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## Amy's Café Takeaway Only

Allora's popular café Amy's has made changes to their food service from this Friday.

Because of the new Government Covid Restrictions of permitting only fully vaccinated people into eateries Amy's Café has reduced trading to takeaway only.

Owner Joel does not want to discriminate against any of his valued customers who have supported Amy's since 2009. Amy's Café will still offer their entire menu but as takeaway.

A festive Christmas-themed image featuring several wrapped gifts in red, green, and gold paper, a small red vintage truck, and various Christmas ornaments. The text "Merry Christmas" is written in a large, stylized red font with white outlines on the right side of the image.

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James.

# Congratulations to the recipients of the Allora P-10 State School Primary Awards 2021

**Awards for Music,** Darling Downs representative sport, the Sue Abernethy Award and PEER Award were presented on the final school assembly for this year.

**The Instrumental Music Certificate** for most outstanding effort is awarded to the primary school student who has continually worked hard to improve their musical skills and knowledge as a first-year instrumentalist. Isabelle from Year 6 received this award. Benjamin, from Year 5 received an Instrumental Music Achievement certificate. A Music Encouragement certificate is presented to a student who has shown dedication to improving their musical skills under the tuition of Mrs Leslie Telford. This year, Isadore from Year 5 received this award.

**Darling Downs Representative** medallions were awarded to Year 6 students Teeah for Rugby League and to Addison for Hockey.

**The Sue Abernethy Memorial Award** is given annually to a Year 3 student who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement. This award honours the memory of Sue Abernethy who passed



Teeah.

away while in Year 3 and is a much-cherished award and part of our primary tradition. This year, the Sue Abernethy Memorial Award was awarded to James.

**The PEER Award** (an acronym for Participation; Effort; Enthusiasm and Responsibility) is also the Karina Glass Memorial Trophy. Karina was in Year 6 when she was tragically taken in an accident. She was a quiet child who was popular with her classmates. Karina was responsible and keen to participate in all sport and class activities. She was enthusiastic about what she did and always gave her best effort. This year, Teeah has been awarded the PEER trophy.

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# Santa Has His Own Runway In Allora

Thank goodness Santa will be guided into Allora via his Runway in Norman Street.

The enthusiast residents have continued the tradition that has been so popular amongst the locals.

It's believed the display of red and green lanterns down the street started some 20 years ago.

Ted Cowley made Norman Street his final stop on his horse and buggy Christmas ride around Allora.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy the Christmas Spirit any night between 7 and 9 until 24th December.



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## Allora's Sport Museum - It's Amazing



Roxanne Moates.

That's how the Men of League National Well-being Officer Roxanne Moates described her visit to the Museum last week. The amount of sporting memorabilia and the presentation was a credit to Perry Cronin.

Roxanne was travelling around the South East and made a deliberate diversion to Allora to check out the Museum. Men of League Foundation has been operating for almost 20 years - supporting and helping

anyone with a connection to Rugby League. Events are held throughout the year to raise funds and awareness. The Foundation provides assistance with everything from surgery, rehabilitation, equipment and specialist care to wellbeing visits to homes and hospitals to address social isolation and promote mental health. The Foundation has grown to be the charity of rugby league and donations are always welcome.

## Book Club Christmas Luncheon



Members of Dante Book Club celebrating Christmas with a luncheon at the beautifully renovated Mirrabooka Guest House in Allora. All looking happy as they've just finished a beautiful meal prepared by owner/chef Sharnee Walden.



Clockwise from front - Diedre, Lyn, Rosemary, Rosemary, Yvonne, Ann, Catherine, Robyn, Jackie.

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## Trafficking charges after police seize cannabis worth \$11 million

Toowoomba detectives have charged a man with trafficking dangerous drugs after police seized cannabis with a street value of nearly 11.2 million dollars earlier this month.

Around 4.50pm on December 7 officers from the Toowoomba Tactical Crime Squad intercepted a utility on the Warrego Highway, near the intersection with Postman Ridge Road at Helidon.

It will be alleged police located a large cardboard box in the rear seat containing 20 bags of cannabis, with police also finding an additional four boxes containing 78 bags of cannabis in the rear of the utility.

In total approximately 44 kilograms of cannabis was seized with an estimated street value of \$264 000.

