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Reppel's To Be Known As Drayton House

In the 1880's Henry Reppel opened a bakery and the Temperance Boarding House in Allora. In about 1903 his son Harry Reppel took over the bakery and the boarding house was carried on by his daughter Mrs Mary Paton.

In 2021 it has taken on a new life with Kerry and George Smith purchasing the property and renaming it Drayton House. Renovations are underway to bring it back to an original B & B / Guest house to create that comfortable feeling like your Nanna's home. An invitation has been extended to interested locals to visit Drayton House and give their impression of the changes. The welcome mat will be out this Sunday 4th July from 2pm to 4pm.



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- Step 2 - Victoria Racing Club receives tenders from across Australia and New Zealand
- Step 3 - Advise the winning Tenders
- Step 4 - Advise Perry that the tender for Allora was UNsuccessful
- Step 5 - Not wise to advise Perry of that decision
- Step 6 - Perry straight on the phone to question the decision
- Step 7 - Don't you want to view the best Sports Museum and enjoy Allora's wonderful hospitality?
- Step 8 - Change of mind - VRC is delighted to announce that Allora Sports Museum has been selected to host the 2021 Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour - Congratulations!

The Tour is scheduled to visit Allora (as a 'pop-up') on Tuesday 28th September for 2 hours only between 12 and 2pm at the Allora Regional Sports Museum. So Allora - get ready to welcome this historic event and view The Cup that stops a nation!

It's Allora's Pride & Joy



We say farewell to our friendly, helpful supervisors at the Allora Waste Transfer Station.

Brothers Rob Noffke and Dave Noffke along with Dave's wife Gaylene have taken pride in keeping the facility clean, tidy and well-organised. The locals have certainly appreciated their efforts.

Changes have been made by the Southern Downs Regional Council (SDRC) and will come into effect from Thursday 1st July.

A seven-year contract (with the option of two 1-year extensions) was awarded to The Endeavour Foundation who will manage the facility along with the region's other supervised waste facilities.

Hours of operation at Allora will be Friday to Monday between 9am and 4pm.



Rob who departs today and will return to his previous job as a Fencer.



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SDRC Budget fails to excite locally

Southern Downs Regional Council (SDRC) has adopted what it describes as a "no frills" budget - and that certainly appears to be the case for residents of the Allora district - no frills or thrills!

Mayor Vic Pennisi said Council now finds itself in the situation where focusing on core business is critical and vital to put downward pressure on rates during these extraordinary times.

"It is important at this point to lead into this new budget by focusing on a couple of key areas," Mayor Pennisi said.

He said the biggest issue facing this region is its aging infrastructure.

"We have nearly \$1 billion worth of assets of which \$500 million are underground and some of these pipes were laid in 1930," the Mayor said.

"Our replacement of infra-structure has gone under the radar for too long.

"We must focus the future on replacing what is under the ground before we look for opportunities to cut ribbons.

"This might mean that we may need to borrow for the replacement of infrastructure when we cannot afford it ourselves or we cannot source external funding from the Queensland and Australian governments.

"We will need to be very vigilant on what we borrow and only consider

borrowing for infrastructure which produces an income, such as sewerage," Mayor Pennisi said.

"Unless we can get help from other tiers of government, we will have little choice."

One of the significant changes in the SDRC Budget is that it has taken the waste income out of the General Rates to treat it as a business unit of Council similarly as is done with water and waste water.

"Our loss in waste was in the vicinity of \$3 million to \$4 million per year and we have no choice but to stop the bleed," Mayor Pennisi said.

"By creating a business unit for waste, we will be able to quickly identify and rectify our losses and turn this loss around.

"We will focus on how we can reduce our costs without reducing the service and we have already begun to identify innovative ways to reduce what is going into landfill."

The increase in general rates is an average of about 1.3% and minimum rates are largely unchanged., although individual ratepayers may see much larger variations as a result of new land values issued by the Valuer General.

