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Invitation
 to all past and present members of
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Morning tea
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Celebration of 50th Anniversary

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The Grow Free Trolley

The Grow Free Trolley proved a popular attraction in Allora last year. However due to family illness and interstate travel the cart stopped appearing. Rebecca Stone who came up with this interesting concept apologises for any disappointment or inconvenience this absence has caused. But the good news is the trolley will again be wheeled out on the last weekend of every month commencing this Saturday 27th February. It works like this - if you have extra veggies, fruit, jams, jars, plants etc leave them on the trolley and if there's something you need, please feel free to take it. The Grow Free Trolley will be at 15 Drayton Street Allora this Saturday and Sunday between 9am and 4pm.

Days for Girls Resumes

We are having our first gathering for 2021 this Friday 26th February from 9.30 am at the Mary McKillop Function Room, Allora. Members have continued sewing and are asked to return finished components so we can check progress. We welcome new participants. You may wish to find out more about the organisation, learn how to sew items needed for kits, count, fold, bring a machine or overlocker and make a start. All materials are provided to new and current members. Come along and meet some amazing people. Share a coffee or cup of tea and find out how Days for Girls makes a difference to the women of the world. Call Rosemary 0408 973 474 for any further information.

Our Water Meters Are Now Being Read

Water meter readings started on Monday and should be finalised by the end of March. Southern Downs Regional is calling on all residents to check that water meters are easily and safely accessible for Council's Water Officers. A quick review and tidy up of meter locations will ensure Council's staff can quickly and efficiently read meters with no disruption to the property's occupants. Water meters are placed on individual property boundaries and Council advises that meters should be free from debris, grass, garden mulch, soil and other obstacles. Residents and tenants should also ensure that stop taps are easily located so that water can be turned off quickly if a leak is detected to minimise water wastage, property damage and prevent an excessive water consumption notice. A Council spokesperson also suggests that residents regularly monitor household water usage by reading their meters at a similar time each week to track how much water they are using and to identify opportunities for water savings if needed. Water Consumption Notices will be sent out in April 2021 with the due date being 30 days after the issue date. Anyone experiencing issues with payments should contact Council to arrange a confidential payment agreement. Council thanks the community in advance for its co-operation in keeping meters clear and accessible.

Pratten Plan open for feedback

Following community consultation Ethos Urban and SDRC have developed the Draft Pratten Urban Design Framework (UDF). The Draft Pratten UDF will provide the basis for funding applications, capital expenditure and collaboration between Council, community and other key stakeholders. Council is now seeking community feedback to help finalise the plan. The aim is to identify design measures that will benefit the lifestyle of residents; enhance the experience of visitors; provide a basis for investing in public works and guidance for how the town should look and feel within priority areas. The Draft Pratten UDF further aims to set the scene for ongoing community and economic development initiatives. A copy of the Draft Pratten UDF can be viewed on Council's Living Here/Have your Say page or residents can contact Council on 1300 697 372 or via email at mail@sdrc.qld.gov.au to request a digital copy.

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In the meantime, patients wishing to obtain a copy of their records can visit the surgery or phone prior to 24th March 2021. After this I can be contacted by email or post - details are below. Privacy laws require that patients complete a request form for release of their records.

Once again, thank you for the privilege of serving you over these many years.

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Toowoomba Women's Shed Visit



Jane Jacoby, Daphne Whatley, Rosie Henderson, Jill Leeson, Janice Haywood and Barb McGovern.

Members at Allora Scope were thrilled to receive a visit from Toowoomba Women's Shed members last week. Janice Haywood and Rosie Henderson from Toowoomba donated a beautiful quilt to be raffled by Scope with funds raised for Youngcare.

Currently underway at the Scope's Community Op Shop is a massive half price sale. Members have been busy organising bargains throughout the shop. Bags of clothing are selling at \$10 with assorted items for half price but only for the next few weeks.

Allora Garden Circle



Next Tuesday, 2nd March, the Allora and District Garden Circle will visit Jennifer's Allora garden. It's only a couple of years old,

but looking good already. Gardeners new to the district would be most welcome to come and be inspired. It will be a morning tea visit this month. Jennifer will expect us at 10.30. You may go straight to her address or meet at 1 Drayton Street at 10.15 for a lift. Please ring Sandra (0409 542 692) or Jane (4666 3868) for more information.

