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Allora Hosts Days for Girls Workshop



Days for Girls welcomed thirty four ladies from Warwick, Clifton, Boonah, Toowoomba and Goondiwindi to the Regional Workshop held last Friday in Allora. (story and photos page 5)

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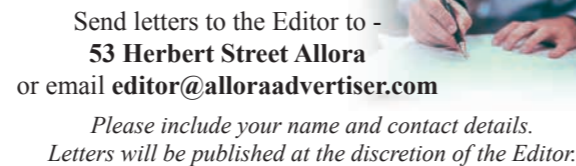
Road works at Freestone

An identified black spot at Freestone is undergoing safety improvements and upgrades as part of the Federal Government's 2020/21 Black Spot Program. Road works at the intersection of Freestone and Charley's Gully Roads are expected to commence this week and be completed by 11 June 2021, however this is subject to change and weather dependent. As the works will include widening and sealing of part of Peters Road and installing new signage and line markings, Peters Road will be closed between Freestone and Watts Roads for the duration. Local residents in the area will still have access to and from their properties using alternative routes and Council staff will endeavour to minimise disruptions for road users where possible. Standard construction hours will be between 6.30am and 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Letters to the Editor

Send letters to the Editor to -
53 Herbert Street Allora
or email editor@alloraadvertiser.com

Please include your name and contact details.
Letters will be published at the discretion of the Editor.



Money For Allora In SDRC Draft Budget

Southern Downs Regional Council (SDRC) has released their 2020/21 Draft Budget for public exhibition.

Southern Downs Mayor Vic Pennisi said the budget focuses on long-term financial sustainability to contain costs, maintain high levels of customer service and invest in a significant capital works program of \$50m to address ageing infrastructure.

Money allocated to our local area includes \$240,000 towards a minor renewal at the Allora Outdoor Pool, that will spent on new water pipes, sand filters, solar panels and disabled access showers and toilets.

A further \$240,000 for the project is being contributed by the Federal Government under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LCRI) Project.

Other spending includes risk assessment of the Allora and Leyburn landfill sites, installing a reservoir mixer at the Leyburn reservoir and implementing recommendations from the Urban Design Framework project in Leyburn that aims to enhance the local liveability

and character of the town.

"Finding the right balance between the 'needs/musts' and separating out our 'wants' has been tough and no part of the organisation has been spared a haircut.

"As an organisation responsible to the community, we have spent considerable time crunching the numbers, weighing up our core business of delivering essential services and ensuring that we can meet ratepayer and community needs to the standard they expect," Mayor Pennisi said.

The budget and the ways to submit feedback for it can be found at www.sdrc.qld.gov.au/living-here/have-your-say/2021-2022-draft-budget

Feedback must be submitted by 5pm, 11 June 2021.



Money to be spent on disabled access showers and toilets at the Allora Pool.

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High Tech Comes To Allora Museums

To modernise the historical society's media presentation, two television sets & mounts have been placed in both museums. Brett Bender is transposing old VHS tapes & cassette tapes to USB sticks so that patrons will be able to sit down & watch/listen to events gone by. The research room now has a A3 printer/scanner/copier to be used by our research officer

who is recording/updating the database.

Therese Donovan has been hired to set up a facebook & train members to manage it - allorahistoricalsocietyinc

The Allora & District Historical Society members are very grateful that these projects were assisted by Grants to Community funding from the Southern Downs Regional Council.

Excitement Builds For Jumpers & Jazz In July

Started in 2004 this popular winter festival brings together a program of over 100 events during the ten days of entertainment and good times.

From Thursday 15th July throughout the entire festival visitors can enjoy the artworks adorning the trees in the Warwick CBD.

Highlights this year includes the Jumpin' Jazz Laneway Party on Friday 16th July and the Twilight Jazz 'n Blues in the Park on Saturday 24th July.

As these events will be highly popular you're advised to book your tickets soon.

Plenty of free jazz from Saturday 17th until Sunday 25th July and of course the Killarney

Bonfire Night featuring the quirky artistic fire drums and giant bonfire to be held on Saturday 17th July.

