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Allora's Historical Walks Prove Popular



Trevor Neale from the Allora & District Historical Society with a group of 20 walkers who enjoyed the town Historical Walk on Saturday, as part of the Autumn Festival. *Photo courtesy Wendy Ardrey.*

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The ALLORA RSL Sub Branch Committee, John, Mike, Ray and Doug would like to take this opportunity to **THANK** all those who helped us to organise and/or participate in the ANZAC Day Services and march for 2021.

Your support and assistance is greatly appreciated and we hope to see you all on Remembrance Day in November and ANZAC Day 2022.

Kind regards from the ALLORA RSL Sub Branch Committee.



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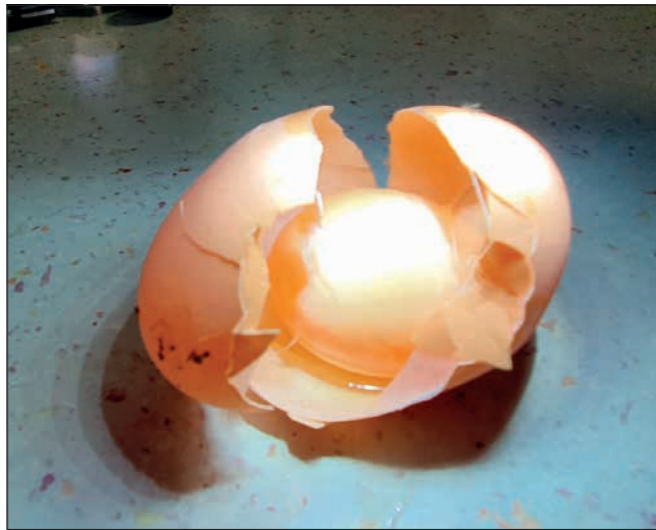
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An Egg Within An Egg



This is not a yoke - it has happened here in Allora.

Kaye and Tom Mullins brought in this photo of a double shelled egg laid by their hen in the backyard

Reading up about this rare egg, here is a probable reason - "a double shelled egg appears when an egg that is nearly ready to be

laid reverses direction and gets a new layer of albumen covered by a second shell. Sometimes the reversed egg joins up with the next egg and the two are encased together within a new shell."

By the way the Mullins enjoyed their scrambled eggs for breakfast.

Rotary's Trivia Night

It's Rotary's Annual Trivia night and it happens this Friday.

Doors open at 6.30 for a 7pm start at the Allora State School Hall.

\$10 per person and bring your own drinks and nibbles. Maximum of 6 players

per table to make up a team and individuals are welcome.

Covid guidelines will apply.

Rotary Club of Allora supports local youth in Education and Leadership opportunities.

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OurNews Pty Ltd, publisher of five newspaper titles on the Darling Downs has added digital platforms to its services. The company has introduced a website which will enable readers of its newspapers to access information online if that is what they prefer.

This will provide digital access to -
The Clifton Courier, The Allora Advertiser, The Oakey Champion, The Pittsworth Sentinel and On Our Selection News.

The directors of OurNews Pty Ltd, Ted and Mim Rogers have stressed that this does not mean the end of print copies of the newspapers. The hard copy versions of each publication will continue to be available as they are at present.

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Police Crack Down On Drug And Property Offenders



Following a reported break in at a residence in Forde Street, Allora in late March, local Police have charged a 23 year old man, also a resident of Forde Street, with burglary and a related fraud offence as a result of the investigation. It will be further alleged that during the execution of a search warrant at the man's address, Police located a cannabis plant, a small quantity of loose cannabis, and related drug utensils. The same man along with his 22 year old girlfriend were charged with producing and possessing cannabis and possessing drug utensils. Both will be appearing at Warwick Magistrates Court at a later date.

On the 9th of April 2021, Allora Police intercepted an 18 year old Warwick man in a vehicle on the New England Highway at Mount Marshall. During a search of the vehicle, it will be alleged that Police located approximately 28 grams of cannabis under the rear seats. The man was charged with possessing dangerous drugs and driving whilst being disqualified from holding a licence. In the days to follow, a search warrant was executed at the man's Reymouth Street address in Warwick, where Police allegedly located a quantity of loose cannabis and two mature cannabis plants totalling over 720 grams in weight, as well as various drug utensils. The same man was again charged

by way of a drug diversion for possessing dangerous drugs and drug utensils. A 37 female of the same address was charged with supplying dangerous drugs, producing dangerous drugs, possessing dangerous drugs, possessing utensils, and permitting the use of a place for the commission of a drug offence. She will be appearing at Warwick Magistrates Court at a later date.

