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Museum's 50th Anniversary



Olive and Ray Shooter cutting the celebratory cake.

The Allora and District Historical Museum celebrated its 50th Anniversary at the weekend.

President Jim Anderson welcomed the crowd of over twenty members, ex-members and guests.

Southern Downs Regional Council was represented by the Mayor Vic Pennisi and Councillors Sheryl Windle and Marco Gliori. All spoke and congratulated the ADHS and emphasised the important role of the Historical Society. Marco was in fine form, entertaining the crowd by reciting two poems.

In attendance were formation members Lola Crooke, Trevor Neale and Ray and Olive Shooter. Then the Shooters had the honour of cutting the 50th

Celebration cake that was made and decorated by Kaye Mullins.

Trevor's uncle Roy Neale made a very large contribution in collecting stories and information.

When the 100 year celebration (1969) was being organised, it was suggested that the history of the area be highlighted by a display. Many people contributed and a display was set up in the original show pavilion. These items were then offered for permanent display.

A committee was formed in August 1969 and on 20th March 1971 the museum was opened in the former magistrates building which had been used first as a School of Arts then the Scout Hall.

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A message from the Dwan Family of Allora Grain & Milling following the fire

We would like to thank everyone who helped. Especially the fire fighters and the local farmers that used their equipment to cart the water and the Southern Downs Council. Fire fighters are very under praised and recognised for what they do in an emergency until you have an emergency yourself. We would also like to thank everyone who has sent their condolences and wishes to us. Last but certainly not least thanks to our wonderful staff as they have been here for us since this tragedy happened. The guys and gals have always been good but they have been fantastic these past few days.

We're endeavouring to continue operating through other stockfeed mills until we rebuild.



Fire at Allora Grain & Milling (Photo - Fraser Clark).

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Two Allora men were ticketed for public nuisance offences for their roles as the main instigators in a fight occurring outside a Herbert Street hotel on Monday night, March 8.

The incident occurred shortly after 9pm in the town's main street.

While the tickets carry an \$800 fine, the pair have also been banned by police from entering or remaining in any licensed premise within Allora for the next 3 months.

Allora Police senior sergeant Damian Grace said this sort of behaviour will not be tolerated and the appropriate steps will be taken to ensure the safety and good order of all people in and around licensed premises and the town centre.

OPERATION SLIMJIM

On Wednesday, March 17, Allora and Clifton officers assisted Warwick Detectives and officers of the Brisbane Dog Squad in the finalisation of Drug Operation Slimjim.

This final phase of the local operation included the execution of a number of search warrants over two days on a number of

residences and properties within the Warwick Police Patrol Group including properties from Allora and Warwick to Killarney.

In all, 20 persons were arrested on a total of 61 drug and firearm related offences including supply and possession of drugs, failure to secure firearms, break and enter, possession of tainted property and obstructing police.

Most are to appear in the Warwick Magistrates Court on April 19.

Allora Police would like to thank anyone who has, or continues to give, information regarding drug or other suspicious activity across the local area.

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Local artist wins Victorian mural competition

Local artist Kerry Nicholson had a win at the Rochester Mural Festival in Victoria last week with a piece that wowed crowds and judges alike.

Artists from around Australia submitted mini murals to the selectors and Kerry was one of eight individuals or teams to be selected to attend the event and paint the mural on a larger scale.

Each artist interprets a theme set by the organisers and comes up with their own ideas of what to paint.

This year's theme being 'It changed our lives'.

Kerry has been extremely active in our region over recent years.

Kerry and other members of Nicholson Art Company are currently in talks to possibly paint a town mural on the water tower outside of Clifton State High School.

He and his team are currently painting a 6m x40m mural and recently



finished another series of 20 murals 3.5m x 120m at Moore Trailers on the Gore Highway at Pittsworth.

He also completed a mural for the stage at Allora State School Hall and many others around town.

Kerry currently lives at Ascot Factory and has strong generational connections to the town of Allora and resided there for many years.

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Fixing The Roof of Goomburra Town Hall

The Goomburra hall committee is most grateful for the sponsorship and support received from the Goomburra and Allora businesses and community. Eddie Bassingthwaite,

a farmer from Goomburra has made a considerable donation towards fixing the roof on the Goomburra hall. He made the donation after reading about the hall in the Allora advertiser. Having

been in the area for 47 years Eddie has a long history with the Goomburra Hall having attended Christmas parties when his children were younger. He also worked with Lyle Johnston to put in the main gate at the hall.

Thompson and Longhorn located in Goomburra is a local business that manufactures livestock equipment such as yards and crushes. Thompson and Longhorn have also made a large donation to the Hall towards fixing the roof.

Teams are still available for this Saturday's trivia night - contact Toni on 0429 383 397 or message the Goomburra Town Hall Facebook Page to register a team.

