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There's a bridge under there ...somewhere



The Maher-Rickert Bridge stood the big test when the Dalrymple Creek flooded and completely submersed the bridge covering it in water, debris and some rats.

“Chiverton Homestead” Leslie

Nutrien Harcourts



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WARWICK | 25 Serisier Road

Built in 1872 this Victorian Era house is situated 12km from Warwick and 80km to Toowoomba and sits on a parkland setting of 4.21Ha close to where the pioneering Leslie Brothers established their first station. The homestead is on an elevated position with commanding views across the rich Toolburra Plain farmlands. The 558 sq.m house is of double brick construction with two levels, with flagstone verandas front and back and two walled courtyards. The Homestead underwent total restoration in the 1990's and a new ground level wing with master bedroom and bathroom, a toilet, hallway and a country kitchen were sensitively added in keeping with the original structure. This comprised of the formal guest bedroom, cosy reading room, formal lounge/dining and family room on the ground floor. A beautiful staircase leads to guest accommodation of two open plan bedrooms featuring dormer windows and a bathroom and toilet. Inspect by Appointment.

French doors are featured within the house and also open onto the veranda and eastern courtyard. Cedar joinery, high ceilings and beautiful fireplaces in the study and formal lounge add to the charm and functionality of the home. A large studio/craft room and laundry leads off the back veranda to a wisteria courtyard.

For more information or to arrange a private inspection please call Eugene Hollis-Neath 0474 777 022



Expressions of Interest

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EASTER CLOSURE The Allora Advertiser Office

will be closed over Easter from this Friday, re-opening on Tuesday 6th April.

Editorial and sports notes can still be emailed over Easter to editor@alloraadvertiser.com

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Easter.

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Blaze started in hot motor

The major fire which destroyed a large part of the Allora Grain and Milling complex at Ellinthorpe probably had its origins a day earlier when a hot motor on a mixer started a small blaze.

QFES Area Commander at Warwick, Hemmo de Vries said the fire appeared to be out when staff left on the Tuesday night, everything was good, with no sign of fire anywhere, but when they arrived at around 7am the next day smoke was coming from the roof.

"It's a fairly old building with a timber floor - if you had a hotspot with a bit of

grain nearby it might have been smouldering for hours and then all of a sudden it starts the fire," he said.

"We had to remove all the steel above the hotspots so we could cool the area, otherwise it would have been burning for a week.

"We also couldn't have done what we did without the support of the farmers who were trucking tanks of water to the site - we can't thank them enough for their efforts," Mr de Vries said.

Multiple fire units were sent to the scene soon after 7am on the Wednesday with the blaze extinguished about lunch time Thursday.

Water restrictions relaxed

With the region's dams at full urban supply capacity following last week's torrential rain, Southern Downs Regional Council voted unanimously at a Special Meeting on Tuesday in favour of relaxing current water restrictions and moving to Permanent Water Saving Rules with a residential water use target of 200 litres per person per day, effective immediately.

Under the new draft Drought Management Plan, which will be available for public comment in the coming months, residents will be permitted to use water from the reticulated network on their gardens under restricted guidelines and will be encouraged to continue practicing water wise behaviour.

Southern Downs Mayor Vic Pennisi said that the drought had taken a significant toll on the region, but was happy to see current

water restrictions eased for a resilient community who had continually risen to the challenges of Mother Nature.

"Our region is emerging from one of the most devastating and fatiguing droughts in our history, and on the back of bushfire and a global pandemic, the toll on our residents, businesses and producers has been immense," Mayor Pennisi said.

"Today we might have water, but as a drought prone region, we are always one day closer to our next drought and we need to continue to be sensible and responsible in our approach to water usage.

"Our goal as a region should be to use our water supply wisely and make efficient use of every drop so that we maintain a lifestyle that doesn't involve more water restrictions for as long as possible.

Allora Garden Circle News



It will be another morning get-together for the Allora & District Garden Circle next Tuesday, 6th April. We'll

meet at 1 Drayton Street at 9.45am and go from there to an Allora garden we've never visited before. There'll be plants for sale.

