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Deuchar Sacred Heart Church For Sale



The 102 year "Little Church on the Hill" is being sold due to the ill-health of the Reverend Brian Sparksman who held Mass once a month at Deuchar. The Heritage Listed Church will be auctioned on 19th June - *Full details page 5.*



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Deuchar Final Mass



The final Mass on Saturday 8th May was conducted by Father Don Murray and Father Rod MacGinley. A sad occasion for the large crowd of worshippers at the Deuchar Sacred Heart Church. (photo - Monique Bryson)

Bird Watching Morning

The Allora Landcare Group has organised a morning of bird watching on the Allora Mountain Reserve. Joining the group on the day will be biologist Frank Coman, the photographer of the birds seen in the book "A Pictorial Guide to the Birds of Allora Mountain Flora and Fauna Reserve" first published in 2020.

Anyone interested will enjoy the walk on our beautiful mountain and learn more about the native birds of the area.

The Bird Watching Morning will be held on Sunday 30th May, assembling at 6.15am at the Reservoir level on Allora Mountain Reserve, access off the Highway via Burges Road.

Afterwards, a \$5 smoko and Q & A will be held at the Allora Showgrounds.

Further details can be found on the Allora Landcare Facebook page.

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Allora Community Auction Postponed

The Allora Show Society has taken a significant step in postponing their famous annual auction until the October long weekend.

Formerly the Allora Apex Auction, it has been a landmark event with its own special character since its inception over two decades back.

The now defunct Allora Apex Club introduced the auction to the Allora and Southern Downs event schedule before it was passed on to the Allora Show Society.

New Allora Show Society President Glyn Rees, who was appointed after the recent resignation of former organization President, said "the Allora Annual Auction is among a number of events dear to the hearts of the Allora and Southern Downs community, also including the Allora Annual Show, the Allora Campdraft and the Allora Heritage Weekend."

The decision by the Show Society Management committee certainly wasn't taken lightly according to Mr Rees. "At a time where there appears to be a number of influencing factors, it was considered the best action to take."

The Auction enjoyed the three-day Queen's Birthday long weekend for many years, and while it's not all that necessary, the three-day long weekend in October will be advantageous to organization and enhancing the event.

Mr Rees said "while some sectors of the local community disagreed with the postponement,

there were many that felt it was a "wise" or "good" decision."

"It's our responsibility to ensure the safety of our volunteers and the general public on the Showgrounds and currently there is major construction of a near 2,800 m2 under cover area that won't be completed before the Auction date."

A move to October will see the under-cover area completed and the grounds recovered serving to enhance the Showgrounds facility for the Auction.

A postponement will also allay concerns about the availability of volunteers needed to run an event the size of the Auction.

A recent Show Society auction workshop saw plenty of enthusiasm for the event which was to take place in just under four weeks, but concern remained about volunteers on the ground in the lead up to and at the event.

"The enthusiasm is more than commendable, but there are other factors that were considered and had to be considered at length."

Mr Rees said the Showgrounds had an enviable record hosting events of all sizes over many years and the postponement decision will ensure that standard is maintained.

In recent weeks the Allora Showgrounds along with Show Society and community group volunteers have hosted the Working Kelpie Council National Kelpie Field trials and this past weekend the Queensland Fire and Emergency Service charity bike ride - Bike 4 Burns, a charity bike ride that raises funds for the



The last Community Auction held in June 2019.

Children's Hospital Foundation.

Among numerous other events using the Showgrounds locals around the Southern Downs are looking forward to the Queensland Historic Motorcycle Association's

Frostbite Rally on the weekend of

July 10th & 11th, a former regular Allora Showgrounds event that returns to the Best Little Town on the Downs.

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Bike 4 Burns

The Queensland Fire and Emergency Service charity bike ride - Bike 4 Burns, a charity bike ride that raises funds for the Children's Hospital Foundation was held at the Allora Showgrounds last weekend.

