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Local Police Congratulate Quick Thinking Students



Allora Police would like to acknowledge the quick and calm actions last week, of 5 young men from Allora State School (High-school cohort), that directly led to the safe recovery of a local Allora man from the fast-flowing waters of Dalrymple Creek on Thursday afternoon.





While in attendance at the local skatepark after school close for the day. the students heard the man's cries of distress from the local creek nearby. Upon investigation, they determined the man in trouble and unable to get out from the water. They quickly obtained the attention of Police before going back to the man, to reassure him that all was okay and that assistance would soon be there. The local man who had been reported missing by family, had been in the water for several hours by that stage and was extremely thankful for his recovery. The students are to be thanked for their quick response, their calm and decisive actions - a credit to themselves, their families and the school. Well done Boys!

The Queensland Police Service will be conducting a coordinated state-wide road policing activity, Operation Tango Mistletoe 2021-2022 designed to promote road safety and reduce the number of fatal traffic crashes during the Christmas holidays and associated back to

school period. The overall Christmas Road Safety Campaign will be conducted from 11 December 2021 -28 January 2022 inclusive. A multi-faceted strategy will be employed during the operation which will include high visibility policing on major highways and local roads. Enforcement of the fatal five factors: speed, drink/drug driving, seat belts, fatigue and distraction will be prioritised. Adding to this and in light of recent and possibly continuing weather events during the period, local Police would like to remind drivers to be patient, vigilant and drive to the conditions especially. On Friday night alone, four (4) people were rescued from local flood waters at Willowvale and Yangan, after their vehicles were driven into or through waters crossing the roadways. At this time, the Qld road toll for 2021 stands at a regrettable and upsetting 253 fatalities, 13 more (5.4% greater) than

this time in 2020. Damian F. GRACE Sergeant 7722 OIC Allora Police Stn. Ph (07) 4666 3222 Grace.DamianF@police.gld.gov.au

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All Emergency Services Attend Crash North of Allora

A male was airlifted to hospital and another person transported via ambulance after a two-vehicle crash on the New England Highway at Allora on Monday afternoon. Emergency services were alerted to a crash at

the intersection of the New England Highway and Jonel Park Road at 1.26pm. Multiple Queensland

Police, Queensland Ambulance Service and Queensland Fire and Emergency Services crews were at the scene

A male in his 30s was airlifted to Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane via Westpac Rescue Helicopter, a second male transported to hospital via ambulance and a third declined transportation.

At the scene, Sergeant Damian Grace of Allora Police said although the investigation into the crash will continue, it appears a vehicle heading south towards Allora collided with another vehicle turning back onto the highway.

Shortly after the crash, a fleet of army vehicles that were filled with drivers under instruction happened to come past and assisted.

"The army were exceptional. They stopped,





they took control and actually assisted with the two injured," Sergeant Grace said.

"There were paramedics on board and they certainly







took control until the ambulance arrived."

Sergeant Grace said the occupants of both vehicles were lucky to be alive. The New England Highway was closed to all traffic in both directions for several hours as emergency services treated the patients, removed the vehicles and tidied up the debris.





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Open Letter to: -

Ms. Annastacia Palaszczuk, premier of Queensland, Mr. James Lister, State Parliamentary rep. and Mr. David Littleproud, Federal Member for Maranoa.

Dear Madam and Sirs,

I am advised that all state and national borders, which have been closed during the Covid-19 pandemic, will be re-opened about mid-December 2021, although 2 waves of further infections can be expected. 80% of the population will be fully vaccinated, 20% or one fifth of the population will not be.

I am one of those. We un-vaccinated are regularly portrayed in all media, as un-cooperative recalcitrants.

I, personally, have underlying health problems including heart disease, vascular disease, emphysema, kidney malfunction, as well as several minor complaints. I am almost 94 years old, and have medical advice that I would be unlikely to survive vaccination.

I await with trepidation the opening of our borders. Suffering from lock-down has been universal, but the productive industries, like mining, agriculture and construction have survived well. Have any one of you made any provision to protect we, the un-vaccinated, after the borders are opened? Or are we considered acceptable road kill on the road to economic recovery of our service industries?

I request a clear and concise answer to these questions. Because of a wide interest in this matter. I intend to submit a copy of this letter and your replies, to as many of the media as are interested, by early December.

Yours faithfully,



Three new hydraulic pumps jointly funded by the Queensland Government Southern Downs and Regional Council have arrived at Leslie Dam to improve water security and service reliability for Allora, Warwick and Yangan and address critical upgrades to the region's aging infrastructure.