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The Trivia Night will be held in line with Covid regulations directed by Qld Health.

Cowboys Claim Barrett Shield Five Tries To Three



Warwick Cowboys captain Michael Bloomfield with the Barrett Family Shield won on Saturday evening at Father Ranger Oval. L-R Wattles captain Dale Perkins with Barrett family members Warwick Cowboys President Dayne Barrett, Terri Gilbert and Tom Kronk.

The Warwick Cowboys received a significant injection of confidence with the Toowoomba Rugby League season approaching as a result of their clean sweep of the four matches on the Barrett Family Shield program on Saturday at Father Ranger Oval.

It also highlighted an obvious form reversal compared to seven days back at Platz Oval when Wattles took the kudos for two out of three games including top grade in pre-season trials.

Supporters shouldn't form conclusions though; the Warriors line-up was short on regulars that will emerge for the season proper.

The feature game was played with the usual local derby ferocity, but when full time sounded the Cowboys had racked up their 17th shield success in the 29 years since the opening match of the pre-season tradition back in 1993 with a tightly fought 34 - 22 result. Both teams had their moments but it was the consistency and team work of the Warwick outfit that saw the Shield remain in the Cowboys clubhouse.

Warwick hooker Ben Sullivan was in his usual exceptional form and was named the best and fairest player and so presented with the Terry Doyle Memorial Medallion while Matt Duggan was dominant in the halves for Wattles. It was the third time Sullivan had won the prestigious medallion since the award's inception in 2011.

Wattles have struggled to loosen the Cowboys grip on the

Barrett Family Shield over the last six encounters since 2015, with the silverware only making it into the Warriors trophy cabinet in 2019.

Warwick 34 (Luke Brosnan, Mitch Wilson, Ben Sullivan, Joe Fuimuono, Mitch Watson tries; Matt Marshall 5 goals) defeated **Wattles 22** (Jackson Green, Jacob Meddleton, Kai Duggan tries; Matt Duggan 5 goals).

Reserve Grade - Warwick 20 (Jake Speed, Bradley Green, Matt Henry, Morgan Taylor tries; Morgan Taylor 2 goals) defeated **Wattles 6** Tom Morris try & goal).

Under 18 - Warwick 32 (Jayden Tucker, Cormack Doolan, Zac Beckwith, Angus Ridley, Dylan Roser, Jeffrey Ross, Damian Bensford, Isaac Jongs tries; Jaydon Tucker 6 goals) defeated **Wattles 4** (Lucas Torissi try).

Women - Warwick 18 (Amanda Hinch 2, Jordie McGrath, Meg Landers tries; Jayla Sefo goal) drew with **Toowoomba Brothers 18** (Kylie Janes, Latiesha Orcher, Donna Naulu, Nykiak Duncan tries; MacKenzie Bradley goal).

Both Warwick and Wattles can rest up over the coming weeks until the kick off of the Toowoomba Rugby League fixture season when Warwick take on reigning premiers Valleys on April 11th and Wattles go up against Dalby at Platz Oval on April 10th.

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Allora landholder Bill Burge's regenerative farming



Southern Queensland Landscapes (SQL) Project Officers recently visited Burge Pastoral Farming outside Allora.

Passionate about regenerative farming, Bill and the team chatted all-things compost, including how SQL may be able to provide support.

Bill's regenerative farming highlights the 'closing of the loop' for nutrient cycling on-farm. Crops are regeneratively grown with minimal industrial inputs producing feed for livestock as forage or grain, the byproducts being fodder and manure which are added to a compost heap for curing

before being returned to the paddock.

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If you're a landholder in the Southern Queensland region and would like to know more about regenerative farming techniques contact the SQL team at Toowoomba on (07) 4620 0111 or watch Burge Pastoral Farming channel on Youtube.

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Rural Aid CEO John Warters said "Our farmers have had everything thrown at them in recent times; drought, fire, a pandemic, plagues (mice and locusts) and now floods."

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Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago March 1996 Pony Club Gymkhana

The local club was the convincing winner over Pony Clubs from Warwick, Toowoomba and Killarney at the annual Allora Pony Club Gymkhana held at the Allora Showgrounds. In doing so the Allora Club took out the C. M. Fraser & Sons Shield. Ninety-three competitors from 10 clubs contested 10 events in each age group ranging from show jumping to presentation and rider classes.

Allora age group winners were: Under 8, Megan Batterham; Under 9, Sarah Gordon; Under 10, Chas Tranberg; Under 11, Sarah Batterham. Kerri Clark, of Allora, was the inaugural winner of the Allora Apex Club Sportsmanship award.

