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Former Southern Downs MP Lawrence Springborg elected LNP State President



Southern Downs MP James Lister with his predecessor Lawrence Springborg.

At the state conference of the Queensland Liberal National Party (LNP) at

the weekend, stalwart and former Member for Southern Downs - the Honorable

Lawrence Springborg OAM was elected President of the party.

(Member for Southern Downs James Lister comments on the election page 5)



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Discus Champion Matthew Denny ready to take on the world



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Allora locals will be wishing Matthew every success this weekend at the Tokyo Olympics. With his personal best throw of 66.15 metres last month he'll be up there with the best throwers in the world. The action happens at the Olympic Stadium on Friday 30th July between 10am - 1.30pm AEST for the Men's Discus Long Throw qualifying events for Groups A & B. Then on Saturday 31st July from 8pm - 10.55pm AEST the Men's Discus Throw Final will take place. Matthew is the only Allora athlete to have competed in two Olympic Games so he is used to the big stage. Editor's note - the Sunflower is revered by the Japanese - that could be a good omen for Matthew.



COUNT DOWN 7 weeks to go!

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Allora Police Report

Traffic Crash/Drink Driver

At 8.30pm on Friday night, an intoxicated 26 year old Darling Downs man has left a hotel in Herbert Street, spinning his wheels in the wet causing his red Holden utility to fishtail. The driver has then continued to drive at speed onto Drayton Street, where he has lost control of his vehicle, hitting a speed sign and scraping his vehicle along a stop sign before driving over gutters onto Forde Street before coming to a stop. The vehicle was extensively damaged and numerous residents came out of their homes after hearing the crash. The driver has stayed at the

scene for a short time before fleeing prior to police arrival. QFRS and Police attended the crash. After assistance from residents who spoke to the driver, police located the driver a short distance away in the Allora CBD.

The driver provided a positive breath test at the Warwick Watch House over 3 times the legal limit and was subsequently charged with Driving whilst under the influence of liquor, Careless driving and driving with a disqualified licence. The vehicle has been immobilised for 7 days and the driver will appear in the Warwick Magistrates Court on the 27/9/21. Allora Police would like to thank bystanders who checked on the driver immediately after the crash and want to remind community members not to drink and drive.



Census Workers

Currently Census workers are walking around the Allora area including the surrounding suburbs, knocking on doors and taking people by surprise.

The local Police have been advised by the Census Field Manager that about 7 workers will be conducting door knocks between now and the 3rd of August, handing out Census documents and explaining how to complete it online. Although 'Census Night' isn't until the 10th of

August - they are getting the Census out earlier this year to provide people with more time to complete it. People can expect Census workers to knock on their doors in the coming week. As per the Census website, the Officer will wear an official ABS photo card with their first name, signature and ABS ID number on it - some may also wear a yellow satchel.

Chris ROULSTON
 Senior Constable 31200
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Update On Eight Mile Intersection Upgrade



Construction at 8 Mile intersection.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) continues to make progress on the upgrade works at the Cunningham Highway and New England Highway intersection, known as the Eight Mile intersection.

The project is in its fifth month of construction, with steady progress being made on the embankments for the new overpass that will connect traffic travelling between Toowoomba and Warwick. This 66 metre long overpass will connect the southbound lane of the New England Highway to the southbound lane of the Cunningham Highway, improving safety and allowing more cars to use the intersection.

Vehicles travelling between Brisbane and Warwick on the Cunningham Highway will travel underneath the overpass. To allow sufficient height for freight and heavy vehicles on the Cunningham Highway, the overpass will provide clearances of up to seven metres.

The material for the embankments is being sourced from local quarries

and compacted on site. The increase in heavy vehicles delivering materials via designated local roads to the construction site may cause some localised noise, dust, and vibration. The project team is working to minimise these impacts wherever possible.

The safety of motorists and road workers remains TMR's top priority. Motorists are reminded to remain alert as traffic conditions will change during construction. Traffic management changes will include road shoulder and lane closures, and some minor diversions through the intersection.