Built more than 50 years ago, the Leslie Dam Pump Station currently deploys a temporary bypass pump following the failure of one of the facility's three pumps in June 2018.

Southern Downs Mayor Vic Pennisi said a hydraulic review by an engineering consultant recommended the replacement of the pumps and upgrades to the existing switchboard, pipework and transformer as part of a long term vision for water security.

"Water security is a major priority for this Council and this project is a significant investment towards providing the community with a continuous water supply, particularly during periods of higher demand,' Mayor Pennisi said. "The installation larger

pumps at the facility will meet future demand and increase capacity to access water from dead storage at Leslie Dam and boost the region's water security.

"The project forms part of the bigger water security landscape for the entire Southern Downs and support from the Queensland Government now makes it possible to start actioning urgent infrastructure repairs and replacement at minimal cost to the ratepayer."

Council is in process of awarding the contract for the installation of new pumps, associated pipework and the new control system.

The project is expected to be completed by June 2022.

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Another Warning From Police About Flooded Roads

Police have issued a stark warning to motorists after officers were forced to put their own lives at risk in a number of flood water rescues throughout the Darling Downs area over the weekend. Just after 10.40pm on Friday

night police and emergency services were called to the Cunningham Highway at Warwick where water had risen half a metre over Freestone Creek Bridge. Police entered the fast-flowing

waters to extract two women and an infant from a vehicle and bring them back to safety.

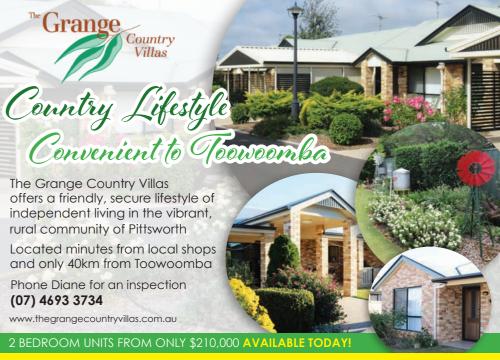
Around 10.50pm officers were called out to Jack Smith Gully Road at Swan Creek where another vehicle had become inundated by flood waters.

Police used rope to form a human chain and waded through strong, waist high currents to retrieve a woman through the driver's window and carry her back to dry land.

At around 3.20am on Saturday morning a man and a boy were rescued from a four-wheel-drive stranded in flood waters along Forest Hill Fernvale Road at Glenore Grove.

Darling Downs District Superintendent Danny Shaw said with more rain predicted, now is not the time to be complacent and take chances around flood waters. "As we can see from these incidents overnight, flash flooding can occur very guickly and without

any notice, even on roads that you usually travel on without any



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issues," Superintendent Shaw said.

"This type of rain also causes significant structural damage to roads, so even if you think it looks safe, you can never be sure exactly what is underneath the water.

"It's not worth risking the lives

of yourself, your loved ones, and those of emergency services."

"I'm urging residents to use common sense - back away from flooded roadways, delay your journey if necessary. If it's flooded, forget it."

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Let's get back to doing what we love.

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Update On Construction At The Eight Mile Intersection

To construct the single lane overpass for traffic travelling from Toowoomba

to Warwick, piles have now been driven into the median of the Cunningham Highway,



and the remaining piles at the northern and southern abutments will be installed early next year. These will provide the foundation for the piers that will support the 66m long overpass.

When complete, the overpass will be a single lane for traffic travelling from Toowoomba to Warwick on the New England Highway.

Effective soil and erosion control measures on site are critical, especially ahead of the predicted wet season.

Installation is underway for the permanent concrete structures which will manage water flow and facilitate drainage at the intersection. To support this, extensive foundations have been laid to overcome the shrinking and swelling of the local black soil and to ensure the longevity of the infrastructure.

Works are being carried out between 6.00am and

6.00pm, Monday to Friday with a reduced speed limit of 40km/h. Saturday works will be carried out for the remainder of the year, between 6.00am and 2.00pm, weather permitting.

The safety of motorists and road workers is the department's top priority. Motorists are reminded to be alert as traffic conditions will often change during construction. Changes will include road shoulder and lane closures, as well as minor diversions through the intersection

The project has been jointly funded, with the Australian Government contributing \$20 million and Queensland Government contributing \$5 million. Works at the intersection

started in February 2021 and are expected to be completed in mid-2022, weather and construction conditions permitting.