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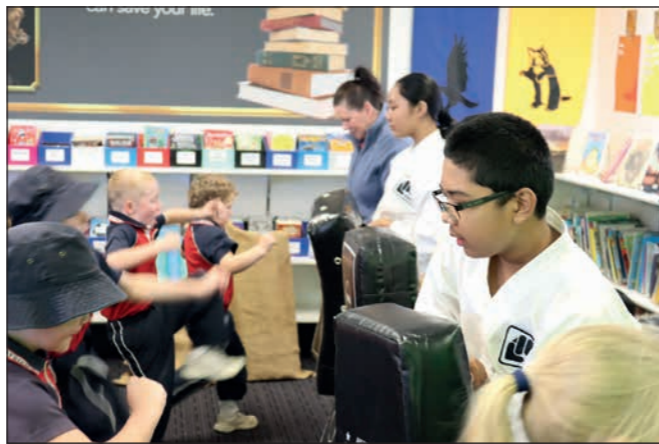
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Allora Schools Visit Clifton

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Life-Saving Equipment For Leyburn

The Leyburn and District Men's Shed will purchase life-saving equipment thanks to a much-needed Federal Government grant, Maranoa MP David Littleproud said. "Under the National Shed Development Programme, the Leyburn and District Men's Shed will receive \$2500 to purchase a defibrillator, fire extinguisher, fire blanket and thermometer," Mr Littleproud said. "Leyburn and District Men's Shed members freely give their time and expertise to help the community and share skills and knowledge with anyone keen to learn wood and metal working and help with community projects. "The Men's Shed initiative plays an important role in our community as it provides practical and social benefits for members and the broader community."

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Days for Girls Regional Workshop at Allora



ABOVE: Christina Parlevliet and Kaye Mullins from Allora.



LEFT: Clare Cooper from Bony Mountain, member of the Allora Group.



Australian Coordinator Mary Connolly-Gale, QLD Coordinator Robyn Payens, Allora Volunteer Rosemary Easton and QLD Sewing Specialist Rhonda Brodie.

During the workshop in Allora up-to-date methods of sewing kit components were demonstrated and ladies had an opportunity to practice making the products.

Guests on the day were Queensland Co-ordinator Robyn Payens, Queensland Sewing specialist Rhonda Brodie and Australia Co-ordinator, Chief Operating Officer of Days for Girls,

Mary Connolly-Gale who said the organisation has developed a "gold standard" for sewing and putting the bags for the girls together and workshops are held so that they are consistent and each girl receives a bag of the same quality. These Feminine Sanitary Products are produced for girls and women in underdeveloped countries.

Rosemary Easton from Days for Girls Allora thanks the Principal and Students of St Patrick's School for their wonderful help in setting up the room for the workshop.

Community Achievement Awards

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At Clintonvale and crossing the Cunningham Highway.

Leaving the Freestone Shed on Saturday 22nd May the Grainshed Machinery Group made our way through the scenic Goomburra Valley via the Ghost Gate Road to Janowen Park. From there our Group travelled via Forest Springs to the Allora Showground where we spent the night. Sunday began with a hearty breakfast, thanks to the Show Society members who made sure everyone was well fed and made feel welcome. A highlight of the Trek was a visit to the spectacular vehicle collections of the Denny

family and the Hentschel family. We all enjoyed the splendid displays and willingly gave a contribution. A substantial donation was then presented to Lifelight - on behalf of Bob Denny, Glen Hentschel and the Grainshed Group. Thanks to our Trekkers, the wonderful Allora people, the Goomburra Hall committee and the Allora Show Society. All our members want to return again so on behalf of the Group we thank you very much.

**Leo J. Ryan,
President - Grainshed
Machinery Group inc.**



This old Ferguson Tractor located outside the Grainshed at Freestone.



Leo Ryan, President of the the Grainshed Machinery Group with John Luck from Lifelight and Bruce Shelback, member of the Grainshed.

WHAT'S THE GRAINSHED MACHINERY GROUP ALL ABOUT?

It's a not-for-profit group with an interest in past farming machinery.