The reduced southbound merging lane remains in place. Motorists should continue to follow the temporary traffic management signs, including digital message signs on the southbound side of the New England Highway near the Cunningham Highway merging lane.

Works are carried out between **6.00am and 6.00pm, Monday to Friday** with a reduced speed limit of 40km/h in place during these hours. Occasionally, **Saturday** works may be carried out between **6.00am and 2.00pm**, weather and construction conditions permitting.

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Lawrence Springborg LNP State President

Mr Springborg was first elected as the National Party MP for Carnarvon in 1989 at the age of 21 – the youngest MP to be elected to the Queensland parliament.

He remained as the Member for Carnarvon until 1992 and then become Member for Warwick from 1992-2001. For the next 7 years Mr Springborg was the National Party Member for the Southern Downs and when the Nationals and Liberal parties merged he was the LNP Member for Southern Downs from 2008-2017.

During his time in Parliament Mr Springborg was Opposition Leader for three terms.

In 2020 Lawrence Springborg became a Member of the Order of Australia (OAM) for significant service to the Queensland parliament and to the community of the Southern Downs.

Currently Mayor of the Goondiwindi Regional Council The Honorable

Lawrence Springborg OAM plans to continue in the role while he is the LNP President.

Statement by Southern Downs MP James Lister - **"I am just over the moon to see my mentor and friend Lawrence Springborg elected to be LNP Party President on the weekend. It's a tremendous boost for our party to have Lawrence to unify and energise us."**

"Lawrence was elected by an overwhelming flood of grassroots LNP member support, from all over Queensland, because he is a person of outstanding experience and integrity."

"Lawrence is the real deal. He's the founding father of the Liberal National Party in Queensland and he'll do a terrific job."

"Lawrence and our Parliamentary LNP Leader David Crisafulli will be a great team as we work hard to offer the policies and leadership that Queenslanders are looking for." Mr Lister said.

Black Spot Wish List

Southern Downs Regional Council continued its commitment to road safety by endorsing a \$1.9m wish list of road improvement projects to be progressed for funding application under the Federal Government's Black Spot Program.

Council's submission will target 15 of the region's roads and intersections to reduce potential road accidents and fatalities.

Black spot projects which meet the funding criteria include safety works such as improving sight distances, improving curves, removing road side hazards, increasing safety at intersections and providing protection to pedestrians.

Included in the Council's black spot submission for 2022/23 - Freestone Creek Road; Hendon Deuchar Road; Paynes Road Freestone; Maryvale Road; McMasters Road Upper Freestone and Willow Street & Acacia Street Killamey.

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Men's Breakfast Guest Speaker

The Allora Presbyterian Church Men's Breakfast is going to be held on Saturday the 31st July in the Church hall, starting at 7.20am. The speaker will be Lindsay Saunders from Glen Aplin. Lindsay is involved in many areas of community life including his church at Stanthorpe, supporting the local Glen Aplin hall and supporting the chaplaincy work in schools. Lindsay has had a lifetime of work in the rural industry including time in Africa, grain growing and cattle raising at Wandoan,

some years serving with his wife in caretaking farm properties on a short term basis and recently has been working for the welfare of men at risk of suicide in country areas. Lindsay will speak on his life as an endeavouring Christian and the eventual realisation that the promise of Romans 8.28 is real, and can sustain us when we face tough times. Men are invited to the free breakfast of cereal, bacon & eggs, sausages, toast and a tea or coffee.



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Applications have been extended to 19th August for the Australian Government's Safer Communities Fund – Infrastructure Grants program. Round 6 of the Safer Communities Fund gives schools and pre-schools, places of religious worship, community organisations and local councils grants of up to \$500,000 for crime prevention initiatives aimed at reducing crime, violence, anti-social behaviour and/or other security risks driven by racial and/or religious intolerance.