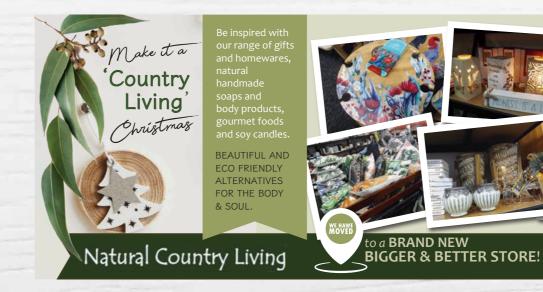




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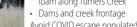
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Police are investigating the alleged theft of eight Droughtmaster cows between June and November 2021 from a cattle property at Tarome, South East Queensland.

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Detectives from the Major and Organised Crime Squad (Rural) at Forest Hill have confirmed that the eight stolen cattle were in calf to a Charolais bull, and most likely had calves at foot when they were stolen.

Detectives are investigating a number of leads, including if the cattle were moved onto a neighbouring property, before being loaded onto a truck and transported.

Police are reviewing

nearby CCTV footage and road cameras, while investigations are also being conducted at sale yards and abattoirs.

All eight cows were branded as shown below.

Detective Sergeant Trov Whittle from MOCS (Rural) Forest Hill urged anyone with information to come forward to assist the investigation.

"Cattle theft is a deplorable act that has devastating effects on the victim," Detective Sergeant Whittle said.

"Anyone with information is urged to contact police or Crime Stoppers in the hope the cattle can be recovered and returned to the owner."

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Australia's native wildlife under attack listed threatened species are

Australia is in the grip of an unprecedented alien attack on its native wildlife and environment, with experts warning more of our unique flora and fauna is in danger of disappearing by 2050 unless urgent action is taken.

A new report, Fighting plagues and predators Australia's path to a pest and weed-free future, highlights a looming wave of new extinctions and outlines two futures for Australia, one based on an unsustainable 'business as usual' approach and the other based on implementing targeted actions that will help save our unique biodiversity.

The report pegs the conservative cost of damage caused by invasive species in Australia - predominantly weeds. feral cats, rabbits and fire ants at \$390 billion over the past six decades and around \$25 billion each year and growing.

Over eight in ten nationally-



extinction of 27 native species.

national science agency CSIRO and Centre for Invasive Species Solutions (CISS), the report

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endangered by invasive species.

Australia's native animals are

found nowhere else on earth,

so a loss to Australia is a loss to

the world. Invasive species also

undermine agriculture leading to

increased food and fibre prices.

More than 70 per cent of

highlights the need for emerging biosecurity technologies to be fast tracked and for the urgent development of new techniques to prevent, eradicate and control invasive pests.

Report co-author, CSIRO scientist Dr Andy Sheppard said while many Australians were aware of the havoc caused by the recent mouse plagues in New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria, they had no idea of the magnitude of the invasive species issue for Australia.

"Urgent, decisive, coordinated action is crucial to stopping the spread of invasive species and to protect our extraordinary, irreplaceable native animals and plants, and Australia has a great track record in this space," Dr Sheppard said.

"It is the only way to stop the spread of invasive species, protect native plants and animals and



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preserve many of our favourite Australian outdoor pastimes." The single biggest vertebrate menace to native species is European rabbits, which infest two-thirds of Australia, followed

by feral cats, pigs, foxes and cane toads and the report recommends Australia increase its focus on breakthrough solutions to major ferals - rodents, feral cats and pigs - within the next 30 years.



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Maranoa MP David Littleproud **Statement: December 17 restrictions** at odds with scientific advice in the National Plan – what you can do

From day one, the Coalition Federal Government said we'd never mandate COVID-19 vaccines and we haven't.

In health care, aged care, and disability care - those working with and supporting such vulnerable people should be up to date with their vaccines, that's just common sense.

On December 17 the Qld Labor Government will mandate vaccines broadly across the community and will yet again draw parochial divisions in our community.

Our Constitution provides state governments with this power and is delivered, in most part, through public health orders. State governments under our Constitution are sovereign governments and the Federal Government does not have overarching powers, as some mistakenly believe.

It's therefore important to recognise that Chief Health Officers and Premiers are the ones who are determining this, not the Federal Government.