The budget includes a proposed pricing structure for water that rewards

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SDRC Budget continued...

water conservation, contains costs for commercial users and maps a path to make sure the water business recovers costs.

Water access charges will remain at the current level, however consumption charges will rise.

Domestic charges will have a two-tier pricing structure and the second more expensive tier will cut in at 150KL a half year.

This threshold is set to reflect the permanent conservation measure target of 200 litres per person per day for a household of four.

Charges will be higher in Allora than at Pratten.

Council has levied three different waste charges depending on location

but in the new Budget these will be brought together under one Kerbside Collection Charge to be implemented over two years.

A Landfill Access Charge will be introduced across the region.

Previously only residents with a kerbside collection were levied a specific waste charge, however the new charge will reflect the need of all residents to responsibly dispose of their waste.

At Waste Management facilities, gate fees for commercial waste will increase but will remain comparable to neighbouring councils.

SDRC says targeted changes to operating hours will realise a cost saving.

The Council has recognised a

need to bring its water and sewerage infrastructure up to date.

The Budget plans to put \$30 million into renewing sewerage infrastructure over the next five years.

Wastewater charges have seen an increase of approximately 1.5 per cent.

There is targeted relief for short term accommodation and small business, a discount provided to short-term accommodation providers on additional pedestals (toilets) will increase from 25 per cent to 30 per cent.

Small businesses will have a sewerage charge more in line with residential customers with two pedestals being charged at the same rate as one.

Allora & District Garden Circle



The Allora and District Garden Circle's next outing will be on Tuesday, 6th July. We'll be visiting a small eremophila nursery in Warwick. If you wish to leave from 1 Drayton Street please be there at 1 pm, otherwise you may travel directly to the nursery, where we are expected to arrive at 1.30 pm. Contact Sandra (0409 542 692) or Jane (4666 3868) for the address in Warwick.

Afterwards we'll have our afternoon tea in Leslie Park over the road from Rose City Shopping World. You could bring your own picnic or buy something from the shops. It will be good to catch up with Circlers who've been away.

Jumpers and Jazz in July 2021 festival remains GOOD TO GO – 15th – 25th July



At the time of this release, Festival organizers are pleased to be able to welcome visitors to all the colour and vibe that makes Jumpers and Jazz a vibrant hallmark event on the Southern Downs.

Book ended by two big weekends of free events, day visitors from around the region will especially find plenty of choices to enjoy an unforgettable day out. Families, car buffs, yarn bombers, avid music fans, market bargain hunters can all find their special moments. The Jumpers and Jazz program, available online through the website, has over one hundred events in Warwick and surrounding

villages to browse through. Some events will need to be booked, so patrons are encouraged to seek out soon where they'd like to be and when.

To keep everyone safe, the QR check-in code will be in place at designated entry points manned by friendly volunteers who will be on hand to assist with all check-ins.

Visitors will be issued with a coloured JJJ wristband once they have checked in.

Please refer to website www.jumpersandjazz.com.au, facebook and instagram pages for program and updates, especially as festival time draws near.

Feedback Wanted On Health Services

Darling Downs Health wants your input into health services in our region.

Anyone interested can attend the Warwick Consumer Advisory Group Meeting on Wednesday

28th July from 10am at the Warwick Hospital. Service Providers are also welcome. Register your interest by phoning the Warwick Hospital on 4660 3915.

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Sat 24th 9am - 3pm **Stroll & Swing on Palmerin**

- Celebration of Local Flavours / Suitcase Rummage
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Sun 25th **Finale Picnic in the Park**

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Organisational changes happening at Council

Following a recent review of its organisational structure, Southern Downs Regional Council has undertaken some internal changes to strategically support the future needs of the region.

A comprehensive review of the current organisational structure identified the need to realign the management of functions within several departments to streamline communication, improve processes and enhance effective decision making.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Dave Burges said that while some staff had been affected, the organisation's first priority was to redeploy those staff into other vacant roles within Council, and wherever possible, retain them

within the organisation.