Tamborine Mountain Country Markets

Enjoy a day trip on Sunday 14th March visiting Tamborine Mountain Country Markets & Town Centre. Travel by bus leaving the Toowoomba Hospice at 7am and returning approximately 6pm. Tickets are \$35 per

person. For bookings call Katrina at the Toowoomba Hospice on (07) 4659 8500 or email events@toowoombahospice.org.au. There are only 44 tickets available. Funds raised go to Toowoomba Hospice.

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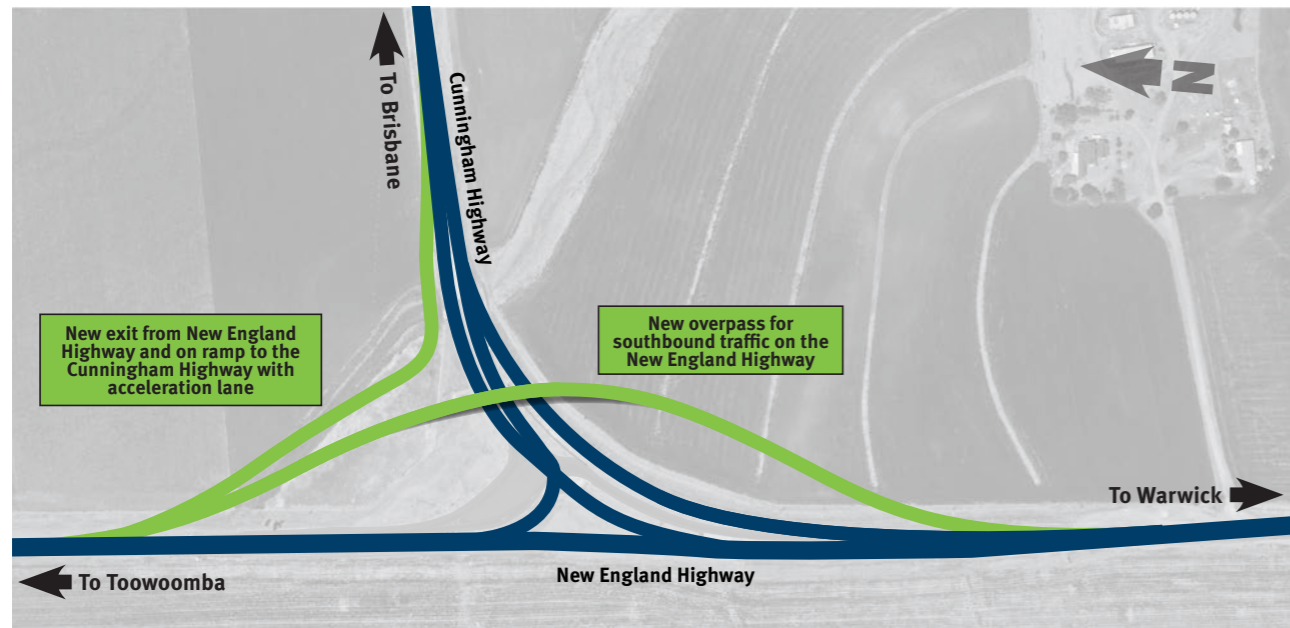
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Eight Mile Intersection upgrade



Questions have been asked since last week's story about how the Eight Mile Overpass will work. Hopefully this map from Department of Transport and Main Roads will make it clearer.

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Dog attacks take their toll on meter readers

Two Queensland meter readers are recovering from serious injuries after being attacked by dogs on the loose.

"Dog owners need to take responsibility for their pets for the safety of everyone walking in their neighbourhood, including meter readers doing their rounds". Ergon Energy's General Manager Customer & Market Operations, Cloe Kernick said

"Dog attacks are traumatic and can have lasting effects on the physical and mental health of the victims and their families – some people are literally scarred for life.

"Every day, meter readers go door-to-door on foot as part of their job, so the risk is always front of mind for them and we hope that dog owners understand the part

they play in keeping our people safe."