There is approximately \$10 million available. Project activities can include the installation of security infrastructure such as:

- fixed or mobile CCTV cameras
- security lighting

- fencing and gates
- bollards
- external blast walls and windows
- security and alarm systems
- public address systems
- intercoms and swipe access
- security doors.

For registered schools and preschools, project activities can also include employing or hiring security guards, licensed by the relevant state or territory agency.

Grants available are between \$10,000 and \$500,000. The maximum grant amount per location or school campus is \$250,000.

The grant amount will be up to 100% of eligible project costs.

Projects must be completed by 31 March 2024.

Allora Garden Circle News



On Tuesday, August 3rd, the Allora & District Garden Circle will be visiting two country gardens near Goomburra. Those wishing to leave Allora together please meet at 1 Drayton St. at 1.30pm. If you'd prefer to travel directly from your

home to Goomburra, phone Sandra (0409 542 692) or Jane (4666 3868) for more information. Estelle is expecting us at 2pm.

Also in August, we have planned another excursion to Pete's Hobby Nursery at Lowood on Saturday 7th. The address is 10 Patrick St. and his phone number is 0412 243 740. We'll be viewing his erenophila treasures. Bring a picnic lunch to share. If you'd like to come, please be at 1 Drayton St. at 9am.



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Report of the monthly competition shoot on Sunday 18 July

- What a horror of a day, weatherwise, but bravely borne by the hardiest of shooters who participate mainly for the fun of it anyway, and the company, of course.

Rimfire - Men's - 1st Gary Manteit 565.14; 2nd Don Doro 563.9; 3rd Laurie Bowe 552.8. Junior - 1st Amelia Steffen 459.4. Women's - 1st Helen Manteit

551.8; 2nd Ashleigh Brown 543.5; 3rd Marg Sullivan 460.2

Hunter Class - Don Doro 196.2/200.20

RBA - Don Doro 227.5/250.25

Rabbit and Crow - Gary Manteit 145.2/150.15

Centrefire - 1st Gary Manteit .3630; 2nd Laurie Bowe .4998; 3rd Helen Manteit .5522

Smallest Group - Gary Manteit .194

Next competition day is 22nd August.



Women's winners, from left to right – Marg Sullivan, Allora; Ashleigh Brown, Clifton; Helen Manteit, Carbarlah.

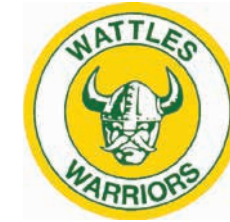


Men's winners, from left to right – Laurie Bowe, Clifton; Gary Manteit, Carbarlah; Don Doro, Warwick.



Junior winner Amelia Steffen, Greenmount, receiving her award from Rifle Captain Gary Manteit.

Warriors Run in 18 Try Rout over Leprachauns



Local league heroes the Wattles Warriors bounced back in a big way from the Round 13 hiccup against the Gatton Hawks last week to return to the winner's circle with an overwhelming 100 - 4 win over the Brothers Leprachauns at Toowoomba's Glenholme Park last Saturday evening.

The final score suggested it may have been the result of play at Allora's cricket headquarters K.O. Master Memorial Oval.

The one-sided result had Wattles' history buffs thumbing through records looking to see if the top grade had scored a ton in previous history.

In a mesmerising display Wattles ran in 18 tries to the

home team's single touch down, in what is considered the most polished display by any team in the Hutchinson Builders TRL A Grade Premiership this season.

In a 'Man of the Match' performance Wattles former Queensland Rangers halfback Matt Duggan orchestrated the amazing performance that included a five try haul by quicksilver threequarter Matthew Christensen.

Duggan's form of late and effort against the Leprachauns has him surging towards to top of the Toowoomba Rugby League Player of the Year 'Webcke Price Medal' Ratings.

Wattles mighty forward Joe Mua finished with a hat trick of touch downs as the Brothers' defence folded to his bruising powerhouse charges.