"It is important to note that as an organisation we are always looking to improve how we operate and we are constantly evolving to meet the needs of how we deliver our core business," Mr Burges said.

"I sincerely acknowledge that this is a difficult and unsettling time for the affected staff and the organisation in general.

"Staff who have been affected by the realignment have all been offered other potential employment opportunities within the organisation."

Mr Burges assured the community that these decisions were not made lightly and support a future vision for Council to cut

red tape and be more transparent and adaptable in uncertain times.

"The Southern Downs region has not escaped the effects of recent world-wide events whilst still recovering from the impacts of prolonged drought and devastating bushfires," he said.

"These are challenging times and in order to maintain Council's service levels to a standard accepted and supported by the community and to ensure our long term stability, it is unavoidable to evolve as an organisation.

"I will be working hard to ensure we are a Council that our community and employees can be



proud of.

As part of the review, I have established an internal Organisational Development Team made up of staff from all levels of the organisation who will share their whole-of-organisation views on processes, systems and communications that can be improved and impact positively on our service delivery."



COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS

Drop in any time and have a chat to find out what support is available for farmers, farm workers and your community.

Free Rotary BBQ!

Tue 13 July	Surat Shire Hall, 24 Cordelia Street, Surat	7:30am - 11:30am
Tue 13 July	Meandarra School of the Arts, Sara Street, Meandarra	2:00pm - 6:00pm
Wed 14 July	Millmerran Community and Cultural Centre, Walpole Street, Millmerran	2:00pm - 6:00pm
Thurs 15 July	Pittsworth Town Hall, Park Street, Pittsworth	7:30am - 11:30am
Fri 16 July	Allora Community Hall, 55 Herbert Street, Allora	7:30am-11:30am

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Goomburra Presents The Grand Celebratory Dinner

Some of our current and past residents may have fond memories of many Goomburra functions aptly described as 'Grand'. People from near and far attended 'Grand Balls', 'Grand Concerts' and even 'A Grand Tableaux Lottery'.

There are stories of the hall stage being filled with beautiful fresh flowers and attendance at these social events has resulted in the romantic pairing of some well-known locals. It was reported in the local newspaper that these were nights of 'delirious gaiety'.

True to our Goomburra heritage, we are inviting you to the 'Grand Dinner' held from 6 pm as part of our 115th celebrations. Dress up for an elegant evening with family, old friends and new.

To begin, you will be outside, spoilt with fine entrees while being mesmerized by views of the rolling green hills and patchwork crops of the Goomburra Valley at sunset, followed by a show of the glorious stars above. A refined selection of wines, beers and non-alcoholic drinks will be available for purchase at our Grand Barrel Bar.

You will then enter the hall to enjoy the delicately decorated floral ambience of the Goomburra Town Hall

in all of its Grand Glory. Your taste buds will be tantalised by an alternate drop dinner, while being entertained by the talented Marco Gliori, Australia Poet. The evening will be topped off with desert, tea and coffee. You may be tempted by the silent raffle drawn at the end of the Grand Evening.

There are only 90 seats (8 to a table) available for this event. Ensure your friends and family are booked in early to avoid disappointment. If you would like to participate in this Grand Celebration register and pay by 10th August. This event will be held in line with Covid regulations directed by Qld Health.

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Rekindle memories at the Goomburra Hall on 11th Spetember.

Maryvale Progress Association Receives Grant

Maranoa MP David Littleproud has announced the Maryvale Progress Association will make use of a \$19,999 Federal Government grant to build a shed for the newly formed Men's Shed.

"I'm a firm believer in bringing people together and improving community services across Maranoa because it has a positive flow-on effect on our quality of life and how we support each other," Mr Littleproud said.