In January 2019, Ergon Energy introduced a safe entry policy that prevents crews and meter readers from entering yards where there is a record of dogs on site.

"While we've seen a vast improvement in the last two years, meter readers are still being bitten by dogs and we need the community's help to stop these horrific incidents.

"We've introduced a free SMS notification service for dog owners, who can register online to receive a text the day before their scheduled meter read." Ms Kernick said.

For further information go to <https://www.ergon.com.au/network/safety/safe-entry-to-your-premises>

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Allora Historical Society 50th Anniversary

The people of Allora have a history of embracing a celebration — Royal events, royal visits, end of wars, anniversary of milestones.

While organising the celebrations for the centenary of Allora being proclaimed a municipality, it was suggested that the history of Allora be showcased with a display of memorabilia. People from throughout the district offered items for display.

The 100 year celebration included the opening of Apollo Way. After the bridge opening, a procession moved across the bridge to the showgrounds. The display was set up in the show pavilion (which has now been replaced). After the event many people offered their items for permanent display.

The Allora and District Historical Society was formed. First President — Roy Neale, first secretary — Antonia (Ding) Atkinson, first treasurer — Olive Shooter. (Ding Atkinson resigned after a couple of months and Roy Neale took over the secretary's job. Ray Shooter was acting President for the rest of the term)

The museum was set

up in the School of Arts building at 27 Drayton Street, Allora.

It was a private library run by the School of Arts committee which wound up in the early 1960's. The Allora Boy Scout group took a 10 year lease on the building. When the Boy Scouts folded the Historical Society took over the lease.

The building had been formerly the Court House and situated in Raff Street.

The building was shifted to the Drayton Street site. The old court house was bought for £14 by the School of Arts committee and moved to the Drayton Street site. The quarter acre of land had been previously bought from Mrs. Emily Buxton, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Gwynne who had the first Post Office on the adjoining block.

The original court house was built in Raff Street on the site of the present



Drayton Street Museum.

police station in 1868. It was moved to Drayton Street for use as the School of Arts in 1884.

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Allora Historical Society an invitation is extended to all past and present members of ADHS to enjoy morning tea at 27 Drayton Street on Saturday 20th March. RSVP by 13th March to Wendy adhssec@gmail.com or phone 0488 673 778.

The Mayor and Councillors of the Southern Downs Regional Council have been invited to the special celebration.

On the Sunday the general public can visit the museum between 10am and 12noon and again from 1pm to 3pm. There'll be a small entry fee of \$5 for adults and children over 14 years.

Take a fascinating trip back in time at the Allora Historical Museum.

UNI Student Receives QCWA Bursary

Condamine Valley Warwick QCWA President Michele Slater was in Allora recently to present Clifton local Chloe O'Halloran with a grant, worth \$1,500.

Chloe, a former SCOTS PGC College student, will be residing at the Australian Catholic University where she will study a double degree in paramedicine and nursing.

"I want to become a paramedic or medical dispatcher after I finish my degree."

Chloe said she was thankful for the opportunity given by the QCWA after an unusual final year of school.

"It was a bit hard to concentrate at home but

I got the work done and it turned out to be pretty easy-going," she said.

"I would like to say a huge thank you to the QCWA for giving everyone this opportunity and for all the great work they do in the community."

President Michele Slater said it was a difficult year for judges, with plenty of great entrants.

We had a group of three ladies from the division who sat down and had a look at all the resumes and judged



Chloe O'Halloran and Michele Slater.

each one on their merits," she said.

"They had to make a big

decision and it was really tough for them to pick this year," Mrs Slater said.



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Food regulators abandon fruit and vegetable growers

And, the Agriculture Minister is NOT happy!



Hon. David Littleproud MP

David Littleproud says a decision by food regulators to give 100 percent pure Aussie fruit and vegetable juice a lower health star rating than diet cola is just madness.

"The Australia and New Zealand Ministerial Forum on Food Regulation failed the leadership test by retaining a nonsensical health star rating system," Minister Littleproud said.