The driver and sole occupant of the vehicle, a 37-year-old New South



Photo contributed

Wales man was arrested.

Investigations by police lead them to a storage facility in Toowoomba where detectives executed a search warrant on December 8. Police allegedly located five boxes containing approximately 59 kilograms of cannabis with an estimated street value of \$354 000.

On December 9 detectives from Toowoomba Tactical Crime Squad executed a search warrant on a Willow Springs, Clifton property with police allegedly locating 3015 cannabis plants, of varying sizes and worth an estimated 10.5 million dollars, in a well-established cannabis crop.

The acreage property had an extensive green house and drying shed with sophisticated lighting, irrigation and ventilation systems. These plants have since been destroyed.

The 37-year-old man has appeared in the Toowoomba Magistrates Court charged with one count each of trafficking dangerous drugs, producing dangerous drugs, supplying dangerous drugs, offence to buy or possess schedule 4 medicine, and three counts possess dangerous drugs and two counts of possess anything used in the connection of crime – Drugs Misuse Act.

He has been remanded in custody to appear in the Toowoomba Magistrates Court on February 14.

## Rowena Retires



A wonderful teacher loved by all - that's how the parents describe Mrs Rowena Doherty who retired last Friday from C & K Childcare & Kindergarten in Allora. During her 35 years Mrs Doherty taught generations of families and will be greatly missed by the children. Mrs Doherty seen here with Santa Claus who made a special trip to C & K for the occasion.



Santa and his helper.

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# Taps Turned On At Allora Reservoir



Southern Downs Regional Council advises the community that the recently refurbished Allora Reservoir is back on line.

The reservoir has been offline since 2018 and has recently undergone a \$383k upgrade as part of Council's ongoing commitment to maintain water infrastructure and provide quality water to residents and businesses.

Works included a new roof, access platform and ladder, relining of the internal walls and improved safety features. The fully-funded Council project commenced in May 2021 and was completed in September 2021.

A Council spokesperson advised that residents may experience some pressure fluctuations and/or discoloured water, however this will disappear after the water has run through the tap for a short while.

Residents can contact Council on 1300 697 372 if they experience ongoing issues.

Council seeks the community's co-operation and patience during the transition period.

# Official comment: Proposed Covid-19 Mandates in Queensland

Southern Downs Regional Council acknowledges correspondence received from members of the community expressing their dissatisfaction with the Queensland Government's proposal to exclude unvaccinated people from certain venues.

Council appreciates the complexity of this issue and on 23 November, Mayor Vic Pennisi wrote to the Queensland Premier Anastacia Palasczuk seeking clarification on the proposed State Government COVID-19 regulations effective 17 December 2021 and asking the Premier if there was another way of dealing with this issue.

Council strongly supports the need to keep the Southern Downs community safe and will continue to act on the advice from the Chief Health Officer, however is concerned that proposed changes will cause division in a community already working hard to recover from drought, bushfires, floods and the effects of the global pandemic.

Council has no intention of imposing similar mandates to those proposed by the State Government on Council facilities unless it is required to do so by the State Government leaving Council with no choice in the matter. Council is obligated to follow any directives issued by the Chief

Health Officer.

From 17 December 2021, Council facilities will be affected as follows:

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  - **Waste Facilities** – Both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons may enter\*
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  - **Council-owned community halls** – Both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons may enter\*
- \*All facilities must continue to operate under the Queensland Government guidelines for density and utilise the Check-In Queensland App as directed.

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## Allora Golf Report



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Sunday was the Railway Hotel Monthly Mug with Moba shooting a cracking 4 over par to record 39 points to win from Jimmy on 36. Rod continued his good form with 34 points for third place.

Next week is the Simmo's Landscaping Management Monthly Medal. New Captain Baz has indicated that he will be looking for names in by 11 am every Sunday and he will then work out the groups. The club will put on a few bar snacks for golfers after next week's round. See you on the links.

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### Looking Back...

**Allora's Past 25 years ago December 1996**

#### Bush Christmas

Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive in Allora on Friday night, December 20th, on the back of a bright red fire engine. Their arrival is part of the Bush Christmas, Allora style, when Herbert Street is closed and the people take over for a night of fun and Christmas activities. The first Bush Christmas was so successful last year the organisers have expanded the program to two days this year with activities in Stuart Henry Memorial Park and other venues on Saturday to complement Friday night in the main street.