"The Maryvale Progress Association's vision to create a shed for community use reflects this, and I'm proud to secure \$19,999 for this project.

"This funding will support the Maryvale Progress Association to construct shed on the Maryvale

Railway Reserve to house community and gardening equipment and provide a meeting place for the newly formed Maryvale Men's Shed.

"A Men's Shed is a valuable resource in any community as they provide practical and social benefits for members and the broader community, while also supporting men of all ages to learn new skills and make new friends.

Round 6 of the Stronger Communities Programme has seen \$150,000 in Federal Government funding made available to Maranoa community groups. 14 projects were funded in this round.

Project grants range from \$2500 to \$20,000 to help bolster rural communities.



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Our News

Clifton Benchrest Shooting Club Inc. competition results

The weather was kind to us on Sunday 20 June for our monthly competition shoot (just as well it was not held the day before!). An enthusiastic roll-up of rifle shooters enjoyed the day and each other's company.

Results of the rimfire competition in the morning were:

- **Rimfire Open Men's** – 1st Gary Manteit 583.26; 2nd Don Doro 574.17; Jason Edwards 569.12
- **Rimfire Women's** – 1st Ashleigh Brown 579.21; 2nd Helen Manteit 572.14; Marg Sullivan 438.
- **Hunter Class** – Gary Manteit 199.10/200.20
- **RBA Class** – Gary Manteit 238.9/250.25

• **Rabbit & Crow** – Braydon Edwards 147.4/150.15

Centrefire competition was held after lunch and the results were:

- 1st Gary Manteit .3460; 2nd Helen Manteit .4126; 3rd Laurie Bowe .4612
- **Smallest Group** Gary Manteit .205

We look forward to another good day's competition shooting on Sunday 18th July 2021. Rifle Captain Gary's mobile number is 0412 331 399.

Margaret Sullivan,
Secretary
Clifton Benchrest Shooting Club Inc.

Zone 5 Rugby League Carnivals

After missing out on rugby league last year, Central Downs Junior Rugby league teams will participate in the upcoming Zone 5 carnivals in Roma and Wandoan

The u35kg/u10 team will once again be coached by Ian Brady with Matthew Briggs and Roy Nott his assistants while the u43kg/u12 team will be coached by Peter Cavanagh with George Gall and Greg Burton his assistants

Peter Cavanagh, President of the Central Downs Junior Rugby League is looking forward to great competition in both age groups, saying "There is more to this Carnival than winning games, it is centred more on player development as footballers and as people, that is what sets this carnival apart from the

rest". "The players form life long friendships, the parents bond together, regardless of their home teams, it's such a great fortnight of footy".

This years Central Downs teams comprises players from both Warwick clubs, Collegians and Suburbs and also the Pittsworth Danes and Wattles.

The carnival is on this week until Friday at Roma for U35kg and the Wandoan carnival from this Sunday 4th July until Friday 9th July.

Central Downs would like to thank our valued sponsors, many of which are long term supporters and important figures in our communities - Ray Bunch Machinery Warwick, South East Engineering Clifton, JD Sporting Photography and Darwalla Group.

Ian Brady

Looking Back... GOOMBURRA HISTORY

The Goomburra Hall will celebrate 115 years on 11th September this year. To rekindle memories Colin Newport has delved into the history of Goomburra and will present a fortnightly column in The Allora Advertiser in the lead-up to the Celebrations.

Ernest Elphinstone Dalrymple, who took up Goomburra in 1840, lived for a time with the Leslie brothers on Canning Downs. He was living there when the first license was issued from the 1st July 1841. On the license issued for occupation from 1st July 1843 he was recorded as residing at Goomburra but is likely to have been living in a tent or a slab & bark hut. Dalrymple sold Goomburra to the North British Australia Company who took possession on the 1st February 1844. The manager was John Deuchar who would have been responsible for the building of a more substantial place to live.

