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It's A Girl!



Belinda Lister and her husband, Member for Southern Downs James Lister, have announced the birth of their third child, a healthy baby girl, on Monday afternoon.

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Popular Teacher Aide Sharon Retires

Allora P-10 State School Acting Principal Mrs Robyn Westerman thanked Mrs Sharon Whittaker who has now officially retired after 19 years at the School.

"Mrs Whittaker started work on a temporary contract in 2002 and since then, has been a second mum to many Prep students as well as hundreds of secondary students. She relished every opportunity

to sing a song, read a book or help little Preppies adjust to school life. In secondary, she contributed to the well-being of many students, with a listening ear and sound life advice. She especially nurtured our students with disabilities, giving them opportunities to shine, drawing on the many hours of extra training and professional development she undertook." Mrs

Westerman said.

Two staff members are leaving this year. Ms Ruth Chalker, moving to the Brisbane and Ms Sue Nichols, the instrumental music teacher is moving back to Toowoomba.

Congratulations to the newly elected student leaders for 2022 -

School Captains: Oscar Briggs and Jackson Sparksman

Vice Captain: Denovan Oloman

House Captain (Deacon): Chelsie Schrag

House Captains (Gwynne): Belinda Atherton and Denovan Oloman



Sharon Whittaker.

Allora P-10 State School finishes on Friday 10 December and recommences Monday 24 January.

The School office will open on Monday 17 January 2022.

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Lister Family's New Girl

"Amelia's a beautiful little baby, and we're blessed that both she and Belinda are well." said Mr Lister.

Mrs Lister said that having a newborn baby with older brothers around will be a big change for the family.

"Jeremy and William are very excited to have a sister, but they'll have to adjust to family life with a newborn" said Mrs Lister.

"James is away for work

a lot so I think the boys will have to mature a little and be my helpers" she said.

Mr Lister said that they had been contacted by people from all over Southern Downs with well wishes.

"Belinda and I are thankful for the many kind people who have wished us well".

"It's a lovely start to Christmas" He said.

Darwalla Hatchery Expansion

The public release of the Development Application for the Darwalla Milling Co. Pty Ltd facility at Allora provides more details on what the expansion will look like if approved.

The site is located at 67 Bradfields Road, Allora, approximately 1km north-east of the Allora township.

The application was lodged on 12 November 2021.

The total number of birds that can be facilitated will increase from 1,000,000 per week to 2,000,000 per week.

There will be no change to the maximum building height associated with the development.

The loading area and chick processing area associated with the existing building will be utilised for the proposed extension.

The proposed extension will not include additional servicing areas in this respect (meaning that the noise and odour source points associated with the development will remain as is).

Accommodation rooms for employees working at

the site will also be incorporated into the design of the extension. These rooms will be located within the internal, second level of the extension and will overlook the Bradfields Road frontage of the site. In total there will be four (4) rooms, each containing a bed area and a small ensuite bathroom. A communal kitchen area will also be provided.

There will be no change to the existing access arrangements from Bradfields Road.

Provision of an additional 26 car parking spaces. With the existing number of spaces, there will be a total of 50 on the site.

Additional water storage tanks for fire fighting etc. will be provided as necessary.

The hours of operation are proposed to be increase to 5:00am until 7:00pm, seven days per week. It is noted that the approved loading and unloading periods for the development will remain unchanged.



- The total number of staff on the site will increase from 14 people to 17 people.
- There will be no changes to existing servicing arrangements, vehicular access or the operating characteristics of the existing use.
- The extension will be to be north of the existing building and will have a total floor area of 4,322m2 (the entire area of the built form will therefore equate to 8,778m2).
- It cost \$15,000 to submit the application.

\$20k for Allora pool

Southern Downs Regional Council (SDRC) has made a submission for Allora pool to receive \$20,000 from the Federal Government for lighting and shade sails.

The funding will be secured through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Phase 3 administered by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport,

Regional Development and Communications.

Allora pool is one of the 16 SDRC projects totalling \$3,154,682.

In the first two phases of LRCI all projects were approved.

