early from school and we go to swimming lessons at WIRAC. Last Friday after we got home from swimming, William and I practised footy tackles. It was dark but we practised near the shed where there was light. And suddenly the lights went out. I thought that the lights would be put back on but it didn't happen and we soon realised that it was a blackout. So Nonna and Dan Dan (who live at our place now) got all their torches out and put them all over the place. We had a BBQ for dinner and we came inside. Most of our torches didn't work because they were flat so we used as many torches as we could that worked. We couldn't have a shower because we have tank water which runs on an electric pump. I went to bed but I couldn't have a torch because we didn't have enough. I normally watch my iPad for a little bit before I go to bed. But because of the blackout we didn't have any WIFI. So I went to the settings and tried all I could but it still didn't make much different as the phone signal is very bad where we live. The power came back on overnight and things were back to normal in the morning.

Jeremy Lister, age 10



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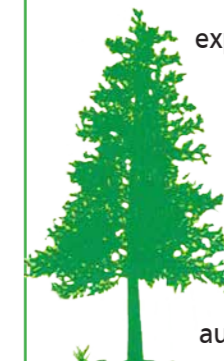
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Allora Golf Notes

Whilst the dry conditions over the past month have taken their toll, the Allora Golf Course remains in pretty fair condition due to our watered

fairways. The greens continue to be maintained in tip top condition. Percy's Fruit Duck Run on Friday saw a couple of remarkable rounds, with

Club Captain Aaron Simpson scoring 23 points to win the day in a countback from the course superintendent Rod Simpson. Next best were Hethe Ramus and Noel Wallace on 19 points, with both winning a ball in the rundown. Hethe also won the approach with the pin shot a cleanskin. Moose May won the long putt.

Championships will be played on the weekends of 6/7 and 13/14 March and it is expected that it will be the most hotly contested championship for many years. Club champion for 2020 Kev Harrison is in pretty good form but he won't have things his own way with five "B" graders from last year now in "A" Grade and looking to make their mark. It is expected that the 2021 winner of "B" and "C" grades may well come from the ranks of our new golfers bringing in a changing of the guard at the club.

The Monthly Medal for February was contested in difficult conditions last Sunday with Andrew Cody winning the day with 68 net in a countback from Barry Brown Jnr. (Looks like Baz won "bragging rights" on the day Tommy). Pin shots went to Rod Simpson and Tommy Brown and approaches to Tommy Brown, Barry Brown Jnr and Moose May.

Congratulations to Golf Club President Lenny Hoey on winning the Matchplay from former Ken and Sue Wilson Cup winner Jason Nightingale. Congratulations on reaching the final Jase. A great effort considering you are not playing all that much golf. Everyone please note that we will be getting the matchplay going earlier this year.

Our new Monthly Medal sponsor is Simmo's Landscape Management. Thanks Aaron for your continued support. Thanks also to the Allora Pharmacy for their sponsorship of the medal over the past 5 years.

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