Our group will then return to Drayton Street for a late morning tea/early lunch.

For more information call Sandra 0409 542 692 or Jane 4666 3868.

Member for Southern Downs James Lister MP takes medical leave

A message from James to the community -

In February this year my doctor and I, together with my wife Belinda, agreed that I needed a change in treatment for my mental health. Over the years I have been progressively worn down, I've become upset about the past, and I've found life, work, and keeping up appearances increasingly hard. So I need to be away from my duties for two months of treatment and recovery.

I know that honourable members and my community would forgive me for being vague in describing my medical situation. But, as Elizabeth Gaskell said, "an evil, once being recognised, is halfway on towards its remedy".

Publicly acknowledging the truth, and accepting treatment and

help will:

- help me to be the best dad and husband that I can be;
- help me to be the best representative of Southern Downs that I can be; and;
- it will set the right example, because as a military and now community leader, I have always said that people should speak openly about mental health, and be confident to ask for help.

I served for seventeen years in the Australian Defence Force before becoming an MP. And whilst my difficulties stem from that period, I would like to put on record that the military was generous in the help that it gave me, and that I continue to receive excellent treatment and support through the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

I would like to thank the

Leader of the Opposition for his support over the past month, and also my colleagues from all sides, for warmly supporting me, and for making it clear that I am still one of us. And I have to give special thanks to the Member for Hinchinbrook for the truly heroic man hug he gave me at breakfast on Tuesday morning.

My offices in Warwick and Stanthorpe will continue to operate their usual hours to assist constituents while I'm on leave. I thank the people of Southern Downs for their understanding while I am out of action.



James Lister MP

I will be back better and stronger than ever, and I will not be making further comment until I return to parliament

Easter Message From Our Police

Allora Officers want to wish all residents a happy and safe Easter.

With the upcoming Easter and school holiday period beginning, anyone travelling is asked to drive safely and to the conditions to ensure that you, your family, friends and loved ones arrive safely to their destinations.

While thankfully not occurring in the local area to date, there have been far too many fatal traffic crashes across the state already this year which will see more police than ever out on the roads during the period.

Senior Sergeant Damian Grace
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Mate Program

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Michael presented Mate (Motivating Action Through Empowerment) to Year 7

students.

This is the fourth year that The Scope Club of Allora has funded the program with money allocated from a grant courtesy of the Heritage Bank.

ALAN SMITH DENTIST

NOTICE TO PATIENTS

I wish to advise my former patients that I have sold my practice to Dr Natalie Smith, owner of Granite Belt Dental, who has offices in Warwick and Stanthorpe. Natalie is a friendly caring person with broad experience in all areas of general dentistry, and she will be pleased to extend a warm welcome to my previous patients at her practice in Warwick and Stanthorpe. Please note that Natalie now has custody of the dental records for all my current patients, so please contact her office for an appointment or any queries. Details are below. I believe that Natalie has the right qualities to ably look after your future dental care needs, and I am happy to recommend her to you. Thank you to the many people who have contacted me with warm wishes for my retirement. Please accept this as my personal thanks.

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Dennys at Qld Track Classic in Brisbane



Local cousins Matt Denny and Nicholas (Nicko) Denny met up before participating in the Qld Track Classic held at QSAC in Brisbane at the weekend.

Flood Waters Around Allora



Dalrymple Creek.



Centenary Bridge.



Maher-Rickert Bridge.



O.O. Madsen Bridge Warwick.

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Allora & District Historial Society welcomed visitors who have connections to Allora

Bruce Woodhouse is connected to Mary Gordon (nee Woodhouse) who left Ireland in 1855 with her husband Samuel, her 9 year old daughter, Esther, from her first marriage and two children. Sadly their son Robert Woodhouse Gordon died on the voyage. They left their 5 year old son in Ireland. Andrew came to Australia a few years later.



Bruce and Merrill Woodhouse.