On the 27th of April 2021, Police located two men behaving suspiciously in a vehicle parked on the New England Highway north of Allora township. As a result of a search of the vehicle and other enquiries, it was identified that one man, an 18 year old from Goondiwindi, was connected to a string of luxury vehicle thefts in the south east of the state, as well as other property offences in the Warwick area. He was ultimately arrested and charged with three counts of unlawful use of motor vehicles, receiving tainted property, attempted burglary, possessing tainted property, possessing implements used for housebreaking, possessing a knife in a public place, failing to dispose of a syringe, and driving without a licence. The second man, a 28 year old Toowoomba man, was charged with possessing explosives (ammunition), failing to dispose of a syringe, and possessing implements used for house breaking. Both will be appearing at Warwick Magistrates Court at a later date.

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Former Member For Southern Downs Stands For Party President



Lawrence Springborg is currently Mayor of Goondiwindi Regional Council. Photo - Goondiwindi Reg. Cncl.

Comment from current Member for Southern Downs James Lister MP on Lawrence Springborg's push for LNP President:

"This is terrific news and everyone I know seems to agree. Queenslanders expect us to clean up our act and a Springborg LNP presidency will be a giant step in the right direction.

"Lawrence is my mentor and a great support to me and I can't wait until the state conference to see him elected president. In the meantime, I ask the current un-elected leadership group to stop making dumb, unsupported and politically offensive decisions which hurt our reputation, our members and our voter support.

"I've campaigned, fruitlessly, to get Party President Cynthia Hardy to bring Lawrence back onto the Party's Executive, so Lawrence's run for President is wonderful, wonderful news. Kicking Lawrence off the party executive was one of a number of desperate and bone-headed moves by senior party members lately. Amazingly, they still

maintain that it was because Lawrence wasn't qualified. Are they for real? In my opinion, that's an outright fib and a discourtesy to the intelligence of all Queenslanders.

"I ask LNP members to get behind Lawrence's run for Party President and to elect a sensible group of loyal and capable people to support him. David Crisafulli deserves clear air so that he can do his job of holding the Palaszczuk Government to account, and putting forward the policies and leadership that Queenslanders are looking for."



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The Grand Old Lady turns 115 years old

2021 sees the Goomburra Hall add another year to a Goomburra icon. It's time for our "Back To Goomburra Day; - rekindle memories and make new ones!" on Saturday, 11th September at the Goomburra Hall.

In 1906 through community support and commitment the Goomburra Hall was built. The wealth of history around this has been documented in the *Goomburra Valley 1840 - 1998* written by local Goomburra person David Newton (deceased) whose children still live in the valley.

Recently the Goomburra Town Hall Committee had a gathering of Goomburra elders and interested parties to reminisce about

events that have previously been celebrated by the Goomburra community involving the Hall. The committee is interested in collating people's thoughts and photos on the past, present and future regarding the Goomburra Valley and the Hall.

As recently reported in the *Allora Advertiser* (21/04/2021) by the Historical Society, Lesley Telford has started to investigate her heritage in the Goomburra Valley after attending the gathering at the Hall. Lesley has also shared her story with the committee to be included in the 'Goomburra: Past, Present and Future' photobook.

This is your opportunity, like Lesley, to tell your story: if you live, work, own a business or play in the valley this is your chance to document your story for future generations to come.

As part of the celebration,

the hall will be hosting events and activities with further details to come. If you are interested email goomburra.townhall@outlook.com.au or ring 0429 642 092 to become involved.