We meet on the first Saturday of every second month for a play day with our toys.

Lunch is always a tasty treat and a chance for a yarn.

Due to Jumpers and Jazz our next major event has been set down for 17th July to work in with the Freestone Hall.

It'll be a big breakfast so love to see you there.

Contact Leo on 0400 198 070.



All the trekkers and supporters stop over at the Goomburra Hall.



The Grainshed Machinery Group is not only for men - here are two enthusiastic female members - Sharon Ryan and Roslyn Shelback.

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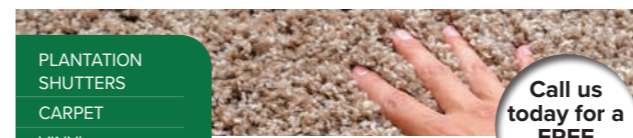
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Fake shed selling scam



Queensland Police are reminding the community to be wary of fake ads on online marketplace and classified sites after receiving reports of a fake shed selling scam.

Police have been alerted to scammers posting a fake ad about a backyard shed for sale. The buyer is given the address of the shed and told to take a look. If the buyer is keen to purchase, they are provided bank details to transfer money into. Once the transaction has occurred, the 'seller' provides a screen shot receipt and even a picture of a driver's licence. The buyer is told to go around and disassemble the shed and take it away – the seller has some excuse as to why they can't be there.

Unfortunately for the buyer – the real owner of the shed has never advertised it for sale and police have even been called to investigate a 'theft'. Whilst the buyer has been able to explain he wasn't stealing the shed, he has been defrauded with little chance

of getting his money back. Police have also had reports of a similar scam in relation to temporary fencing used at construction sites.

These classified scams often advertise an item at a low price to hook people in, so a good rule of thumb is if the advertised price looks too good to be true, it probably is.

If you are purchasing something via an online marketplace, be very suspicious of a seller who can't meet you in person. Do not accept that a picture of a driver's licence is proof of who you are dealing with.

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Kai Duggan Blinder Inspires Warriors

Nineteen-year-old hooker Kai Williamson-Duggan was in superb touch on Saturday at Herb Steinhart Oval playing a leading role in Wattles 'against the tide' 25 – 12 win over the second on the premiership ladder Valleys Roosters.

Williamson-Duggan, a nephew of Wattles top graders Matt & Ryan Duggan, received lengthy praise from player/coach Travis Burns and was rewarded with overall player of the match honours after a sterling performance against class opposition.

After serving a three-match suspension the Wattles on field mentor Burns donned his favoured number '6' jersey to run on and certainly made his presence felt in the green and gold halves.

For the opening couple of months of the Hutchinson Builders Toowoomba Rugby League A Grade Premiership Valleys have demonstrated awesome ability earning them kudos as leading contenders for the end of season silverware in their quest to retain their premier's title.

On paper the Warrior's line-up made great reading heading in to Saturday's Round 7 clash, regardless of a 24 – 16 arm-wrestle loss last week in the Southern Downs local derby with Warwick.

With Burns back in the nerve centre along with halfback Matt

Duggan, Wattles had an evening where everything seemed to go right.

"We've set the bar for ourselves says the former NRL playmaker."

The Roosters may have approached the match nonchalantly given Wattles less than average form of late, and if so, they learnt a valuable lesson.

The two teams have been regular foes at the head of the premiership ladder for a number of seasons and neither can ever be taken lightly.

Burns recognised the outstanding contribution of his organising inside backs but was adamant the green and gold pack had laid the foundation for success.

The Warriors eased to a 12-0 lead by half time after Travis Burns had set up his halves partner Matt Duggan to score in the 13th minute with Duggan then laying the groundwork for centre Steve Elliott to score in the 32nd minute.

When Kai Williamson-Duggan touched down beside the uprights, all of a sudden, the game tempo swung Wattle's way, now ahead 18-0 midway through the second stanza.

A Matt Duggan field goal fifteen minutes before fulltime gave his Warriors a thirteen-point lead further frustrating the home side.