Allora pool received \$480,000 in Phase 2 of LRCI for pipework which was approved on 17 March 2021.

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Photo Competition



Member for Maranoa David Littleproud has announced the winners of his 2021 Maranoa Christmas Card Competition. Congratulations to Kim

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Win for Southern Downs Catering



At the 2021 Brides Choice Awards, Southern Downs Catering was the winner of the Wedding Caterer category for the Southern Queensland Country region.

Southern Downs Catering owner Grant Lollback used to operate Allora Butchery.

Mr Lollback, who is still based in Allora, said he was chuffed to win.

"It's very surprising actually," he said.

"I didn't know we were nominated.

"People have told us we do a good job."

Mr Lollback has been running Southern Downs Catering for four years and has been in the catering business for twenty.

With the help of a team of casual staff, the business travels all over the Southern Downs and as far as Jimbour and Boonah to cater for events.

Mr Lollback said it has been overwhelming receiving the award and that he would like to thank the people who nominated him for Best Caterer.

The Brides Choice Awards are part of The Australian Wedding Industry Awards.

The venue Dillybag Gonyah and Chapel in Nobby was Highly Commended in the Section for Chapels, Church and Ceremony locations.



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Southern Downs Regional Council Approves Grants

Southern Downs Regional Council (SDRC) has approved 17 Community Drought Recovery Program

(CDRP) applications for a total of \$200,981.

The **Glengallan Homestead Trust** was successful

and will receive the full amount requested, \$3,589.56, to revitalise the heritage gardens, writing in

its application: "we hope to secure funding to revitalise and restore the gardens to their former glory."

Allora Tennis Club applied to receive \$19,846.20 to install new lights to its last court and upgrade the existing electrical supply.

The application was unsuccessful as priority of funding is to be given to applicants who have not received CDRP funding previously.

Allora Show Society was also unsuccessful, requesting \$819 for a major clean up to "remove all rubbish, place all maintenance materials in tidy piles and remove all long grass and weeds."

The application was unsuccessful as the program was oversubscribed.

There were 29 applications overall and they were requesting a total of \$327,789.12.



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Drenched Farmers Offered Support By Rural Aid

Australia's most trusted rural charity, Rural Aid, is reaching out to farmers who've been affected by recent rain and flood events.

Much of Australia's east coast has undergone a drenching in recent weeks, with more rain predicted.

The downpours have filled water storages and tanks to the highest level seen in decades. But the wet conditions have also hindered many farmers trying to harvest their winter crops.

Flooding has also swept away fencing, crumbled vital roads and damaged infrastructure.

Rural Aid counsellors and community representatives have been visiting impacted areas and phoning flooded-in farmers, as part of a community-wide response.

Rural Aid CEO John Warlters said the rain has received mixed welcomes.

"It's fantastic to see our water storages filled to overflowing after so many years of bone-dry dams and empty creeks," Mr Warlters said.

"The memories of crippling drought are still very raw, so to have an abundance of water is a joyful experience that many farmers have spent years wishing for. But as is often the way in Australia, droughts are chased away by flooding rains.

"Some of our farmers have told us this season's crop was the best they'd ever had in the ground. But just days out from harvest, the rain dealt their crops a fatal blow. They've had to watch their year's income get washed away, or 'sprung and shot' growth before they could get in with the harvester."

Rural Aid Mental Health and Wellbeing Manager Lauren



Drenching rain in our area has caused creeks and rivers to flood causing major problems for our farmers and properties downstream.

Stracey has recently visited farmers with the National Recovery and Resilience Agency.

"Some of our farmers who've endured disaster after disaster say that this flood has 'flooded them'," Ms Stracey said.

"If farmers are facing a disappointing harvest, it's important to take a moment to recognise how tough that is. It's devastating to make it to the eleventh hour and to then have the rug pulled from under your feet. Farmers need time to process losses like

these. This might mean spending some special, dedicated time with family or taking time off the farm to recharge their batteries."

Farmers are encouraged to reach out to Rural Aid if they need assistance.

Rural Aid can provide wellbeing assistance through its free counselling program or financial assistance and fodder support.