New Speed limit at level crossing on Warwick-Allora Road

The speed limit at the level crossing on Warwick-Allora Road between the Splytard Creek Bridge and the Evans Road intersection will change this month in response to community concerns.

The speed limit will reduce from 100km/h to 80km/h at the level crossing.

Southern Queensland Regional Director Kym Murphy said a speed limit review had been completed and determined a change was necessary.

In addition to the speed limit reduction on Warwick-Allora Road, new railway signals will be installed on Evans and Hutley roads.

"We've listened to the community and the Speed

Management Committee has undertaken a speed limit review at the level crossing.

"The review process considers a range of factors such as road function, roadside environment, road construction standards, prevailing traffic speeds and crash history." Ms Murphy said.

The committee includes representatives from the Queensland Police Service, Southern Downs Regional Council and the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

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Members of the Allora & District Historical Society are excited to be involved with the Jumpers & Jazz in July Festival and like us, the J & J committee are just as excited and committed to promoting Allora, encouraging visitors to come, stay & play before moving onto other towns in the shire.

On Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th July, we will be opening our 53 Warwick St museum with a new display of Jazz era clothing. \$5 will give you admission to all our museums.

At 8.30am both days, Trevor will guide you on a 2-hour historical town tour leaving 53 Warwick St.

At 12 noon both days, Colin will guide you on a 1-hour tour of the Allora Cemetery, starting at the Mitchener Shelter Shed at the Cemetery.

Please pre-book & pre-pay \$10pp per tour with Wendy (0488 673 778 or email adhssec@gmail.com) Don't hesitate as our previous tours have been very popular & booked out fast.

When you arrive back from either tour, enjoy craft, coffee/tea & scrumptious country cooking by our CWA ladies. Sit back & relax in our grounds where you will find more cakes, cookies & craft made by the Allora Art & Craft Group.

You can't miss us - our trees & fences between the CWA building & Old Shire Chambers building at 53 Warwick St will be decorated & yarn bombed, fitting with the J & J Festival theme.

COVID19 rules will apply. Follow us on facebook - @allorahistoricalocietyinc - Follow updates at www.jumpersandjazz.com.au

How To Write Grants For Your Community Organisation

Toowoomba Regional Council is running an 'in-person' grant writing workshop in Clifton next month.

The Council Community Development Officer, Sarah Rossiter has invited residents from Southern Downs to attend.

This is an ideal opportunity

to learn tricks of the trade and develop a library of information you need to write winning grants.

The In-Person Workshop will be held on Wednesday 16th June from 9am to 12noon at the Clifton Seniors Hall, 1 Meara Place.

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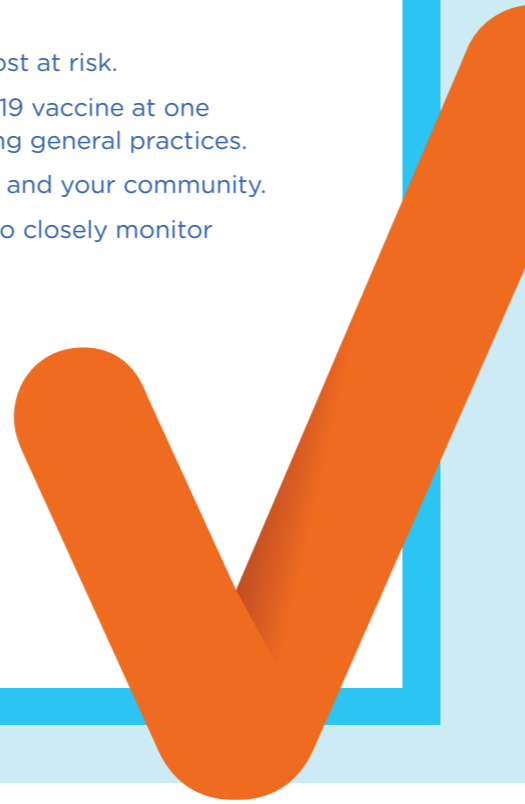
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National Volunteer Week

This week we thank and congratulate all our Allora and district Volunteers on their contribution to our community.