While the Roosters were crowing when classy fullback Dylan Chown crossed for a vital four-pointer, the Warriors enjoyed the upper hand leading 19 – 12 with full time fast approaching.

With just two minutes remaining giant Wattles' bench forward Brendan McBride crashed over among numerous defenders to erase any doubt in who had earned the honours on the night to get his side to the 25-12 winning result on the scoreboard.

Aside from some outstanding attacking play and the enthusiasm generated by the return of Burns, defence was the recipe to Wattles' win. Both Ryan Duggan and nephew Kai Williamson-Duggan dominated Wattle's tackle count, while the big men in green and gold kept the highly rated Roosters on the back foot.

While the most ardent of Wattles supporters had their concerns about what the result might be pre-match, the team, still not full strength, showed their capabilities in what was a vital contest in relation to their premiership hopes.

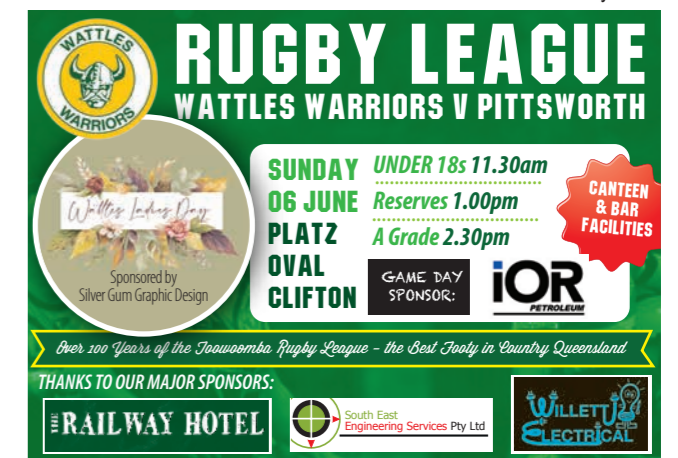
"We came with nothing to lose and everything to win," said the happy coach.

Wattles 25 (Matt Duggan, Steve Elliott, Kai Duggan, Brenden McBride tries Matt Duggan 2, Travis Burns 2 goals Matt Duggan field goal) defeated **Valleys 12** (Alex Hinch, Dwayne Duncan tries Dwayne Duncan 2 goals)

Reserve Grade - Valleys 16 d. **Wattles 4** (Brenden Wilson try)

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Glyn Rees



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Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago June 1996 Presentation to Auctioneer

The Allora Apex Auction came to a halt at 1 p.m. yesterday for a special presentation to be made to Allora auctioneer Jim Leeson on the occasion of him officiating at his 21st Allora Apex auction (although when he arrived at the first auction it was nearly over



The 1982 Apex Auction conducted in front of the old Show Pavilion.

as he had prior sale to conduct). The presentation was made by former Allora Shire Clerk Lex Ellwood after an introduction by Warwick auctioneer Stuart Bond. Mr Leeson was accompanied on the day by wife Margaret, son John, and granddaughters Sarah and Kellie.

Allora's Past 75 years ago June 1946 Large Grass Fire

The strenuous and willing efforts of a large number of farmers, and of Sergeant Wiles and Constable Croker of the Allora police, prevented serious damage by fire in the Elphinstone and Tabletop area of the Allora district. The fire commenced on Mr W. P. Cooper's property and quickly spread to Mr Paul Rühle's where it went through a considerable area and on to Mrs A. F. Deacon's. Mrs. H. S. Warfield was responsible for notifying many residents of the area by phone, and with the co-operation of the telephone exchanges of both Allora and Clifton, the news spread rapidly and many farmers arrived ready to fight the fire. By 4 o'clock all danger was past and the fighters were able to adjourn to Mr Paul Rühle's home where the ladies

of the district served much needed refreshments.

Allora's Past 100 years ago June 1921 Visiting Aeroplane

Mr Garth Elwyn paid his promised visit to Allora on Saturday in his aeroplane, and effected a good landing on the Reserve to the north of the town. The landing ground being heavy from recent rains he, however, decided not to make flights with passengers as announced. The public who were in attendance in large numbers were somewhat disappointed, but accepted the situation philosophically. After a brief stay he took his departure for Warwick, which was reached safely and in good time.