Allora's Past 75 years ago March 1946 Q.C.W.A. Annual Meeting

The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Allora branch of the Q.C.W.A. was held in the Rest Rooms and in presenting her annual report the president Mrs E. F. Lilley outlined the year's activities. Cr. H. S. Warfield, Chairman of the Allora Shire Council, occupied the chair at the meeting which was attended by over 40 women and a small number of men. Miss M. Deacon proposed a vote of thanks to the officers for their excellent work during the year. The election of officers resulted in: President, Mrs E. F. Lilley; Vice-presidents,

Mesdames Weber, P. F. Donovan, Hughes, J. Muller jr., and C. C. Wynn; Secretary, Mrs J. T. Marshall; Treasurer, Mrs A. J. Marshall.

Allora's Past 100 years ago March 1921

Obituary

The death of Mr Henry de Burgh Anderson, metropolitan inspector of the A.B.C. Bank, occurred at his home in Strathfield, Sydney. The late Mr Anderson joined the original A.J.S. Bank in Brisbane in 1880 and had had continuous service with the bank for 40 years. From 1889 to 1898 he served as the manager of the bank's Allora branch. He married Susan Kelly, daughter of John and Susan Kelly, in Allora in 1890 and their first child, Eric, was buried in the Allora cemetery in 1893. While in Allora Mr Anderson immersed himself in local organizations, being treasurer of the C.D.A. &



Goomburra Homestead with F. W. and Mrs Donkin standing in front.

H. Assn., treasurer of the St. David's Parish Council, president of the School of Arts Committee, treasurer of the Darling Downs Coursing Club as well as being involved with the Allora Cricket Club and the Allora Polo Club.

Allora's Past 125 years ago March 1896

Goomburra Station Sold

Goomburra Station, embracing 14,000 acres of freehold land near Allora township, has changed hands, the purchaser being Mr F. W. Donkin, formerly of Tambo Downs, Barcoo. On the fine property of Goomburra some thousands of acres have been laid down under lucerne and the whole property is enclosed by wire netting. The sheep and lambs from this station always bring top prices in the Enoggera saleyards. Mr Donkin resided in New Zealand for some years and after inspecting various properties in N.S.W. he decided that there was no place to surpass the Darling Downs in Queensland. Goomburra was offered, and having inspected it thoroughly, he came to the conclusion that it was in all respects superior to anything that he had seen, and he accordingly purchased it at a price satisfactory to the owner.

Colin Newport

Swimming Club Championship & Season Wrap



Will Day, Bailey Harm, Chloe Harm and Elyn Moore.

Best wishes to our Allora Swim Team members competing this week at the Queensland School Swimming Championships in Brisbane.

Elyn Moore and Chloe Harm will compete in the 10-12 years Carnival. This has been long awaited for Elyn and Chloe, who were both selected for the first time in the Darling Downs Swim Team in 2020 but were not able to attend the State Carnival when Covid cancelled the meet. We are pleased to see both young ladies regain their selection this year and we wish them well.

Will Day and Bailey Harm

will compete at the 13-19 years championships. Experienced campaigners at state carnivals, both Will and Bailey will be looking for a strong performance. Will Day will be swimming the 50m, 100m and 200m breaststroke events. Bailey Harm will be swimming nine events over the three days chasing finals in his individual events across multiple breaststroke, free-style and backstroke distances.

Congratulations to our Allora Swim Team members and our Coach Andrew Fidge who will join the swimmers in Brisbane.

Swim well, finish strong!

Allora Golf Notes



Percy's Fruit Duck Run on Friday was won by a familiar face we don't see often enough in Brady Glass who came in with 22 points. Runner up was Kez with 18 points in a countback from Frizz. Jared won the long putt but both the pin shot and approach were clean skins. Thanks Percy.

Sunday we played for the Railway Hotel Monthly Mug where Rod took advantage of being back in B Grade to win with 37 points in a countback from Club Champion Tim. Nick Lake was in third place. Pin

shots and approaches were won by Tim (2), Rod (2) and visitor Aaron McKenzie (2). Good to see you out in Allora again Aaron. Thanks Robyn from the Railway Hotel for the prizes.

Next week will be Percy's Fruit Duck Run on Friday and the Allora Butchery Two Person Ambrose on Sunday hitting off at 12.00 noon after a sausage sizzle commencing at 11.30am.

The 2021 Pennants Season commences this Sunday and we are up against the old rival Clifton at home. The team to take on the Clifton boys is Tim, Kev, Barry Junior, Aaron and Garth. As title holders we are keen to get off to a winning start and the boys understand what is needed to upset this highly regarded Clifton outfit. Good luck boys.