"States and territories who supported this including Queensland, Northern Territory, ACT and Victoria

have let down our farmers, consumers, and Australia's \$800 million juice industry.

"This will mean 100 per cent pure orange juice will have a health star rating lower than that of a diet soft drink.

"They have made a mockery of the rating system and have ignored Australian Government and industry concerns. It would appear as though the states that voted for this are beholden to their bureaucrats.

"How can anyone believe that the health star rating for drinks with no nutritional value should be higher than 100 per cent fruit and vegetable juices?"

"This is madness and disrespects our country's vegetable and citrus growers and their communities.

"Reducing health star ratings for fruit and vegetable juices will impact demand for these products and flow-on to the bottom line for many farmers."



Glovebox Guide to support feral cat management

A new guide has been developed to help agricultural and environmental land managers address the growing threat posed by feral cats.

Every day, feral cats take on average a staggering 3.1 million mammals, 1.1 million birds and 1.8 million reptiles.

Recent research from the Australian Government's National Environmental Science Program found that the pest also transmits diseases to other animals including livestock, costing the agricultural industry up to \$12 million each year.

The free guide provides information about the impacts of feral cats and lays out tools for land managers to plan their control actions in accordance with their state or territory legislation.

The guide supports the efforts of private landholders, leaseholders and volunteers to manage invasive species on their lands to achieve positive outcomes for biodiversity conservation and primary production.

Since 2014, more than \$32 million in Australian Government funding has been mobilised for projects that have a primary focus on supporting practical, on-ground action and action-based research to reduce the impacts of feral cats.

The guide is the latest in the series of Pest Management Glovebox Guides which includes the management of species such as feral pigs, foxes and rabbits.

The Glovebox Guide for Managing Feral Cats and other pest animal management guides are available to download and order: <https://pestsmart.org.au/pest-animals/glovebox-guides-order-form/>



Feral cat with galah - image Mark Marathon

Hostile Approach Needed To Reduce Mouse Populations

Australian grain growers are urged to create hostile environments for mice by reducing residual food supplies and thereby optimising the effectiveness of baiting programs.

Limiting competition for bait by eliminating alternative food sources is the pivotal mouse management strategy available to growers.

Creating 'mouse unfriendly' paddocks was a key piece of advice delivered to growers and advisers during the recent Grains Research and Development Corporation's (GRDC) specially convened online mouse forum.

The Grains Research Update was recorded and is available for viewing and downloading via the GRDC website at <http://bit.ly/2ZmOrln>.

GRDC-supported lead mouse researcher Steve Henry from CSIRO, Australia's national science agency, stressed the importance of increasing the odds of mice encountering a lethal dose of zinc phosphide bait. "If mice are hungry, they are more likely to eat a lethal dose. If conditions are favourable - mice need food, shelter and moisture to thrive -



Photo courtesy CSIRO.

the rate of population increase is dramatic." Mr Henry said.

Mice start breeding when they are six weeks old, and litters of six to 10 pups are born every 19 to 21 days.

Mr Henry encouraged growers to control volunteer cereals, remove grain on the ground around storage infrastructure and where possible use sheep to clean up residual grain from the 2020 harvest. Limiting grain losses during harvesting of summer and winter crops is also imperative.

Mr Henry said baiting six weeks out from sowing was advisable if mouse numbers were currently high. This allowed mice to overcome any sub-lethal ingestion and bait aversion before baiting at sowing time.

"If you still have mice at sowing, put the bait out of the back of the seeder. You will get the primary bang for your buck baiting at sowing, especially if the bait goes on freshly disturbed soil after the last presswheel."

Mr Henry said close monitoring after each bait application was critical, and it was important that growers actively and thoroughly monitored their paddocks for mice.

More details about control options are available via the GRDC Mouse Control website at <https://grdc.com.au/resources-and-publications/resources/mouse-control>.