Mary bought two treasures with her. One a sampler book she made as a 9 year old at her school in 1841. This sampler book was donated to the Allora museum by her descendants. The other was a tapestry she had stitched as a young woman. The tapestry featured the newly erected local church in the county of Armagh where they lived. The tapestry is held by family but we were able to show Bruce a photo. As he has visited the church he was impressed with Mary's handiwork.

Prior to their visit, Merrill Woodhouse had been told

by her mother that her teacher father's first country posting was Talgai West State School. They came to the area newly married to be the first to occupy the new school residence. Their first two children were born here. When shown the Talgai history book. Merrill found that her father Charles Walker had written an article for the publication. The entries in a local's diary were included in the book. He made reference to the new teacher and his family. Merrill was moved to tears to read her father's words and the entries about her family. Merrill was born after the Walkers left Allora.

Rock Legends Dragon Coming To Mt Tyson

Adora Downs located at Mt Tyson, 40 kilometres west of Toowoomba is renowned for its country hospitality and is soon to host its first Country Rockin Blues ShinDig".

The three day event over the Anzac Day long Weekend April 23 to 25, will feature a line-up of twenty of the country's top festival touring acts headlined by Aussie rock legends Dragon.

The acts include Bourbon Street, Bondi Cigars, The Hillbilly Goats, Mason Rack Band, Innocent Eve, Matty Rogers and Australia's fav

Dixie Chicks Show featuring the one and only Pixie Jenkins.

Tickets include three days of entertainment and onsite camping. This is a COVID-Safe event with only 500 people attending. If you love great music, camping with your mates and enjoy a festival get your tickets now.

For tickets go directly to www.airliebeachfestivalofmusic.com.au/product/adora-downs-shindig/

This is an 18+ event. Enquiries phone 0411 477 908.

Now Open 2021-2022 Volunteer Grants

David Littleproud MP, Federal Member for Maranoa is now taking Expressions of Interest for the 2021 Volunteer Grants, with \$132,450 available to assist and encourage volunteers across Maranoa.

Grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 are available to eligible not-for-profit community organisations to support the efforts of their volunteers, and increase participation in volunteering

in the community.

If you have a project that you believe is eligible for funding under the 2021 Volunteer Grants – complete an Expression of Interest form and submit to David's office before 5pm on April 6, 2021.

Completed forms should be emailed to David. Littleproud.MP@aph.gov.au.

For eligibility requirements and grant guidelines,

visit the Community Grants Hub.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our bush

community. These grants will help to make the work of our volunteers easier, safer, and more enjoyable.

Soil for Eight Mile embankments



The Dept of Transport and Main Roads has started construction to upgrade the Eight Mile intersection. The new overpass will take shape as approximately 32 Olympic sized swimming pools (or 80,000 cubic metres) are compacted to construct the embankments which will stand up to nine metres high.

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Under 10s Boys: Jai Grissell, James Mason, Tom Peters and Blake Rees (equal Age Champion).



Winner of the Geoff and Heather Slatter Encouragement Award, Ruby Wright pictured with Heather Slatter.



Under 10s Girls: Daphne, Audrey, Chelsea Masters, Ruby Patterson, Rikaya Kelk, Lailah Murphy, Ella Hutchison (Runner Up) and Maeve Moore (Age Champion).

Allora's Annual Bowls & Golf Day



Join us for a fun filled day and to help raise money for Prostate Cancer Research. We are donating funds to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and also supporting the local community of Allora.

Saturday 17th April

at the Allora Sports Club, 31 Warwick Street

10.30am start for golfers (buggies can be booked for \$20)

12.30pm start for everything else including barefoot bowls, trivia, touch rugby game and throw the jandal. And Fashions on the Green!

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1 x Family Pass to Australia Zoo (Donated by Joe Wagner Group Toowoomba)

\$30 per ticket includes Green fees, nibbles and dinner. Extra \$10 if playing golf.

Tickets can be pre-purchased or paid for on the day.

RSVP by Saturday 10th April via facebook event page, Amber 0432 649 470, Wacol Reception and the Allora Sports Club.