In letters home to Scotland after he bought the property in early 1848, Patrick Leslie wrote that he had carried out improvements to the cottage on Goomburra. Edward Anderson was employed as a carpenter on Goomburra during Patrick Leslie's time and erected many of the early buildings. R & E Tooth owned Goomburra from 1860 to 1862 before it was bought by McLean, Hodgson & Green. Charles Henry Green was the resident owner from 1862 to 1878.



This photo is taken in 1870 during the time of residence of Charles Green and shows substantial buildings on the property including the chapel in the foreground.

Photo courtesy of the Nussey family.



The Back Paddock

Agriculture visa to secure labour force for Farmers

The Nationals have delivered an agriculture visa to secure the labour force needed by Australian farmers.

The Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management, David Littleproud said the announcement of a new

seasonal agriculture worker visa will come as huge relief to the agriculture industry that has been crying out for a secure workforce.

"As part of the give and take of negotiations with the UK over the Free Trade Agreement, UK backpackers will no longer be required to fulfil a period of time working in the agriculture sector," Minister Littleproud said.

"This visa will be extended to all ten ASEAN countries in view of our close and longstanding economic ties with the region.

"The new seasonal agricultural worker visa would mirror the existing Seasonal Worker Programme and will add to the pool of workers available to work on Australian farms.

"Pacific worker programs have and will continue to play a critical role in our agriculture sector and the

new visa arrangement will build on the success of these arrangements.

"Like the Seasonal Worker Programme, the new visa arrangement will have protections to ensure workers are protected, not subject to exploitation and that the visa is not misused.

"Pay and conditions, health, and work and safety will also be in line with similar requirements and protections under the Seasonal Worker Programme.

"Because of the Nationals hard work, Australian farmers will have the labour they need to do what they do best – growing premium food and fibre and exporting it to the world."

The Australian Government will work to have the new visa in place before the end of the year.



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Ekka Returns

Cancelled last year for only the third time in its 145-year history due to the pandemic the historic Ekka is back in 2021!

RNA Chief Executive Brendan Christou said after such a challenging 2020, the RNA was delighted to outline how the Ekka would bring the community back together once again.

"All the unique Ekka traditions the public know and love such as our competitions, animals, food, sideshow alley, kids' carnival, showbags and entertainment will be on offer once again."

Mr Christou said as part of ensuring a COVID Safe event, a series of measures will be introduced at the show this year which comply with current Queensland Health regulations and requirements for major events.

"More than 70 per cent of the Ekka is outdoors, from our main arena to baby animal nursery, sideshow alley, kids' carnival areas and many competition venues which are not subject to restricted numbers."

Held this year with a new nine-day format running from Saturday August 7 to Sunday August 15 taking in two weekends. Ticket prices start as \$35 for Adult pass and \$20 for Child (5-14 years) pass.

The Back Paddock

Allora to host the Drought Community Outreach event next month

Member for Maranoa David Littleproud advises that the National Recovery and Resilience Agency in conjunction with Rotary Australia will be conducting community outreach events, or "one stop shops", throughout drought-affected districts in rural and regional Australia to bring together community members and share with them important information about available drought support and how to access it.

Rotary will be distributing \$500 vouchers to drought-affected households and conducting community well-being activities at the outreach events. The

outreach events provide opportunities for face-to-face, confidential conversations with farmers and community members experiencing the impacts of drought.

The events will bring together all levels of government, charities, not-for-profit and agricultural organisations to support farmers and rural and regional communities living through the immediate and longer-term effects of drought. Australian Government agencies involved included the Australian Taxation Office, Regional Investment Corporation, Services Australia, along

with NBN Co., state agriculture and natural resource management organisations, peak agricultural bodies, the Rural Financial Counselling Service and Royal Flying Doctor Services.

The Australian Government's aim is to ensure people and communities are given the right information, advice and options to prepare and recover from drought now and into the future.

