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Helping Our Neighbours



Gretta Barton provided the lunchtime entertainment at the successful Feast in the Field held at the weekend at Mt Molar near Clifton. (story page 4)

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Scope Conference



The Scope Club of Allora will host the Zone 2 half-yearly conference this Saturday.

Members of Scope Clubs from Ballina and Wynnum will travel to Allora for the conference to be held at the Blue Care Centre.

It's expected that thirty members and partners will be attending.

Guest speaker will be Helen Smith from Orange Sky Laundry in Brisbane.

During the second week of the School Holidays the Scope Club of Allora will be taking a bus to Brisbane to check out the Orange Sky Laundry.

Anyone interested in going on the trip can phone Daphne on 0428 109 517.

Mark This Date in Your Diary

Saturday 17th April for the Annual Bowls & Golf Day to be held at the Allora Sports Club.

Join in the fun and help raise money for Prostate Cancer Research plus support the local community of Allora.

Golfers hit off at 10.30am and from 12.30 the crowd goes wild with barefoot bowls, trivia, touch rugby game and throw the jandal (which is short for Japanese sandal!). We wonder who'll win Fashions on the Green? Come along dressed in your best pirate outfit - you may take home a prize.

There'll be plenty of prizes such as a \$250

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Tickets can be pre-purchased or paid for on the day. RSVP by 10th April at the Allora Sports Club or via facebook event page, Amber 0432 649 470, Wacol Reception.



Can You Help Police?

Allora Police have called for public assistance in locating the person responsible for a senseless act of vandalism earlier this month.

On the evening of March 6th, a beer stubby was thrown at a local residence.

The incident occurred between 8.30pm and 9pm at a house in the vicinity of Norman and South Streets.

Senior Constable Riley Cozens of Allora Police said the bottle smashed the

window of a child's bedroom.

Anyone who may have information which will assist police investigations is asked to contact the Allora Police Station on 4666 3222.

Alternatively, information can be reported to Policelink on 131 444 or to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Allora's Community Auction

A meeting will be held to gauge the interest in running the Auction in June.

Volunteers are desperately needed. If you're interested please get along to the Allora Showgrounds

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Marking 50 Years

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Councillors Sheryl Windle and Marco Giori will join with twenty members and ex-members of the Historical Society at a special morning tea on Saturday. President of the Society Jim Anderson will welcome the guests.

On Saturday afternoon

members and visitors from the Scope half yearly zone function will be shown around the Museum.

Then on Sunday the general public can visit the museum between 10am and 12noon and again from 1pm to 3pm. If you haven't visited the Drayton Street Museum this is a wonderful opportunity to browse through the fascinating history of Allora.

Is There Enough Interest for a Community Bus?

We'll find out at a meeting to be held next Tuesday night 23rd March.

Allora Community Bus Incorporated will be holding a general meeting starting at 7pm at St Andrews Community Centre, corner of Forde and Warwick

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Discussion will focus on the options to provide a community bus for use in the local areas.

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Allora locals play their part in helping to make Feast in the Field a huge success



The team from Wild Sage Collective catered for the event with over 200 people attending. Many good comments were made for the variety of tasty food and the great service provided by the team.

Funds raised will go toward further improvement of facilities at Clifton's Community Health Services.



Allora Is Looking Its "Green" Best

Allora is known for its lovely gardens, trees and well-maintained parks.

Thanks go to our local gardeners and to the Council for keeping our town looking its best.

Out of interest, Southern Downs Regional Council currently maintains about 160 parks and reserves across the region, with many parks fitted with state of the art, Australian standards compliant equipment for better and safer playgrounds. These play stations have child friendly designs that appeal to all ages with some also offering disability friendly equipment.

As well as playground equipment, some parks double as outdoor gyms with fitness equipment that is enjoyed by many who want to keep fit and Council is continually reviewing opportunities to improve open spaces for the community.

Southern Downs Mayor Vic Pennisi said that although mowing the lawns have taken front and centre stage over the past few weeks with the welcome rains allowing a lot of new growth, the role of our Parks and Gardens team extend far past that.

"Parks, lawns, and nature strips are certainly soaking up the recent rain, and the grass is growing in unprecedented fashion, and what a great problem to have. It was only twelve months ago that we were praying to see the brown disappear," Mayor Pennisi said.

"The unprecedented growth has resulted in the perfect storm for our Parks and Gardens team who are also tasked with servicing public amenities, maintaining playgrounds, clearing debris from our streets and ensuring our flowerbeds, trees and lawns survive the drought.

"Southern Downs is a great place to live, work, rest and play and we are committed to providing our community with green spaces you can be proud of. I thank you for your ongoing support of the excellent work our Parks and Gardens team do."