Neil Phelan, Jim Anderson, don and Blanche Gilmore, Lesley Telford, Kellie Ryan (Treasurer) Gina Tranberg (chair) Gary and Wendy Wright, Kaye Mullins, Dorothy Free, Robyn Phelan.
 Photo by MaryLou Gittins (secretary)

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Helen Cavanagh and Robyn Smith are looking to hold a Reunion for the fabulous graduating Class of 1981 to celebrate 40 years since finishing at Allora Secondary Department. The day earmarked for this event is Sunday 3rd October (Monday is a holiday) at the Allora Sports Club from lunch onwards. Any students who were part of this class from 1979-1981 are invited to attend along with their partners.

To help us get organised we are asking you to send through your mobile phone, Facebook and email details to Helen Cavanagh at chhanson@bigpond.com

We would appreciate any family members who had a student in our class passing this information on to them. Of course, if anyone is interested in being part of the organising group we'd love to have some more helpers.

Looking forward to a long overdue catch up in October!

Helen & Robyn



Back Row: Desley Binnie, Leanne Borwick, Helen Cavanagh, Bronwyn Weier. **Third Row:** Mark Nicholls, David Green, Andrew Acason, Mark Smith, Patrick Brown, David Shearing, Terrence Holzwart. **Second Row:** Michael Ryan, Edward Shooter, Glen Holmes, Paul Nicholls, Lyle Neumann, David Garry, Daryl Hoey, Gavin Maguire. **Front Row:** Maree Gibson, Susan Holmes, Robyn Smith, Susan Ross, Jennifer Bach, Sally-Anne Whitehouse, Donna Rickert, Beverley Hobday. **Absent -** Louise Sands. **Teacher:** Mr I. Spence.



Year 9 - 1980



Year 10 - 1981

An Invitation From Days For Girls



A Regional Workshop will be held in Allora on Wednesday 26th May from 9.00 am to 4pm (or part thereof) at Mary McKillop Meeting Room, corner of Warwick Street and McKillop Lane. Guests include Mary Connelly Gale, DfG Australia Coordinator, Robyn Payens, Queensland Coordinator and Rhonda Brodie, Queensland Sewing Specialist.

Information regarding Days for Girls will be given, up-to-date methods of sewing kit components will be demonstrated and there will be time to practice making these components. All material will be supplied. Morning Tea and Lunch will be catered for by Melinda May and served in individual packaging. (No cost). Teams in attendance will

include Ipswich, Boonah, Toowoomba, Goondiwindi and Allora (includes members from Clifton and Warwick).

An INVITATION is extended to all members, former members, interested parties and anyone who has an interest in contributing to the production of Feminine Sanitary Products for girls and women in underdeveloped countries.

RSVP for catering purposes to Rosemary Easton 0408 973 474 or email registration to queensland@daysforgirls.org. Include name, address, email, phone number and any special dietary requirements. Closing date, 17th May.

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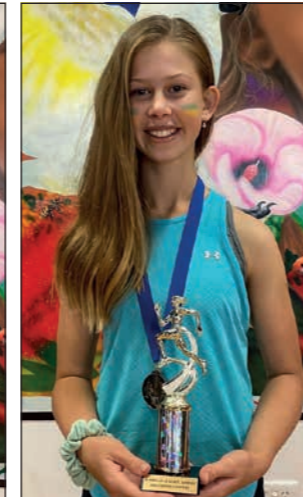
Toowoomba



Sinclair Tour and Travel Group brought a group from the Sunshine Coast to Allora recently as part of a 4 day tour of the Toowoomba region.



Allora P-10 State School's recent Interhouse Cross Country was held recently with congratulations to students who attended and participated. Overall winners were Brock Wheeldon (right) and Alexandria Gilmore (far right). The Cross Country Interhouse Shield was won by Gwynne with Captains Eli Breen and Felicity Nolan holding the Shield (left).



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At a Management Meeting of the Allora Show Society Inc on Thursday April 29th 2021 at the Show Society office, office bearers were appointed to fill two vacant executive/management committee vacancies.

The executive/management committee of the Show Society is now:

- President: Glyn Rees; Vice-President: Hugh Huston;**
- Secretary: Fiona Hansen; Treasurer: Ian Tate;**
- Committee member: Leanne Doepel.**

Management committee nominations of Glen Evans (Allora Campdraft Club) and Bob Denny (Allora Heritage Weekend Association) will be considered at the Show Society's General Meeting of May 11th to fill two management committee vacancies.