The event will be held at the Allora Community Hall, 55 Herbert Street, Allora on Friday 16th July from 7.30am to 11.30am.

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Jeremy's View

Mum's birthday

This Saturday it will be Mum's birthday on the 3rd of July. Mum doesn't normally have a birthday party but this one is special because it's a '0' birthday. We are having a party at Jamworks and there are lots of people coming. Nana and Papa Kev are driving down from Townsville with their caravan and arriving today (Tuesday because I forgot to finish this column on the actual deadline which was last night). Grandpa, Nana T and Oma are also driving down but from Hervey Bay. They're all going the long way round to avoid Brisbane because of Covid.



William and I have been painting watercolour paintings of flowers to make Mum's birthday cards. Of course I haven't done much because I just want to sit down and read the paper. We also did some home-schooling that day and I didn't get enough time to read the papers. Mum taught us how to paint with watercolours and even let us use her good brushes, paint and paper. We've painted the flowers on special watercolour paper and then we will stick it onto a plain card to write in. Mum doesn't want any presents for her birthday, she just wants to sleep in which she doesn't normally get.

Mum has also got a special announcement to make but I'll have to wait until next week to tell you what it is.

Jeremy Lister, age 10

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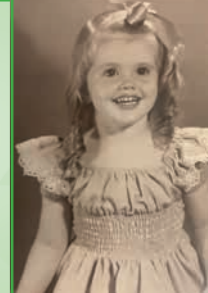
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Oakey Bears No Match for Warriors

While Round 11 premiership points were up for grabs for the Wattles Warriors last weekend, supporters were well aware depending on the bounce of the ball in three Toowoomba Rugby League Hutchinson Builders A Grade fixtures Wattles may have won a start in the prestigious mid-season Madsen-Rasmussen Shield against ladder leaders the Goondiwindi Boars.

The Warriors got away to an ideal start in their quest upsetting a much-improved Oakey Bears 36 – 12 at Platz Oval on Saturday evening.

The Bears haven't tasted victory since Round 4 when they overwhelmed the Newtown Lions for their only success of the year so far.

Wattles needed Brothers to finish ahead of Warwick and Gatton to roll Highfields if they were a chance of contesting next weekends silverware, and while Brothers defeated Warwick 24 – 20, Highfields edged out Gatton 22 – 20 for the right to run on against Goondiwindi.

Coached by former NRL star

Jason Ferris, the Bears made their presence felt as Wattles desperately tried to rack up hefty points total that may have been needed to help qualify them should they be in the mid-season final berth race.

The Warriors halves of player/coach Travis Burns and former Queensland Rangers halfback Matt Duggan steered their team around to control the game with aplomb.

Classy centre Andy Richardson stepped up to the plate posting one of his best outings of the season which included a touchdown double, a privilege shared by green and gold team mate, winger Braydon Wilson.

The sin-bin was in frequent use with home side forwards Joe Mua and Brendon McBride taking some weight off their feet in the first half and hooker Kai Williamson-Duggan in the final minutes of the game.

Wattles 36 (Braydon Wilson 2, Andy Richardson 2, Steve Elliott, Travis Burns tries Matt Duggan 4, Travis Burns goals) defeated **Oakey 12** (Josh Halter, Ezzard

Beard tries Dylan Adamson 2 goals)

Reserve Grade - Wattles 78 (Brenden Wilson 5, Jordan Henry 2, Joel Monckton 2, Dale McAntee, James Wolski, Garth Lonergan, Josh Henry, Matt Ilijas, Tom Morris tries; Tom Morris 9 goals) defeated **Oakey 0**

Under 18 - Wattles 40 (Jacob Meddleton 2, Chris Watt, Gus Hutchinson, Ryley Lever, Rylan Saville, Reuben Sullivan, Lachlan Peardon; Jacob Meddleton 4 goals) defeated **Oakey 12** (Leyton Dennis, Jayden Lee, Darcy Watherston tries).

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