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Travis Burns Try Seals Wattles Win

Local rugby league graced the turf of Platz Oval on Saturday with a local derby pre-season trial between the Warwick Cowboys and Wattles Warriors.

The A Grade scoreboard was locked at nil all at quarter time, but tries by fullback Craig Donn and

halfback Mitch Wilson within the initial ten minutes saw the Cowboys race to a 12 – 0 lead. Then Wattles winger Mitch Bourke dived over for a try.

Cowboys held a 12 – 4 lead at half time, but it was Wattles hooker Ryan Stevens and winger Matt Christensen scoring tries that saw the home side ease ahead 16 – 12.

Just prior to three-quarter

time Warwick outside back Jack Breen showed plenty of pace to score and level to 16 all.

The game was decided when Wattles half Matt Duggan offloaded to new face Cooper Tait-Roach who then found player/coach Travis Burns unmarked and winning the race to the try line.

It was a rewarding day for Warriors Mitch Bourke, who had opened the batting for Maryvale in the Warwick Cricket Association Grand Final in Warwick, knocked up 40 runs in a game that would see Maryvale emerge premiers and then head to Clifton to run on for Wattles and score the club's first A Grade try of the season.

First Grade: Wattles 22 (Mitchell Bourke, Ryan Stevens, Matthew Christensen, Travis Burns tries, Matt Duggan 3 goals) defeated **Warwick 16** (Craig

Donn, Mitch Wilson, Jack Breen tries, Matt Marshall 2 goals).

Wattles Dominate Reserve Grade - Wattles 20 (Tom Duggan 2, Lachlan Henry, Paul Christensen tries; Tom Morris 2 goals) defeated **Warwick 4** (Tom Lloyd try)

Meddleton Hat Trick of Tries - Fullback Jacob Meddleton showed plenty of class to run in three tries and put Wattles ahead 34 – 30 nearing the final whistle, but a try by Warwick halfback Dan Howard saw the winning honours go the visitor's way.

Under 18: Warwick 36 (Jayden Tucker 2, Zac Beckwith 2, Jeffrey Ross, Dan Howard, Ben Lyons tries, Jayden Tucker 4 goals) defeated **Wattles 34** (Jacob Meddleton 3, Alex Butler, Lachlan Meicle, Ryley Lever tries, Jacob Meddleton 5 goals

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possible, trees will have only their limbs trimmed ('pollarding') to conserve fauna habitat. A cultural heritage assessment has also been undertaken for the trees marked for removal. Across the region approximately 60 trees will be removed or pruned from roads and highways including -

- New England Highway
- Warwick–Yangan Road
- Yangan–Killarney Road
- Dalrymple Creek Road
- Leyburn–Cunningham Road

Motorists are asked to be aware of single lane closures during the removal process, which will be scheduled to avoid peak traffic times wherever possible. Southern Downs Regional Council and RoadTek Warwick will progressively work around the region, starting in the coming weeks and aiming to finish before the end June 2021.

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On Friday the circus shows will be held at 11am, 3.30pm, 6.30pm and 8pm, with workshops scheduled for 11.30am, 4pm and 5pm.

On the Saturday, shows will be held at 11am, 3pm and 5pm, with the workshops to be held at 1.30pm, 3.30pm and 5.30pm.

The Ray Bunch Machinery Cantor Cup will raise some dust, with the three heats and a final set to enthuse racing fans.

There will be plenty to see and do in the pavilion this year, with a plethora of categories available to enter.

After a decent past 12 months of rain, entries will be flying into the fruit and vegetable sections, with the region's best and brightest produce on display.

Make sure to get down and have a chat with some of the entrants to get some tips for your own home garden.

As always, the demolition derby will be a highlight for both young and old on the Friday night.

This year's demolition derby will be supplemented by a fireworks display as well as a cross-cut and post-rip saw competition.

It will be important for everyone attending this year's show to abide by social-distancing and COVID regulations

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The National Day of Action (NDA) against

Bullying and Violence is an important day to mark Australian school communities standing together against bullying and violence. And to help create positive change for students, staff and the

school climate.

The theme for the NDA 2021 is Take Action Together. This theme aims to elevate student voice, empowering young Australians to join the conversation.



Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago March 1996

Cricket Win to Allora

Fielding their best side and with 314 runs on the board, Victoria Hill would have been confident that they were about to inflict the Allora Club with their first defeat of the season. Rodney Bell and Adam May scored 202 runs for the second wicket for Victoria Hill with Rodney contributing 128 and Adam 91. John Meddleton took 3-80 for Allora and Allan Robin 2-40.