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Watch out Wattles opponents this season if Ty Gardner carries his golf form over to the footy field. Ty won the Percy's Fruit Duck Run on Friday with a mammoth 24 points from Tommy Brown on 21 points in a countback from Moose May. Pin shot was won by Moose and approach by Tommy. Shann won the long putt. Ty then followed up his

Allora Golf Notes

Friday's effort with a win in the Club Trophy on Sunday. Ty recorded 38 points to win the day. There were three players on 36 points with Tommy Morris runner-up and Brodie Frizzell third. Moba finished in fourth place as he ran out of puff after using up most of his energy in his early morning nine hole warm up. Pins/approaches were won by Tommy on the 4th, Aaron on the 13th, Wal on the 16th, Frizz on the 8th and 11th, Moba on the 2nd, Andy on the 6th and Garth on the 15th. Ty won the long

putt on the 1st and Wal won the long putt on the 10th. A few reminders. No gimmies permitted in competition play, no tee up allowed in any competition and preferred lie still applies across the course. Next week will be the

Percy's Fruit Duck Run on Friday and Allora Butchery 4BBB aggregate on Sunday with a draw for partners. Club Championships start on 6th March - early tee time can be arranged if necessary. See you on the links.



Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago February 1996.

All Round Sportsman

Allora State School student, Greg Holmes, aims to make the Queensland team in the 1997 Pan Pacific Games. Greg won a bronze medal in discus at the State primary track and field titles and followed that up with a fourth place in the National titles in Melbourne. At Central Downs level he was second in the high jump and 200 metres events, and third in the long jump and 100 metres.

Greg's sporting achievements have not been confined to athletics where he has been coached by Allora State School teacher Steve Gillespie. He was equal first in his age group at the Allora State School swimming carnival and represented Central Downs in a six-a-side rugby league competition where he was named as best and fairest. Greg plays in the second row for Wattles juniors.

Allora's Past 75 years ago February 1946

Fancy Dress Ball

The Allora State School committee arranged a successful children's fancy dress ball in the Central Hall. The function was well attended by large numbers of children in fancy dress, and by adults. Mrs C. Crooke and Mrs. E. J. Nussey were the judges. Those in charge of the organization of the ball were J. Erhart (president), O. Hentschell (secretary) and Roy Neale (treasurer). Some of the prize winners were: Best dressed girl under 8 years Joan Neale



The Allora Cricket Team c.1930. Dr. C. P. Sapsford front centre.

(Bo-Peep) and Glenis Neale (Madame Pompadour) tie; Hazel Geck (Carmen Miranda); Kay and Jocelyn Slatter (fairies).

Allora's Past 100 years ago February 1921

Cricket

The Allora Cricket team defeated Headington Hill by an innings and 143 runs in a two-day match which concluded at Allora on Saturday. In the first innings the visitors were bowled out for 40 runs of which Albert Hinrichsen made 17 and David Taylor 8. Ernest Kates took 6 wickets for 7 runs for Allora. In reply Allora compiled 242 runs, Ernest Kates made 93, C. J. Jefferies 40 and Dr. Sapsford 75 not out. In the second innings Headington scored 59 runs of which Bill Taylor

made 31. Wicket takers for Allora were Gould 4/21, Kates 3/2, Deller 2/11 and Rickert 1/8.

The Allora team comprised Sam Deller, Ernest Kates, George Rickert, W. Gould, C. Jeffries, Edward Doyle, Sam Montgomery, Andrew Hamilton, David Campbell, Les Masters, and H. Castles.