Many thanks to the kind volunteers who have stepped forward to assist with catering etc at events over the past fortnight.



Glyn Rees
President
Allora Show Society Inc

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MAY 2021

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The warning came as RACQ insurance data revealed 3,819 claims for home theft in the past three years in Qld.

RACQ spokesperson Kirsty Clinton warned Queenslanders not to become complacent after spending significant amounts of time at home in 2020.

"It's great to see everyone getting out and about again and enjoying our great State, but before you head off for a weekend or holiday, take a few minutes to ensure you protect your property," Ms Clinton said.

"The simplest things are often easily forgotten, so make sure you double check you've locked all doors and windows before you set off.

"Don't advertise on social media that you're on holidays, you can post your happy snaps when you return.

"If you're heading away for a longer period of time, ask a trusted neighbour or friend to check your mail, mow your lawn and take your bins in and out. A neglected home, which is normally neat and tidy, is a clear sign no one is about.

"If you can afford to, invest in a timer for your lights or television, a security camera or even technology which allows you to control features in your home via your phone.

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Wattles Top Graders Share League Honours



Three Wattles Warriors players and two coaching staff were members of the Toowoomba Clydesdales open side that won the historic 47th Battalion Trophy undefeated over the weekend in Bundaberg.

While Wattles were not represented in the open women's Mustangs, those in Clydesdales colours included team coach Luke Duggan and co-coach Louis Reen, along with players Dale Perkins, Ty Gardner and 20-year-old Matt Christensen making his senior representative debut.

The Toowoomba region left no doubt in the minds of rugby league connoisseurs across the Queensland Rugby League's Central Division that the Toowoomba Clydesdales and the South West Mustangs Open Women were the benchmark at

the weekend's 47th Battalion Divisional Championship with both sides finishing the prestigious annual event undefeated Champions.

It was a historic performance for the South West Mustangs women successful in winning the tournament for the first time, in the initial year of an open women's competition in the league stronghold of Toowoomba.

The Toowoomba Clydesdales outfit overwhelmed Wide Bay in their first game 34-8, before outlasting the Rockhampton Rustlers 24-20 in a nail biter.

Sunday's final went down to the wire with the Clydesdales emerging 20-16 winners over the Sunshine Coast Falcons.

Highfields's half Cory McGrady won player of the final honours, while Goondiwindi flying winger David Armstrong was named Player of the Carnival.

Wattles top graders Matt Duggan, Jackson Green and Joe Mu'a were also named in the



Wattles Warriors Louis Reen (Co-coach), Ty Gardner, Matt Christensen, Dale Perkins and Luke Duggan (Coach) were members of the Toowoomba Clydesdales who won the historic Central Division 47th Battalion Trophy.

originally selected Clydesdales side but withdrew due to injury or work circumstances.

QRL CENTRAL DIVISION 47TH BATTALION OPEN MENS CHAMPIONS - Toowoomba Clydesdales: David ARMSTRONG (Goondiwindi), Nick BAINBRIDGE, Hnaloan BUDDEN, Dylan CHOWN, Matt CHRISTENSEN (Wattles), Chris DONN (Warwick),

Dwayne DUNCAN, Ty GARDNER (Wattles), Shannon HICKS, Drew JACKSON, Xavier MANLEY, Blake MARA, Cory MCGRADY, Coner NOLAN, Dale PERKINS (Wattles), Ben SULLIVAN (Warwick), Dylan TAYLOR, James TUTUILA, Mitch WATSON (Warwick). Coaching Staff: Luke DUGGAN (Wattles), Louis REEN (Wattles).

Glyn Rees

Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago May 1996 Debutante Ball

Seven lovely young ladies were presented to the Bishop of Toowoomba, Rev. Ralph Wicks, at the Allora Anglican Debutante Ball held in the Community Hall on Friday night. They were Jodi Chandler, Karen Smith, Joanne Denny, Sonia Milton, Gretta Hentschel, Merida Jones, and Suzanne Sorensen. The partners were (not in order) Peter Rumball, Robert Green, John Phelan, Alistair Dieckmann, Mark Haig, Paul Denny and Grant Timms. Bishop Wicks was assisted by Father David Snape of St. David's Church. The five flowergirls were Kirsten Bielefeld, Chloe Lester, Michelle Snape, Holly Whittaker and Karina Glass.