Toowoomba Clydesdale representatives Dale Perkins and Ty Gardner backed up after the State League Championship grand final earlier in the day when Brisbane 46 finished ahead of

Toowoomba 26.

Both classy forwards got amongst the scorers against Brothers with Perkins scoring two tries and Gardner a single.

Wattles ran in five tries by the 30 minute mark, and led 44 - 4 by half time. Ten further second half tries certainly shut the game out for the third on the premiership ladder green and golds.

The Warriors were the form team in the competition with six successive wins until their unexpected loss against Gatton at Cahill Park.

Wattles player coach Travis Burns said "a week can be a long time in rugby league, a disappointing loss one week and a 96 point win the next."

But Burns is well aware of Wattles upcoming challenges if they are to finish in the best possible position coming in to the finals.

"We have Goondiwindi at Platz Oval on Saturday, and despite our success against them back in

Round 10, they aren't on top of the premiership ladder for nothing."

Wattles have the home ground advantage on Saturday, but they will need that and more.

Wattles 100 (Matt Christensen 5, Joe Mua 3, Dale Perkins 2, Brendon McBryde 2, Jacob Meddleton, Ty Gardner, Brayden Wilson, Matt Duggan, Mitch Duff, Ryan Duggan tries Matt Duggan 14 goals) defeated **Brothers 4** (Sam Betros try)

Reserve Grade - Wattles 42 (Dale McAntee 2, Lachlan Henry 2, Owen Hawks 2, Jason Wilson, Alex Morris, Garth Lonergan tries; Dale McAntee, Nick Morris, Joe Morris goals) defeated **Brothers 16**

Under 18 - **Brothers 34** defeated **Wattles 18** (Ryley Lever, Jacob Meddleton, Lucas Torrisi tries; Jacob Meddleton 3 goals).

SATURDAY 31st JULY - Wattles v Goondiwindi - Platz Oval, Clifton. 4.00pm Reserve Grade, 5.30pm A Grade.

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Out And About Allora's Museums

During Jumpers and Jazz the Allora and District Historical Society opened the doors for locals and visitors who were amazed at the wonderful displays at the two museums. Memories of a past era came flooding back for many folk who had tales to tell.



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.

Large areas of Goomburra Station including the land to the north and north-west of Goomburra Homestead were resumed by the Government under the Crown Lands Alienation Acts of 1868 and 1876. This land was divided up and selected by small landholders whose main source of income was dairying.

In October 1894 the Central Downs Dairy Company, which had a butter factory in Allora, called tenders for the building of creameries at Glengallan, Forest Plain and Spring Creek. One acre of land had been acquired on the Goomburra Forest Springs Road opposite Chard's.

The Allora butter factory was destroyed by fire in June 1899 and the Central Downs Dairy Company called tenders for the sale of the land, creameries and equipment. In November 1900 the first Goomburra Hall was built on the site. Over the next few years the hall was used for Methodist Church services, meetings, musical and dramatic entertainments and as a library. The last advertised function in the hall was a meeting held on the 1st October 1904 regarding the



"Bellevue" at Goomburra. T. W. Wright is standing in the foreground.

proposed Goomburra railway. With the sale of the Goomburra Estate in 1902 and the influx of new settlers, the focal point of the community shifted to the Goomburra Valley and the hall was no longer needed. Charles Smith, using his traction engine, moved the old hall to his property at Berat where it was used as a barn for many years.

The Crown Lands Acts of 1868 and 1876 had required that the squatters give up some of their vast land holdings. Through evasive tactics they retained most of the prime land. The hilly country and heavily timbered rocky ridges were virtually all that was available in the Goomburra area at that time. The story of the Wright family is typical of the stories of most of the small selectors.

John and Dorothy Wright and their three young sons came to Goomburra in 1875 from the Dalby district where John had worked on stations after migrating from Hull in England. John was employed as head gardener at the Goomburra Homestead. The gardens were first established by Patrick Leslie in 1848.