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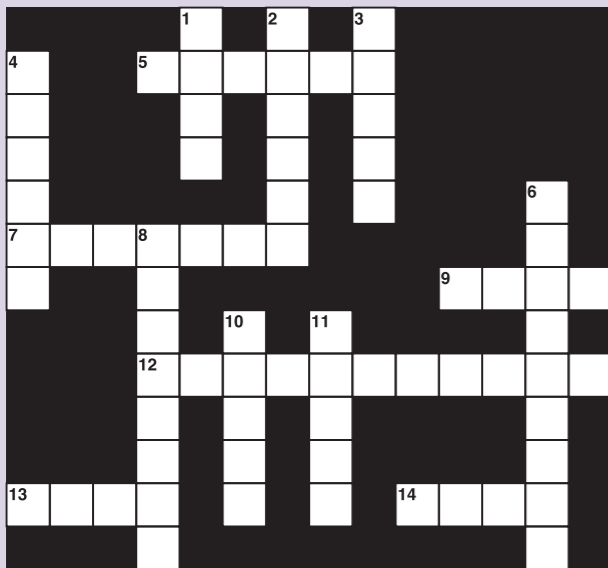
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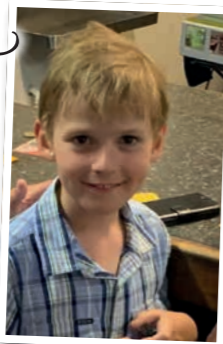


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 - Pre-Easter observance "_____ Friday".
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 - Fasting period preceding Easter.
- Down**
- The Sunday before Easter "_____ Sunday".
 - Woven receptacle, good for egg collection.
 - Christian Messiah.
 - This week's crossword theme.
 - Eggs can sometimes be made from this.
 - Easter treat - "_____ bun" (3,5).
 - Creature that delivers chocolate eggs - "Easter _____".
 - Easter proclamation - "He is _____!".

Jeremy's View

The Warwick show

All week Dad and I were planning to go on a road trip together on Friday since Dad and I don't spend much time together. So on Friday Dad picked me up from school. We originally planned so that we would drive to Warwick with only what we brought and Mum would later bring everything we need for one night (because we would also be staying in Allora and going to Goondiwindi the next morning). But Dad wanted to go home so he could get something so we packed our bags there. So we went and picked up that thing that he wanted and packed our bags and we drove off in Dad's now couple week old Hilux (which I wrote about on another column). When we got to the Warwick show grounds the first thing we did was get some Shannon's hot chips before it started to rain, so we went into a shed which had woodcraft art and other things and there we found Mum and William. We waited in there for a little bit before the rain died down and we went to the pavilion quickly before going to the grandstand to watch the races and then we went into the ring so Dad could do a speech. By then it was dark and we hopped into the car before going to Allora. And I would like to continue but I have run out of words.



Jeremy Lister, age 10

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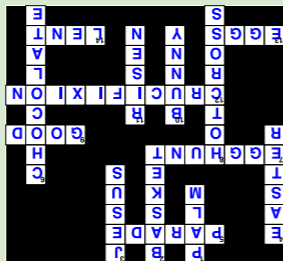
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 Enquiries Matt Skelton 0447 728 227

REMINDER NOTICE

NEXT SUNDAY, 28th MARCH IS PALM SUNDAY
 The Churches Together Ecumenical Group is having their usual **PALM SUNDAY MARCH.**

This will commence at 11.15am, from the **Uniting Church**, Warwick Street, and proceed to the **Stuart Henry Park** where a short ceremony will be held to mark this special day. After the prayers, a basket lunch will be held at **St. David's Hall.**
All are most welcome to be part of this occasion.

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Family and friends are invited to share in an afternoon tea to celebrate May's life to be held at the Allora RSL (22 Warwick Street, Allora) commencing at 3pm, Thursday 25th March 2021.

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New Golf Champion for 2021

After 72 absorbing holes of golf over two weekends, new Allora local Tim Exelby is the Club Champion for 2021. Tim moved to Allora from Gatton in the past 12 months and has become well entrenched in the local community, playing Night Bowls and also Cricket for Victoria Hill. Tim was not playing good golf late last year to the point that he was thinking about giving the game away, but thanks to his delightful partner Nat, who gave him golf membership for Christmas, Tim has resurrected his golf game and has now won his first Allora A Grade and Club Championship. Runner up in A Grade was our very tenacious competitor Barry Brown Junior who was giving up 7 shots to Tim but only got beaten by 3. In an enthralling battle, B Grade was won by Nick Morris from his younger brother Tommy, who swears that this will



Pictured left to right are Barry Brown Junior, Tim Exelby, Andy Cody, Hethe Ramus, Nick Morris and Tommy Morris.

not happen again. Another recent arrival to Allora, Hethe Ramus, won the C Grade

from another new member in Andrew Cody. The Golf Club committee thanks all

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