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 - Office/gym
 - Laundry + storage
 - Decks front & back
 - 3 Bay shed, shadehouse, chook run
 - Garage + carport, fenced 2023 m².
- INVESTORS: Rents at \$320 per week**

MAINTAINED INVESTOR

\$ 220,000



- Aircon reno 2 built-in bed + 1 bed en suite semi-detached.
 - New modern kitchen
 - Combined lounge/ dining
 - Hallway storage
 - Shower over bath, separate toilet, laundry downstairs
 - Fenced 546 m² yard, carport
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 - Landscaped gardens
 - Lock up garage, 1012 m² backyard
- INVESTORS: Renting at \$255 per week.**

GREAT INVESTOR

\$ 245,000



- Aircon reno 4 bed, built-ins.
 - Good kitchen/ dining
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 - Hallway storage.
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COTTAGE ON ACREAGE

\$ 299,000



- 3 bed, North facing verandah
 - Main bedroom has built-ins
 - Separate lounge has wood fire
 - Modern kitchen dining combo
 - Split system aircon,
 - solar hot water, entertainment area
 - Double garage,
 - 3 fenced paddocks
- INVESTORS: Currently renting at \$300 per week.**

IN QUIET VILLAGE

\$ 298,000



- Rendered 3 built-in bed
- Open plan living
- Kitchen has dishwasher, pantry, electric cooktop & oven plus storage.
- Bath, separate shower & toilet next door.
- Double garage has internal laundry
- Outdoor entertaining area
- 1057 m² - Plenty of room for large shed if needed.

CUSTOM BUILT - MARYVALE

\$ 325,000



- Aircon 3 built-in bed, tiles t/out
- Larger level 4565 m² block
- Kitchen has electric hot plates, oven + storage
- Large disability bathroom with shower & toilet
- Open plan family dining/living with woodfire
- Covered outdoor entertaining.
- Carport, woodfire outdoor oven
- 2 Bay shed, water tanks
- 3 KVA Solar system

INNER CITY INVESTOR

\$ 185,000



- 3 Bed, built-in main
 - Formal lounge and dining
 - Woodfire
 - Separate toilet & laundry
 - Shower – no bath
 - New kitchen – electric stove
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 - Close to schools & facilities
- INVESTORS: Rent appraisal is \$235 per week.**

LAND

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MARYVALE - 1012 m ² , power available, close to school, VIEWS	\$ 40,000
MARYVALE - 2024 m ² , power nearby, school, VIEWS (2 adjoining blocks)	\$ 45,000
MARYVALE - 3642 m ² , power available, character with gully, VIEWS	\$ 50,000
HENDON - 3819 m ² , adjoining blocks, 2 deeds, power at road, new home area	\$ 80,000
PRATTEN - 4052 m ² , all weather road, water & power available	\$ 45,000
PRATTEN - 8104 m ² , 2 x 1 Ac lots, 2 deeds, side by side, town water, fenced	\$ 70,000
WARWICK - 854 m ² , 3 bay colorbond Shed, power, town water, curb & channel	\$ 100,000
WARWICK - 1330 m ² , last block in Griffith Estate, bitumen frontage, power etc	\$ 185,000

ALLORA COMMERCIAL PREMISES

\$ 395,000



- 2 Show rooms
 - 2 Offices
 - Storage
 - Staff amenities – kitchen, bathroom & laundry
 - Solar System – leased with income
 - Parking off back street entry
 - Rain water tank in fenced backyard on 1019 m²
- EXTRA:- Single detached colorbond shed with vehicle access gate
- INVESTORS: Rent as separate facilities.**

MARYVALE VIEWS

\$ 187,000



- Neat 2 built-in bed Westbuilt home
- Elevated 2023 m² (1/2 acre) - panoramic mountain view.
- Aircon + woodfire in open plan living + kitchen
- Bathroom with shower, toilet combined laundry.
- 2 bay shed, attached outdoor area + double carport.