(The previous time that Mr Elwyn had landed on the reserve in 1920 the plane ended up on its nose)

Allora's Past 150 years ago June 1871 Politician Boosed

Mr. Macalister, the former Speaker of the Queensland Legislative Assembly, was badly received at a meeting with the Allora constituents of the Eastern Downs Electorate. Due to problems in forming a workable government, the Allora voters groaned and hissed at Mr Macalister and refused to give him a hearing.

Colin Newport



The Back Paddock

CSIRO Steve Henry comments on mouse plague

Parts of Queensland and NSW have seen a rise in mouse numbers due to highly favourable climatic conditions, giving mice optimal conditions to breed.

In May 2021, new research investment by the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC), led by CSIRO, has enabled evidence-based increases to zinc phosphide (ZnP) mouse baits that will help grain growers battling above-average mouse numbers in eastern Australia.

CSIRO researcher and leading mouse expert, Mr Steve Henry, has answers on the mouse plague:

Why are mouse numbers reaching such high levels?

A mouse plague of this sort happens about every 10 years.

Mice are currently responding to seasonal conditions. There's been good rainfall after several years of drought and the bumper grain crops grown over spring and summer provide excess food for

mice. Shelter and food sources combined create perfect conditions for mice to thrive and survive.

Usually, mice breed in early spring and usually finish breeding in autumn. Breeding tails off through winter.

Mice can breed from about six weeks old and can reproduce every 19 to 21 days. Their litters can have as many as 10 pups. As soon as they have a litter, they become pregnant again. While they are rearing a litter, they are gestating the next. After three weeks of rearing pups, they kick them out of the nest and start raising the second litter. There is no break in pup production.

Farming practices have also changed over the years. Water conservation and environmentally sustainable methods, such as minimum or zero tillage have resulted in significant increase in both available shelter and alternative food sources for mice

in fields.

How can primary producers control mice on the land?

Farmers should use zinc phosphide-coated wheat bait, which is the only registered in-crop rodenticide for the management of mice damage in broad-scale agriculture in Australia. The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) granted an emergency use permit on 7 May, underpinned by new CSIRO research funded by the Grains Research and Development Corporation.

The emergency permit allows for grain baits to be covered in double-strength zinc phosphide. The bait will still be applied on-farm

at one kilogram per hectare but will have twice as much ZnP on each grain, increasing the likelihood of a mouse consuming a lethal dose in a single feed.

In addition to the approved rodenticide, farmers are also recommended to:

- Try to reduce alternate food sources for mice and introduce livestock to eat excess food in the fields.
- Bait regularly and coordinate baiting with other farmers to avoid reinvasion. Bait on as broad a scale as possible.
- Lay bait when food source in the paddocks is at the lowest level, this will give mice the best chance to find the bait.
- Apply bait while sowing crops.

Area Still In Drought

The Southern Downs Region remains a drought declared area following a review of the situation

across the State.

While there has been good rain across much of Southern Queensland, the Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities, Mark Furner, said falls have been insufficient for revocation of several local government areas, including the Southern Downs Region.

The drought status of the adjoining Goondiwindi Regional Council area has been revoked, along with the Gold Coast, Redland and Logan City Councils areas to the east.



The Back Paddock

Live Cattle Export Trade

Participants in Australia's multi-billion-dollar live cattle export trade have been assured moves by the Federal Government to levy compliance costs on them are nowhere near as expensive as they first thought.

At a recent Live Export Forum in Charters Towers, Agriculture Minister & Member for Maranoa David Littleproud told about 100 of the district's graziers that his department estimated the new cost-recovery model would add \$4 or \$5 a head.

This figure is far less than the rumoured \$16-\$20 a head some graziers had feared.

Joined by Senator Susan McDonald, Mr Littleproud also promised the crowd the Federal Government will never ban live export.

Senator McDonald – herself from a grazing family near Cloncurry – said the \$4-\$5 a head cost estimate would be a huge relief for all involved in the industry.