Volunteering Queensland report that 3 million people - over 75% of the population volunteered 900 million hours in 2020 - that's an average 5.7 hours every week to help others. The report has also uncovered the true value of volunteering in our State with volunteers contributing almost \$84 billion in value to the Queensland community.

The volunteer workforce is three times the size of the Queensland Government and nearly as big as the private sector. The cost to replace the labour of this workforce in 2020 would have been approximately \$37.1 billion.

However there are still many challenges facing the volunteering sector. 38% of volunteer-involving organisations saw a decrease in their volunteer numbers, with time and health reasons being the main barriers to people being able to volunteer.

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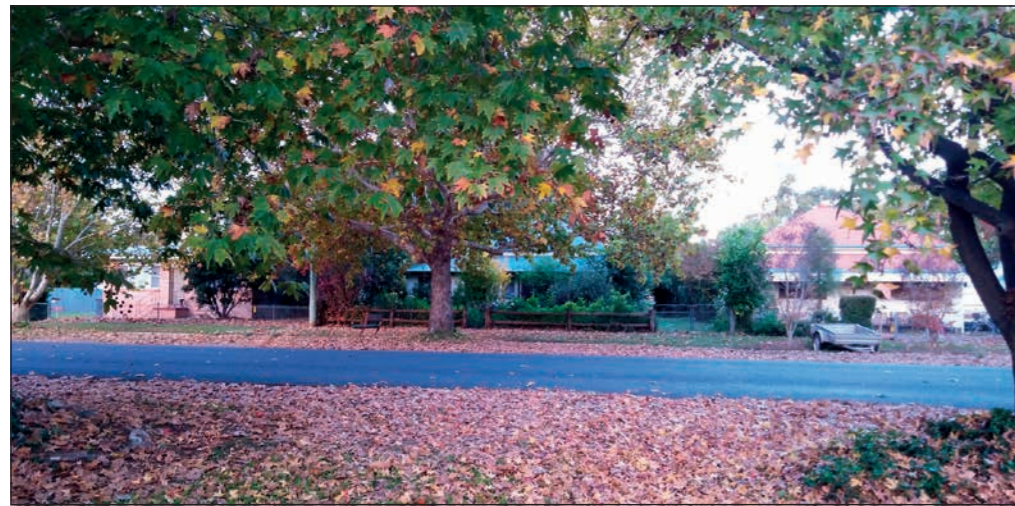
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Photo thanks to Miranda Denne.

Temporary car park closure

Southern Downs Regional Council wishes to inform the community that a section of the car park behind the Warwick Town Hall will be temporarily closed to the public due to excavation works.

Construction to upgrade the cabling to the old SES building will take place from this Sunday 23 May through to Monday 31 May, however these dates are weather dependent and subject to change.

Council thanks the community for their cooperation and patience during the works and asks that care is taken when using the car park.

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Get the good oil on sunflowers at GRDC workshop

Sunflower growers, agronomists and farm advisers will have an opportunity to hear from some of Australia's leading crop management specialists at a workshop to be held at Pittsworth next month.

Presented by the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) and the Australian Sunflower Association (ASA) the workshop will offer the latest information on plant growth and development, agronomy, pests, weeds and disease, harvest, storage and marketing.

GRDC Grower Relations Manager – North, Richard Holzknicht, said the workshop being held in Pittsworth would also include

a section on the shared experiences of growers and agronomists.

Kevin Charlesworth, chair of the Australian Sunflower Association, said the sunflower industry had a positive future and attending the workshop would provide both experienced and future growers with insights into marketing profitable crops.

"There has been some significant developments in sunflower marketing in recent years and how growers can access these opportunities will be one of the key presentations at the workshop," Mr Charlesworth said.

The workshop will be facilitated by Kerry McKenzie from PulseAg

Consulting.

Mr McKenzie said the line-up of speakers for the workshop had been designed to deliver farm-ready information to industry that could be used by growers and advisers as they prepared for this season's harvest or planned next season's crop.