QUIET CUL DE SAC

\$ 349,000



- 4 Bed Brick, built-ins
 - 2 Living Areas
 - Well-appointed kitchen, electric appliances
 - Main bathroom is 2-way
 - Master bed has ensuite/ walk-in robe
 - Undercover entertaining
 - Double remote garage
 - 3KVA Solar System
 - 875 m² backyard
- INVESTORS: Rents at \$360 per week**

HOBBY FARM - CLINTONVALE

\$ 400,000



- Comfortable 3 bedrooms
- Separate lounge, dining, multiple living areas
- Lge country kitchen - elec stove, storage
- Bathroom has purposed built modular shower, toilet
- Utility laundry has composting 2nd toilet.
- Detached 4 car shed + aircon office
- Bore, rain water tanks, 3 phase power, dairy, chook run
- 9.92 ha with contoured cultivation

HOLIDAY AT HOME

\$ 500,000



- Spacious family home is formal + family areas.
 - Air con 5 bed + office, built-ins
 - 2 Bath, 5 car + sheds
 - Entertainment area beside in-ground pool
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If you only have a few local patches, wipe them away with bleach, vinegar or mould killer and thoroughly dry the area. This may prevent further problems. Keep the room

dry afterwards to prevent recurrence
 "If you are certain the mould is not from plumbing failures, water ingress or condensation, then it might be an isolated event."

explains Dr Tim Law, an architectural scientist at Victoria University.

"You can remove the localised patch. You can use a damp microfibre cloth for non-porous surfaces, or HEPA (high-efficiency particulate air) vacuum for porous materials. If the cleaning makes you feel unwell, stop immediately. The agitation of spores, hyphal fragments and mycotoxins might affect some individuals. If you suspect you have an

environmental sensitivity you might prefer to leave the cleaning to a professional."

If you have mould on walls, ceiling or floors, seek further help. Building inspectors can tell you the likely source of the mould. It might be the faulty installation of insulation or building wraps. It might be rising damp. Or your exhaust fans could be dumping moisture into your ceiling cavity and it is 'raining' inside the roof space.

Caution needed on flood-damaged roads

Motorists are urged to exercise extra caution when driving on roads across the Darling Downs and South West regions in the coming weeks.

Due to the duration and intensity of the recent wet weather, some potholes are appearing in areas where they have not been seen before.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) cautions road users to be aware of potentially damaged roads and unseen obstacles, with not all potholes able to be sign posted.

Motorists are advised that potholes are appearing both on the road surface and under water due to significant, sustained rainfall.

These potholes can be deep and have the potential to cause damage to vehicles if motorists are not driving to

the conditions.

TMR repair crews can only make temporary road repairs while it is raining or the road is wet.

Full repairs can only be completed when the rain subsides and the road dries out.

It is up to drivers to take care on the roads, drive slowly and consider what might lie under wet areas and puddles.

All drivers must drive to the conditions and heed the message of 'if it's flooded, forget it'.

Road users are also being encouraged to get in contact with council when discovering new potholes that has been caused by the weather event.

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The Back Paddock

Updated Stocktake app

A new and improved smart device application to assist beef and sheep producers with their grazing land management practices is ready to download free.

Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities Mark Furner said the new version of the 'Stocktake app' is user friendly and a helpful tool for graziers, consultants and other land managers in the paddock.

"The app is designed to use in the paddock even without connectivity and features everything a grazier or land manager needs to assist with stocking and monitoring their paddocks," he said.

"App users will be able to balance supply of available

pasture with demand from stock in the paddock, to monitor land condition, store their monitoring information and produce reports for property records.

"Short-term stocking rates can also be calculated, there is a guide for forage budgeting and the app also stores rainfall records.

"Supporting graziers with the tools they need to succeed is important to economic development in regional Queensland, and will help agriculture play a leading role in Queensland's plan for economic recovery."

Mr Furner said the app's new features include:

- Spatial data mapping, which allows the user to easily locate and pin a grazing property; and
- Updated pasture growth

modelling data, land type mapping and Adult Equivalent information.