**Allora's Past 50 years ago December 1971**

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**Allora's Past 75 years ago December 1946**

#### Presentation

A most interesting feature of the Show Ball held in Allora was the presentation of an illuminated address and gold wristlet watch to the retiring secretary



Jack Gwynne's horse team with a load of wheat on the weigh bridge in the railway yards at Allora in 1906.

of the Central Downs Agricultural & Horticultural Association, Mr. H. G. Deacon. Mr. Deacon was the secretary of the association for a period of nearly thirty years and although he has recently retired from the position he has not severed his connection with the association and is always ready to draw on his experience gained over long years to assist the present officials.

**Allora's Past 125 years ago December 1896**

#### Hendon Allora Railway

The Railway Commissioner has advised that the Hendon to Allora branch line will be sufficiently completed by the end of the month to be made use of for the carriage of wheat. Excellent progress has been made with the work, and the farmers of the Allora district may be now rest assured that the line will now be ready within the promised time. The contractors Messrs. Overend & Co. are advertising in today's Argus for men to work in the ballast pit on Rosenthal Creek 6 miles south of Warwick.

Colin Newport





# Pacific Seeds Awards Night



The crew from NFW Group won the Field Service Award. The NFW Group sponsors the our local footy team, the Wattles Warriors. Left to right: Brad Horne, Rachele Evans, Kate Shooter, Ross Ruhle.



The Pacific Seeds award for Excellence in Service went to Nutrien Ag Solutions, represented on the night by (from left) Nick Paterson, Gaylene Anderson and Hugh-Reardon Smith from The Pittsworth branch and returned staff from the Toowoomba branch, Wayne Buckley, Guy Pitman and Don Cox.



Agent Excellence Award - Pursehouse Rural. Left to right: Jeff Stone (Pittsworth), Ange Peach (Clifton), David Bruggemann (Melrose), Simon Potter (Clifton), Lauren Henderson and Graham Dale (Warwick).



Grower Focus Award - Olsens Produce. Left to right: From Olsens Produce Neil and Jill Doyle, from Pacific Seeds Kear Butler, Della Jenyns and Leslie Trinder and from Olsens Phil Paterson.

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Minister for Agriculture and Members for Maranoa David Littleproud said the grants will help farmers and land managers change the way they look at their soil and improve how they manage it.

"Good soil management leads to increased agricultural productivity and profits" Minister Littleproud said.

"This funding round focuses on soil extension activities, which give farmers and land managers practical tools and information they need, including increasing uptake of soil testing and better soil data, which will allow them to make evidence-based decisions for future growing seasons.

The successful grants include activities such as

engaging soil extension officers; conducting soil management workshops, seminars, roadshows, or field days; creating communications products, webinars or online materials; and/or establishing trials, demonstrations and monitoring sites.

"Soil extension activities will improve and increase soil sampling and testing. They will help farmers get the most out of the National Soils Monitoring and Incentives Pilot Program which will be a win for the farmer and a win for soil science," Minister Littleproud said.

"Australia can lead the world in measuring soil carbon accurately and effectively and use carbon in the soil to enhance our reputation for the most sustainably produced food and fibre in the world.

"This is part of the \$214.9 million National Soil Strategy, Australia's first national policy on soil which sets out how we will manage our soil for the next 20 years and will support Aussie

farmers and the sector in reaching its Ag2030 goal to grow agriculture to \$100 billion by 2030."

Under this round, multiple activities could be applied for in the one application. Grants are for between \$100,000 to \$250,000 per set of activities and will be delivered over two years. Applicants could apply for a maximum of \$2 million per application if undertaking multiple activities.

The Smart Farms pro-

gram is a key agriculture portfolio initiative under phase two of the \$1.1 billion National Landcare Program.

More than \$54 million will be available under National Soil Monitoring and Incentives Pilot Program to encourage farmers and land managers to undertake more comprehensive soil testing in exchange for sharing their data with the program. This program will open in Q1 2022.