Allora's Past 75 years ago May 1946 Rugby League

On Sunday there was a fair crowd at the Allora showgrounds when two teams from Stanthorpe played two Allora teams. The senior game was won by Allora 8 points to 5 but on the whole it was a game slightly below the standard expected. The players, particularly in the second half, were too fond of "holding the ball" tactics. Allora scored two tries and a field goal against

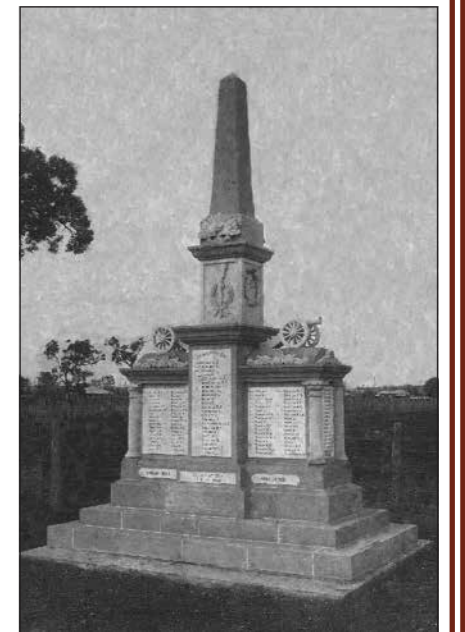
the opposition's 1 try and a goal. The Allora field goal landed on top of the cross bar and fell on the right side for Allora. On the whole the teams were very evenly matched. In the junior game Stanthorpe won 31 points to nil.

Allora's Past 100 years ago May 1921 Memorial

A design for the Allora Shire memorial to the fallen in the Great War has been adopted and a contract for the work let. The memorial proper is satisfactorily distinct from the honour roll, the former being in the centre and standing out from the rest of the design. The whole rises in the form of an obelisk to a point 15ft from the ground. The stone to be used is Wright's brown and white Helidon freestone and marble. The price is £310 with a give and take as to the exact quantity of the lettering to be used on a basis of 5 pence per letter.

Allora's Past 150 years ago May 1871 Allora Coal

The tender of Messrs Shotall, Munro & Co, owners of one of the Allora mines, has been accepted for supplying the Southern & Western Railway with coal for two years. Mr Davis, the manager of the locomotive department has reported



The Allora WWI Memorial soon after completion.

that Allora coal is 50% better for gas purposes than Redbank coal. It is well known that coal of a rich quality can be found in all parts of the Downs and if the Government would only properly encourage development of these resources then there is no reason why Queensland should not be a large exporter of coal.

Colin Newport



On-Farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme Extended Further 12 Months

Farmers impacted by drought will be given another 12 months to apply for funding from the On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme (EWIRS) to help them build much needed infrastructure to make their properties drought resilient.

Farmers will now have until June 2022 to utilise the \$50 million in funding secured for the EWIRS by the Coalition Government in the 2020-21 Budget.

Maranoa MP David Littleproud said he fought hard for this win for farmers

in Maranoa and the funds will now be available for another year.

"The Coalition Government has listened to farmers in Maranoa and recognised the importance of the scheme by doubling the Federal funding available as well as extending the time frame," Mr Littleproud said.

"This is great news for drought affected farmers as these rebates empower farmers to take proactive steps to ensure their properties remain drought resilient.

"All we need now is for

the Queensland State Labor Government to hurry up and sign up to the program so Queensland farmers can access this funding.

"This has been a hugely popular program that's made a real difference for thousands of Australian farmers facing the devastating challenges of drought.

"I've heard and seen first hand how drought affected farmers have put in bores, dams and pipes – now even more farmers will get this opportunity.

"While the program was and continues to be funded by the Federal Government, it was managed by the Queensland State Labor Government, which allowed the program to be heavily oversubscribed and farmers left out of pocket.

"I want to assure those local farmers who have already invested money in good faith that once Queensland signs up to this program that they will be prioritised for reimbursement.

"It's a pity our farmers are still waiting even after more than half a year for their

Labor State Government to commit to the scheme.