Funded by the State Government, the app is a new and improved version of previous

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Allora Golf Notes



A small field contested the Percy's Fruit Duck Run on Friday with the winner being Rob Hoey on 21 points in a countback from his twin brother Lenny. Thanks Percy.

Sunday was the Allora Butchery Two Person Ambrose with a great field of 24 golfers. Winners with a net 61 were two champion blokes in Troy and Jason from Runners-Up the Hoey twins (who are also champion blokes) on 61.25 net. Liam and Evan Hoey also played a round of golf

with their Dads and they both played some very good golf. Approach and pin shots were won by Troy and Jason (2 and 6), Kev and Jimmy (4,8 and 16) Clayton and Ty (13), Len and Rob (7), Jaydon and Rob who stayed on after the Pennants (11) Nick and Tommy Morris (15) and Moose and Rod (17). Long putt was won by Kev and Jimmy (5) and Russ and Sparky (14). Thanks to Allora Butchery.

Duck Run will be on Friday and Railway Hotel Monthly Mug on Sunday.

The Allora State School Cross-Country was to have been held last week but due to the rain, was postponed to this Thursday morning 1st April.

Congratulations to our gallant Pennant's team who went down 3 to 2 to a very impressive Clifton. Well done to the Clifton boys who played excellent golf. See you on the links.

News From Clifton Benchrest Shooting Club Inc.



The Clifton Benchrest Shooting Club Inc. has already started which means its members are now happily shooting at every opportunity.

Every shooting discipline is catered for at the Laurie Bowe Rifle Range on Rosenthal Clifton Road, Leyburn and Gordon Turner (0418 877 525) conducts Weapons Licensing Safety Courses on the first Saturday of every month on behalf of the Club.

The results of the latest rifle competition held on Sunday 21 March 2021 are:

Men's Open Rimfire – 1st Gary Manteit 587.13; 2nd Bob Watson 582.14; 3rd Jason Edwards 577.10

Women's Open Rimfire – 1st Helen Manteit 572.17; 2nd Marg Sullivan 400.1

Centrefire – 1st Gary Manteit .3442; 2nd Helen Manteit .3664; Smallest Group Helen Manteit .286

Next competition day is 18th April 2021. We are trialling BYO lunch for these Club days as our Clubhouse manager, Beth Turner, recovers from recent knee surgery. The usual tea, coffee, biscuits are still available and if you would like to bring a plate for morning tea that would go down well.

Enquiries can be directed to President Bob Watson (0437 825 988), Secretary Marg Sullivan (0437 661 700) or email admin@cliftonbenchrest.org.au

Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago March 1996

Cricket Premiers

The Allora Cricket Club team finished the Back Plains & District cricket season unbeaten when they scored a 140-run win over Cambooya in the final at Allora. A century by opener Mark Eelkema and solid contributions by Phil Heers, Ashley Ruhle and Allan Robin enabled Allora to accumulate 327 runs from their 50 overs. Outstanding fielding by the Allora team allowed them to restrict Cambooya to 187 runs off 39 overs for a well-deserved win.

Players for the Allora team during the season were Ashley Ruhle (Captain), Matthew Prendergast, Phil Heers, John Meddleton, Ashley Prendergast, Doug Rickert, Mark Eelkema, Anthony Mason, Allan Robin, Paddy Maguire, Kris Wight, Warren Wright and Albert Otten.

Allora's Past 75 years ago March 1946

Aurora Australis

A number of residents of Allora witnessed a phenomenon in the sky on Thursday night which they believe was the Aurora Australis. A little after eleven the whole of the Southern sky was lighted by a rosy glow which grew in intensity until large fingers of light shot up

towards the centre of the sky. At the same time the rosy glow on the horizon changed to a deep blue-green colour. Then the colour faded to pale rose and later increased again and the fingers again shot across the sky and finally the whole thing seemed to fade away about 12.30. Older residents of the town say that the same phenomenon was witnessed about thirty-three of four years ago.