Rural Aid can be contacted on 1300 327 624 or by going online to www.ruralaid.org.au



Next week The Allora Advertiser will have winners from

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Days For Girls Wrap-Up 2021

Well to say it's been an interesting year is an understatement. However, despite the challenges, the Allora and district team has packed 817 kits with the latest being the 300 for the refugee camps via International Red Cross.

The latest packing day saw us use our by product line to fill handbags with essential items for the 'Share the Dignity' campaign. The Allora team was able to fill 34 handbags with reusable feminine hygiene products as well as soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush and other items donated by team members and other community members. The

Allora team would sincerely like to thank all those who supplied other items as well as Zonta Warwick for a donation which assisted in the purchase of items and materials for the handbags. We were also able to supply a young man named 'Ben' with 30 kits in his effort to produce Christmas stockings for the homeless.

Late in the year has seen the retirement of the two inaugural Allora team leaders, Rosemary Easton and Cathie Wilson. The ladies have done an amazing job for the past 9 years and we wish them well for whatever endeavours they have in the future. The ladies were gifted with two

plants each from the group. A 'rosemary' to remember the good of what they have done and a 'lavender' to represent the beauty of what they have achieved.

The next meeting gathering is to be held on Thursday 16th Dec starting from 9.30am. This is the last packing day for the year and a Christmas party 'of course'. A small plate of food suited to the occasion would be appreciated. Please feel free to come along including any past members who may want to become involved again or any other people who just want to come and see what we do - everyone is always welcome. There are always many activities

to do not just sewing so if you can't sew, don't be concerned, just come.

Donations of new materials are also welcome and can be dropped off at Bryson's florist or Allora hardware store or contact one of the members below via phone or email and we can organise a pickup.

Thank you - Allora and district Days for Girls Executive team - Heather Goonan Mobile 0434 907 904, Lenore Wissemann Mobile 0428 973 432, Shirley Cornhill and Kaylene Williams or email: alloraqld@daysforgirls.org



Looking Back...

Allora's Past 25 years ago December 1996

Plaque Unveiled

Warwick Shire Mayor, Ald. Bruce Green, unveiled a plaque honouring the work done by the late Eric Ireland on the park area adjacent to Dalrymple Creek. Ald. Green praised Eric and Val Ireland for their continuing efforts to beautify the area. Their work started as far back as 1974 and they have turned a previously unkempt piece of land into the beautiful area that it is today.

Allora's Past 50 years ago December 1971

PRE-WEDDING EVENING

A Pre-Wedding Evening will be tendered Miss Rita Mason in the R.S.L. Hall on Tuesday, 28th December, in honour of her approaching marriage to Mr. Barry Maher.

Allora's Past 75 years ago December 1946

Underweight Bread

Robert Hanright, of Herbert Street Allora, and Lloyd Shesgreen, Herbert Street, Allora, were each fined £2 in default 7 days jail when they pleaded guilty to the charge of selling underweight bread. The complainant was the Inspector of Weights & Measures. On inspecting Hanright's premises he found 22 x 2lb loaves which had been baked in the preceding 18 hours to be deficient by 2¼ oz. Mr. Hanright said that the



Whitman's Store 1901-1906 (previously Kennedy Bros) at what is now 86 Herbert Street.

dough had been placed in the oven full weight but the bread had been well cooked on customer request and had dried somewhat. At Mr. Shesgreen's premises 40 x 2lb loaves had been found to be underweight by 5¼ oz.

Allora's Past 100 years ago December 1921

Obituary

The death occurred at her home in Brisbane of Mrs. Elizabeth Whitman. Mrs. Whitman had been born in England in 1842 and came to Australia in the 1860's. In 1869 she married William Whitman and accompanied her husband to a home that he had recently founded at Whittown (now Isisford) in the lower Barcoo which was then outside the settled district. The season was a wet one and the long journey of 400 miles over boggy roads and through swollen creeks was only possible by horseback. The Whitman's thrived in the west and made enough money to return to the

coast. Bankruptcy in the 1890's forced them back to the west where they established a store at Windorah. They later purchased a store in Allora where they lived for 12 years before retiring to Brisbane.