There are clear delineations between state

and federal powers which Australians - particularly those who live in Queensland - are starting to see. The Federal Government has shown leadership; we've put in place a National Plan for an 80% vaccination rate - we hit that 80%. Now we no longer need to use lockdowns as a measure, we should move freely but it's the Qld Labor Government which is against progression. The Qld Labor Government is burdening small business with the

responsibility to 'throw out' unvaccinated patrons and forcing them to let-go staff who haven't been vaccinated during an already prevalent staffing and skills shortage. December 17 restrictions

don't meet the scientific advice provided under the National Plan and I encourage you to contact the Qld Premier as it's her government which is making these decisions on the fate

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"Dragon Days", a play that was presented by St Pat's students, was enjoyed by an audience of over 100 people. The play was all about not to judge a book by its cover and learning to not believe everything you see on the internet. Students have been preparing for the play since Term 1.

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St Patrick's Allora Finishes 2021 on a High





St. Pat's Interhouse Swimming Carnival was held last Friday with all the kids having a great time - in and out of the pool.



Allora Bowls Notes

WEEK 13 - What an exciting finish to the bowls season. Do It Again were the outright winners on 22 points. Peaky Blinders and Pig Lures on 21 had to play two ends to decide the runners up. All the players came out to watch. It was great to see the skills of the teams. Peaky Blinders just pipped the Pig Lures.

The teams all enjoyed their last night on the greens. Greg was keen to check the scores after play as had the results been different there could have been a three way contest for runners up.

At least the Three Stoogers had the luck to win the weekly losers prize as compensation. Railway were drawn as the winners. Thank you to Tony Morris Tiling the sponsor of this competition.

Sorry Gary, we ruined your chance to win a toucher. Pam, Jacqui, Kym, Bev and I were in deep conversation about the serious matter of the mystery fairy on your rink. Gary missed out but Harry, Max, Codie, John E, Jake and John C won a Paul Parker Painting chocolate block.

Codie was elevated to skip for his team. Fire Ants. Was able to capture a great shot and toucher by Codie

on camera. Not sure how his team mates coped at close range as lead and second. Guess all was ok as they took their usual stools at the bar.

There was only \$20 in the pool of the Allora Hardware Jackpot. It took about a dozen draws to find the winner. Thank you to Beetle and Sue for your sponsorship of Jackpot draw each week. Thank you to Aaron and Ashley of Allora Butchery, Robyn from Railway Hotel, Percy the fruit man, and the Allora Sports Club for donation of raffle prizes each week of the season. This week Kelly secured a \$50 voucher from Coles as an extra prize. Thanks Kelly.

John Elwood, secretary of the Sports Club presented the winners and runnersup with their prizes. Greq responded on behalf of team mates, David and Leanne. Danny responded on behalf of his Peaky Blinder team mates Syd and John Cochrane.

Best wishes to all the Allora Sports Club bowlers for Christmas and New Year. Nominations are open for teams for next season. Reminder that annual membership of \$20.00 is now due.



Winners - Do It Again (David, Greg and Leanne).



Runners Up - Peaky Blinders (Danny, Syd and John).



Bowlers watching play off for Runners up , teams Pig Lures and Peaky Blinders.





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Percy's Fruit Duck Run was washed out on Friday.

Sunday we played the Allora Butchery Two Person Ambrose and it was great to see Jacko. Eli and Lewis playing golf with their Dads. Ty and Tommy Morris put on a clinic to net 58.75 to win from Willy and Benny on 60.25. Thanks Aaron,

Ashley and Grace from Allora Butchery for your support.

With Ty about to have knee surgery and facing a lengthy period of recuperation, Tommy will be looking for a new golf partner. Any prospective suitors be warned, Tommy

Weather permitting. Friday will be Percy's Fruit Club Trophy.

volunteers who are keeping the course in playable condition with all the rain. See you on the links.

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Allora's Past 25 years ago December 1996

Pub Bull Ride

Good entries and a near capacity crowd jammed into the stands in the backyard of the Railway Hotel, Allora, for a pub bull-ride. The event was staged in support of the Warwick Blind and Visually Impaired Citizens Association. The open bull ride, with prizemoney supplied by the Railway Hotel, attracted 15 entries. The Amalgamated Pest Control junior bull ride had 10 entries and the poddy ride for under 14-yearolds, drew eight riders competing for a \$50 prize.

Allora's Past 50 years ago December 1971

A PRE-WEDDING EVENING

Will be held in the R.S.L. Hall on Friday, 3rd December, in honour of Miss Barbara May's approaching marriage Board, said that wheat dumping would to Mr. Allan Bell. Ladies please provide.

Allora's Past 75 years ago December He said that an elevator driven by an 1946

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Shire Hall by Mr. and Mrs. J. Bradfield high. The elevator is now in transit from when they gave a party in honour Sydney and immediately on arrival of their fifth daughter, Betty, on the occasion of her coming of age. Games and competitions were enjoyed and a happy evening closed with the singing now be used whenever possible for (The Brisbane Courier 23/12/1871) of Auld Lang Syne.

can be a little volatile.