"We have chosen the location based on need, with the majority of sunflowers produced in the northern

region being grown across the Darling Downs but the workshop is open to growers or would-be growers from anywhere," he said.

The Pittsworth workshop is scheduled for Tuesday June 8 at the Pittsworth Function Centre from 8.30am-5pm.

For more information and to register contact Kerry McKenzie on 0467 650 252 or email kerry@pulseag.com.au

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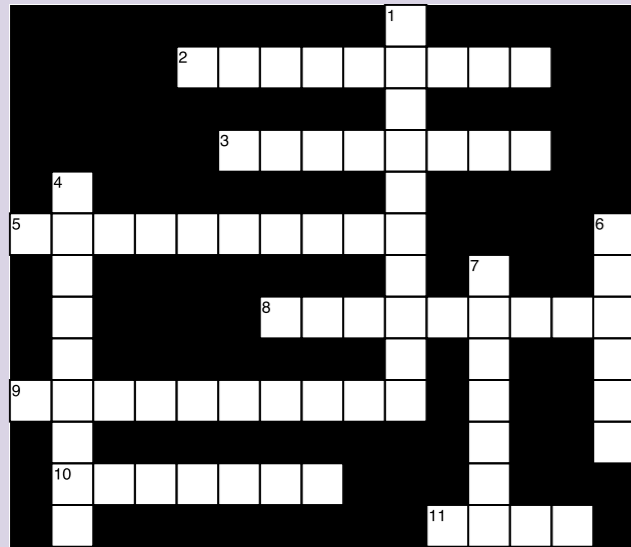
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TODAY'S QUOTE -
 "I always say, keep a diary and someday it'll keep you." - Mae West



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Tom stood on the edge of the cliff with a budgie strapped to each shoulder. He took a mighty leap and plummeted straight down to the rocks below. Tom got up and dusted himself off.

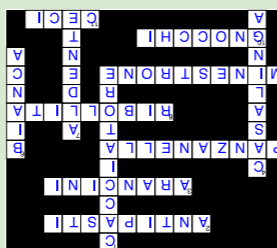
"Gee, mate", he said to Kevin who had already jumped, "this budgie jumping isn't all it's cracked up to be."

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Jeremy's View

Our pets part two

It has been a long time since I last wrote about our pets (which was my second column). And since then a lot has changed so I decided to do a part two. Since I last wrote about our pets Missie and Connie, our Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, have died both near Christmas. They both had right heart failure and it was very sad to lose them both in such a short time.



And a few weeks ago all of our chickens died after some roaming dogs got into our property. But although those dogs did attack him, George (our rooster) somehow got out alive well with some damage to his wing and is now doing well. We now have more chickens (Isa Browns) but they almost died when a little animal dug into the chicken pen overnight. We think it might have been a quoll. It took a few feathers from the chickens but they all managed to survive.

We still have our three cats Mavis, Granville and Norman. They like to sleep near the fireplace when it gets cold. The cat I'm holding in the picture is Norman and he was a stray but now lives at our place. He was very skinny when he first arrived but now he is very, very fat. The other two cats are a normal size but Norman really likes to eat any food he can get. We also have some cows in the paddock but they aren't really pets.

Jeremy Lister, age 10

Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago May 1996 Junior Landcare

The Junior High School Landcare Group has been set up at the Allora State School under the guidance of co-ordinator Terry Ryan. The aim of the group is help the environment in their own back yard. Some of the projects under consideration are the saving of the endangered stemacantha thistle, green frogs, Dalrymple Creek bank revegetation, and native birdlife. Group members include Ben Reedman, Kathy Clark, Allison Masters, Brad Anderson, Anne-Maree Bridge, Natalie Holmes, Helen Strachotta and Matt Austin.

Allora's Past 75 years ago May 1946 O'Shea Cup

Two rugby league matches were played between Allora and Clifton at the Clifton Recreation Reserve. In the junior match Clifton defeated Allora 9 - nil. In the O'Shea Cup senior match Clifton defeated Allora 13 - 6.