Allora's Past 150 years ago December 1871

Allora Municipal Council

At the usual meeting of the Allora Municipal Council held on Saturday evening those present were Aldermen Anderson (Mayor), Holmes, McMillan, Fitzgerald, Hardwick and Gordon. It was moved by the mayor, seconded by Ald. McMillan, that every bullock driver residing in Allora be permitted to depasture fourteen working bullocks on the town common and reserves and that every farmer be permitted to depasture from 1 to 8 horses free of taxation.

Colin Newport

CREATIVE CORNER

WORD ↔ MATCH-UPS

Match up the 12 days of Christmas with these gifts.

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| two | swans a-swimming |
| three | partridge in a pear tree |
| four | geese a-laying |
| five | ladies dancing |
| six | turtle doves |
| seven | gold rings |
| eight | pipers piping |
| nine | calling birds |
| ten | drummers drumming |
| eleven | maids a-milking |
| twelve | lords a-leaping |

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Jeremy's View

Picking a Christmas tree

Dad, Mum, William and I went to pick a Christmas tree at the Granite Belt Christmas Farm. It was the first time Mum, William and I have ever had a real Christmas tree, and it was the first time since 1981 that Dad had one. I went in Dad's blue Hilux ute, while William went in Mum's Prado. Dad and I got there first and ordered three hot chocolates, a sausage in bread and a coffee for Mum. After Mum and William got there and we finished our food and went to go find a Christmas tree. We took a picture and the man there told us to grab one of the long PVC pipes and wave it in the air when we find a Christmas tree we like. It was very wet and after looking around we found some good trees but decided to go on just in case there was a better tree. And we found one. So we waved the stick in the air and Brad came and cut down our tree for us. After that we went back and purchased a special stand for the tree, some preserving liquid to give the tree energy and a cover for the floor. When we got home Dad carried the tree inside and Mum put the stand together and then they put the tree up together. Mum filled the special stand with water and the special solution and gave the tree a light spray with water. We haven't decorated the tree yet, but it smells amazing and looks great too.

Jeremy Lister, age 10



TODAY'S QUOTE -

"To teach is to learn twice."

- Joseph Joubert

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WORD MATCH-UPS

One partridge in a pear tree, Two turtle doves, Three french hens, Four calling birds, Five gold rings, Six geese a-laying, Seven swans a-swimming, Eight ladies dancing, Nine maids a-milking, Ten lords a-leaping, Eleven pipers piping, Twelve drummers drumming.



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There were two blondes standing on either side of Dalrymple Creek. One yells out to the other "How do I get to the other side?" The other blonde yells back "You're already there!"

2021 Winners of the David Rackley Memorial swims



2021 winner of the David Rackley Memorial Handicap Swim, Blake Rees swam a 4 second personal best time as he progressed from heats to the final swim to take out this years honours.



Finalists of the 2021 David Rackley Memorial Swim pictured with Marg Rackley are front, Blake Rees (winner), Nevaeh Bussutil, Hannah Bourke, back row Will Day, Ziggy Gibson and Matilda Rees.

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Have your Bush Fire plan in place.

Fire permits for the Allora urban area need to be obtained through the Captain of Allora Auxiliary Fire Brigade, Ross Williams on 0427 890 089.

Publishing Arrangements

The last edition of the Allora Advertiser for 2021 will be Wednesday 22nd December 2021.

Our first edition of the Allora Advertiser for 2022 will be back on 12th January.

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The Allora Advertiser office will close **Midday 22nd December 2021**, and re-open **9am, 10th January 2022**.

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Following some incredible work by our volunteers, the course was ready for play on Sunday and 15 golfers contested a club trophy.

Welcome to visitor Geoff

Hinze from the Warwick Club who returned to his old course to play in the comp. Winner with 38 points was Moose from Rod on 36 with Andy in third place with 33.

Next week will be the Percy's Fruit Duck Run on Friday and the Railway Hotel Monthly Mug on Sunday. See you on the links.



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