John Wright selected 80 acres of hilly country near the boundary of Goomburra Station under a Deed of Grant for a Homestead Selection. He later obtained a further 77 acres adjoining the original block. One can only imagine the hardships that the family faced to meet the terms of the grants - to build a home, erect fences, and to clear the land.

At first grain crops were grown then John carried out his plan to establish an orchard of orange trees. He also planted potatoes and onions that grew all year round on the sheltered slopes.

By 1897 a house had been erected on the side of the hill surrounded by fruit trees, a barn, outbuildings and a windmill. The property was named "Bellevue" (beautiful view) and became well known for the quality of its produce and extensive gardens. By 1907 1,200 orange trees and 200 deciduous trees were in production. The slopes below the house were terraced and planted with ornamental shrubs and flower gardens.

The following generations carried on the tradition of growing vegetables until the property was sold in 1975.



The creamery at Spring Creek in 1897 - the creamery at Forest Plain was built from the same plans.



CSIRO - African Swine Fever (ASF)

In recent years, a devastating disease of pigs known as African swine fever (ASF) has been spreading globally and, more recently, in SE Asia, which has increased the risk of the disease entering Australia.

As its name implies, ASF was originally identified in Africa, where it is endemic in Sub-Saharan countries and circulates in domestic pigs and wild African pig species, such as warthogs.

ASF is harmless for humans but spreads rapidly.

The impacts of ASF include sickness and death in domestic pigs, loss of trade and the costs associated with outbreak response and eradication measures. There is currently no vaccine available to prevent this disease, nor other treatment and so disease control is dependent on rapid detection, culling and strict biosecurity measures. A major factor in the spread of the disease is human behaviour and activities, including importing illegal pork products and swill feeding.

The Australian Government's \$66.6 million ASF response package has strengthened Australia's biosecurity measures and ensured our system remains a world-class defence.

Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia David

Littleproud said the 2019 package put more biosecurity officers and detector dogs on the ground and enhanced measures in the battle to keep ASF out of Australia.

"ASF would have a significant impact on pig health and production, as well as wider economic impact through loss of access to overseas markets for our pork products if it were to reach our shores," Minister Littleproud said.

"With its rapid spread through Asia, and new variants being discovered, the disease is threatening the livelihoods of millions of people globally who rely on the pork industry.

"That is why in December 2019 the Australian Government announced its ASF response package to address the risk to Australia caused by the global spread of the disease.

"Since then, we have successfully strengthened Australia's border control measures and increased targeted operations to detect non-compliance.

"We have also raised awareness of our biosecurity requirements to those travelling or mailing goods to Australia and reinforced our national preparedness.

"Feral pigs are a major environmental and agricultural pest and would be an impediment

to eradication of ASF if it were to arrive in Australia - as a result, the Australian Government is supporting a range of feral pig control measures," Minister Littleproud said.

"Appointment of a national feral pig management coordinator and development of a National Feral Pig Action Plan is facilitating nationally coordinated management and control of feral pigs.

"In a recent thermal assisted aerial control trial, thermal cameras detected 99 per cent of the 126 feral pigs killed, compared to 1 per cent that were visible to



the human eye.

"We remain committed to keeping ASF out of Australia and protecting local pork industries and international exports, while supporting land managers to better manage the impacts of feral pigs." Minister Littleproud said.

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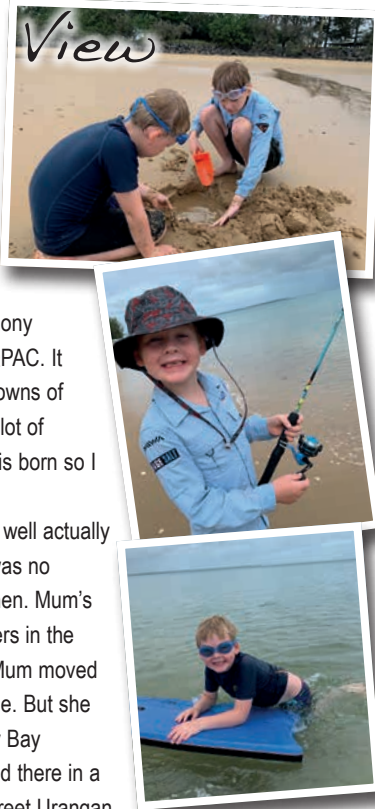
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- 4. GEJGIR
- 5. NRKUD
- 6. OLCOLHA
- 7. BDAYRN