"This is something I believe was unacceptable and in bad faith and one of the reasons I fought so hard to provide Federal funding to right these wrongs."

Minister for Resources, Water and Northern Australia, Keith Pitt said that this extension came on the back of the Australian Government's commitment of another \$50 million in October last year – bringing the total Federal contribution to support farmers to \$100 million.

"The scheme can be used to fund small scale on-farm drought proofing water projects, including buying and laying pipes, installing water storage devices, such as tanks and troughs associated with stock watering and desilting dams and water bores," Minister Pitt said.

"Farmers value the rebate because it helps them manage the here-and-now when it comes to keeping livestock alive in a drought – but importantly it also improves productivity so they are better prepared for the next inevitable drought at some point in the future.

"This program is about helping farmers being drought prepared and drought resilient.

For more information on the rebate visit the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment website at www.agriculture.gov.au/water/national/on-farm-infrastructure-rebate

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Rural Financial Counselling Services available

With parts of Maranoa still experiencing prolonged and severe drought, an Australian Government investment of more than \$8 million will help Rural Solutions Queensland continue to deliver rural financial counselling services in Southern Queensland from July 2021 to 2024.

Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management, and Federal Member for Maranoa David Littleproud said Rural Solutions Queensland was one of 10 providers from across the country sharing in more than \$56 million to deliver essential support for farmers doing it tough.

"For more than 30 years the Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS) program has been helping local primary producers to weather the tough times and navigate the path to recovery," Minister Littleproud said.

"I'm pleased to see this important investment is continuing in Maranoa. This provides certainty that help is available for farmers when and where it is needed most—not only in our local region, but right across the country.

"It's really important that if you are in need of support that you don't self-assess your eligibility – instead seek advice from experts.

"I encourage any primary producer who is facing hardship,

regardless of the cause, to reach out to the RFCS."

From July, the service will be refocused to drive improved financial wellbeing at the farm level and build a more sustainable, resilient, and profitable primary production sector.

"There was strong competition in this funding round, which allowed us to select proposals that will strengthen this critical service and drive better outcomes for clients," Minister Littleproud said.

For more information about the RFCS, including a list of providers, visit awe.gov.au/rfcs

Fast Facts:

Since 1986, rural financial counsellors have been on

the ground helping Australian primary producers in financial hardship to get back on track.

Rural financial counsellors work one-on-one with clients by helping them to understand their financial position and take the necessary steps to get out of financial difficulty—whether it's getting the family out of financial crisis, bringing the business back to profitability or supporting a dignified exit from the industry.

Funding has been allocated to ten service providers covering 12 predefined RFCS regions. Our nearest providers are in Warwick, Toowoomba and Gatton/Lockyer Valley.

Creator of portable in-paddock weighing system wins MLA Producer Innovation Award

Armidale producer Bill Mitchell has won the 2021 Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) Producer Innovation Award for his remote cattle weighing system, Optiweigh, that enables in-paddock weighing and monitoring.

Mr Mitchell was presented the award at Beef Australia 2021 in Rockhampton.

Optiweigh is a fully portable in-paddock weighing system that works in all environments, does not require animal training, and does not require installation of

additional infrastructure.

"Our operation is focused on meeting target weights for target markets, which is why assessing weight gain was so critical," Mr Mitchell said.

"Having the unit in the paddock feeding data to us means we can assess our cattle every day, delivering up to \$70 more per head going out the gate on every truckload because we are better meeting sale specifications and avoiding overweight penalties."

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Jeremy's View

My Trip

If you always read my column then you know that I've been writing about a trip that I did with my dad to Warwick, Allora, Leyburn and Goondiwindi in some of my columns.



This time it is time to tell you about what we did after we left Allora. Dad and I went in his ute from Allora to Leyburn where the QCWA ladies were hosting a country music day. They are really good to my dad because the ladies let him use their hall for meetings with people when Dad is in Leyburn. Dad says that they always leave the fridge full of sandwiches for him when he's having meetings so he's always going back to Leyburn and loves the QCWA ladies.

After that, we kept going to Goondiwindi which is a long way away but still in dad's MP area. We had some delicious food at the bakery and the best chips I have ever had at a take-away called Sonno's. And even some people in Goondiwindi know me and read this column!