The Allora team was: E. O'Dea, P. Cummins, D. Munro, A. Carney, J. Dwyer, A. Abernethy, J. Maher, K.

Cummins, W. Budd, E. Willett, Frank O'Dea, Mat O'Dea and T. O'Dea. Clifton was represented by Frank Logan, W. Ryan, Jack Logan, J. Flynn, J. Bourke, E. Ryan, Kevin Ryan, W. Hinz, F. Ryan, Bob Bishop, S. Naumann, A. Missen and G. Woodward. An interesting feature of the teams was that four O'Dea brothers played for Allora while four Ryan brothers played for Clifton.

Allora's Past 100 years ago May 1921

Sinton Masters Wedding

A wedding of much interest to Allora residents was solemnised in St. David's Church on April 27th, the Rev. T. Hely-Wilson officiating. Mr R. G. Sinton (late A.I.F.) son of Mr and Mrs David Sinton, Allora, was married to Ada Florence, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs George Masters of Allora. Miss Masters entered the church on the arm of her brother. Misses Hilda and Ruby Masters, sisters of the bride, were bridesmaids. The bridegroom was attended by Mr Charles Masters, and Mr Percy Masters was groomsman. After the ceremony

the guests adjourned to the Princess of Wales Hotel where the wedding breakfast was served. Following the breakfast Mr and Mrs Sinton motored to Hendon en route to Brisbane and the seaside.

Allora's Past 125 years ago May 1896

Fatal Accident

A fatal accident occurred to a son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Geitz of Allora. Mr Geitz and an elder son were engaged in collecting and carting pumpkins and pie melons in one of his paddocks. Several of the small children were taking short rides in the dray between the heaps. While one of the heaps was being loaded they got down and when the dray was ready to move again, clambered up the wheel to get on the dray again. The elder brother started the dray off thinking that all was clear but the wheel carried the little boy around and passed over his head. Dr Pain was summoned and speedily arrived but the boy passed away soon afterwards.

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Wattles Return to Winner's Circle



After a scoreless eighty minutes in their last outing against a switched-on Highfields Eagles outfit, Wattles regrouped on the weekend at local league headquarters Platz Oval to deny the Newtown Lions victory 30 – 22.

Player/coach Travis Burns remains missing from the top-grade line-up for another week after a three-match indiscretion penance, and while his playmaking expertise is a Wattles luxury, the Warriors had no trouble covering the Lions who are still desperate for an A Grade win after re-joining the Toowoomba Rugby League top grade this year.

Burns has casualised his mentoring approach of late

watching replays of games on DVD wearing his slippers and scarf while relaxing in the lounge at home, but he was happy with what he saw of his charges against Newtown.

He rated the performance of forwards Michael 'Bugsy' Pearson and new start Brendan McBride who has come from the Brisbane big smoke to fill a Wattles jersey.

Pearson has been among the best in green and gold in recent weeks, his fearless runs winning plenty of opposition respect.

McBride is a gifted backrower who notched up a game for the Warriors in last year's Barrett Family Shield.

Alas that eighty minutes was the entire playing season given the turmoils of COVID 19.

A welcome addition to Wattles pack, especially with injury still casting a shadow over the Warrior camp, McBride is a former

Wynnum-Manly Seagulls player who also filled a jersey a few season's back in the Brisbane Bronco's National Youth Cup side.

Veteran utility player and Warriors co-captain Ryan Duggan crossed for a valuable try in the 27th minute in his second match back from a lengthy injury break.

Twenty-year-old tryaholic Matt Christensen was the TRL's top tryscorer going in to the match, and added a double to increase his commendable total to twelve.

Usually in the centres, Christensen filled in at fullback against the Lions in the absence of usual last line Jackson Green.

Wattles 30 defeated **Newtown 22.**

Reserve Grade - Wattles 52 defeated **Newtown 4.**

Under 18 - Newtown 44 defeated **Wattles 20.**

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