Jeremy's View

The next school holidays

On the next school holidays I really want to visit Grandpa at Hervey Bay. But Mum wants to take us to Brisbane to see the Queensland Symphony Orchestra (QSO) perform at QPAC. It will all depend on Covid lockdowns of course but this will be the last lot of holidays before the new baby is born so I want it to be fun.

Mum was born in Hervey Bay, well actually Maryborough because there was no hospital in Hervey Bay back then. Mum's parents were both police officers in the Queensland Police Force so Mum moved around a lot when she was little. But she always had holidays in Hervey Bay because her grandparents lived there in a really old house in Cypress Street Urangan near the jetty and around the corner from the shark museum. Grandpa recently retired from the police force and he lives very close to Shelly Beach and his house backs onto a lagoon. We really like going to visit him because we get to spend a lot of time at the beach. But also I like to buy the different newspapers from there and there is also really good second hand book shop that we always go to.



Jeremy Lister, age 10

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Solution this page below

TODAY'S QUOTE -

"You can't be fuelled by bitterness. It can eat you up, but it cannot drive you."
- Benazir Bhutto

SOLUTIONS

SUDOKU

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WORD SCRAMBLE

ANSWER: Dry July
1. Fundraiser,
2. Therapy,
3. Dehydrate, 4. Jigger,
5. Drunk, 6. Alcohol,
7. Brandy



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Beloved Wife of Kevin (dec'd). Dearly loved Mother and Mother-in-law of Tony; Paul and Linda; Neil and Jillian. Loving Grandmother and Great-Grandmother of their families.

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Allora Golf Notes



Unfortunately the Percy's Fruit Duck Run was washed out again on Friday but we just love the rain.

Sunday we played the Allora Butchery Two Person Ambrose with a great field of 21 players in sunny and windy conditions. Winners with a 3 under par 65 and net 61.5 were Matty and Adam May from Simmo and Macca with a 2 over 70 to net 64.75. Pins/approaches were won by Matt and Adam (4 and 13), Tom and Nick (6 and 7) Russ and Sparky

(8), Simmo and Macca (17) Moose and Jimmy (3), Kev and Ty (12) and Bob and Brooke (15). Long putt was won by Tommy and Nick with a cracker on the 9th and Shann on the 18th. Great to see Brooke and Bob out having a hit on Sunday.

Next Friday will be the Percy's Fruit Duck Run and Sunday the Monthly Medal.

The Rotary Lifelight Day is on Saturday 7th August. Please get along to support a great cause.

Thanks to our volunteers for your incredible efforts over the past few weeks on the course. It is in the best shape ever for this time of the year.

See you on the links.

Golf & Bowls Fun Day

Set aside Saturday 14th August for a fun day at the Allora Sports Club.

St Patrick's School P & F have organised a golf and Lawn Bowls afternoon.

From 12 noon until 7pm

the community has been invited to form a team of four - then get prepared for the action.

All for a good cause to help raise funds for the P & F at St Pats.

Allora Student In State Championships

Teams from all around the State travelled to Highfields last week to participate in the Queensland Schools State Championships.

Football was played by both girls and boys aged 10 to 12 years.

Twelve regions were represented with twenty four

teams taking part.

The weather was miserable over the weekend and the teams from Far North Queensland really felt the cold.

St Patrick's School Student Matilda Gasson was part of the Darling Downs soccer team.



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