"Australia's animal welfare standards are the best in the world – bar none – and we export these standards to our destination countries," she said.

"But this level of regulation comes at a cost that is currently being borne by taxpayers and this is changing."

Senator McDonald said demand for Australia's quality cattle was growing in countries such as Vietnam and Indonesia that do not have widespread refrigeration.

She added that the demand for beef was so great that these countries would accept cattle from other exporters with little to no regard for animal welfare.

"Sending frozen boxed meat to developing countries isn't an option, they need to process live animals locally, and Australia is the only exporter that insists on animal welfare standards from our customers and trains them how to achieve these standards," she said.

"If opponents of live export succeed in shutting down the Australian industry, they are in effect greenlighting the expansion of live export from other countries with far fewer welfare regulations.

"There is no one involved in the Australian sector who



Senator Susan McDonald at Charters Towers.

doesn't place a high value on the humane treatment of our animals, especially in the knowledge they are

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Jeremy's View

Mr David Cory AM

As most people know, my dad is the member of parliament for our area. Last week I got the chance to interview Mr David Cory AM who is the person who was our MP between 1964 and 1977. I wanted to find out from Mr Cory what it was like to be the MP back in those days and if it was very different to what things are like now for my dad.



Mr Cory told me that back in the olden days, things were pretty different because we didn't have big shopping centres and everyone had to go into the bank to get money to spend in the shops. He also said that back when he was the MP there were regular trains to and from Toowoomba and so you could even get to Brisbane on a train.

And back when Mr Cory was the MP he said that he had to sleep three to a room in a really old building when he was at parliament down in Brisbane. After Mr Cory retired, they built a new building at Parliament House so that every MP gets an office and country MPs each get their own room to sleep in now.

But even though it was a long time ago, Mr Cory still had to do lots of travel around the electorate and had to meet lots of people to do his job. That is exactly the same as it is now for my dad.

Jeremy Lister, age 10



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Addressing the little girl in plaits the teacher said "Mary, come up to the map and point out Tasmania to me" Mary did so.

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Allora Golf Report

Firstly I need to pass on thanks to Allora golfers from the Wilson family for the donation from proceeds of the Ambrose golf day conducted two weeks ago. Special thanks to our Club Captain and dedicated Wattles supporter Aaron Simpson for his efforts in organising the day.

Percy's Fruit Duck Run saw Nick Morris score 21 points to win on a countback from Shann. Moose won a ball in the rundown. Tommy Brown won NTP on the 4th; Moose won the approach on the 2nd and Jimmy won the long putt on the 6th.

Sunday we played in a versus par event which caused some confusion as Jimmy and Hethe added up the plusses but forgot to take off the minuses. Luckily Kev spotted the anomaly. Nick Morris continued his Duck Run form to shoot a very impressive plus five to win from Gene with plus two. Moose was in third

place with plus one. NTP and approach winners were Doreen on both the 4th and 13th which was a pretty good effort into a strong wind. Andy won with a beauty on the 7th which saw him collect 10 golf balls for winning the Hoey Wagyu Eagle's Nest. Other winners were Tim (3rd and 8th); Moose (12th); Andy (5th) and Kev (14th). Long putts were won by Hethe on the 2nd and Russell with a monster on the 11th.

Thanks to Hethe for mowing this week and to Ray and Doreen for maintaining the greens. Without labouring the point, the course is in magnificent condition and everyone around town should get out and have a round.

Next Friday will be the Percy's Fruit Duck Run and Sunday the Railway Hotel Monthly Mug. Don't forget to get your names in for the Matchplay. See you on the links.

Local MP Supports Women's Sport



When James Lister, member for Southern Downs was in Allora late last year to attend Speech Night at the Secondary School, he dropped over to the Sports Club to see how things were going after the lockdown.

James was taken for a tour of the golf course and he noticed that there was no hole naming sponsor for the Ladies first and tenth holes. James immediately

offered to sponsor both the golf holes to encourage increased participation in golf by women and girls.

The Sports Club appreciates the support by James and it has already arranged a coaching clinic for women which was very well attended.

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