Allora's Past 100 years ago March 1921

Obituary

The death of Mrs Georgina Gibson, wife of Mr Arthur Edward Gibson of "Glengarry", West Talgai, occurred in a private hospital in Warwick at the age of 53. Mrs Gibson was the daughter of the late Mr and Mrs William Naish. Arthur and Georgina Gibson originally lived at "Gum Flat" on the Pratten Gold Fields. They had a family of twelve children who were all very talented musicians and artists. Members of the family formed their own musical group which they called the "Gum Leaf Band" which played in the Pratten district using instruments, some of which were hand crafted.



The Gibson family and others at "Gum Flat", Pratten. Photo courtesy the late Phyllis Crothers.

Allora's Past 125 years ago March 1896

Confirmation Service

The Bishop of Brisbane paid a visit to Allora this week, and held a confirmation service in St. David's. There were 43 candidates, of whom 18 were females. The congregation was so large that the church was uncomfortably crowded. The Rev. C. W. Baron officiated as Bishop's chaplain, and his Lordship delivered two impressive addresses, one before and the other after the laying on of hands. "Come unto Me" and "Follow Me" were the words which formed the preacher's texts. The musical portion of the service was very well rendered by the choir, Miss Deacon presiding at the organ.

Colin Newport

Allora Swimming Club 2021 Wrap Up



LEFT: Inaugural Winner of the Mason Family Shield for Club Person of the Year, Jackson Sparksman, pictured with Club Life Members Shirley and Trevor Mason. **RIGHT:** Andrew Fidge Coaching Trophy for Representative Swimmer of the Year - Bailey Harm. **FAR RIGHT:** Ellwood Family Shield for Dedication, Consistency and Sportsmanship - Ellyse Kruger.



Record breakers Club Champs 2021, Anna Eckersley, Bailey Harm, Ellyse Kruger, Ellyn Moore, Emma Day, Chloe Harm and Maeve Moore.



Under 8 Competitors: Katelyn Peters and Sylvia Moore

The Allora Swimming Club held their annual Club Championships on Sunday 14th March, well supported by all swimming club families. Racing was strong amongst the 60 club members with 17 records broken at the meet, a testament to the quality of swimming at the local pool under coach Andrew Fidge.

Congratulations to record breakers Anna Eckersley, Bailey Harm, Ellyse Kruger, Emma Day, Chloe Harm, Ellyn Moore and Maeve Moore on their exceptional swims.

Age Champions and Runner Up Age Champions were awarded as follows: **Under 10 Champion** - Maeve Moore, Thomas Peters and Blake Rees; **Under 10 Runner Up** - Ella Hutchison, James Mason; **Under 12 Champion** - Chloe Harm, William Peters; **Under 12 Runner Up** - Ellyn Moore, Ben Mason, Riley Burton, Alex Collie; **Under 14 Champion** - Ellyse Kruger, Bailey Harm; **Under 14 Runner Up** - Alana Burton, Will Day; **Open Champion** - Anna Eckersley, Jackson Sparksman; **Open Runner Up** - Emma Day, Paul Costello.

Our club recognises the individual efforts of swimmers who strive to swim faster throughout the season. Personal Best Trophies are awarded to the swimmers in each age group who obtain the highest number of personal best swims throughout the season

across all events at club nights. These trophies were awarded to: **U8** - Katelyn Peters 23 personal best swims; **U10** - Blake Rees 23; **U12** - Meiraleyka Johnson 30; **U14** - Alana Burton and Ziggy Gibson 21; **Open** - Jackson Sparksman 23.

The Club presented embroidered towels to all swimmers who qualified to represent Allora at State Level this season. Congratulations are extended to Paul Costello, William Day, Anna Eckersley, Claire Eckersley, Bailey Harm, Chloe Harm, Bridie Hutchison, Ellyse Kruger, Ellyn Moore, Will Peters, Matilda Rees and Sienna Sparksman. Your efforts at state level are honourable and our club was proud to have you qualify for Qld Sprint Championships and/or Qld Championships.