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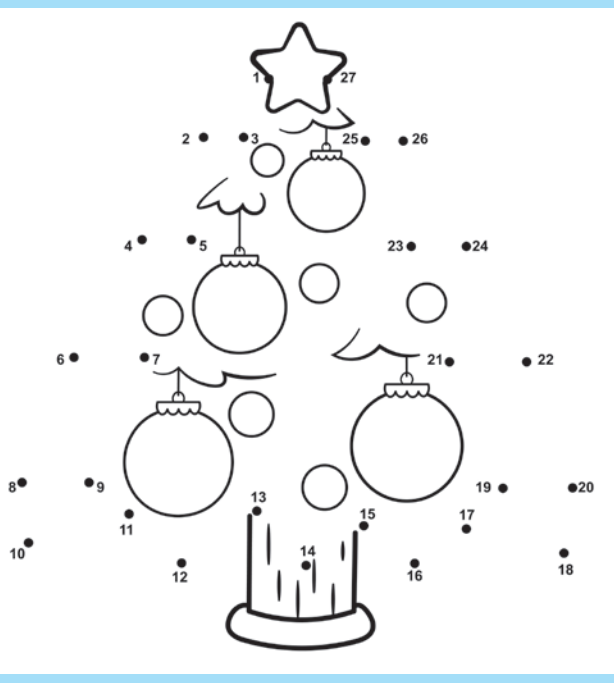


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## Jeremy's View

### Baby Amelia

At 3.34 pm on Monday the 6th of December when Nonna and Dan Dan (my grandmother and my grandpa) were looking after William and I, we got the word that Baby Amelia Grace Barbara Lister had just been born. When she was born Amelia weighed 3780g (8lbs 5 oz) and was 54cm long. Amelia's middle names come from family names (just like William's and my middle names).

Grace was the name of my Great Grandmother on my Mum's side. To be more specific it was my Grandpa's Mum (who mum said died about 1956 from melanoma just after giving birth to Grandpa's sister). And Barbara was the name of my Great Grandmother on my Dad's side who passed away before I was born.

We went to see Amelia in St Vincent's hospital in Toowoomba on Tuesday and William and I got to hold her. On Friday Mum, Dad, Amelia and Nana (my Grandmother) came home. Dan Dan, William and I also made a sign that said 'welcome home Amelia' which we put up. On Sunday morning Mum, Nana, William and I took Amelia for a stroll at quart pot creek. We all really love baby Amelia and we feel so blessed that she was born healthy and happy.

Jeremy Lister, age 10



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Carrying his bat nervously the cricketer walked on to the ground for his first match with the seniors. A spectator yells out to him "I've got a bet on you."

"That's nice of you," he said modestly "I'll probably get a duck."

"Yeah, that's what I bet."

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**TODAY'S QUOTE -**  
"I don't think of all the misery, but of all the beauty that still remains." - Anne Frank

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## • ANNOUNCEMENTS •

### WILSON, Leslie Gordon "Les"

Late of Clifton and formerly of Allora and Toowoomba, passed away peacefully on 7th December 2021, aged 97 years.

Beloved Husband of Sheila. Loved Father and Father-in-law of Gordon and Tania, Janice and Gordon Sondergeld, Neil and Judy. Loving Gramps and Great Gramps and Great Great Gramps of their respective families.

Family and friends are warmly invited to Les' funeral, to be held at the T.S. Burstow Chapel, 1020 Ruthven Street (south), Toowoomba, service commencing at 12:00pm, Monday, 20th December 2021, followed by interment at the Garden of Remembrance.

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# New Tractor for Sports Club

The Allora Sports Club took delivery of a new CASE IH Farmall Tractor last Friday. The tractor has both a front end loader and backhoe attachments. Sports Club Secretary John Ellwood said that over the past few years the club has seen an increasing need for a machine that would save our volunteers hours of heavy digging and shovelling. Local contractors have been extremely generous over the years, however the Sports Club committee decided the time was right to purchase our own machine. The tractor purchase was arranged through James King of long time sponsor of golf in Allora, Ray Bunch Machinery. James introduced Scott Campbell of the STAG Machinery Group who ordered the machine and attachments



and arranged delivery. John expressed his thanks to both James and Scott for the extremely efficient manner in which they conducted the transaction. Pictured is one of the clubs hardest working volunteers, Hethe Ramus, putting the CASE IH tractor through its paces.

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