Allora's Past 150 years ago February 1871

Allora Coal

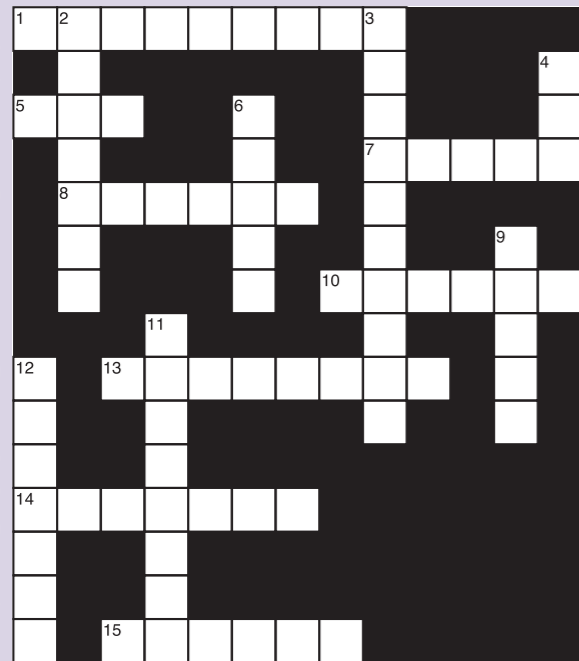
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- Across**
- Four major tournaments including Wimbledon (5,4).
 - A winning serve which the receiver fails to touch with their racket.
 - Game area.
 - The official who is in overall charge of a match.
 - A shot on which the ball is hit before it bounces.
 - A stroke in which the ball is struck on the opposite side of the body to the racquet hand.
 - Youngster who collect balls from the court and give them to players.
 - This week's crossword theme.
- Down**
- A stringed bat used to hit a ball.
 - A point that will end the match if it is won by the leading player (5,5).
 - A woven barrier dividing a court into halves.
 - To hit the ball after tossing it into the air.
 - Score of forty-all.
 - A line at each end of a court, marking the boundary of the playing area.
 - Format in which players play in teams of two.

Jeremy's View

Rugby League

I really like rugby league and the two teams I go for are the Queensland Maroons in the State of Origin and the Brisbane Broncos. My favourite player from the Maroons is Daly Cherry-Evans who plays the halfback position. Mum doesn't like rugby at all but she lets me watch the games on TV and William and I play against each other in our paddock. This year the State of Origin games are on 9 June, 27 June and 14 July and I'm really looking forward to watching them.



Recently I joined the Gremlins Rugby League team in Stanthorpe. Training is on every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon and our first game is against Redlands in March. William normally plays soccer for Carlton and also does Joey Scouts, and we both do swimming at WIRAC on Fridays. Mum is trying to convince William to play rugby rather than soccer this season. If he decides to do soccer we will have Scouts after school Mondays, Rugby Tuesdays, Soccer Wednesdays, Rugby Thursdays and swimming on Fridays. What I like about rugby is that it's active, I have to pass a lot and it gives me something to do after school.

Jeremy Lister, age 10

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TODAY'S QUOTE

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The passenger apologised "I didn't realise that a little tap would scare you so much."

The driver replied - "Sorry it's not your fault - today's my first day and before that I'd been driving a hearse for 10 years."

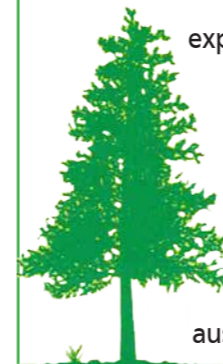
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Allora Bowls Notes

Week 5 - One of the main attractions of the night bowls competition is the casual atmosphere. Look around on bowls night and you see Sports Club "T" shirts, individual team uniforms and any style of casual gear, including footwear. Thongs come in handy in measuring closest to jack. What were those two football fans thinking - wearing their Broncos outfits! Just not proper on the bowling green boys!

The fire ants took the sting out of the pig lures tail, beating them 19-9. Great to see tramps have a win. It doesn't matter to Beetle and his team - 14-11. Are you good enough (not half) keep on winning. This time the phoenix did not rise - 19-3. Those cute babies caught a bowla virus unawares - 23-7. Wow have not seen the generation gap create such a gap in the score. They were

16 ahead of the bowled and beautiful - 26-10. A count back gave the railway boys the win over the comedians as the score was 9 all. The peaky blinders (an old tv show apparently) narrowly out smarted their opposition - what a show - 12-10.

Winners of the Tony Morris Tiling sponsored prizes this week were Fire Ants and Doesn't Matter - win or lose you still have a chance to take home a 6 pack!

Ken O'Dea has again agreed to be a bowls sponsor. Winners of his chocolate blocks were Tim, Bruce, Liz, Greg, Glen McM and Lyn P.

What luck! Ryan Cooper won three prizes in the raffle. Hope he shares with his dad. Other winners were Rusty & Glen McMillan & Paul Eastwell. No luck for Stuart Sparksman filling in for David when he had a



Thongs and Broncos Jersey - Can't see a problem with that! - Editor

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