Country Championship swimmers were also recognised with a towel for their contribution to team points at the annual Darling Downs Regional Swimming Country Championships. Congratulations to our state swimmers who represented Allora at the Country Championships alongside team members Alex Collie, Ziggy Gibson, Ella Hutchison, Amilyn Johnson, Merialeka Johnson, Rikaya Kelk, Takira Kelk, Maeve Moore, Lailah Murphy, Ruby Paterson, Katelyn Peters, Thomas Peters, Blake Rees, Sofia Schramm

and Jackson Sparksman. At this meet, Maeve Moore, Bailey Harm, Claire Eckersley and Anna Eckersley were also named Darling Downs Country Age Champions. Bailey broke five meet records to be named both the Distance Swimmer of the Meet and the Overall Male Swimmer of the Meet. A third place in the 12 and under Mixed Relay rounded out a very successful Country Championships for Team Allora in 2021.

The Allora Swimming Club has a rich history and many of our special awards are named in honour of families past and present who contributed much to our swimming club. Recipients of this seasons' special awards were: **Geoff and Heather Slatter Encouragement Award for a female club swimmer** - Ruby Wright; **Marg and Keith Rackley Family Encouragement Award for a male club swimmer** - William Peters; **David Rackley Memorial Swim Winner** - Jonte May; **Club Encouragement Award** - Lailah Murphy, Sofia Schramm, Benjamin Mason, Alex Collie; **Coaches Encouragement Award** - Matilda Rees, Ruby Paterson; **Ellwood Family Shield for Dedication, Consistency and Sportsmanship** - Ellyse Kruger.

This season our Club introduced two new awards. The **Mason Family Shield** was named in honour of Life Members and

long-term supporters of Allora Swimming, Trevor and Shirley Mason. The inaugural winner of this Shield for Club Person of the Year was Jackson Sparksman.

As a club we felt it was appropriate to long term recognise the efforts of Coach Andrew Fidge in rebuilding our club, giving kids the opportunity to learn to swim and supporting local kids in their swimming pathway. **The Andrew Fidge Coaching Trophy** will remain as a legacy long after Andrew retires and will be awarded on a points system for the Representative Swimmer of the Year. The very deserving winner for the 2021 season was Bailey Harm.

The Allora Swimming club will now conclude for the winter break. We are grateful to the many community organisations and businesses that continue to support our club. As a committee, we are very proud of the direction of the Club and the future plans for swimming here in Allora. Best wishes to our club families as they enjoy the downtime that the winter brings. Many thanks to the wonderful people who chipped in, encouraged others and supported our efforts to provide a positive club of growth for the children of our region. We look forward to welcoming your return, plus many new families, when we kick off the new season on 1st October.

CREATIVE CORNER



Jeremy's View



William's broken arm

On Thursday afternoon William and I were driving around the front paddock in his new buggy he got for his birthday. William was driving and he turned the corner too fast and it tipped over. We were wearing our safety harnesses and helmets but William said he put his arm out to save me and the roll cage fell on his arm and it got broken.

I called out to mum and she came running and got us out of the buggy. She knew straight away that William's arm was broken and called 000. The ambulance came and gave William the green whistle and some other pain relief. William, Mum and I went in the ambulance to the Stanthorpe hospital and Mrs Charlton met us there. Mrs Charlton looked after me for a few hours while William had his arm put in plaster by Dr James.

On Saturday mum and William left at 3am to drive William to Toowoomba to have surgery on his arm. William is home now but he can't use his left arm and he is left handed so he can't write. William broke his humerus and has to be in plaster for 12 weeks then have more surgery on his arm to take the pin out.

Jeremy Lister, age 10

TODAY'S QUOTE - "Life is really simple, but men insist on making it complicated" - Confucious

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The bloke looks at the bartender, looks at the meat, looks back to the bartender and says "Nah, the steaks are too high."

HAPPY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

St Patrick's School Allora Term 1 ends at 2.55pm on Thursday 1st April Returns on Tuesday 20th April (19th April being Pupil Free - School closed)	Allora P-10 State School Term 1 ends on Thursday 1st April From 9am - Interhouse Cross Country Returns on Monday 19th April
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