Duck Run and Sunday a Thanks to all the

Allora Garden Circle Last Get Together for This Year



The Allora and District Garden Circle will take leave of this gardenfriendly year on Tuesday, 7th December. We'll visit a small geranium and salvia nursery in Warwick and then share a picnic afternoon tea in the rotunda on the eastern side of Leslie Park.

The nurseryman, Reg, is responsible for the R.S.L. Club garden on King Street. Warwick. He suggested we see it before going to his nurserv.

We'll leave 1 Drayton Street, Allora at 1pm. If vou'd prefer to travel directly to Warwick instead of coming in to Allora please ring Jane on 4666 3868 for the address. Reg is expecting us around 2pm.

Best wishes to gardenlovers past, present and future for the Christmas season. We'll meet again on 1st February, 2022.



Wheat dump at Clifton circa 1929.

Allora's Past 100 years ago December 1921

First Elevator Used

Mr. Thomas Muir. No.4 Division representative of the State Wheat be commenced in Allora next week. oil engine would be used for the first time at the Clifton dump. It would have wheat dumping will start. Elevators will handling the present harvest.

Allora's Past 150 years ago December 1871

School of Arts

The Municipal Council at Allora, the iunior incorporated town in Queensland. have resolved to establish a School of Arts for the benefit of its inhabitants. Perhaps they are wise in this respect, for in older and more populous communities too many proofs are found that such institutions do not flourish under a committee of private individuals About 60 guests were entertained in the the capability for dumping bags 22 ft who are not compelled to attend to their duties, and whose meetings are held in secret. It is seldom that a quorum of alderman cannot be obtained, and their at Clifton, after half a day to set it up, business must, by law, be transacted with open doors.

Colin Newport

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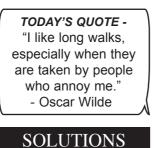
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Jeremy's View



Read Jeremy's story in next week's Allora Advertiser

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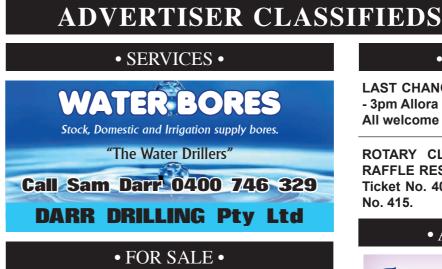
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• PUBLIC NOTICES •

LAST CHANCE TO SEE WEDDING DISPLAY 10am - 3pm Allora Museums Open SUNDAY December 5. All welcome to Christmas afternoon tea 3pm.

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• ANNOUNCEMENTS •

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The Grow Free Trolley **OUT THIS WEEKEND**

Unfortunately Allora's Free Trolley didn't get wheeled out last weekend due to unforeseen circumstances.

Deepest apologises to all our regular customers. Don't despair the Free Trolley will definitely be out this Saturday and Sunday from 9am until 4pm at 15 **Drayton Street.**

Pop along and take what you need and leave what you don't.



• BUILDERS •



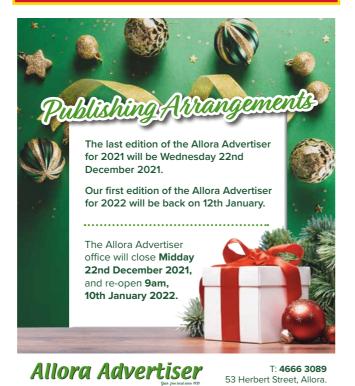






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Past President visits Allora Golf Club

It was a very exciting day for the Allora Golf Club last Friday when its first president, Mark Henley, dropped in for a visit. Mark was the Golf Club's inaugural president in 1997 and was president again in 1998. Mark was the inspiration behind Allora getting a golf course and in reality, without his drive, commitment and enthusiasm it would very likely not have happened. Mark moved to West Australia soon after the golf course was built and had not been on it for 16 years until last Friday.

In his words Mark was "blown away" with how the golf course has been continually improved over the years to become the incredibly challenging layout it is today.

The Allora Golf Club celebrates 25 years next year and the Sports Club is planning a gala day to recognise the achievement, inviting all former and current golfers to participate. Club secretary John Ellwood sincerely hopes that Mark will be able to attend as his contribution will be formally recognised on the day.



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Mark (right) is pictured with Sports Club Secretary John Ellwood.



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