Then we went to the 100th anniversary celebration of the Goondiwindi Ambulance. The mayor there is Lawrence Springborg, and he was there and hundreds of other people also to celebrate the ambulance.

Lawrence was the person who was our MP before dad and they always talk a lot when they are together.

While the grown-ups were all talking, I got to talk with the ambulance paramedics and look at the ambulances. They had new ones and ones on display which were about 50 years old. I also bought a history book about the ambulance in Goondiwindi with my pocket money.

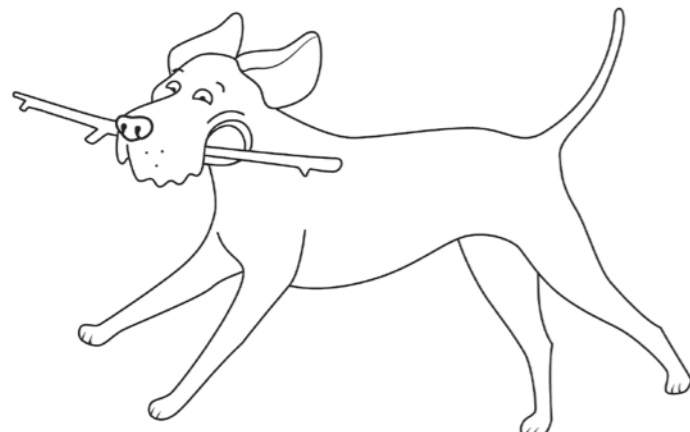
My Aunt Holly is an ambulance paramedic in Stanthorpe and my other Aunt Meg is also a paramedic but on Palm Island near Townsville.

Afterwards dad and me went all the way back to Stanthorpe and we were pretty tired after two whole days on the road.

Jeremy Lister, age 10

TODAY'S QUOTE - "Happiness is having a large, loving, caring close-knit family in another city." - George Burns

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BAD JOKE OF THE WEEK

Fido, a large black Labrador was sitting up in the seat at the movies, wagging his tail, growling at the villain and barking excitedly at the hero's escapades. The man in the seat behind the dog's owner he was stunned. "Me too." Said the owner, "he hated the book."

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Allora Bowls Notes

Week 13 - Fun and high jinx ended a great season of our social night bowls competition. The champions, Gina's Babies made sure that everybody knew that they were again to be awarded the winner's prize. They had photos taken of their monogrammed shirts adorning Paddo's front yard and flying high on the bowls green.

Of course, Gina's Babies won the competition but only by one point from Fire Ants. Tony Morris presented his winners and losers trophies to the teams at the end of the games. Just as well Paddo takes the ribbing in good spirit. Russell McMillian of Gina's Babies and Russell Porter of Fire Ants made mention of their pleasure in beating Paddo's team again!

Three teams shared the third position, Generation Gap, The Three Stoogers and Are You Game Enough scored 18 points.

Phoenix Rising rose again. They were beaten by Pig Lures but both teams won the winners and losers prize on rink 7.

With the cancellation of two bowl's nights due to wet weather, there were three team raffle prizes as well as the ongoing prizes from Allora Butchery, Railway Hotel, Percy Fruit and the Sports Club.

After twelve draws, Jaqui Ritchie finally cut the cards to find the jack. She won the Allora Hardware weekly jackpot of \$20 prize plus a bottle of bubbly donated by Dennis Allen.

Ken O'Dea Floor Covering toucher competition winners were John Cochrane, Allana Frizzell, Nicko, Jaqui Ritchie, Rusty McMillan, Gary Cooper, Peter Mole and Pam Ritchie.

With the end of the night bowls season, we will miss our weekly social outing on Tuesday nights. At the



Tony Morris with Winners - Gina's Babies, Glen McMillan, Russell McMillan, Bryce Turner.



Tony Morris with runners-up team Fire Ants - Lyn Patterson, Russell Porter, Cody Prentergast.

conclusion of presentations, Paddo thanked all members who volunteered each week. Teams are asked to nominate for the next season commencing on Tuesday 31st August.

I can't let Jacqui off

the hook. Jaqui was up to tricks, not just marking the touchers in red chalk, she marked John Cochrane's great shot with FLUKE! And her team mate's bowl with YAH!

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