The Allora side had other ideas, scoring 5-348 to win the match by 34 runs with five wickets in hand. The win was set up with a 120 run third-wicket partnership between Ashley Prendergast and Allan Robin, Ashley contributing 99 runs and Allan 58. Anthony Mason ensured the Allora win with an unbeaten 58.

Allora's Past 75 years ago March 1946

Patronal Festival

The Patronal Festival of St. David's Church of England was held on the weekend when all services were well attended. Rev Hely-Wilson of Cleveland was the special preacher for the morning and evening services. Rev. Hely-Wilson was the rector at Allora for

about 7 years in the 1920's. After the morning service a picnic lunch was held in the church grounds at which the old friend of the Rev. Hely-Wilson were able to meet with him. The Rev. Hely-Wilson was the guest of the Rev. and Mrs Loxton at the Rectory.

Allora's Past 100 years ago March 1921

Allora Tennis Club

There was a good attendance of members and intending members at the Annual Meeting of the Allora Tennis Club, Vice-president R. Kennedy presided. The office bearers for the current year are as follows: President, J. A. Fowler; Vice-presidents, Dr C. P. Sapsford, Les Masters; Captain, C. P. Sapsford; Ladies Captain, Miss M. Burge; Secretary/treasurer S. H. Tickle, Auditors, Misses M. O'Connor and M. Webber; Committee, J. A. Fowler, L. Masters, C. P. Sapsford, S. H. Tickle, C. Stay, E. Kates, Mrs R. Kennedy, Miss F. Kates.



Allora Tennis Court. Les Masters is second from the right.

Allora's Past 150 years ago March 1871

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Dilute. Wilga Park Desert Storm was led by Charlie Ridgway at the Oakey Show which was held last Saturday.

Landcare Pest & Weed Control Event



There was a good attendance at the Landcare presentation in Clifton on Saturday.

Locals from Allora and Clifton areas learned how to set up black light cameras to monitor pests and wildlife.

Of interest was a demonstration of remotely controlled feral pig traps with information on other equipment such as seed spreader, wombat digger and pottiputki tree planters. Attendees also had the opportunity to learn how to obtain best results with

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Jeremy's View



The game on Saturday

On Saturday I played a game for the Stanthorpe Gremlins rugby league team against the Redlands (which is near Brisbane). Unlike younger age groups the under ten age group plays on the whole field and also plays tackle footy. When it was time for the under tens to play, we ran out onto the field and the referee said to start playing so I went to the position that coach told us we were going to play last training session on Thursday. The position coach told me I was going to play at the first half is a wing which is right next to the side line. Coach said that our team was going to get the ball first so they gave it to a Redlands player to kick off to us. In the first half I didn't really get to do much aside from chasing after players who I never caught and try to get into tackles which I could not get into fast enough which just made me waste time getting back to my position. But my favourite time of the game was the second half when I was a forward which meant I got a lot of runs. A very frustrating part of the game was when we were inches away from the try line but Redlands tackled us out of the field of play so it was then their ball. In the end we lost by a lot but it was a great learning experience and we had lots of fun. Thanks Redland, see you next year.

Jeremy Lister, age 10

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The little fella said in a shaky voice "are you feeling better now?"

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All interested persons are encouraged to attend discussions on the options to provide a community bus for use in the local areas. All enquiries Peter Lakeman 0413 604 791



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Allora Bowls Notes

Week 8 - Wonderful to see 90 year old Len Dubois have a game of bowls. Len loves his bowls but has been unable to play for a while. He joined Beetle, Roy and Gade for a few ends.

Scores this week showed a few teams got a trouncing. Top teams Gina's Babies and Fire Ants played on rink 3 with Gina's Babies beating Fire Ants 18-10. Are Your Game Enough are now leading after their win 20-7 over Railway Hotel. Generation Gap and Phoenix had a close game 12-11. Doesn't Matter 13 just ahead of What A Show 11. All the B's on rink 5, Bowled and Beautiful 14 beat Bowla Virus 9. Tramps trampled the Pig Lures 17-7. Did not see the game on rink 7 but can imagine the tension with Peaky Blinders just beating The Three Stooges 13-12.

Teams to take home the Tony Morris Tiling winners/runners up prizes were Generation Gap and What

a Show. Winners of the Ken O'Dea toucher competition were Bruce, Chris and Jack (on the same rink!) Paul, Aaron and Beau.

The Allora Hardware Jackpot competition was not won. Next week \$180 up for grabs.

Beetle missed out on his team trophy raffle prize. He won a gift voucher for Allora Hardware. A second draw gave the prize to Greg Patto. Other winners were Glen, Rayan, Russ, Jack and Danny.

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